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OUR WEEKLY.

The sudden breaking out of the Indian war, and the consequent unsettled condition of certain sections of the country from whence we had every reason to expect a very large per centage of our patronage, will make it impossible for us to issue a weekly at present. The large quantity of new material, obtained for our weekly, will be used in improving our monthly.

The form of the paper will be changed so as to make it thirty-two pages, and every number will be stitched, trimmed and enveloped in a neat colored cover. This change will be made with the commencement of our fourth volume in September.

The changing of the forms to conform to the new arrangement, compels us to leave off our usual supplement this month, which, however, we will endeavor to make up to our readers during the coming year, by making our paper much more attractive than it ever has been.

THE ANGLER OR FISHING FROG.

The angler is a sea fish, from three to six feet long, with a very large head and mouth. It not only swallows fishes, but also sea-birds, such as gulls, ducks, etc.

It gets the name of Angler from the curious way in which it catches the little fishes. It has upon its head two or three long horny threads, which look in the water something like worms. The angler hides behind rocks and stones, or among the sea weeds. Then it pulls these long threads slightly to attract the little fishes, and when they come near, thinking there is something good for them to eat, the great fish seizes and swallows them.

It is also called the Fishing Frog, for it is said to be able to leap upward and catch its prey, somewhat as a frog leaps. It is very plentiful in the Mediterranean sea, and is found in various parts of the Atlantic ocean.

THE SWALLOW THAT MAKES THE EATABLE NEST.

Eatable birds' nests are found for the most part in the islands of Java, Borneo, Sumatra, and the Celebes. The bird which produces the nests, is called the Salangane Swallow. It flies with wonderful speed and precision; and on the Javan Coast, where the surge breaks wildly against the precipitous cliffs and caverned rocks, these birds may be seen in swarms, darting hither and thither. Their nests are fixed to the cliffs, or just inside the caverns.

What sort of a thing, then, is the eatable birds' nest that the wealthy Chinese are so fond of? It is that portion of the fabric which serves as a sort of bracket, on which the real nest (made of grass, sea-weed fibres, small leaves, etc.) is built. It is transparent, somewhat like isinglass. It was formerly supposed that this gelatine-like substance was prepared by the bird from sea-weed, and other marine plants; this, however, is a mistake. Dr. Bernstein has found that the glands under the tongue of the bird are of a great size. On opening the bill they are seen as two large swellings, one on either side, and these chiefly supply the material for making the brackets. The bird secretes in them a soft gum-like substance, which can be drawn out

of the mouth in long threads, and in the air it soon dries, and is found to be the same, even when viewed through the microscope, as the bracket material.

Such is the demand for this dainty, and so high its market value, that hundreds of men spend their lives in the perilous work of collecting these so-called nests from the frightful cliffs, precipices and caverns; and the Chinese spend about a million and a half of dollars annually in the purchase of this dainty, which, when rendered into soup or jelly, they regard as the most delicious of food.

A WORTHY PIONEER GONE.

Geo. L. Curry who came to Oregon in 1846, afterwards became editor of the Oregon Spectator, (the first paper published on the Pacific coast), was appointed and served as Governor of Oregon Territory in 1854-5, and has always been a valuable citizen of the State, died at his home in this city on the 28th of July, aged 58 years and 26 days.

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