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FOR THE COMMERCIAL. THE TEETH. Their structure, importance and means of preservation.

At a very early period of fetal life, we find several small mucous papillae, situated in a groove, lined with the mucous membrane of the mouth, and ranging along the alveolar ridge of each jaw.

This deposit of bone takes place from the circumference to the centre and is secreted from a pulp; and, to use the comparison of Dr. J. Hunter, it bears the same relation to the tooth that a snail does to its shell.

Their appearance usually takes place in the following manner: The two front teeth in each jaw are called incisors; from their cutting shape, and make their appearance from the 6th to the 8th month.

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cesses spoken of, and which seemed to poison not only the whole air carried to the lungs, but the very breath seemed polluted with this foul secretion in the mouth.

In pressing this subject upon the attention of parents, we may be accused of having an eye to our own interest; yet, if parents and guardians would pay more attention to this subject, the services of the dentist would be less frequently required.

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they rise, they rub them for upwards of an hour with a twig of the fig tree, at the same time addressing their prayers to the sun, and calling down the blessings of heaven upon themselves and their families; and this practice is prescribed in their most ancient books of law and divinity.

THE LATE ELECTION. You desire me to give you my views respecting the effect of the late election upon the future of the two great parties of our country.

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DEATH OF FANNY WRIGHT. Francis Wright Doremus, better known as Fanny Wright, died in Cincinnati on Monday week.

From the Journal of Commerce. HAVANA, December 8, 1852.—The steamer Fulton left for Washington on the 3d inst., not giving us time for the advice.

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Seven Tons of Australian Gold Arrived in England. On November 23d, three vessels arrived in the river Thames, from Australia, with the extraordinary quantity of upwards of seven tons of gold on board.

LATER FROM TURK'S ISLAND. [Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.] GRAND TURK, Turk's Islands, Nov. 30, 1852. Shipwreck—Supply of Salt—Desperate Mutiny on the American brig Sophia—Yellow Fever Subside—Light and Export Charges—Security in the Markets, &c.

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DARING ROBBERY AT BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—Mr. Hooper C. Hicks, the Collector of the Customs at Vienna, in Dorchester county, Maryland, whilst passing along Lombard street, near South, at half past five o'clock this evening, had a rope thrown around his neck, and was dragged into an alley by three men, and robbed of three thousand dollars—five hundred in gold, twelve hundred in Baltimore notes, and a draft for fourteen hundred on New York, and his watch.

More Consular Difficulties at Acapulco. A late San Francisco paper says: "There was quite an excitement at Acapulco when the steamer Winfield Scott, bound for conflicting claims to the U. S. Consulate. Mr. Rice holds the seal, and Mr. Foster, the newly appointed Consul, is in possession of the flag and the books of the office. The steamers Winfield Scott and Independence refused to recognize either by depositing their papers. Mr. Rice forbids either of the steamers from leaving without having first deposited these papers with him.

Bounty Lands and the Old Soldiers. The soldiers of the war of 1812, residing in Philadelphia, have adopted resolutions urging Congress as an act of justice, to so modify the present bounty land law as to grant one hundred and sixty acres of land, in every instance; and in case of the death of the widow, the benefit of the law should extend to the children generally; and where any unmarried person was in the service, and is now dead, his parents, and in case of their death, his brothers and sisters, should be entitled to his land; they also ask a similar bounty for the Dartmouth and Teplow prisoners, and their families; and the same provision for sailors as is granted by the present law to the marines.

Wreck of the schr. Argo and Loss of Life. BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The schooner Argo, Nickerson, of Providence, bound from Jamaica for Boston, capsized at sea in a squall, November 19th, last, 31, on 74. Mrs. Nickerson, the captain's wife, and the cook were drowned. The captain, with the mate and four seamen, were saved.