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DOMESTIC.

Accidents.—Three accidents, all of a distressing nature, two of them terminating fatally, recently occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania. A daughter of Enoch South, aged about 14, left her father's house on horseback, to take dinner to some workmen. The rattling of the plates frightened the horse, who pranced and threw her off, her foot being caught in the stirrup. Not being able to extricate it or stop the animal, she was dragged and so much injured, as to cause almost immediate death.

A day or two after, Elizabeth, a child of Mr. Samuel C. Orr, stepped out of the door of the house, with a piece of bread in her hands. In a moment, a mare grazing in the yard, came up to the child, caught its arm in her mouth, lifted it up, and as it fell, struck it with one of her feet and killed it.

On the same day, Eli, son of Richard Doug, Esq. aged 14, attempted to spring from the ground upon a horse's back, but the horse at the same moment jumped forward and threw the boy back. His foot caught in the reins of the bridle, and he was dragged by the foot nearly a quarter of a mile, the horse running at full speed.

Cruelty Unparalleled.—A most extraordinary trotting match was performed on Saturday last, on the Centreville track. It was a match against time by two horses belonging to Mr. R. B. Thiel, of this city, for \$1500, to trot in a light four wheel carriage, one hundred miles in ten successive hours; and was won, having two minutes thirty-five seconds to spare. If what we have heard be correct, the latter part of the match was a scene revolting to humanity. The horses performed wonders for the first eighty miles, but evidently flagged the ninth hour, and on the tenth, became so completely worried that, during a portion of that time, they were whipped with a degree of cruelty unheard of in this country or in Europe. One of the morning papers states that men with whips had to drive them around the last mile, & that there is little hope of the recovery of one of these fine animals—should he even survive, he will never be fit for the road again. We shall be glad to give contradiction to this statement if it be untrue. If it be true—and we have the story from the lips of a gentleman who was on the course—the authors deserve strong public censure, and it is the duty of the grand jury to indict them!—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

A New Counterfeit.—Counterfeit ten cent pieces are in circulation. The impression of the die is pretty good, but they are said to resemble pewter in appearance and touch, and therefore may readily be distinguished.

Baltimore Pat.

The New York papers state that the specie entered at the Custom House in that city, from foreign places, between the 28th March and the 15th May, amounted to \$2,947,677; and that it is supposed that the whole amount received at that port, foreign and coastwise, since the first of January, could not be less than \$6,000,000.

The great eastern mail was robbed a few days ago between New-Haven and Norwalk, (Conn.) The large portmanteau, which had been placed contrary to the express instruction of the Post Office Department, in the hinder boot of the stage, was cut open, and the bag containing the New York Mail was opened and the letters and contents scattered on the ground. The package also containing the valuable letters from Boston was opened and rifled of its contents. The Philadelphia bag remained in the portmanteau uninjured, and the Hartford and Portland Mails were not disturbed. Fears were at first entertained that a large amount of money had been abstracted from the letters; but, on examination, it is believed that the robbers obtained only twenty-four dollars, the enclosures consisting principally of checks and bills of exchange.

A Novel Law Point.—The Supreme Court of Massachusetts, at its law session in Boston in March last, decided, that a grand-child born eight months and a half after the death of his grand-father, is included in a bequest to grand-children "living at his decease."

A violent hurricane was experienced in the upper part of the county of Florence, Alabama, along Blue Water, on the 4th, tearing down timber houses, and every thing that opposed its course. Loss of life under the most distressing circumstances has taken place. A Mrs. Butler and four children were crushed to death by the fall of their house. Mr. Butler was also seriously injured. Two boys in a wagon, together with a horse, were killed by the fall of a tree. Three of a family named Scott, living on Anderson Creek, were also victims to the fury of the storm; besides numbers who were more or less injured by the blowing down of their houses.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript, speaking of his meeting Barrett the actor, calls him the "locomotive skeleton of an old acquaintance, reduced almost to a shadow by a severe attack of cholera on board a Mississippi steam boat." Between twenty and thirty died on board the boat in which he was a passenger before reaching St. Louis, besides eight or ten who were put on shore at different points, including a lady left at Natchez at 5 o'clock one morning, in apparently perfect health, and buried in that city the same night! Almost every victim fell within six hours from the first attack, and there was more than one instance of our informant's dining with a gentleman whose body was before bed time committed, by his sad associates, to the waves. Whoever became alarmed, was sure of his fate. An intelligent physician dosed himself to death with laudanum, and a person who kept up good spirits for two days after leaving Natchez, died from pure fright on the third. Barrett, who was much indebted to the care of his wife, is believed to have been the sole survivor of all that were attacked. He lay three weeks, after going on shore, at the extreme point of exhaustion.

Divorce.—A debate arose a few days since in the House of Representatives of Connecticut, on the petition of an individual for a divorce from his wife, on the ground, that she was in the habit of throwing hot water upon him, beating him on the head with the tongs, endeavoring to pick out his eyes with a fork, & of committing various other acts, of an equally objectionable character. In support of the petition it was urged, that it was the design of the marriage contract to promote happiness, very little of which had been enjoyed by the petitioner; that no good end could be answered by keeping the parties in their present state of union,

and that there was much apprehension for the life of the husband. On the other hand, it was insisted that if disappointment and quarrelling were to be a sufficient ground of divorce, the Legislature would be inundated with applications; that the woman was amenable to the law, which would afford the husband ample protection; and that an application of this sort, proceeding from the husband, was altogether novel in its character.—The divorce, however, was granted, ayes 113, noes 50.

A Triumph in Surgery.—The writer of this paragraph witnessed on Saturday morning one of the most appalling and painful operations ever performed upon any living human being, and while it reflects credit upon the surgeon, and does honor to the country, it serves as a convincing proof to suffering humanity, that while there is life, there is hope, and that none need despair even in the most aggravated forms of disease. The operation above referred to, was performed by Dr. Mott with his usual skill and intrepidity. The subject of it was a young man about 26 years of age, who had been for a long time afflicted with stone, and which had increased with unprecedented rapidity, until it attained a size so great as to occupy the whole of the bladder in its distended state; yet, wonderful to relate, this huge mass was entirely and successfully removed. Several attempts were made by the surgeon, both to crush it and to drill it into pieces, in order that it might be taken away with greater facility, as well as with more safety to the individual, but these efforts were all abortive—leaving no alternative but that of enlarging the wound, and removing it entire.

Since the operation, the patient has been doing well, and bids fair to recover. The stone was ascertained, immediately after, to weigh 17oz. 3dwt. avoirdupois, which is nearly double that of any other ever taken from the human subject while living.—*N. Y. Evening Star.*

Singular Affair.—On the evening of the 4th of November last, Caroline Snyder, wife of Adam Snyder of the Northern Liberties, departed from her home. She left an infant babe sleeping in the cradle, and gave no intimation of an intention not to return. When her husband came home in the evening, he found his child without its protector, and caused instant search to be made for his wife. She could not be found that night. Next day arrived, and still she was absent. Hand-bills were printed and posted in all directions, but every effort was vain. She returned no more. The circumstance was regarded with the more surprise as she left her infant, a husband who had ever treated her kindly and a comfortable, & apparently a happy home.

Months elapsed, and at length the search was given up. The husband, an uneducated, but respectable German, unacquainted with our language or customs, formed another attachment, and last Thursday was fixed for the wedding. On the very day, just six months from the disappearance of his wife, some boys grappling at West's wharf, brought up the body of a woman. On examination, it was found to be Mrs. Snyder. She was about 22 years old, and had been married but a short time when she committed suicide.

The circumstances produced great excitement. The ignorant and superstitious at once imagined dreadful mysteries. We are informed, however, by Mr. Dickinson, the coroner, that after a full investigation of the facts, he is confidently assured that the husband had no agency whatever in the death of his wife, & that she committed self-destruction in a moment of delirium. Mr. Snyder is represented as an uneducated and simple, but sober and worthy man; and it is to be re-

gretted that he should, by the imprudence of so early a marriage, have exposed himself to the silly suspicions of the superstitious. We may add, that notwithstanding the appalling discovery, he was married on the day fixed for the bridal.—*Phil. Com. Intelliger.*

Singularity of Records.—There is, perhaps, no one principle in human nature that leads to greater consequences, than the concentration of application to singular research.

But this, like every other principle, has occasionally strange and useless terminations, that may be called *lusus naturæ* in mortals.—As an instance of this, I will present you with the result of a man's labor for three years, eight or nine hours in a day, Sundays not excepted, to determine the verses, words, and letters, contained in the Bible.

Verses	-	-	31,173
Words	-	-	773,692
Letters	-	-	3,566,480

The middle and the least chapter is the 117th Psalm.

The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 171st Psalm.

Jehovah is named 6,855 times. The middle of these Jehovahs is in second Chronicles, fourth chapter and 16th verse.

The word *and* is found in the Bible 46,227 times.

The least verse in the Old Testament, is in first Chronicles, 1st and 10th verses. The least in the New Testament, 11th chapter of John, 35th verse.

Home Missionary Society.—The number of missionaries now on its list is six hundred and seventy-two: and the number of congregations assisted in the support of these missionaries within the past year, is 899. The progressive advancement of the Society may be seen in the fact that eight years ago, when it took the place of the United Domestic Missionary Society, it numbered but 101 missionaries; at the end of the first, 169; second year, 201; third year, 304; fourth year, 392; fifth year, 463; sixth year, 506; seventh year, 606; eighth year, as above, 672. There have been received into the churches added, during the eight years, about 21,000 members. About 40,000 children and youth are instructed in Sabbath schools connected with these churches, and about 15,000 in Bible classes. The receipts of the year have amounted to \$78,911 24, being 10,284 17 more than those of the previous year, expenditures have exceeded those of the previous year, by the sum of \$11,388 59. Balance against the Society at the present time, 1642 25.—*Ohio Rep.*

A Gold Terrapin.—The Lynchburg Virginian says: "A gentleman from Booker's Gold Mine reports that he saw a small Gold Terrapin, taken from the mine, for which the proprietor refused the respectable sum of five hundred dollars, intending to send it to Peale's Museum, in Philadelphia. The little creature was not much larger than a partridge egg, and ran briskly about, from which circumstance, it could not be solid gold, whatever its appearance may have been. Experienced miners report to have seen leather thongs that had been suspended in mines, coated with metallic silver. Another case is reported of a similar coating of the wooden supports left in a mine, which had been under water two hundred years. From such observations, we may infer that silver is sometimes in a gaseous state, & if so, gold may be; & in that way this curious little Terrapin may have got its coating of precious metal. The extraordinary price offered for this non-descript will no doubt lead to its careful preservation."

Speak not injurious words, neither in jest or earnest. Scoff at none, although they give occasion.