

THREE GREAT FAILURES.—We have very recently had the failure of the house of Duncan; prior to that of Jay Cooke; and now the failure of the greatest dissimilarity. The shortest way to express the cause of them all is our methodical prodigal country and age. California has unsettled all that was previously American and immense-ly altered the civilization of Europe. Beginning with the discovery of gold in 1849, we have twenty-six years of gold and silver production there, which is rapidly approaching the figure of \$100,000,000 yield per annum. It is said to be now \$65,000,000. Australia, says Gath in the Cincinnati Commercial, was a mere wart and consequence of the gold discovery in California. That discovery in California has gone on widening, until Nevada has developed a rib of silver and gold large enough to bridge a sea, and Arizona is coming forward, and the lower parts of California, with mines as rich when the railroad shall arrive to develop them. The products of these mines, returning to us in credit from Europe, has already built our railroads. And Ralston has been broken down as much by too little faith in the resources of his coast as by being too venturesome. His successors, Flood, O'Brien, Mackey and Fair, have mined with so much more success and return than himself and his cohorts that by the mere inferiority of capital the Bank of California has succumbed to the Bank of Nevada, whose owners are digging \$1,600,000 a month of bullion out of the bonanza. A few years ago they were selling gin and sandwiches to the brokers of San Francisco.

HOW BRIGHAM LOOKS.—We find the following description of Brigham in a Canadian paper. The picture was taken when the Prophet's feelings were not harrowed up:

Brigham is a shrewd Yankee, born in Vermont seventy-five years ago, and brought up, like Joseph of old, to a carpenter's trade. In person, he is rather mean-looking. He stands nearly six feet high, broad-shouldered and stocky, with the general physical aspect of a human bull. His head is of a moderate size, with strong developments of the base and posterior regions of the cranium, and it is by no means lacking in interior breadth. His hair is chestnut, is not colored, abundant in growth and combed in a pedantic style into a foretop to the right side, with somewhat of the lop of a sick rooster's comb. The impression received from the care bestowed on the hair is that of an overbearing vanity, and a desire to appear young. In Brigham Young the lowest type of humanity is depicted in his gorilla-like projecting lower jaw, avarice in his pinched mouth, harshness and ungoddiness in every lineament of his revolting face; and yet many Mormon women say, "What a beautiful and benevolent face he has!" It is among the worst faces ever seen.

SALT.—Spilling salt was held to be an unlucky omen by the Romans, and the superstition has descended to ourselves. Leonardo de Vinci availed himself of this tradition in his famous picture of the "Lord's Supper," to indicate Judas Iscariot by the salt-cellar knocked over accidentally by his arm. Salt was used in sacrifice by the Greeks and Romans, and also by the Jews, and is still made use of in baptism by the Roman Catholic clergy. It was an emblem of purity, and of the sanctifying influence on others of a holy life; hence our Lord tells his disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth." The salt being spilt after it was placed on the head of the victim was considered a bad omen, being supposed to signify that the sacrifice was not accepted; and hence the superstition. When we say of a shiftless fellow that he does not "earn his salt," we unconsciously allude to an ancient custom among the Romans. Among them a man was said to be in possession of a "salary" who had his "salarium," his allowance of salt-money, or salt, wherewith to savor the food by which he lived. Thus salary comes from salt, and in this view of the word, how many there are who do not "earn their salt."

IMMEDIATELY after the disappearance of Tweed rumors were current in New York that he had made his escape in a vessel called the Clarendon, which had recently been purchased by one of his friends. None of these rumors, however, could be verified, and the opinion gradually became general that he had not gone in a ship, but had made his way to Canada. But information from Havana has just been received which tends to prove that the first reports of his escape in a vessel were correct. It is now reported that the Boss has been seen several times in Havana by New Yorkers who were familiar with his appearance. As Tweed, no doubt, took plenty of money with him, he may again smile on his enemies and repeat his famous conundrum, "What are you going to do about it?"

WHEN THE BLOOD rushes with rocket-like violence to the head, causing hot flushes, vertigo and dimness of sight, it is a certain sign that a mild, salutory, cooling and equalizing laxative is required, and Tarrant's Effervescent Seltzer Aperient should be at once resorted to.

TIMBER LANDS.—Associated Press dispatches from Washington say: Commissioner Burdett, of the General Land Office, will, in his forthcoming report, strongly recommend that all timber lands offered by the Government be appraised and thrown open to purchasers at not less than their appraised value. He is of the opinion that unless they are thus placed under private guardianship the fine forests of the country will soon be wantonly exhausted by lumber companies and speculators, who are now stripping the land of its timber under cover of dummy pre-emption entries, or without any pretence of compliance with the law, while the Government derives no revenue from its property, and the country sustains almost irreparable damage from the sweeping denudations of large areas of its water sheds. He will also condemn the practice of extending the system of subdivision surveys over immense bodies of worthless land west of the 100th meridian, and suggests that only such tracts be minutely surveyed as have any attractions for settlers. He will also recommend that provision be made for connecting land office surveys with important points established by geological surveys of territories, and that monuments at section corners, etc., be constructed in a much more lasting manner. The recommendation of his predecessor that the pre-emption laws be abolished and the homestead system made the only method of acquiring title to agricultural lands, is repeated and earnestly urged upon the attention of Congress.

A NEW FASHION.—We see it stated that at some of the New York hotels they have music during meals. We think this a most excellent idea. About nine men of every ten, and ninety-nine ladies of every hundred love music, and it has charms for them at meal time as well as at other hours. We would be glad to see this fashion adopted on the Pacific Coast. It soothes boarders, and is a saving of beefsteak and roast pork to landlords, for who could indulge in such gross fare while under the inspiring influence of one of Strauss' sweet melodies? Imagine a fellow just bolting a plate full of bacon and cabbage and let the band strike up one of its sweetest strains, and isn't it certain that he would at once lay aside his plate and call for a saucer of ice-cream, or a bunch of raisins, and soon retire from the table feeling as full of melody as he intended to be of bacon and cabbage before the music began? We think so. Those charms that we "cannot to tears the adamant rocks," can also soothe the savage stomach of nearly every beef eater in the land, and we recommend all landlords to try the experiment.

THE SHIRT OF NESSUS.—Our manufacturers are becoming too clever by half. Arsenic, it appears, has obtained another application in the arts, being now used both in Germany and England as a mordant for fixing in cotton printed goods those aniline colors that are so very popular, although several of them are, even in themselves, pernicious to health. Striving for cheapness is in this, as in the other cases, the origin of the evil, the poisonous mineral in question being used in the form of arsenical glycerine and arseniate of alumina, as a cheap substitute for albumen. Professor Gintl, a German chemist, who raises the alarm, states that cotton fabrics have recently been sold in Austria containing from fifteen to twenty-five grains of arsenic acid to the yard, and that this substance, besides being brought in closer contact with the body, is more poisonous even than the arsenical constituents of certain green wall papers. The colors of the fabrics upon which the deleterious mordants have been used are violet with white figures, brownish yellow, or reddish brown.—English Paper.

QUITE recently a short-sighted husband saw a large bouquet of flowers on a chair and wishing to preserve them from fading, placed them in a basin of water. When his wife saw the "bouquet" half an hour afterward, she gave one piercing scream and fainted on the spot. Her defective-visioned husband had mistaken her new bonnet, with its abundance of flowers, for a freshly-cut bouquet.

THE Cincinnati Enquirer thinks that Eve must have been an unhappy woman. There was no other woman to pass her on the street that she might look round and see how that dress fitted in the back.

RATS which feed on grain do not poison when they bite; rats fed on meat do, so a modern philosopher of the vegetarian school says.



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