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The following communication was sent to us by the writer, Mrs. McKean, an old lady of some sixty years.

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BATTLE AT WEST POINT, VA.—The Rebels Defeated! NORFOLK SURRENDERED! THE MERRIMAC BLOWN UP!

Naval Engagement on the Mississippi, at Fort Wright—Three Rebel Gunboats Destroyed—Affairs at Corinth, &c.

Pittsburg Landing, May 4th.—In the affair at Farmington, Gen. Pope took two or three hundred prisoners, four pieces of artillery, and several hundred muskets.

Washington, May 8.—The bill establishing the Bureau of Agriculture passed the Senate to-day.

The bill organizing the Territory of Arizona, which passed the House, instead of the Senate as telegraphed last night, repeals all laws, Congressional or Territorial, establishing and maintaining the relation of master and slave, and provides for the entire abolition of slavery therein, and in all Territories now organized.

Information from Fredericksburg says that the merchants there are largely indebted at the North, and are selling out their property with the avowed intention of defrauding their Northern creditors.

Newmarket, Va., May 8.—Yesterday the rebel pickets above the Columbia to the bridge on the east side of the Shenandoah were driven back by a detachment under Col. Foster, who was ambuscaded by two rebel regiments.

A boat from Pittsburg Landing arrived at Cairo on the 8th and reported our army within two miles of Corinth.

Chicago, May 9.—The Memphis Avalanche, of the 5th inst., contains the following from Vicksburg: We learn that the authorities are rapidly strengthening the fortifications there, which are reported to be of such formidable character as to preclude the possibility of the enemy's fleet coming up the river.

The same paper acknowledges the loss of 20 killed and 100 wounded, at Farmington, last Saturday, and deprecates the adoption of the system of persecuting Union men. It says such action is calculated to lead to disastrous results.

A gentleman who left New Orleans on the 1st May, charges the men in Ft. St. Philip and Jackson with receiving bribes from the Federals, and were then induced to spike the guns and surrender.

The pirate steamer Nashville has got into Wilmington. The sailing sloop-of-war Jamestown was the only blockading ship there, and the pirate slipped by.

The Ocean Queen, has arrived from Yorktown, with 1,000 sick and wounded.

Capt. Boggs, the commander of the Verona, in his official report of the fight with the rebel boat Morgan, at New Orleans, says that over fifty of her crew were wounded, and she was set on fire by her commander, who burned his wounded with the vessel.

Nassau (New Providence) papers of 30th April, contains later news from Charleston. The citizens there were expecting an attack soon, and considerable excitement prevailed.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune states that large dealers, who are pleading on behalf of the whisky interest with the Committee of Ways and Means, make the most incredible assertion that the total product of all the distilleries in the United States is not less than 600,000,000 gallons.

See in another column the advertisement of Redington & Co's. Yeast Powders, an infallible guarantee for light sweet bread.

Fortress Monroe, 9th.—The Merrimac remained off Sewall's Point all last night. The Monitor went up this morning and fired a few shots into the Point. The Rip Raps battery also opened a brisk fire, many shells striking in the woods on the Point.

This morning it is said that Gen. Bar-side, with a large force, is within a few

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