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THE WASHINGTON BIRD.

WOMAN'S TRIALS.

The following article, from some other publication, is sent to us by a lady friend. We suppose she would intimate that there are some husbands who would not be particularly injured by reading it.

In point of real trial, in temper, nerves and patience, there is no comparison to be made between a woman's duties, and those devolving on the men. Where I sit, I hear the click of a stenographer's hammer. From morning till night it seems never at rest. The stenographer leads a tedious life, but how steadfast and calm. He drives the peg, and he knows it will go in. He made so many things yesterday, he will make so many to-day. At just such a time he will go home to dinner, with just such an amount of work accomplished.

Iran Baniak—Gen. Shields is now on his way East to take command of an Irish Brigade, now being raised for him.

The Irish Brigade which is being formed for Gen. Shields, is in a state of encouraging forwardness, and there is every reason to believe that it will be completed as soon as the gallant General is ready to take the command.

FROM THE NORTH POLE.—The Journal of Commerce, in mentioning the return to New York of Dr. Hayes, with his vessel, says:

"The Doctor is in good health and talks hopefully of eventually solving some of the enigmatical problems with the aid of a steamboat. He brought with him a collection of rare and valuable skins, representing the animal life of the Arctic zones, and a multitude of dried plants and flowers, besides many other curiosities.

INSANITY OF GEN. W. T. SHEPHERD.—Gen. W. T. Sherman, who soon after resigning his position in the regular army some years located in San Francisco as partner in the banking house of Lanes, Turner, & Co., has met an unfortunate fate.

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Latent from the East.

VICTORIES OF UNION TROOPS.

Mason and Sittell Given up.

Quincy, Dec. 24.—Wm. Pickering of Illinois has been confirmed Governor of Washington Ter., and Robert Haley of California, Consul to Manzanillo.

Dec. 25.—A telegram from Charleston states that four Federal gunboats ascended the Elato River on Tuesday last, opposite Rockville and St. John's Island, 30 miles from Charleston, and shelled the camp of the 1st South Carolina Regiment. Under cover of the fire they landed a large force, and the Carolinians retreated to the brick church.

Dec. 26.—Last night the Secessionists burned the bridge over the Charleston river, 16 miles east of Bookfield, on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad.

Dec. 27.—The Niagara from Liverpool, brings further European news. A field battery, 1,265 troops, and large ammunition stores came over to Canada, on the Australia.

The British press continues bitter against the U. S. The war steamer Cadmus had arrived off St. Thomas, designed to prevent a recurrence of the Trent affair.

It is rumored that France has offered herself as a mediator, between England and the United States, and Gen. Scott brings important dispatches from Louis Napoleon. Prince Napoleon is using all his influence in favor of the Federal Government.

By the Persia, comes news of the death of Prince Albert, Consort of Queen Victoria. He died suddenly of gastric fever.

Dec. 28.—According to a rumor prevalent in Washington, the beligerent attitude of England towards the United States was caused by the fact that dispatches not secured at the time of the capture of Mason and Sittell, tendered to England a protectorate over the Southern Confederacy.

Official communications passed between Lord Lyons and Sec. Seward on the 27th. The latter says Capt. Wilkes acted on his own responsibility, and committed an error for which our Government is willing to make reparation. Mr. Seward concludes by saying that Mason and Sittell shall be released, in order that the principles for which the American Government has always contended, may be maintained, and he expresses a hope that England will hereafter adhere to the American policy on this point.

The Paris Patriote says that France, and the other great European Powers had been consulted by England in relation to the matter, and that they have pronounced the act of Gen. Wilkes, in the arrest of Mason and Sittell, as a violation of National rights, and therefore not to be defended.

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