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The Ap paoaching Comet. - The comet now making its way toward the earth is known as Biela's comet and has on soveral occasions passed near enough to the oarth to be seen The elements of its orbit and the period of its revolution around the sun were calculated by M. Biela in 1826 . The puth of this comet passes very near that of the earth-so near that the matter of the comet includes a part of the earth's crbit at one time was predicted that this comet would collide with the earth in 1832, and hat our phar would bo totled ou erossed our otbit on the 20 th day of of October, and the earth did not ar rive at the point where the collision was to have occurred until 32 days after-just 52 millions of miles behind time. This comet makes its revolution around the sun in about six and hree-fourths years. It may now be seen with the aid of an ordinary glass, in a short time. On the first of eye vembur it will, on its was to its perihelion, approach the bright star Markab, (Alpha Pagas,) one of the four right stars that form the equare of Pegasus. Then pursning a southerly course, it will cross the Celestial equa or about the midjle of December eross its old path of 1846, near where itseparated into two comets, and the end of February, its presumed nearest approach, its distance from the earth will bo something less than twenty millions of miles. The above state ments are toundet on scientific anthor ity. These visitors have ever been a terror to the superstitious, and their appronch has been looked upon as a sign of war, pestilence and famine. It held by some that these bodies evencually tall into the sun and become a part of that luminary. Whence they ome and thein ions and their uses, are ingairies which surpass the limited power of the human mind. Time and science may in the future unveil the mystery veloped.
New Mingral-A new mineral of lead has been dismovered in Chili, containing ton per cent of iodine. Iodine has lately becume very valuable, on account of its extensive use in photoHotman, of a new dje, having this element amongat its constituents. It is said that one cargo of this new mineral will represent a fortune. As a farther illuntration of the progress Shat mining adventure is making in has recently been opened in Bolivia, about two-thirds of the way up the highest of ail the peaks of the An-des-the Ijampu Mountain. Bismuth, filteen thousand feet above the level of the ocean, only slightly bencath the line of perpetual snow, men are setting to work to obtain it.
Look to Your Black Sand. - The black sand from placer tailings, sometimes, contains gold (auriferous sul phurets). It would be well for miners to ancertain if they have such sand in their tailinge. A mining company at North sam san, Nevada coanty, are saving the black sand, baring aseertained that it contains about balf tho gold in their claim. They have now put up pans for grinding and amalga all the gold.

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