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JOB PRINTING. THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ARGUS IS HAPPY TO inform the public that he has just received a large stock of JOB TYPE...

Twenty Years Ago. I met a girl the other day. Some twelve years old or so. The image of a nymph I loved...

The War Debate in the Senate. Some of the Black Republicans in Congress spoke daggers to England about the right of march. They are looking out for 1860, and are, consequently, in favor of the next war.

The discussion in the Senate upon the subject of the alleged British outrages in the Gulf was infinitely amusing. The Democratic leaders opened the debate, and did it in an exceedingly fiery style.

For I have heard on Africa's burning shore A great red lion give a grievous roar...

The Republicans carried their point completely. No sooner did the Democratic Senators hear the Republican war-whoops against Great Britain than they lowered their own voices down almost to a whisper.

Gov. King, of Maine, a large, pompous gentleman, was traveling a few years ago in a stage-coach with a little Frenchman whom he didn't deign to notice.

MR. BLIFKINS'S BABY.—That first baby was a great institution. As soon as he came into this 'breathing world,' as the late W. Shakespeare has it, he took command in our house.

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buy that broma to-day for the baby?—'My dear,' said I, 'will you do me the injustice to believe that I could overlook a matter so essential to the comfort of that inestimable child?'

What! could a shallow heart like this My heart in tumult throw? I must have been a little green Some twenty years ago.

Without physical pain, infancy would be maimed or perish before experience could inform it of its dangers. Lord Kaimies advised parents to cut the fingers of their children "cunningly" with a knife, that the little innocents might associate suffering with the glittering blade before they could do themselves a worse injury.

Secretary Floyd, of the War Department, is a great man for backing his friends. An Alabama man by the name of Gordon has been prosecuting a claim for a number of years for injuries done to a plantation by the Indians.

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A SCANDALIZING ADMINISTRATION.—The "Richmond South," in stating that the expenses of the Government, for the current year, amount to nearly \$100,000,000, says that \$50,000,000 would have been quite sufficient for an economical administration of the Government.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICAL PAIN.—Sir Humphrey Davy, when a boy, with the defiant constancy of youth which had as yet suffered nothing, held the opinion that pain was no evil. He was refuted by a crab, who bit his toe when he was bathing, and made him roar loud enough to be heard half a mile off.

Without the warning voice of pain, life would be a series of similar disasters. The crab, to the lasting detriment of Chemistry, might have eaten off the future Sir Humphrey's foot while he was swimming without his entertaining the slightest suspicion of the ravages which were going on.

THE GREAT RAINS OF 1858.—The amount of rain that has fallen over a large portion of the United States in six weeks, running from the 1st of May to the 12th of June, had scarcely a parallel.

BORROWED CAPITAL.—General Jackson once said that those who "do business on borrowed capital ought to break." The Boston Atlas & Bee wonders what the old hero, were he alive, would say of the present Federal Administration, which is doing business on a borrowed capital to the tune of forty millions a year.

Gov. Perry, of Florida, got into a controversy with a stage-driver lately, on account of the latter's rudeness to some ladies, and as the driver seemed to think himself a better man with his fists than the Governor of the State, the latter, desirous of correcting the erroneous impression, pulled off his coat, and after a few minutes' sharp practice, whipped the driver to his heart's content.

AN ANTIDOTE TO STRYCHNINE is said to be milk. The Baltimore American states that the life of a Newfoundland dog was saved by pouring milk down his throat after he had been poisoned.

The highest honor at the University of Cambridge, England—that of 'Senior Wrangler'—was taken this year by M. B. Pell, an American student.

drop such materials more hastily than we pick them up. Pain is the grand preserver of existence, the sleepless sentinel that watches over our safety, and makes us both start away from the accident that is present, and guard against it carefully in the time to come.

MR. CRITTENDEN ON Lecompton AND THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION.—On his arrival at Covington, Ky., on his way home, Mr. Crittenden was honored with a public reception. We quote the following passages from his speech relative to his course on Lecompton, and the extravagance of the present Administration:

"I saw the truth plainly, and, as Old Kentucky's son, I was bound to follow it. In doing so, I endeavored to do my whole duty, and the highest reward that can be bestowed, is the approbation of those I represented—the people of my native State.

"Party strife has in some degree passed away. With an Administration party on one side, and a united opposition party on the other, and I think, if you will give me leave to say it, there will not be much of a contest! An Administration that started two years ago with thirty or forty millions of surplus, that has issued twenty millions of treasury notes, spent a current revenue of forty millions, and borrowed twenty millions more, cannot stand long before the country.

After Mr. Crittenden's address, Col. Jones was called out by the assemblage.—We quote the following paragraphs from the report of his speech: "Col. Jones's speech was evidently highly relished by the audience. He reviewed the history of the Lecompton struggle, and bitterly denounced the course of the Administration in that swindle, and in the shameful expenditure of the public money."

WALKING AND PURE AIR.—Aristarchus taught that air is mind. Some one else says air is the hidden food of life. Platarch seems to incline to Aristarchus' opinion, remarking that perhaps the reason why there is a sympathy of feeling on various subjects arises from breathing the same air.—Air is an exhalation of all the minerals of the globe; the most elaborately finished of all the works of the Creator—the rock of ages disintegrated and fitted for the life of men. All classes of men affirm this. Sydney Smith says to public speakers that if they would walk twelve miles before speaking, they would never break down.

A STRUGGLE FOR A KISS.—I had conceived the intensest passion for my Mary Jane! Nor was it any superficial flame—blazing up now with a terrible heat, and as quickly going out. An unquestionably genuine passion was this love of mine, which had run the gamut of sleepless nights.

THEY FOLLOWED A GENERAL PELL-MELL! Beautifully-arranged curls assumed their original shape! Collars became unbuttoned pieces of linen—and the use of mine (it was a stand up) hid behind my ears. My head was transformed to a brush-heap; and my nice Mowit shirt-buttons were ground under my feet! The first heat was over—the second I was a little ahead—the third, she, exhausted, dropped her arms—closed her eyes, and, with a violent expiration— "Well what? Ah, reader, spare me this recital! Not a beginning must have an end, so here it is. She did not expire with that unfortunate expiration! Nor did she faint in my arms, nor still give evidence of unconsciousness. But opening her large eyes half dreamily—a cloud of intensest agony overspread her countenance, as she said—"You might have known I had been eating onions!"

BROWBEATING WITNESSES.—A contemporary says with truth, that "there is no greater outrage perpetrated under the forms, and by the sanction of law, than the manner in which counsel are permitted by our courts to abuse witnesses. A witness upon the stand, let him be who he will, and as honest, frank and truthful as man ever was, seems to be regarded by general understanding as a target, at which snappish, venomous and insolent counsel may direct all the arrows of abuse."

STUTTERING.—A London paper says a lady named Temple, who is well known in the fashionable regions of Belgravia, has discovered a remedy for stuttering. It is simply the act of reading in a whisper, and gradually augmenting the whisper to a louder tone.

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STRAW, &c.—If Seward lives, his election to the Presidency in 1860 is a settled affair.—Missouri Correspondent of Courier & Enquirer. "We opine that there are scarcely two opinions upon the latter question. The Republican party cannot fail to nominate a representative man for 1860; and of course, Seward is the man.—Courier & Enquirer. To which the New Orleans Crescent adds its opinion:

"William H. Seward will be the next President of the United States, if he lives and the Union lasts. Those who preach that his party is declining at the North, preach false knowingly or preach false ignorantly, or their prejudices are so strong that they would prefer the enslavement of their section to the ruthless rule of Abolition fanaticism, sooner than tolerate the idea of a disruption of the confederacy."

AN APT QUOTATION.—At the convention in Rutland, Vt., recently, after an afternoon spent in denouncing the Bible, the marriage institution, etc., and in laudation of "spiritualism," "vegetarianism," and "free love," Grant, the Millerite, got up and repeated 1st Timothy, iv. 1, 2, 3—"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, forbidding to marry, commanding to abstain from meats, etc.—Whether because this apt passage proved unpalatable, or for some other reason, the Convention incontinently adjourned.

Rumor has it that another English Princess is soon to be married. The Court Journal says there is now little doubt, from the state of negotiations between Her Majesty and King Leopold, of Belgium, on the subject of a family alliance, that the affair will be speedily communicated to both houses of Parliament.

TO PREVENT SUN STROKE.—A few green leaves worn inside of the crown of the hat, it is said, or a wet handkerchief, will secure one against all danger from sun stroke.

BYRARD TAYLOR.—The editor of the Plymouth (Ill.) Locomotive, who was an apprentice in the office where Byrard Taylor served his time, relates the following reminiscence of the great traveler: "We had the honor to meet him in our term of 'devils' in the Village Record office, Westchester county, N. Y. We well remember the time he started out on his first 'trip,' with his small steed, carrying a change or two of linen, and with fifty cents in capital. The apprentice in those days had to carry the papers through the country on horseback, and our route was just past his father's house. We do not know of a single time, through rain or shine, that old Mr. Taylor did not meet us at the end of the lane with a happy smile, wishing us a good day; and as we would hand him the paper, he would remark, 'a fair exchange is no robbery,' filling one side of our saddle-bags with nice apples and grapes— He was a member of the Society of Friends; and with his little farm and family around him, he was a happy man indeed. He used to inquire anxiously after Byrard, and said, 'he liked to ramble around too much; he was not steady enough.' Little he knew then that his son Byrard, the printer's apprentice, would be one day quoted as the greatest traveling historian that America could boast of!"

NOTWITHSTANDING the liberal offers made by the French Emperor to Prof. Agassiz, he has determined to remain in America. The New York Post says it is not true that he is going to France to take the Emperor's offer into consideration. He does not feel able to leave his engrossing studies even long enough to make a visit to his aged mother in Switzerland.

We have heathen at our own doors. Fact. See the proof: Daniel Cunningham, now on trial before the New York Supreme Court for murder, stated that he was 63 years old, was born in Albany, could read, but could not write, had never read the Lord's Prayer, and did not know what the Lord's Prayer was; that he had never read a chapter in the Bible, though he had once held the sacred volume in his hand.

A return to Parliament, on the subject of the National Debt of Great Britain, shows that on the 31st of March, 1858, the total was £770,225,493, on which the total annual interest was £23,388,768.

Steps are now being taken by the Order of St. John to re-establish a hospital at Jerusalem for sick pilgrims of all nations, and for the interest taken in this matter by the Empress Eugenie, she has been decorated with the cross of the Order.

The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in England has given a \$100 medal to Mr. Rarey, the American horse tamer, in acknowledgement of the humane tendencies of his system.

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