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The Science of Phrenology.

THE BOARDERS AT OUR BREAKFAST TABLE. I shall begin, my friends, with the definition of a Pseudo science. A Pseudo-science consists of a nomencluture, with a self-adjusting arrangement, by which all positive evidence, or such as favors its doctines, is admitted, and all negative evidence, or such as tells against it, is excluded. It I did not say it was a Pseudo science. is invariably connected with some lucrative practical application. Its professors and practitioners are usually shrewd people; they are very serious with the public, but of Phrenology had read their characters wink and laugh a good deal among themselves. The believing multitude consists of women of both sexes, feeble-minded inqui- through his cranial inspectious and manipurers, poetical optimists, people who always lations. What are you laughing at? (to get cheated in buying horses, philanthro- the boarders.) But let us just suppose, for pists who insist on hurrying up the millenniam, and others of this class, with here who did not know or care anything about and there a clergyman, less frequently a Phrenology, should open a shop and underlawyer, very rarely a physician, and almost take to read off people's characters at fifty sever a horse-jockey or a member of the cents or a dollar apiece. Let us see how detective police. I did not say that Phre- well he could get along without the 'organs.' nology was one of the Pseudo sciences.

tage of this. I did not say it was so with ble his skull, dictating as follows: Phrenology

I have rarely met a sensible man who would not allow that there was something in Phrenology. A bread, high forehead, it is commonly agreed, promises intellect; hind-head back of it, is wont to mark an with feeding-bey? animal nature. I have as rarely not an unbiassed and sensible man who really believed in the humps. It is observed, however, that persons with what phrenologists call "good heads" are more prone than others toward plenary belief in the doctrine

It is so hard to prove a negative, that if a man should assert that the moon was in trath a green charge, formed by the coagn- sines he came in lable substance of the Milky Way, and Ideality, 9 - That sounds well ton of this lunar cheese, I call on him to prove the truth of the cascous nature of our satellite, before I purchase, It is not necessary to prove the fability of rd and cannot be, by the common course for a living. of argument. The walls of the load are dealds, with a great air chamber between them, over the smallest and most closely much money there is in a sife, which also a young luly of twenty-nine, who had never Petersburg will create a more profound has thick double walls, by kneading its knows with your fingers? So when a man fambles about my forehead, and talk about the organs of Individuality, Size, etc., 1 pearance but Solomon Perwinkle, trust him as much as I should if he filt of the outside of my strong box and told me that there was a five dollar or a ten dollar bill under this or that particular rivel .--Perhaps there is; only he doesn't know sugghing about it. But this is a point kle. that I, the Professor, understand, my and then." yea do. The next argument you will all about-that is-aboutappreciate. I proceed, therefore, to explain the selfadjusting mechanism of Phrenology, which is very similar to that of the Pseudo-sciences. An example will show it most con- strange." veniently. A is a notorious thief. Messre, Bumpus and Crune examine him, and find a goodsized organ of Acquisitiveness. Positive fact for Phrenology. Casts and drawings of A are multiplied, and the hump does not lase in the act of copying. I did not say it gained. What do you look so for? (to the boarders.)



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Emperor of Russia spraks for the arisen can neither be indefinitely prolonged

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ever to corner a phrenologist. "It is not The A SHORT LECTURE ON PHRENOLOGY, READ TO the size alone, but the quality of an organ, which determines its degree of power." Oh! oh! I see. The argument may be briefly stated thus by the phrenologist:--"Heads I win, tails you lose." Well,

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that's convenient. It must be confessed that Phrenology has a certain resemblance to the Pseudo-science.

I have often met persons who have been altogether struck up and amazed at the acenracy with which some wandering professor written upon their skulls. Of course the professor acquires his information solely a moment, that a tolerably cunning fellow, I will suppose myself to set up such a

A Pseudo-science does not necessarily shop. I would invest one hundred dollars, consist wholly of lies. It may contain more or less, in casts of brains, skulls, many traths, and even valuable ones. The charts, and other matters that would make practitioners of the Pseudo sciences know the most show for the money. That would that common minds, after they have been do to begin with. I would then advertise bailed with a real fact or two, will jump at myself as the celebrated Professor Braney. the merest rag of a lie, or even at the bare or whatever name I might choose, and wait hook. When we have one fact found us, for my first customer. My first customer we are very apt to supply the next cut of is a middle-aged man. I look at him-ask our own imagination. (How many persons him a question or two, so as to hear him can read Judges xv. 16 correctly the first talk. When I have got the hang of him, time?) The Pseudo sciences take advan- 1 ack him to sit down, and proceed to fum-SCALE FROM 1 TO 10-11ST OF FACULTIES.

Alimentiveness, 8 - Don't you see that unequivocal attitude of Russia. We per- natural community of interests and sympa- their own judgment, unless where otherwise at the recent election will foot up about as they do.

Acquisitiveness, S .- Of course. A middleaged Yankee.

Self esteem, 6 - H is face shows that, looks first rate. Mirthfaluess, 7 .- Has laughed twice

ister at Washington.

Luion -- A Magnificent Letter.

Mark the delicacy with which, in this are approached. The Czar, modestly hanstion, and in the ruin, perhaps irrepar- those found in arms, that is also the law, pleading the privilege of an old and coastant friend, cannot resist the desire to asperity of our people, and the unexampled spirit of justice and moderation. levelopement of a powerful nation under lations, your language and your counsels vested in the Federal Generals, and for its our popular institutions, Russia, bestriding may contribute to this result, you will re- prudent exercise they are responsible to the the continents of Europe and Asia, and spond, sir, to the intentions of his Majesty Government and to the people standing high above the contemptible jeal- the Emperar in devoting to this the per- As to the ultimate consequences of the summing login above the contemptible jent-ousies of England, has failed to discover the elements of an independent power in the elements of an independent power in at Washington, and the consideration proclaims or does not proclaim. What he At last advices the Bank Presidents had

It requires no profound researches into the most friendly sentiments towards the by the sword, and proclamations can have Confederate States.

one that is "villations low" and has a luge he has barst off he lowest waistcoat button ceive at once that while England regards thies, of which they have already given ordered by Government. In their several districts or departments the civil law is our country united as a great rising com- mutual proofs to each other.

nor lead to the total destruction of one of It is with no ordinary satisfaction that the parties. Sooner or later it will be trouble made about Gen. Fremont's pro we submit to our readers the broad, gen- necessary to come to some settlement, what- clamation in Missouri, and discrepancies erons and enlightened views of the Em- soever it may be, which may cause the are discovered between the policy which divergent interests now actually in conflict he indicates for that State and what the Convention, the proceedings of which have peror of Russia on the subject of our South- to co-exist. The American nation would Government has laid down for Virginia. ern rebellion, as communicated to our gov- then give a proof of high political wisdom But the difference is only technical, and ernment through the admirable letter of in secking in common such a settlement he amounts to very little. Whether he has Prince Gortschakoff to the Russian Min. fore a useless effusion of blood, a barren acted upon his own discretion, or by adsquandering of strength and of public vice of the President and his Cabinet, re- sided, the mighty Mississippi made the riches, and acts of violence and reciprocal mains to be seen. If he has acted on his motion, the Alleghany Mountains seconded reprisels shall have come to deepen an abyss own responsibility, he is only carrying out imperial communication, our present over between the two parties of the confedera- the confiscation act, as far as the claves are shadowing domestic troubles and dangers tion, to end definitely in their mutual ex- concerned ; and as for putting to death find it impracticable to do so, time will tell.

power. Our august master cannot resign him- As for the manumission of slaves, that sure our government and our people of his self to admit such deplorable anticipations, question will be settled by the Constitusympathies for the cause of our Union, and His Imperial Majesty still places his confi- tion, when the rebellion is put down. of his wishes to see it re-established in its dence in that practical good sense of the Meantime the Government is groping cratic paper, is "opposed to the war," and citizens of the Union who appreciate so its way in the dark. It has to deal with a integrity. Carefully avoiding the officious indiciously their true interests. His Majesty formidable rebellion, and each General character of a partisan, and every preten- is happy to believe that the members of the must be allowed more or less to meet it in sion of a judge between the two divisions federal government, and the influential men his own way. That man will probably be who commenced by robbery and treason, of our country in arms against each other, of the two parties, will seize all occasions most successful who is the holdest. The and by cannonading Ft. Sumter." It is the Emperor puts forward an appeal for the Union which leaves no bounded for a the Union which leaves no loophole for a interests so divergent that it may not be nothing else will do, even to proclaim the double construction. Sympathizing with possible to reconcile them by laboring to abolition of slavery would be legitimate. the success of our united country, the pros- that end with zeal and perseverance, in a All is fair in war. The Generals on both sides will do what they think is most likely as possible by bringing the whole force of

If, within the limits of your friendly re- to contribute to success. A discretion is the spurious government of our rebellious which belongs to your character, as the re- does or omits to do is of far more importpresentative of a sovereign, animated by ance. The rebellion can only be put down

to reach a just conclusion between the stitutes besides a nation to which our upon his own political fortunes or aspiraequivocal neutrality and "belligerent rights" august master and all Russia have pledged tions, it is premature to enter upon such Amativeness, 7 - Most men love the con- presented by England, on the one hand, the most friendly interest, for the two considerations at a time when no one knows countries, placed at the extremities of the what is to be the future of the country. Amatreness, i - Most and affect the coal touching our so-called Southern coaleder- two worlds, both in the ascending period Gen. Fremont and the other Generals acy, and, on the other hand, the clear and of their development, appear called to a must act according to circumstances and

I do not wish here to approach any of superseded and martial rule prevails ; but mercial rival which it is her interest and the questions which divide the United when the struggle is over the Constitution Approbativeness, 7 + Hat well brushed, her purpose to put down, Russia regards States. We are not called upon to express and the civil law will again resume their Hair ditto. Mark the eff et of that plus the maintenance of our Union as essential ourselves in this contest. The preceding sway ; and the army and its Generals will to the balance of power in both hemis pheres. Nor can we doubt in this connecpheres. Nor can we doubt in this connec- in the presence of the dangers which Conscientiousness, 81 -That fraction tion the solicitude expressed by the Czar menace the American Union, and the sinin reference to our domestic security, hap- cere wishes that his Majesty entertains for In all probability the plan of mustering piness and prosperity. His views upon the maintenance of that great work, so and inspecting a recruit is a mystery to a this point are those of an enlightened and inspecting statesman, devoted to the cause

he pozzled. But if he off r to sell me a unity, etc., etc., 4 to 6. - Average every of Union, haw and order, and against disin- to express yourself, as well to the members into a United States Soldier may not be We incline to the opinion that our loyal ential persons whom you may meet, giving lowing item from the New York Express them the assurance that in every event the people will not consider the very brief letter them the assurance that in every event the American nation may count upon the most of Mr. Seward in reply to Prince Gort- cordial sympathy on the part of our august

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There is a great deal of unnecessary

ONE AND INSEPARABLE -- In a late discourse to the Volunteers at Camp Morton, Indiana, Bishop Ames said: "There has been, my friends, one grand Unionnot been reported by telegraph. It has been held amid the fastnesses of the everlasting hills. The Rocky Mountains preit, and every mountain and hill, and river and valley in this vast country, sent up a

unanimous voice:" " Resolved, That we able, of their commercial and political Wnether he will carry the latter out or are one and inseparable, and what God has loined together no man shall put asunder." THE RIGHT KIND OF " OPPOSED TO THE WAR."-The Oswego Gazette, a Demosays that it "would therefore crush by the whole power of the nation, its anthors, "in favor of peace," and to that end would put down rebellion with the strong arm of the law. It is "opposed to taxation," and therefore would make the war as short

the Government to bear upon it. THE U. S. LOAN .- The bankers of New York, Boston and Philadelphia have probunanimously voted in favor of such action. The first \$50,000,000 taken by them, has It requires no profound researches into the antecedent relations of England and Partie with the United States to england and Partie with the United States to england and Russia with the United States to enable as the universal political equilibrium ; it con- Gen. Fremont's proclamation might have ranging from \$50 to \$50,000. The sinews of war are had for the asking, despite the sneers of the London Times at Secretary Chase's appeal to the people.

tor The vote for Governor of Vermont

Holbrook, Republican and Union, 40,000 2,000 Tracy, Union and Independent, 3.000 Smalley, democrat, The following is the official vote cast at the August election for State Treasurer in Kentucky:---

It is in this sense, sir, that I desire you of the system pursued to convert a civilian again chamorous for the "sentiments" of

Presently B turns up, a bigger thief than A. But B has no bump at all over Acquisitiveness. Negative fact; goes against Phrenology. Not a bit of it. Don't you see how small Conscientionsness is? That's the reason B stole.

And then comes C, ten times as much a thief as either A or B-used to steal before he was weaned, and would pick one of his own pockets and put its contents in an- turn it." other, if he could find no other way of committing petty larceny. Unfortunately, C has a hollow, instead of a bump, over Acquisitiveness. Ah, but just look and not C buy nuts and gingerbread, when a ginia shore, the whole country bearing boy, with the money he stole? Of course you see why he is a thief, and how his example confirms our noble science.

At last comes along a case which is apparently a settler, for there is a little brain with vast and varied powers- a case like everything and renders it simply impossible in the United States army.

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thang that can't be guessed. And so of the other faculties,

Of course, you know, that isn't the way the phrenologists do. They go only by the broups. What do you keep laughing so the phrenological statement. It is only for (to the bounders.) I only said that is necessary to show that its truth is not prov- the way I should practice " Phrenology"

> (End of my lecture.) -Dr. O. W. Holmer

SPRAKING TOO SOON .- Mehitable Merrit. had a chauce to change the alliterative sensation in the British Cabinet than that character of her name, was scated over the resulting from the battle of Ball run. Lords States is anthorized by the President to Major Bosworth, proceeds to count the refire in her little sitting room, when a knock was heard, and who should make his ap-

he's come for ; can it be-

But we won't devulge the thought that passed through the lady's mind. 'How do you do, Miss Merrit ?"

Not but I feel a little lonely now men of England will be apt to recognize in to Mr. De Stockl, and by him rend by his Pretty well, I thank you, Mr. Perwin-

"You see, as I was coming by, I thought friends, or ought to certainly, better than Pd just step in and ask you a question

means about the state of my heart."

"The fact is," said Solomon, who was fined his position.—N, Y. Herald, rather bashful, "I feel a little delicate about asking, but I hope you wouldn't think it "Oh, no," simpered Miss M., "I don't

think it all strange, and, in fact, I've been somehow expecting it." "Oh," said Solomon, rather surprised ;

"I believe you have in your possession something of mine."

"His heart, he means," said Miss M. aside. "Well, sir, it may afford you pleasure to learn that you have mine in return. It is fully and entirely your own."

"What ! I got your umbrella ?" claimed Solomon in amazement. "I think you must be mistaken, and I don't think

Miss M., coloring, "Good morning."

from Alexandria to Rappahannock, nearly see what a bump of Alimentiveness! Did 160 miles, not a soul is visible on the Viz-

> is perceptible. Complete silence pervades ence. In any event the sacrifice which historical epochs. the whole extent of territory, as though they might impose upon themselves to they had been devasted by pestilence.

out the grand reverse reason which covers cently been appointed an adjutant general they are paralyzed.

Form, size, weight, color, locality, event- inquiring statesman, devoted to the cause tegration, discord, and anarchy.

schakoff as equal to the occasion. We master during the important crisis which think that Mr. Seward has neglected a it is passing through at present. fine opportunity for a telling exposition to deep consideration. the Western Powers of Europe of this American question. But, however this may be, we have no doubt that this admirable and seasonable letter from St.

Palmerston and Russell will discover from this Russian view of American affairs that "Why," thought she, "I wonder what an English continental alliance with the profound sense of the liberal, friendly and

cluding France, Italy and Russia.

this letter of instructions to the Russian Majesty's direction to the President of the Minister at Washington a rebuke and a United States and the Secretary of State. warning entitled to respect. In this anti-

Sr. PETERSnung, July 10th, 1861. M. DE STOECKL, &c., &c., &c :--

Sin-From the beginning of the conflict which divides the United States of America you have been desired to make known to the federal government the deep interest with which our august master was observing the development of a crisis which puts in question the prosperity and even the ex- York Tribune says :

istence of the Union.

"Well, no, it's no matter," stammered example in the annals of history. It would North Carolina and the Union. This re-Le deplorable that, after so conclusive an giment is desirous to be mustered into the

-The officers of the flotilla state that hurried into a breach of the solemn compact, which, up to this time, has made their kind are seen, and not a particle of smoke the traditional doma which is the basis of an and not a particle of smoke the traditional doma which is the available during one of our great expectations on the subject. Light cavalry is note the habitation of a single individual, the very condition of their political excitics which those which dissolution would bring after till settled, and says if peace be made by -Sir John Murray, of England, has re- it. United, they perfect themselves, isolated,

The struggle which unhappily has just ficers.

Receive, sir, the expression of my very GORTSCHAKOFF.

The Secretary of State has delivered to

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ? WASHINGTON, Sept. 7th, 1861.

ordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his Majesty the Emperor of Russia, his for a time have seemed to threaten the American Union, as they are communicated At all events the double-dealing states- in the instruction from Prince Gortschakoff

M. De Stockl will express to his governout-that is about-"I suppose," thought Miss Merrit, "he cipation we are particularly gratified that enment regards this new guaranty of a and the men fall into line again. ment the satisfaction with which the govthe Emperor of Russia has so clearly de- friendship between the two countries which had its beginning with the national existassurances of his high consideration.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD. M. Eo. DE STOECKL, &C., &C.

UNIONISM IN NORTH CAROLINA .- The North Carolina correspondent of the New then steps to the front, and tells the men ment of subsistence, fuel and forage; with

that the hope of a penceful solution is not quire arms and equipments to render them An opportunity is given to all those who realized, and that American citizens already effective soldiers. The tender of a regi- do not desire to take the oath to retire conquest of a fortress, what should our in arms are ready to let loose upon their ment of loyal North Carolinians, alluded from the ranks, after which all present stand country the most formidable of the scourges to, I believe, in a previous letter, will soon bare-hended, and, with the right hand up-You must be mataken, and I don't think country and and and up to receive, in a previous letter, will soon oure-nemico, and, with the right hand up I'd like to exchange mine for it, for mine of political society a civil war. For more be made to the Government by Col. raised, take the oath prescribed. When than eighty years that it has existed the Foster, who, although a Breekinridge this is done, a regulsition is drawn by Capt. American Union owes its independence, its democratic leader in the State last year, Thomas Allcock, which, or being counterfited lady, 'but I made a mistake. I quite towering rise and its progress to the con- and thoroughly identified with his adopted signed by Gen. Yates, entitles the men thus forgot your umbrella, which I borrowed cord of its members, consecrated under the home in interest and affection, was, nevertorgot your unbretta, which i borrowed cord of its includers, consectated inder the nome in interest and anection, was, hever, recruited to receive rations and quarters, some time ago. Here it is, I was thinking anspices of its illustrious founder, by institations which have been able to reconcile bellion is not, in any sense, the Southern reaches eighty six, they are sworn into the the Union with liberty. This Union has cause, and who has devoted himself untir- United States service in the same manner, of yours I have got, I shall be happy to reworld the spectacle of a prosperity without face of all perils, to the joint service of furnishes them with subsistence.

experience, the United States should be service of the United States."

-Gen. Cass is now in favor of fight uncompromise, the country will never be

showing how it is done there : "The first step taken by the recruit is to

sign his name to the muster roll of the company in which he enilsts. The recruiting officer then fills in on the roll the age and nativity of the recruit. When a sufficient number of men are gathered to form a company, which, under the State organization must be 32 at least, they are brought M. Stoeckl the following acknowledgment: to the Volunteer's Depot, Gen. Yates commanding, located at the City Arsenal, cornor of White and Elm streets. Here one hundred men-the largest in the service-The Secretary of State of the United of the State Inspectors, Col. Zook or original number on the muster roll of the and killing eight or ten of them, losing but company-a copy of which must also be in the hands of the company officer. If the German States against Louis Napoleon magnanimous sentiments of his Majesty on number is correct, the medical inspection will probably be met by an alliance in- the subject of the internal differences which is proceeded with by Dr. A. B. Mott. The and its garrison of seventy men fell into above the knee, and stand barefooted, with

his arms elevated above his shoulder. He then works the muscles of his hands freely for a few moments, after which the recruits, one by one, are taken aside and privately examined. Those who are rejected by the Medical Inspector then leave the ranks,

"The mustering officer then proceeds through the ranks and rejects all who apence of the United States. The Secretary pear incapacitated on account of age, or of State offers to M. De Stockl renewed apparent want of physical strength. The roll is then called, and each man, as he answers, steps to the front of the inspector, and passes to another portion of the room. When all have thus answered, the company is formed on three sides of a square, the officers being in the centre. The inspector that they are about to take an oath which

"An entire brigade of loyal men has will bind them into the service, and ex-The emperor profoundly regrets to see been enrolled in this State, who only re- plains the consequences of disobeying it

FRENCH CAVALRY .- The system introthe Minister of War, with the approbation -They have a drum in the Ohio Fifth of the Emperor, is said to have produced power. In spite of the diversity of their regiment, now on duty in Missouri, which an excellent effect. The light cavalry are power. In spite of the inversity of their regiment, how a boy named Banks. His now armed with rifles, and are trained to Washington on Saturday night, and arged constitutions and of their diversity, Pro- grandfather carried it in the old revolutio- act singly against the enemy after the vidence seems to urge them to draw closer nary time-his father carried it in the manner of tirailleurs. Experiments tried No horses or cattle, nor animals of any vidence seems to ange them to thaw closer may time instantic carried it in the manner of *tirailleurs*. Experiments tried kind are seen, and not a particle of smoke the traditional bond which is the basis of Mexican war, and it is thus a third time at the Camp of Chalons have folfilled the

sence of an enemy.

safely governed by the legally elected of given, but in the manner and the occasion gle to the great responsibility devolved of its being bestowed.

Col. GEARY IN THE FIELD .- Col. J. W. Geary, who distinguished himself in the Mexican war, was Alcalde of San Franpisco in 1849, and its Mayor and Postmaster afterwards, as well as Governor of Kansas for a brief period under Buchanan, s doing good service for the Union cause, although a Breckinridge Democrat last year. On the breaking out of the war he left a beautiful young wife in Pennsylvania, organized a splendid regiment of eighteen and at a battle at Damestown, Maryland, lately, he succeeded in ronting the rebels one of his own men.

540" A short time before Ft. Sumter the rebel Colonel Ripley, who was once a United States officer, sent one day "his respects to his old friend Captain Doubleday," to which the latter returned theproper reply, that he " had seither respect nor friendship for a person who was a traitor to his flag and country."

WORTHY OF IMITATION .- The Emperor Napoleon, having determined to capture Schastopol, sent thither, within two years, 309,268 French soldiers, with 41,974 horses; 1676 guns of all calibres; \$,800,-000 pounds of powder; 14,000 tons of engineer materials; 500,000 tons measureample supplies of clothing, &c. If France could make these gigantic preparations for her quota of the besieging forces for the Union is at stake?

RED Hor Suor .- When red hot shot are fired, the ordnance used is elevated to the position desired before the gan is shotted. The powder in the gun is kept from explosion by means of the wadding. Between the explosive substance and the heated mass are generally three layers of wad. That against the ball is dry, the second is wet, and upon the powder anothduced into the cavalry two years ago by er dry piece rests. The ball is discharged very soon after being placed in the catinon.

per Gen. McClellan was seconded at the honor. He replied : " I have my daty to do, and cannot lose the time to acso trained feel full confidence in themselves knowledge this compliment, if all the bends and all the people in Washington are in the street." He is emphatically a work--Generosity consists not in the sum ing man, is never idle, but has a mind sin-