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SUMMARY OF NEWS the Week ending Jan. 27, 1874.

Mdme. Parepa Rosa died on the 23rd.-

on journals of the 22nd are filled with artion of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh; arriage took place at 12:30 p. m. on 22nd, in etersburgh.-Large cotton factories in Glaswere destroyed by fire on 22d; loss £150,000; thousand operatives are thrown out of emient.-The Queen of the West, from Livered,-The marriage of the Duke of Edinburg ie Grand Duchess Maria was solemnized at St. sburgh, at I o'clock on 23d; the day was eved as a holiday and since early morning, a salutes were fired, the streets have been vded with people; festivities in celebration of event will continue several days; the city was decorated and illuminated that night, Satur night and Sunday night; on Monday a grand tary review took place in front of the winter nee; the troops participating consisted of 41 talions of infantry, 37 squadrons of cavalry and artillery force of 140 guns; the weather was glitful and sleighing splendid.—A dispatch s that foreigners will pay their quota of the an forced loan of thirty millions, because their ness depends upon the payment of the same amount to from \$5,000 to \$50,000; it is unstood that \$10,000 of the amount goes to pay iers, -- As the United States steamer Worches sailed from Havana, with band playing, a rabgathered on the wharf and hissed as she passed l dipped her flag to Moro Castle and the Spanultramontane press in France.—The Carlist

al Assembly condemning the civil rights bill he State Grange adjourned last January 22; a k by a terrific explosion, which was heard for knitting mills; the gas, it seems, had leaked ate victims were reduced to a mere handful

REVIEW OF THE MARKETS

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 21.—Cotton—sales of uplands thing below good ordinary, shipped December 1-16d; do, do., shipped January and February,

good ordinary, shipped December 84d. d ordinary, deliverable March and April, 8d.

Jan. 23.—Common rosin 7, 9d. Spirits turper ed December, 7gd. Uplands, not below good inary, shipped December and January, 7 15-16d. ands, not below good ordinary, shipped Janv and February, 81 16d. Yarns and fabrics at

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Gold [118 to 1113. Gov. at 16g cents. Southern flour dull and droop chtly in buyers' favor. Corn firmer at 934 cents western mixed from store. Pork heavy-nev s \$16 to \$16 50. Beef quiet at \$8 to \$11 for in mess and \$11 50 to \$13 50 for extra mess. rits turpentine quiet at 49 cents. Rosin active

Jan. 22—Gold 1114 to 1114. Government sec ties strong and active. Cotton dull at 161 to II for good choice. Wheat a shade firmer. Corn ss firm at 83 cents for old western mixed from re. Pork heavy—new mess \$15.75. Beef un hanged. Spirits turpentine firm at 48 to 49 cents.

Jan. 23.—Gold $111\frac{3}{5}$ to $111\frac{1}{5}$. Government bonds rong and considerable doing. Cotton dull at 161 164 cents. Southern flour unchanged at \$6.70 o \$7 75 for common to fair extra and \$7 80 to \$1 good to choice. Wheat without decided change Corn 1 to 2 cents lower. Pork quiet and nomina

new mess \$15 75 to \$16. Beef quiet—mess \$8 0 \$11. Spirits turpentine quiet, 48 cents. Rosin WILMINGTON, Jan. 21.—Spirits Turpentineno sales reported-sellers asking 45 cents, buyers demanding lower prices. Rosin firm at \$2 25 for Strained. Crude Turpentine.— 525 bbls. Yellow Dip and Hard were landed to-day to be paid for at market rate; sellers demanded \$2 and \$3, but buyers were unwilling to pay any ad- his congregation on a recent Sunday by

and nominal, Strict Good Ordinary, 148. Jan. 22.—Spirits Turpentine at 43½ cts. & gal. for Southern packages; market closed quiet and weak. Rosin—Strained at \$2 25, No. 2 at \$2 30. No. 1 at \$2 50. Crude Turpentine, \$2 for Hard and \$3 for Soft. Tar at \$2 45; market firm.

Home Circle.

THE SPINSTER'S CHANCE.

TURN WIDOW, AND THE HUSBAND WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

It is generally the case that the more beautiful and the richer a young female is the more difficult are both her parents and herself in the choice of a husband, and the more off ers they refuse. The one is too tall, the other too short, this not wealthy, that not respectable enough. Meanwhile, one spring passes after another, and year after year blessed hands of Our Lord. carries away leaf after leaf of the bloom of youth, and opportunity after opportunity. Miss Harriet Selwood was the richest heiress in her native town, but she had already completed her twenty-seventh year, and beheld almost all her young friends united to men whom she had at one time or other discarded. Harriet began to be set down for an old maid. Her parents became really uneasy, and she herself lamented in private a position which is not a natural one, and to which those to whom nature and fortune have been niggard of their gifts are obliged to submit, but Harriet, as we have said,

was handsome and very rich. Such was the state of things when her uncle, a wealthy merchant in the north of England, came on a visit to her parents. He was a jovial, lively, straightforward man, accustomed to attack all difficulties boldly and coolly.

"You see," said her father to him one day, Harriet continues single. The girl is handsome; what she is to have for her fortune you know; even in this scandal-loving town not a creature can breathe an imputation against her."

"True," replied the uncle; "but look you, brother, the grand point in every affair in this world is to seize the right moment; this you have not done. It is a misfortune, but let the girl go along with me, and before the end of three months I will return her to you as the wife of a man as young and wealthy as herself."

Away went the niece with her uncle. On the way home he thus addressed her:

"Mind what I am going to say. You are no longer Miss Selwood, but Mrs. Lumley, my niece, a young, wealthy, childless widow; you had the misfortune to lose your stamps emerge from the hydraulic press husband, Colonel Lumley, after a happy they are gummed. The paste is made union of a quarter of a year, by a fall from | from clear starch, or its dextrine, which is his horse, while hunting."

Laumley. Your father has invested me with | separately, placed upon a flat board, and full powers. Here, look von, is the wed- and its edges covered with a light metal ding-ring given you by your late husband. frame. Then the paste is smeared on with Jewels, and whatever else you need, your a large whitewash-brush, and the sheet is aunt will supply you with, and accustom laid between two wire racks and placed on ourself to cast down your eves."

gentlemen thronged about her, and she soon an eminent chemist. After the gumming, had her choice out of twenty suitors. Her another pressing in the hydraulic press uncle advised her to accept the one that follows. Then another counting; stamps was deepest in love with her, and a rare are counted no less than thirteen times chance decreed that this should be precisely | during the process of manufacture. The the most amiable and opulent. The match | sheets are then cut in half, each portion was soon concluded, and one day the uncle containing one hundred stamps, this being desired to say a few words to his future done by girls with ordinary hand-shears.

"How so? Are Mrs. Lumley's affection-"Nothing of the kind; my niece is sin-

erely attached to you.' "Then her fortune, I suppose, is not equal o what you told me?"

"On the contrary, it is larger." "Well, what is the matter, then?"

"A joke-an innocent joke, which came nto my head one day when I was in a good humor; we could not well recall it afterward. My niece is not a widow." "What! Col. Lumley living?"

"No, no; she is a spinster," The lover protested that he was a hapoier fellow than he had ever conceived him-

self, and the old maid was forthwith metamorphosed into a young wife. WHY HE GOT THE PLACE .- A young

man went into the office of one of the largest dry goods importing houses in New ork, and asked for a situation. He was it. told to come again.

Going down Broadway that same afterneon, opposite the Astor House, an old apple woman trying to cross the street was struck by a stage, knocked down, and her basket of apples sent scattering in the gutter.

This young man stepped out from the passing crowd, helped up the old lady, put her apples into her basket, and went on his ers, with the exception of Lord, were sent way, forgetting the incident.

When he called again upon the importers he was asked to name his price, which was accepted immediately, and he went to work. Nearly a year afterward he was called aside one day and asked if he remembered assisting an old apple woman in Broadway any part of the kingdom, and that the destruction to pick up a basket of apples, and much to his surprise, learned why he obtained a

situation when more than one hundred others

were desiring the same place. Young man, you little know who see your acts of kindness. The eyes of others see and admire what they will not take the trouble to do themselves .- American Mes-

Hampshire line, whose salary is somewhat the idea that I am an angel, for I am far from having arrived at that blissful state. If I were an angel, I would fly away to heaven and get my dinner, and come back and preach to you again; but as I am yet

THE CATHEDRAL OF MILAN.-It is dif-

ficult by words to convey any idea of the Cathedral of Milan, it is so vast, so complicated, so magnificent. The interior is deeply impressive: five naves, divided by fifty-two gigantic columns, from which the majestic arches gracefully spring to support a roof that looks as though the clouds might rest upon it; the vast dome lifting itself far up towards heaven, in the dira distance of which is a solitary lamp, so placed as to throw all its light upon a blood-stained pike, which the devont Catholic believes is

So great is the area that many services may be going on at the same time without confusion. We actually witnessed a marriage at one altar, a baptism at another, and a funeral might have taken place at a third, and a mass been celebrated at a fourth; and, in addition, there was a crowd of wondering and admiring spectators, all with abundant room and space.

The material of the edifice is white marble and it looks like a mountain of stone, cut into a labyrinth of spires, pinnacles, flying buttresses and statuary. The roof is a forest of statuary and pinnacles; it seems to me overcrowded. Think of seven thousand statues in one building!

Droll Duellists .- One of the funniest that in which Sainte-Beuve was engaged, and much valuable property. It began to rain slightly after he had taken up his position, whereupon he coolly held hand while holding the pistol in his right. I thoughts of meeting her husband next day, The expostnlations of his witnesses had no lay awake. A couple of hours might have effect upon him. "It is all very well to be passed, when she saw the door slowly openkilled," said the famous essayist, "but I ob- ed and a person enter holding a light, which ject to catching a cold in my head."

There is a droll story about Perpignan, literary Bohemian, having an encounter with Charles Maurice at five paces. The former having fired, and contrived to miss, the other, taking a deliberate aim, said to you into the other world, tell me what you are thinking of." "I'm thinking that if I were in your place I would not fire," said Perpignan; and he owed his life to his pres-

acted upon chemically and then boiled. forming a clear, smooth, slightly sweet "Let me manage, if you please, Mrs. mixture. Each sheet of stamps is taken a pile with others to dry. Great care is The keen-witted uncle introduced his taken in the manufacture of this paste, niece everywhere, and everywhere the young | which is perfectly harmeless. This gratividow excited a great sensation. The fying fact has been conclusively proven by Next follows the perforation, which is per-"My dear sir," he began, "we have told formed by machinery. The perforation is raised edges on the back of the stamps made by the dies, and this ends the manu- which contained the body of the murdered

> WHIPPING A PRINCE.—Nathan Lord, afterward a prominent shipmaster of Portsmouth, N. H., was a lad on one of the privateers captured by a British frigate during the Revolutionary war. One day a young midshipman came near the prisondeck, and spoke sneeringly of "the rebels." Young Lord, being a lad of spirit, re-

"If it were not for your rank, sir, would make you take back that insult." "No matter for my rank!" said the gallant though arrogant young officer. "I you can whip me you are welcome to do

The challenge was eagerly accepted and the two had a regular sailor's set to. The Yankee was victorious, and the Englishman acknowledged himself beaten, and shaking hands with his opponent, said :

"You are a brave fellow! Give me your

name, and I will not forget you!" At the end of the voyage all the prisonto prison. The admiral sent for him and informed him that the young Duke of Clarence, a son of His Majesty George III, the young midshipman whom he had fought, had requested that he be set at large; that he was at liberty to go into Duke had placed a £5 note at his service.

HOLLY TREE INNS are becoming popular n New England. The name is taken from the Christmas tale of Dickens. One at Hartford was started in 1872. The building was among the poorer classes. It was neatly but inexpensively fitted up as a restaurant, where good, substantial meals could be obtained at low prices: Beefsteak, A CLERGYMAN'S APPEAL.-A minister 15 cents; mutton chops, 15 cents; buckin a Massachusetts town near the New wheat cakes, 10 cents; hot biscuits, 5 cents; fried potatoes, 5 cents; coffee and tea, each in arrears, is reported to have astonished 5 cents per cup. Some of the prices on the dinner bill are: Soup, 7 cents; roast beef, had she not been fully self-possessed, might have put her off her guard. It was not till isle, every jewel and every ornament has cold corned beef and cold mutton, each 10 vance; market closed unsettled. Tar—Market saving to them from the pulpit, "Do not, steady, at \$2.35 \$\frac{10}{2}\$ bbl. Cotton—Market quiet and left her, and been brought forth by the ladies of Cuba, and nominal Strict Good Ordinary 148. cents; cold ham, 12 cents. It is not a till she saw her husband coming along the in order that material of war might be purcharity in the common acceptation. The meals are paid for at a price which nearly mand which she had so successfully exer- noble girls, as it is well known, not only covers the expenses. The average cost has cised, and throwing herself into his arms, have been executed by the ruthless Spanbeen found to be almost 22 cents. Fifty fainted away. Jau. 23.—Spirits Turpentine at 43½. Rosin, Strained at \$2 35, No. 1 at \$2 50, Extra No. 1 at \$3 50, Low Pale at \$4 25, and \$4 60; market firm. Crude turpentine at \$3 for yellow dip and \$2 for hard; market steady. Cotton at 14 cents.

and preach to you again; but as I am yet thousand meals were served during the something to eat, and in order to do that I liquors of any kind are sold. The restaulant have some money to pay the bills."

Homes should be beautified.

Homes should be beautified. year in the Hartford Holly Tree Inn. No liquors of any kind are sold. The restau-

THE MURDERED PEDDLER.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1874.

One of the most striking cases of pres ence of mind and self-possession of which I have any recollection came to light in trial which took place some months since in Ireland. The story looks like a fiction,

but I have reason to believe it quite true. A woman was traveling along a road to oin her husband, who was engaged as teamster in the army, and was quartered some twelve miles from Athlone. She had not proceeded far when she vas joined by peddler, who was going the same way.

one of the identical nails driven into the They entered into a conversation during walk of some hours, but as the day began to wane they agreed that they should stop for the night at a house of entertainment, and pursue their pedestrain journey the next day.

They reached an humble inn, situated in lonely spot by the roadside, and, fatigued after a long day's walk, they were glad to find themselves under the shelter of a roof.

Having refreshed themselves with a substantial supper set before them, they expressed a wish to retire.

They were shown into the travelers' room and went to rest into their respective beds. The peddler, before retiring, had called the landlord aside and given into his keeping the pack which he had unstrapped from his back until the morning, telling him that duels which has ever been recorded was it contained a considerable sum of money

They were not long in bed before the peddler fell into a sound sleep, but the poor is umbrella over his head with the left woman, perhaps from over-fatigue or from he screened with his hand. She instantly recognized in him one of the young men she had seen below, son to the landlord.

He advanced with stealthy steps to the bedside of the peddler and watched him for a moment. He then went out and entered his antagonist, "Well, now, before I send again with his brother and father, who held in his hand a large pewter basin.

They went on tiptoe to the bedside, where the peddler lay in a deep sleep.

One of the young men drew out a knife, and while the father held the basin so as Postage Stamps.—As soon as postage to receive the blood he cut the poor victim's by the tombs of the great Ducal family. throat from ear to ear

A slight, half audible groan, and all was still, save the cautious movement of the had brought in with them a large sack, into which they thrust the unresisting body. The poor woman lay silently in her bed, fearing that her turn would come next. She heard low mutterings among the men, from which she soon gathered that they should murder her too, as they feared she might have it in her power to betray them. One of them said he was sure that she was fast asleep, and there was no occasion to trouble themselves; but to make sure of this being the case one came to her bedside with the candle in his hand and the other with a knife. She kept her eyes closed as if in sleep, and had such command over herself as not to betray in her countenance any sign that she was conscious of what was going on. The caudle was passed close to her eyes, the knife was drawn close to her throat, she never winked or showed by any movement of her features or of limb that first made in a perpendicular line, and af- she apprehended danger. So the men terward in a horizontal line. Another whispered that she was so soundly asleep pressing follows-this time to flatten the that nothing was to be feared from her, and went out of the room, removing the sack

How long must that night of horrors have seemed to that poor lone woman! How frightful were the stillness and its darkness

The presence of mind which had so astonishingly enabled her to act a part to which she owed her life, sustained her through the trying scenes which she had yet ers, who were having an airing on the to pass. She did not hurry from her room at an unusually early hour, but waited until she had heard all the family astir for some time; she then went down and said she had overslept herself, in consequence of being

She asked where the peddler was, and was told that he was in too great a hurry to wait for her, but that he left sixpence to

pay for her breakfast. She sat down composedly to that meal and forced herself to take with an apparent

appetite of the food set before her. She appeared unconscious of the eyes which, with deep scanning, were fastened

When the meal was over she took leave of the family, and went on her way without the least appearance of discomposure or mistrust. She had proceeded but a short way when she was joined by two strapping looking women. One look was sufficient to convince her that they were young men, and one thought to assure her that she was yet in their power and on the very verge of must be confessed that she is governed more

They walked by her side, entered into onversation, asked her where she was go ing, and told her that their road was the same way; they questioned her as to where she had lodged the night before, and made minute inquiries about the family occupy- intensely patriotic. ing the wayside inn. Her answers were quite unembarrassed, and she said the people of the house had appeared to be decent and powerful auxiliaries than the women of

civil, and had treated her very well. For two hours the men continued by her of Cannæ, which was won by Hannibal, side conversing and watching her with most | the Senate called on the people spontanescrutinizing glances at any change in her ously to sacrifice all their wealth on the countenance, an lasking questions which, altar of their fatherland, so during the presroad to meet her that she lost her self-com- chased to carry on the struggle. Those

rant has been, it is assured, a great bless-ing to the laborers of Hartford living near it. may be acknowledged by its works.

THE BURIAL PLACE OF GOETHE AND SCHILLER .- Twenty years after Schiller's largest town in the State of Florida, and I ing is a copy: There are twenty diamonds death a certain burgomaster, Schwabe, took | can well believe that, for having traversed | round the circle, worth \$7,500 each, makit into his head to get Schiller's head as a its long, though not populous, streets in all ing \$150,000; two large centre diamonds precious relic! He had the vault opened, directions, I am impressed with the convic- \$10,000 each, \$20,000; fifty-four smaller where the remains had been laid with the tion that it is the largest city in the United diamonds, placed at the angles of the othremains of ten other mortals, but to his dis States, although the late census credits it err, \$500 each, \$24,000; four crosses, each may the coffins were all decayed away, and in round numbers with only about 9,000 composed of twenty-five diamonds, \$60, there was nothing but a confused mass of inhabitants. And these inhabitants, as a 000; four large diamonds on the top of the bones at the bottom of the vault. He took | whole, are an odd lot-drifts from all quar- crosses, \$20,000; twelve diamonds containhome the eleven skulls, numbered them, ters of the globe, the mass, however, being ed in fleur de lis, \$50,000; eighteen smallranged them in a row, and invited every negroes, Cuban refugees, and the mixed er diamonds contained in the same, \$10,one in Weimar who had been personally descendants of the old buccaneers, who, 000; pearls, diamouds, &c., upon the archacquainted with Schiller to come and see aforetime, dominated these keys and all the es and crosses, \$50,000; one handred and them. The visitors were taken one by one adjacent waters. Spanish, or a patois of forty-one small diamonds, \$25,000; twenty into the room, and invited to write down that language, is chiefly spoken by the re- six diamonds in the upper cross \$15,500; their opinions as to which was Schiller's sident population, and the children babble two circles of pearls about the rim, \$15,skull, without the opportunity of consult- it in the streets in a very musical way. 000; cost of the stones in the crown, excluation. All agreed upon the same number, Hearing it one is apt to marvel, as Gold- sive of the metal, \$439,500. Only a few and then Professor Schroter, of Jena, after smith confessed he marveled, when he heard days after my visit to the Tower, I saw in much difficulty, sorted out the hones of the the youth of France speaking French with the Court Journal the following account or skeleton from the heap, and the whole was so much facility and propriety. The wonder list and valuation of the jewels in the placed in the library at Weinar. It is is the greater, however, here, inasmuch as crown, which is very different, but which evident that the ideas of the present day in Key West is a part of the United States, I am inclined to believe is the more correct regard to the sanctity of the grave were not | notwithstanding it does not always receive | of the two. The Journal says: then prevalent. Goethe wrote some beau- due credit for that fact. For instance, you "The Crown of State which the Queen

Bavaria, came to Weimar. He was a man one of the Department at Washington reof what in ordinary people would be call- lieving him, and directing him to "return ed great rudeness of speech, but being a to the United States at once!" The natives king, it was only bluntness. King Louis here call each other "conks" when they was very much astonished to find Schiller's quarrel, and the claim to be an American remains treated as a curiosity. I do not is not popularly held to be substantiated, know how it was that he came to differ but rather the reverse, by proof of birth at from the cotemporary sentiment; it might Key West. The place is as remarkable have been that, being a Roman Catholic, for what is not seen as for what is seen. he thought human bones had better be in The familiar vegetation, &c., of home is consecrated ground than rattling about in not here, while it is replaced by a luxuriliterary drawers. However, the King wag- ant growth of tropical foliage very strange ged his rough tongue to such effect that as to Northern eyes. This is the only portion soon as he had gone the Grand Duke wrote of the United States which produces cocoato Goethe that, to avoid further remarks, utsr., and which never knows frost. he desired him to have a proper coffin prepared for Schiller's bones, and to have them laid in the Grand Ducal vault. Goethe had a simple oaken box made, and on it had placed the single word "Schiller," in bronze letters.

Hamlet and the grave-diggers.

When Goethe died a similar coffin was prepared for him, and they now lie side by side in the Grand Ducal vault, surrounded phs; not a word of their title as counselors, or of the nobility which Charles Augustus was finally driven to confer upon them by the murmurs of his courtiers at having to associate with these plebeians. The wise Goethe knew when he placed the one word 'Schiller" on the coffin that posterity would demand no more, and they who directed Goethe's interment did well to follow the precedent he had made.

THE CUBAN SENORITA.

The features of the creole young lady are generally good, and the complexion of the ounger among them, though perfectly pale. s of that rich paleness which resemble

the sunny hue of antique marble The Cuban senorita, unlike her Mexican sister, is not arraved in the most intense colors as vivid as the lines of the flamingo and the parrot, the cactus flower and jaquov. She is chaste in her dress, and also in her language and department. 'If she lacks some of the sterling qualities of her golden haired and blue-eyed American neighbor, she lacks also her awkwardness. This is certainly in the race.

There is a coquettishness in her radiant and laughing black eyes. There is a sinuous grace of movement, a lazy contentment with surroundings, and an unwavering faith in her religious belief that is really admirable. Although her whole life may be said to be the theatre, the concert hall and the piano, she is also religious. The church is continually frequented by her, and there she patters her prayers and tells her beads with somewhat of glibness.

She has the magic influence of the climate in the sweet tones of her voice, in the dreamy and quiet look, and the grace of er attitudes.

She has great care of her complexion, and constantly wears roses and jessamines in her hair, which shines as anthracite coal. The dance is her passion. In its slow, graceful and delicious whirl her eyes flash with supreme happiness. She has a weakness for Americans, which is the torture of

her countrymen's life. The contredanza is the rhythmic utterance of her warm, languid life the earliest and most national of Cuban lyries.

Without love the world is as chaos to her. If a fitful light for a moment break on her mind, it is

"Like moonlight on a troubled sea, Bright'ning the storm it cannot calm." Among the different type of women, the Cuban girl is certainly worthy of study. It by the characteristics of her race than of

Besides being a good and affectionate wife and mother, contented in poverty as in wealth, and attending with scrupulous care to all domestic affairs, the Cuban woman is

In the struggle for Cuban rights and freedom, the patriots have had no more Cuba. As in ancient Rome, after the battle iards for their patriotism, but tortured by the flogging hands of brutal soldiers, who

Love purifies the heart-love all men.

KEY WEST .- This is said to be now the handed a printed slip, of which the followtiful letters to the skull, and everything can frequently hear persons remark here wore in St James Chapel, on the occasion was pretty and pleasant, and recall to us that they intend to return to the States at of the royal marriage, is composed as folsuch and such a time; and once a Federal lows: Several years after King Louis I., of official located here received an order from

STATE SERVE

BELGRAVIA .- "Belgrave Square," though its mansions are tenanted by the old nobility and gentry, is comparatively new. It is, however, the most gorgeous, if it be the youngest, of London squares. The central space is large, the grounds well planned, the walks and water well disposed, and the shrubbery of smooth-leaved evergreens, so Hyde Park lying behind it, St. James' Park between it and the city, and the great thoroughfares in the vicinity being more like roads than streets. The massive, protruding porches of the houses, the effect of which is heavy, are made into hanging gardens, from which, even in winter, breezes come down redolent of a landred varieties of flowers. But the whole place is stiff and dull. Let us leave it. As Leigh Hunt's cobbler said, "What's the use of walking in such fine places? Let us turn down some back court."

A PEN PORTRAIT OF THE TURKISH MINISTER. - Aristarchi Bey, the new Turkish Minister, is short, thick-set and almondeved, with dark skin and black hair. He is about thirty-five and unmarried. "He has come to a good place," said a sprightly young lady, "for in Washington there are so many girls unprovided for, and a Turk, you know, can have as many wives as his fancy chooses." Perhaps, who knows, one or more of the Mesdames Aristarchi Beys may be American women, for "our girls" will sacrifice almost everything rational for foreign titledom. At one of the Germans the other night, the Bev, not being as conversant with our own etiquette as his own, helped himself bountifully to "favors," out of turn and in, and distributed them promscuously among the young ladies, known beyship's admiration. One young lady askplied, "as we do in Turkey," and forthwith It is not safe to dwell too much on the result of the "spin" when the young lady aforetoilet which distinguishes her entrance into at the termination of the tearing race, and one was reminded of the appearance of the ister. Was that not sufficient compensation it up !- Correspondent of the Cincinnati

If you want to increase your business

Correspondence.

Reminiscences of a Sojourn of Many Years

and various historical events that have oc- so well known to all intelligent persons curred within its walls. In the tower is a Until I changed my location, I had amp small room, at one of which is a glass case time to examine St. Paul's Cathedral. To about five feet high, four feet wide, and give any history of it would be superfly four feet long; before this glass case are i- ous, it is so well known to all. So ron bars, preventing any one from approach- to say that it is 510 feet in length, an ing it; this room is burglar-proof, as is also from the ground to the top of the cross the tower. The glass-case contains the 404 feet. Many persons look upon it will crowns, (three) sceptre, and sword of State, wonder, but it is only those who have ne some very fine jewels, or diamonds, all of er been on the Continent. There are m which will not begin to compare with the ny persons of distinction interred

longs to the crown of England. This di- West, who only has a common slab, over amond, which was sent under an armed which every one walks. The funeral rites guard to the celebrated lapidarian, Coster of Solemnites of the Duke of Wellington of Amsterdam, is said to be worth \$10,-000,000. On my asking where this cele and for mouths after his remains were brated diamend was, I received so absurd closed up in a coffin, covered with an im an answer that I will not repeat it here.
I then asked some questions relative to the jewels in the crown, when I was by a guard.

Crosed up in a comm, covered with an immense, black, silk-velvet pall, and rested in the centre of the cathedral, surrounded by a guard.

\$50,000. The great ruby, \$60,000. The aqua marina, \$150,000. 20 diamonds in the circle, 2 large centre diamonds, \$20,000 \$60,000 4 diamond crosses, \$200,000 4 diamonds in crosses, 26 diamonds in fleur de lis, \$60,000. Pearls, diamonds, &c., in crosses, \$70,000

Total valuation, "Notwithstanding this enormous mass of ewelry, the crown weighs only 190z. 10d. It measures 7 inches in height from the gold circle to the upper cross, and 5 inches in diameter." In the glass case above mentioned is al-

so to be seen the baptismal bowl in which the heir to the throne is baptized. But to me the most interesting spot in

the Tower is that whereon flowed the blood

of Mary Jane Grey, and also the blood of Anne Bolevn and Catharine Howard, wives of Henry VIII, besides other distinguished individuals. In order that this spot shall never be lost sight of there is a block of common in England, and very beautiful. granite two feet square, fixed in the ground It is situated between town and country, on a level with this immense court, which has the appearance of being macadamized. Just opposite this spot, cut in the wall, is a hole three feet from the ground, seven feet long, four feet wide and five feet high: It was in this niche in the wall of the Tower that Sir Walter Raleigh was confined; being, like all other prisoners confined here, compelled to remain in a reclining position. In that part of the Tower where the curiosities of the armory are kept, are many very interesting sights: there one can see the block on which Charles I, lost his head, and the axe is by it. As I had always had a desire to see this block, and as it was very interesting to me, perhaps a description of its appearance may be interesting to some of your readers: in the centre of the armory department sets a block of wood, say, 11 feet high, and 21 feet in diameter; on this sets another block which is about 11 feet high, about 11 feet wide. and about the same in thickness, except at the top, where it becomes smaller in every way, and is made to fit between the cliest and the chin. The handle of the axe is short and the axe is broad, like that of a butcher. I asked and obtained permissio to try how it would fit, and was astonished to see how well it was shaped out to fit the neck. The wood of the other block looked like it might have been walnut, rose or some other very dark, solid wood. In this same department are long rows of knights or unknown, who happened to attract his in armer and helmets, each one with his spear, and each one mounted on a large, ed him, "Could be dance?" "Yes," he re- black, wooden horse: by this means you see the style of armor worn in battle by asked the damsel to favor him with a waltz. the knights of each King. If there is any place in Europe where one can devote a day with great advantage it is the Tower; said is within hearing distance. Suffice it but one is not allowed more than half an to say that the freshness and choiceness of hour to go through the whole building The men who lave it in charge exact a the ball-room, had taken unto itself wings shilling of strangers for each apartmen through which they conduct them; and consequently they harry them through in poll-parrot in the ancedote, robbed of its half an hour, in order to take through othgay plumage by the mischievous monkey. er., of which there is always a crowd stand-But then she danced with a Turkish Min- ing in waiting. One portion of the Tower, called the White Tower, is very anfor torn and bedraggled tarlatan and hair cient, as it was built in 1098. The whole needing Pleasant Riderhood's fingers to put structure covers 12 acres, and is enclosed with a wall some eight feet thick. The Tower contains the Wellington Barracks; the Jewel Room, in which the regalia of the Crown are placed; the Horse Armory and Queen Elizabeth's Armory At one time it was occupied as a royal reidence, and after that only as a prison, and now its only value is the historical interest

that clusters around it. Shortly after my arrival in the great London, I changed my boarding house and boarded with two The Tower of London is one of the most | English ladies by the name of Hanks, sitnteresting spots on earth, from the many uated just opposite Exeter Hall, a building crown-jewels of some other courts of Eu- as Nelson, Wellington, Sir Ralph Abercrombie, Sir John Moore, Dr. Johnson, Sir I hoped to be able to see the great Koh- Joshua Reynolds the Artist, and in the inoor diamond of Oude, India, which be- basement is our American Artist, Sir Benj