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A Pandemonium of Music Boxes.

The editor of the Green Bay (Wis.) Advocate, in a letter from Geneva, describes the manufacture of music boxes in that ancient city:

The manufacture of music boxes has reached a wonderful perfection here. At one establishment, where I spent half a day with my party and some American friends who were making some purchases, we saw one instrument which plays sixty-four tunes, and several which play upwards of forty. And such volume of sound and nicety of expression it is very difficult to find among professional performers.

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ORIGINAL.

A BACHELOR'S STORY.

A Day on Cherry Mountain Twenty Years Ago.

The blow which so cruelly wounded my poor friend did not fall lightly upon his mother.

Mrs. Howard was an elegant woman, born to grace the highest circles of society. And after saying this, what more need I say of her? But to the accomplishments and wit of a cultivated mind, she added those other finer sensibilities of the female heart which so well adorn the character of an affectionate mother.

Is it any wonder then, that the shock fell suddenly, and the burden weighed heavily, when Paul was borne over the threshold insensible, and a maniac?

It was while this condition of affairs existed in the Howard cottage that Maude and Lillian made their first visit.

When they returned Lillian came into the drawing room and leaned over my shoulder, watching me sketch a chart for the village cemetery we were then laying out.

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FRIGHTFUL PICTURE.

The Horrors of being "Instantly Killed."

Count Tolstoy's "Sevastopol in May," in course of publication in Hours at Home, gives a very remarkable description of the death of a man who is instantly killed—as the living say, "instantly killed"—by a piece of a shell which strikes him.

Michael looked behind him. The shining point of the bomb seemed to stand at the zenith—in that position where it is impossible to tell its direction. But that lasted only a minute; the bomb came quicker and quicker, nearer and nearer, so that you could see the sparks from the tube and hear the fatal whistling and directed its course straight to the middle of the battalion.

"Lie down," cried a voice. Michael and Praskukin lay down on the ground. Praskukin, tightly closing his eyes, heard only the bomb fell somewhere very near on the hard ground.

Another second passed—a second in which a whole world of feelings, thoughts, hopes and recollections passed through his mind.

Then he recollected the twelve rubles that he owed Michaelof: he recollected also another debt at Petersburg that he ought to have paid long ago; a gipsy air that he had sung in the evening came into his head; the girl whom he loved appeared to his imagination in a cap with lilac ribbons; he remembered a man whom he had insulted years before and who had never paid it back, although at the same time remembered the feelings of his present circumstances—the expectation of death—never for a moment quitted him.

He stood leaning against the door-facing, evidently in profound doubt as to what was best to be done, but soon passed out, without further remark.

A correspondent of the Rural World says: "None but the plowman knows the advantage of having a bright plow. The writer has tried a great many articles to prevent plows and other agricultural implements from rusting."

REVENUE LAW.

Opinions of the Public Treasurer on the Revenue Law.

[From the Standard.] David A. Jenkins, Esq., Public Treasurer, has delivered the following opinions on the new revenue law:

1st. The Constitution says that all real and personal property must be listed at its true value in money—not at cash price—not at what would be obtained at a forced sale, but at its true or real value.

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4th. You are entirely right that every specie of property real and personal, on hand, 1st April, except \$200 of certain named articles, is liable to the property tax.

5th. The sunflower is very useful. Its leaves soon become large enough to be used as a covering for young cabbage and tomato plants.

A correspondent of the Scientific American gives an account of an ingeniously extemporized apparatus for removing carbonic acid gas from wells.

Accident on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The Washington Evening Star, of June 10th, gives the following account of the Railroad accident, occurring on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on the night of the 9th inst:

The fast express train through to New York, which left the depot in this city at 9 o'clock last evening, with a special car containing President Grant and family attached, met with a terrible accident near Annapolis Junction.

The train, while passing through the deep cut just beyond Annapolis Junction, at about 9:40 p. m., ran against a cow, which was killed and thrown from the track by the cow-catcher attached to the locomotive; but the mangled body rolled down the embankment just after the passage of the engine, tender, and mail car, and fell across the track between the tracks of the baggage car.

The sudden shock tipped up the front part of the baggage car, throwing it off the track, and breaking the connection with the mail car, (in charge of Colonel Armitage, route agent), which, with the locomotive, ran for some distance sufficiently to return to the scene of the disaster.

Next to the smoking car was a passenger car, which was thrown diagonally across the track, and partly up the embankment, completely blocking the further progress of the train.

Mr. C. W. Weeks, of Albany, N. Y., was somewhat injured, but was able to keep on his journey home.

Mr. G. W. Clapp, of this city, received a scalp wound; Mr. R. J. Piggot, internal revenue officer, New York, was slightly wounded in the head; Mr. H. A. Hall, of Washington, received a slight scalp wound, and Mrs. Esmer, of Washington, a wound in the shoulder.

A writer in a South Carolina paper says: "I have tried the following, and find it works like a charm. Take of gum camphor a piece about one-third the size of an egg, and evaporate it by placing it in a tin vessel, and holding it over a lamp or candle, taking care that it does not ignite."

The Chinese in California.

They retain all their national peculiarities of dress, cooking, religion, and never Americanize to the slightest extent.

When he dies his dying wish is for his bones to be returned to China, for according to Mongol theologians, it will go hard with him in the future world unless they do repose on native soil.

A Chinese funeral is a curious scene in San Francisco where a special burying ground called the "Yerba Buena Cemetery" is set apart for Celestial repose.

When carrying the body to the grave a solemn-looking individual scatters little slips of paper with aphorisms from Confucius written on them; at the lintels of the doorways are strips of red paper on which are marked similar wise sayings.

Upon the grave is placed a roast fowl, some rice, and a bottle of "Chinese wine," after which the mourners depart, never looking behind them.

There is, however, another class of gentlemen who are concealed near at hand. No sooner do they see the last pigtail of the retiring mourners disappear from view than they make a grand rush for the dibles and drinkables left for the benefit of Joss, and they very soon make short work of them—Joss, no doubt, getting the credit.

After lying some months in the grave, the bones are dug up and carefully cleaned and polished with brushes then tied up, and each put in little bundles, which are nicely labelled and stored away in a small tin coffin in the particular home or commercial house which is responsible for them.

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The cable is 1200 miles longer than its predecessors, and is divided into several sections. The Great Eastern will carry 2752 miles, and will begin the work about the 20th of June.

It is expected that eighteen days will be occupied by the Great Eastern in the voyage from Brest to St. Pierre; and immediately on the line being laid between these two places, the other cable lying vessels will carry on the remainder of the work between that point and Boston, a little over 600 miles.

After reaching St. Pierre, the real work will be over. The rest is shallow water, the whole of which has been sounded, and the greatest depth of which is ascertained to be 860 fathoms.

Between Brest and St. Pierre the depth of the line in which the cable is to lay is less accurately known, and there are variations between the soundings taken at various times, but these are being verified and connected, and full information will be secured before the expedition starts.

DEFINITION OF BIBLE TERMS.—A day's journey was thirty-three and one-fifth miles. A Sabbath-days' journey was about an English mile.

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