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Secretaries Reports, &c.

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that an improvement in the adhesive quality of postage stamps will hereafter be obtainable.

An opinion is expressed—founded upon information obtained by agents of the Department—that, if the arrangements be favorably disposed, the mail between Washington and New Orleans can be expedited 24 hours; the time required between this city and New York can be reduced to eleven hours; the mail from the South, leaving this city on Tuesday, may be delivered in New York on Friday; and the mail from New York, leaving this city on Monday, may be delivered in New Orleans on Thursday.

The United States endeavor to fulfill to their fullest extent their treaty obligations towards Mexico, and never contemplated that the territory, and responsibility of defending that territory should devolve on us. The change of the treaty does not admit of it; it did not require an impossibility. The United States have no right to interfere with Mexico, and all that we can do to make common to her, to clothe the tribes who commit wrongs upon her, and compel them to observe the laws, and to protect the interests of the States, is to do our duty as we do our duty.

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act on the case in order of their presentation. In all cases in which complaint has been made of a defect in the rate, they have provided for a re-estimate in some cases for a defect or irregularity. The following suggestions of amendments and modifications of existing laws are made: First, That the benefits of the pension law be extended to those who rendered military service, and to the widows and minor children of such an one dead. Second, That more efficient provisions be adopted to prevent frauds under the various laws, and more especially under those relating to invalids. Third, That warrants for bounty land, under the act of 25th September, 1850, be made assignable. Most of the holders of these warrants have advanced in life, or

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All letters relative to the Editorial Department must be directed to the Editor.
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Papers can be made to order.
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Counting-House Calendar, FOR 1852.

Month	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FEBRUARY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MARCH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUNE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JULY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AUGUST	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SEPTEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OCTOBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NOVEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
DECEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

CURIOUS OCCURRENCES.

We learn from the Southern States, published at Columbia, (S. C.) that several months since the family of the editor of the journal was alarmed by a sudden and tremendous explosion, about 10 o'clock at night, in a dining room. Upon inquiry it was ascertained that the hollow brass knob on the top of a common sidion had exploded, throwing a fragment of it with great force into the ceiling. The report was louder than a pistol, and the knob was broken with sufficient power to have killed a man. The circumstance was ascribed to the sudden expansion of the air confined within the knob, but as such an occurrence has never been known before, and the explanation was regarded as unsatisfactory, no more was made of it. The occurrence, however, in Columbia, of a similar accident within the last few years has induced in a number of the fact as a warning to householders not to place knobs on the top of iron sidions, but to use knobs of wood, which has been known to have exploded with great force, and to have killed a man. The circumstance was ascribed to the sudden expansion of the air confined within the knob, but as such an occurrence has never been known before, and the explanation was regarded as unsatisfactory, no more was made of it.

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