EASTERN ITEMS.

A MORMON COLONY TO BE FORMED IN MEXICO.

The Life of Martin Van Buren—Postal Appointments—California Raisins in London—Brewery Sold—Secret Ballot Bill.

Milwaukee's treasury is empty.

Evangelist Moody is in New York.

Money loans in Chicago at 4 to 6 per cent.

Severe frosts are injuring crops in Dakota.

Rev. Sam Jones is "shaking" up Danville, Va.

Rochester, N. Y., is to be lighted with natural gas.

President Diaz has officially received Minister Ryan.

Malarial fever is playing havoc with horses in Chicago.

A feeling of uncertainty still pervades the copper market.

A pension has been granted Peter Withers, of Idaho.

Eastern men have bought the biggest brewry in Montana.

A $400,000 Cuban sugar grinding factory has been burned.

The Secret Ballot bill has passed the Connecticut legislature.

Adjutant-General Drum has been placed on the retired list.

Rose Terry Cooke, the authoress, is seriously ill at Pittsburg.

California cherries at $1 a pound are admired afar in Pittsburg.

Rails have been shipped for the road from El Paso to Chihuahua.

The Government printing office at Washington is said to be unsafe.

The mother of Jake Kilrain, aged 58 years, died at Balimore on the 28th.

The popularity of lawn tennis is rapidly increasing in some Eastern cities.

The Connellsville, Penn., region is pestered by a band of colored tramps.

R. S. Simpson has been appointed postmaster at Amity, Yamhill county, Or.

It is rumored that a Catholic Congress will be held this summer in Washington.

The Sioux Indians are said to be willing to negotiate the sale of their reservation.

A heavy consignment of last year's California raisins has just been sold at London.

M. A. Robertson has been appointed postmaster at Independence, Polk county, Oregon.

A. J. Florey has been appointed postmaster at Eagle Point, Jackson county, Oregon.

The New York Legislature authorized the appointment of six female factory inspectors.

Benjamin Hoover, has been commissioned postmaster at Matoles, Crook county, Or.

A committee has been formed in London to arrange for a national memorial to John Bright.

Duncan C. Ross nearly killed Pete Laroyer in a broadsword contest, at Montreal, last week.

Denver, Col., has been seized with an epidemic of murders and suicides to an alarming extent.

It is claimed that there are defects in the construction of parts of the postoffice building at Baltimore.

E. S. Brubaker has received his commission as postmaster at Mount Tabor, Multnomah county, Or.

A peculiar disease, resembling malarial fever, is prevalent among horses in the vicinity of Indianapolis.

In the May parties held in Central Park, New York, recently, there were no less than 17,979 children.

A tremendous hail and rainstorm, recently, caused washouts between Kansas City and Lawrence, Kan.

Idaho and Wyoming begin to feel lonesome as Territories. They want to come into the sisterhood of states.

Seventeen-year locusts have made their appearance in countless numbers in the central portion of Tennessee.

George Bancroft has recently completed a life of Martin Van Buren, to be published by the Harper Brothers.

The reward of $50,000 for the arrest of Tascot, the murderer of Banker Snell at Chicago, will hold good for sixty days.

The wheat crop in Sonora Mexico, is immense. For the first time in the history of Mexico there will be a surplus.

The president's family will spend the summer at Deer Park, Md., where he will be able to join them every Saturday.

The Galveston News says that more cattle have been shipped from Texas to the North this season than for many years.

John W. Norton of St. Louis, has been granted a divorce from Emma S. Norton, who eloped with Henry Moore less than a year ago.

A plot was unearthed last week for a general delivery of convicts confined in the Hudson County penitentiary, at Snake Hill, N. J.

The Canadian Pacific has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury to be bonded as a common carrier between ports of the United States.

It is proposed to make important changes in the monitor Puritan. She will be transferred into an armored vessel of modern type.

No one has yet been decided on to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Bench, although there has been considerable speculation on the subject.

Mrs. Coleman, of 181 Mulberry street, New York, is making enquiries for her father, Peter Rutherford, who came to California in 1849. A cousin has died in Scotland, leaving property to which she would be entitled if her father is dead, but she cannot prove his marriage to her mother, who died thirty years ago. If her father is living, the estate belongs to him.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

The Chilian Government Orders Some Big Guns—The Baby King of Spain Going to the Exposition.

The Nipsic has gone to Auckland.

Red is the fashionable color in Paris.

London proposes a search for natural gas.

A tennis tournament is in progress in Dublin.

Members of the Italian press in Berlin were banqueted.

On the Paris Boulevards Roue has given place to Roublard.

The baby king of Spain is going to the Paris exposition in June.

Mrs. Frank Leslie is going to start a fashion paper in London.

King Humbert has gone to visit Empress Frederick at Frankfurt.

Sir Morell Mackenzie has greatly regained his health at Madeira.

The number of paupers in England has increased rapidly of late years.

Minister Lincoln was given a speccial train from Liverpool to London.

The issue of the Panama Canal Lottery bonds in France has been abandoned.

Queen Marguerite, of Italy, is one of the best violincello players of the day.

Americans are reported as receiving scant courtesy at the Paris Exposition.

American women are becoming more and more prominent in London society.

The Sultan sends to the Empress of Germany a necklace valued at $150,000.

Women in Paris are becoming more and more addicted to the morphine habit.

The number of persons drowned in the recent floods in Austria is estimated at 100.

American delegates have arrived at Berlin to study the German river systems.

Eleven thousand men have been on a strike in Silesia. The situation is threatening.

Buenos Ayres has now a port and vessels are freed from excessive literage charges.

The Greek minister of war has died suddenly at Marseilles, where he had just arrived.

The Krupp works have been obliged to shut down owing to lack of coal caused by the strike.

Eight persons were killed by lightening in a storm at Boskowitz, Australia, on Friday, May 17.

The official reports of France show that they exported last year 34,518 horses, mostly to the United States.

The Parisians call him "Buffalo Beel," and the prettiest women in town are turning the heads of his Indians.

At the horticultural show at the Trocadero during June, there will be 5000 rose trees, of 3000 varities, in bloom.

Emperor Dom Pedro, of Brazil is very ill, and his death, which seem to be eminent, may be followed by a revolution.

Electric light equivalent in illuminating power to 1,700,000 candles will be used in lighting the Paris exhibition.

In the Sydney courts it has been decided that no Sunday newspaper can sue for advertisements, the contract being illegal.

There is great suffering among the idle laborers at Panama. Many are without food and shelter and the tropical wet season is on.

The steamer Slavonia from Stettin for New York, with 200 passengers, broke her shaft at sea and returned to a Clyde shipyard for repairs.

Germany last year imported into that empire 73,519 horses, most of which were for cavalry horses, besides what they raised at home.

The saloon of Buckingham Palace, famous for the three superb crystal chandeliers which it contains, is now lighted by electricity.

Several members of parliament will entertain John Sherman upon his return to London from Paris. Sir Lion Playfair will preside.

The Chilean government, it is reported, has determined to order for immediate delivery ten 45-ton Krupp guns for defense of the coast.

The evicted tenants on the Olphert estates in Ireland threw boiling water on the policemen and a number were severely scalded.

The Prussian government has temporarily reduced freight rates on all lines, in order to alleviate the distress arising from the dearth of coal.

It is stated that an international conference will shortly be held in Rome to settle the question of the construction of a tunnel through the Simplon.

All Russian ships-of-war are to be lighted exclusively by electricity, and by January next the whole of the Russian fleet will be lighted by that means.

The English negotiations with the Chinese government for a treaty regulating and restricting Chinese immigration to the Australian colonies, are at a deadlock.

The machinery palace at the Paris exhibition is the largest building under a single roof ever built, and the American exhibit occupies one-third of the entire space.

Earl Dudley, who was caught in the late rade on a London gambling house, reached his majority only a few months ago, and has already gambled away $200,000.

The British man-of-war Surprise ran ashore at Syracus, Sicily, on the 24th inst., after colliding with and sinking the steamer Nesta. The man-of-war is full of water.

The match between the Crown Prince of Italy and Princess Clementine has fallen through. The Prince may now marry one of the sisters of the Emperor William of Germany.

Of the seventeen pickpockets so far arrested at the Paris exposition, none are English. They are Italian, Germans and Americans. This is on authority of an English paper.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

PLUMBERS AND TINNERS ON A STRIKE.

Criminally Assaulted Two Little Girls—A Man Cowhided by a Young Lady—The Astronomical Society—News Notes.

Spokane Falls claims a population of 24,000.

Spokane Falls has opened a new savings bank.

Ripe figs from Yuma are exhibited at Sacramento.

Olive culture is attracting attention in Yuba county.

Sacramento is infested with a gang of sneak-thieves.

The Reese River Revelle has began its fifty-third volume.

Plumbers and tinners at Vancouver, B. C., are on a strike.

Ten acres of barley were burned over near Merced, recently.

Tacoma is troubled with a gang of firebugs and sneak-thieves.

A heavy rain and hail storm fell at La Grande, Or., on the 29th.

The rainstorm at Lakeport destroyed the brick in a large kiln.

Several cases of malignant diphtheria have occurred at Modesto.

Portland's streets was crowded with visitors on Decoration Day.

A 7½ pound salmon trout has been caught at the Folsom dam.

The dwelling of J. Orford, near Petaluma, was burned last week.

H. W. Fuller, one of Chico's prominent citizens and pioneers, is dead.

Charles Walters was shot by a Chinaman at San Leandro, on the 27th.

The ladies of Tacoma gave the senatorial party a reception last week.

The grocery store of Monty & Gunn, of Tacoma, was burned on the 29th inst.

Santa Cruz and Monterey counties had slight earthquake shocks on the 26th.

The managers of the Sacramento ball team have decided to reinstate Veach.

An organized league of burglars from Chicago are working Pugit Sound towns.

There has been no application for the office of Register of the Stockton Land office.

Charles Wolff, aged ten years, fell from a tree at Ventura, last week, and was killed.

Dr. John B. Smith, an old physician of Petaluma, has been stricken with apoplexy.

A man named Lee was cowhided by Miss M. Richmon, at Fresno, on the 25th inst.

Farmer Mills, of San Luis Obispo county, has planted nine tons of potatoes this year.

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific Coast will be held July 25th.

William Warden, alias Ross, an escape from Folsom Prison, has been recaptured at Seattle.

Creigton, the San Francisco jury-briber, is still in Victoria, and refuses to talk to reporters.

The Santa Cruz Sea Breeze has issued its first number. It is of the Democratic persuasion.

The Nevada State convention of the W. C. T. U. will meet at Reno on June 5th and 6th.

General Miles is visiting Santa Cruz and Monterey to select a site for the July encampment.

The mines on the Comstock controlled by J. W. Mackay will close on Sundays after June 1st.

Thomas Stracher, a contractor at Otay, San Diego county, is missing, and murder is hinted at.

Articles of incorporation for the San Pedro Electric Light and Power Company, were filed last week.

An American has opened a restaurant at Lemoore, Tulare county, and forced the Chines to leave.

The State Grange opened at Salem on the 29th in secret session, with a full attendance of members.

Mrs. John Page at Butte, M. T., has been acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband last February.

A number of men employed in the steam engineering department at Mare Island, have been discharged.

Haywards cherry-growers are dissatisfied at the price paid by canners and are shipping a carload a day East.

The new road between San Lerando and Haywards, Castro Valley and the redwoods was opened for travel.

The entire business portion of Seattle was burned on Thursday, the 6th. Not a business house left in the city.

A man named Pennington shot and killed another man named Bolcom, near Rye Valley, in Baker county, Oregon, last week.

The American bark Emerald was totally destroyed by fire at Port Gamble on the 26th. Part of the cargo of lumber will be saved.

Mrs. Kramer, of San Francisco, was run over and killed on the 29th, in that city, by the train running on the Geary-street extension.

Mrs. Head, a music teacher at Fresno, has been missing for several days, notwithstanding her friends have made diligent search for her.

Six palace cars for Haggin are nearly completed at the railroad shops at Sacramento. They will leave June 6th with his stable of races for the East.

An unkown person threw himself in front of a freight train near Lathrop, last week, and was literally cut to pieces. There was nothing found to identify him.

B. Callahan, who was injured through the carelessness of employes of the Eel River Railroad Company, has obtained a verdict for $8000 against the company.

The fourth attempt in one week to burn Santa Rosa has been made. The citizens are much excited and a lynching party will follow the capture of the culprit.

HOME AND FARM.

The Care of Horses—Something Good to Eat—To Keep Young Weeds Down—Bee-Keeping—Notes.

For potato culture, manure the land in the fall and plow it under in the spring.

It is a mistaken idea that a hen's nest ought to do duty a year without renewing.

By planting the red raspberry, beekeepers would have one of the best bee pastures known, and a crop of fruit also.

Common wheat flour made into paste with cold water, applied dry, will take out grease spots without injuring the most delicate fabric.

A strong solution of carbolic acid and water, poured into holes, kills all the ants it touches, and the survivors immediately take themselves off.

To stop the bleeding of a horse or other stock from a snag or wound, make an application of dry horse manure, and it will stop the bleeding every time.

One pound of green copperas dissolved in one quart of boiling water will destroy foul smells. Powdered borax scattered in their haunts will disperse cockroaches.

For good returns for feeding, taking one year with another, we would rather trust a bunch of even, well selected wethers than any other stock on the farm.

Any man closely observant knows that a compactly built hog with light bone, weighing from 175 to 250 pounds, is the selling hog for the market; and that these weights are the most profitable to grow.

Ordinary buttermilk is a valuable food not only for pigs, but for the family. It contains 5 per cent of milk sugar, nearly 1 per cent of mineral salts, as well as nitrogenous materials and a proportion of butter fat.

Every young weed that comes up and is cut down is one less weed to go to seed. The way to keep down weeds is to allow the seeds to germinate and then destroy the young plants. In this manner the work is easier and better performed.

A good way to arrage fruit in a dish for an ornamental piece, is to set a glass tumbler in the center of the dish, around and over it put a thick layer of moss; then not nearly so much fruit will be required, and it can be arranged very handsomely.

Baked Beans: Soak one quart of beans in water ovor night; in the morning put them in an iron kettle with one-half pound of salt pork and water to cover. When tender, but not broken, take out of the liquor with a skimmer and put in a baking pan with the pork on top and bake until brown.

White Mountain Cake: Two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of sweet milk, four eggs, four cups of flour, two teaspoontuls of baking powder. Cream, butter and sugar together, add the beaten yolks, then the milk, flour with the baking power sifted through it, and last the beaten whites; flavoring. Bake in one loaf.

Rosin in soap is a fraud. It makes poor soap hard and greatly lessons the cost. Some say that rosin improves soap because of the turpentine in it. They might as well say a dry bone makes good food because of the meat that was on it once. There is no turpentine in rosin; it was all taken out in the making, and the rosin discolors and spoils white goods and shrinks woolens. But turpentine in small quantities added to boiling clothes, sweetens them and improves the color.

The best boys and girls we have ever known on the farm were those whose parents gave them an interest in something to raise or cultivate as their own. To a boy especially, the feeling of ownership is a happy, proud, hopeful one. He feels that he has something to work for, to look forward to. The pig will in due time become a fat, marketable hog, the little lamb a fine wool-bearing sheep, the colt a handsome horse, the chickens grow to profitable hens, and the calf into a fine milk cow. Parents, give your children a chance in this direction, and your farms will be better cultivated and your homes made happier by it.

Something to Eat Between talks: Here is another sweet dish thoroughly to season. Take three pounds of sweet almonds, two pounds and a half of crushed sugar, and one pound of strawberries. Pound the almonds into a kind of paste, and mix them with sugar. Add the juice of the strawberries, which must be previously crushed. Place the pan containing these different ingredients on a slow fire, and stir them up continuously. When the paste seems to have obtained a certain consistency, take it out of the pan and spread it out on a baking board powdered with sugar, till it is of the thickness of a half-dollar. As soon as the paste is cold, cut it out in round or square pieces, and put them till hot and crisp, into the kitchener, and then serve.

Cocoa as Food: As an article of food cocoa differs essentially from both tea and coffee. While only an infusion of those substances is used, leaving a large proportion of their total weight unconsumed, the entire substance of the cocoa seeds is prepared as an emulsion for drinking, and the whole is thus utilized with the system. While the contents of a cup of tea or coffee can only be regarded as stimulant in its effect, and almost entirely destitute of essential nutritive properties, a cup of prepared cocoa is really a most nourishing article of diet, as, in addition to the value of the theobromine it contains it introduces into the system no inconsiderable proportion of valuable nitrogenous and oleaginous elements.

Boiled Salads: All head vegetables, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, that are to be cooked whole, should be immersed in cold water, head downwards first, to free from grit or insects. The latest word for salad-lettuce is not to put it in water at all, but to break it apart, leaf by leaf, wiping off each leaf with a moist towel. This keeps the leaf crisp. All lettuces of salad should be torn apart, not cut. The coarsely cultivated field lettuces should be boiled. The "drumhead" variety is better cooked than raw. On toast, with a poached egg lightly throned on the pale green marrowy substance, which has been stewed with a little stock and a lump of butter, after the boiling in salt water, the large close lettuce of the market garden is a real delicacy, and it may be cleansed in cold water previous to being cooked. But understand that no lettuce fit for a salad should bathe before coming to the table.

PORTLAND MARKET.

FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM ALL SECTIONS.

Coffee Quotations Remain About Steady—Sugars all Around Have Had a Slight Advance—The Wool Market Very Quiet.

From all accounts the weather is most propitious for crops of all kinds, especially the early fruits, which have been some damaged by the rains of late, and the only obstacle to the farmers reaping the benefit of another profitable harvest is, the present prospect of a low price for wheat, but as this is early in the season to prognosticate, they rely upon hope. In all lines of business in the local merchandise markets the transactions are good for the season of the year, and no complaints are heard. Sugars have advanced ⅛c during the week, while provisions continue steady at former quotations. The vegetable market contiues good and prices are fairly maintaind for Oregon product, California having been almost driven from the market. Buter is firm, with no danger of the market getting overstocked, owing to the commencement of the packing season. We quote:

GROCERIES.

Sugars, Golden C 6⅜c, extra C 7c, dry granulated 8⅜c, cube, crushed and powdered 8¾c. Coffee: Java 25@27c, Mocha 28@31c, Costa Rica 21½@22c, Rio 22@23c, Arbuckle's roasted 25¾c.

PROVISIONS.

Oregon ham 12½@13c, breakfast bacon 13c, sides 10@12c, shoulders 8½@9c. Eastern ham 13@13½c, breakfast bacon 13@13½c, sides 9½@10c. Lard 9c 10s,

FRUITS.

Los Angeles oranges $2.25, Riversides $3.75@4.25. California lemons $3.50@4 per box. Oregon strawberries $1.25 per crate.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes 35@50c, onions $1.75, rheubarb 3c, tomatoes $1@3 per box.

DRIED FRUITS.

Apples 4@5c, sliced 6c, pears 8c, Oregon plums 5@7, Italian 8c, silver 7c, German 6@6½c, plums 5@7c apricots 13@14c, peaches 8@10c, California figs 8c, raisins $1.75@2.25 per box.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter. Oregon fancy 20c, medium 15@17½c, common, 10@12½c. Eastern 22c, California 18@20c.

EGGS.

Eggs 20c.

POULTRY.

Chickens $5@5.50, broilers $2.50@4, ducks and geese $9@10, turkeys 20c per lb.

WOOL.

Valley 16@17c, Eastern Oregon 8@15c.

HOPS.

Hops 10@15c.

GRAIN.

Wheat, Valley $1.20, Eastern Oregon $1.15. Oats 29@30c.

FLOUR.

Standard $4, other brands $3.50.

FEED.

Hay $13@14 per ton, bran $13@14, chop $17½@20, shorts $14@15, barley $22.50@25.

FRESH MEATS.

Beef, live, 3½c, dressed, 7c; mutton, live, 3½c, dressed 7c; lambs $2.50 each, hogs live 6c, dressed, 7@7½c; veal 6@8c.

—Purposes, like eggs, unless they be hatched into action, will run into decay.—Smiles.

—The best sign that a man believes any thing is not his repetition of its formulas, but his impregnation with its spirit.—Brooks.

—If there were no readers there would be no writers. To indulge in the reading of bad books is to give bad authors their power for evil.—S. S. Times.

—Love that has nothing but beauty to keep it in good health is short-lived, and apt to have ague fits.—Erasmus.

—How can a man expect sympathy who insists on shinning up his family-tree only to shake hands with the grinning monkeys at the top?—Once a Week.

—Virtue consists in making desire subordinate of duty, passion to principle; the pillars of character are moderation, temperance, chastity, simplicity, self-control; its method is self-denial.

—Many of our opportunities must be lost to us; it is impossible for us to be alert enough to profit by them all. But part of our training is to look for them, and our success will depend on the use we make of them.—United Presbyterian.

—It is doing some service to humanity to amuse innocently; and they know very little of soci ty who think we can bear to be always employed either in duties or meditations without any relaxation.—Sir P. Sidney.

—When we look back upon our lives, especially if we begin to feel that they are pretty far spent, how we amuse ourselves with thoughts of what we might have made out of them other than they are. But it is an amusement that may as well be sparingly indulged in. Our better employment is to make as much as possible of what is left us.

—It is a popular saying that rich men's sons don't amount to much. Of 600 rich men in New York who have sons there are not twenty who are not hard at work building themselves up.

—Hiram Williamson, one of the immortal six hundred who rode into the "valley of death" at Balaklava in 1854, has been made chief porter at the Boston post-office. He is seventy years of age.

—In a case at law in Illinois the other day it was shown that a woman whipped her boy so that he was in bed for three weeks because he could not commit fifty Bible verses to memory in one week.

LIFE AT HARVARD.

A Buffalonian Tells How His Time Is Spent in College.

Counting undergraduates and special students together, there are 1,140 young men between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four now residing at Harvard College. The writer enjoyed an interview with one of the Buffalo boys, who was at home for a brief recess, a short time ago. "You will understand," he said, "that I am neither a 'grind' nor a loafer, but an average student, and the vast majority of them live just about as I do. A picture of my college day is about as follows: I turn out anywhere between 7:40 and 8 in the morning, and go over to Memorial to breakfast at 8 or 8:30—sometimes earlier than that, so as to go to chapel. Prayers come at 8:45, and are well attended, though we don't have to go unless we choose. After this recitations and lectures take up nearly the whole forenoon, and I have one in the afternoon three times a week. On four days of the week I have three recitations, on the others two. Other men have them differently, according to the electives they take. My studies are over for the day at 3 p. m., and they occupy, all told, about seven hours a day.

"I'm interested in athletics, and my afternoon from 3 to 5:30 is spent in the gymnasium, or in out-door athletics in the season for them. Part of our training, in suitable weather, consists of a run of two miles, to Porter's station and back. The gymnasium is always crowded, and you get pretty well heated up by your exercise, whatever it is. Then, after a cold shower and a brisk rubbing, you feel like a king, and don't you just sleep nights, though! I find that my athletic training helps my studies greatly. Dinner comes at six, and I generally study evenings, though not always. I've been to the theater some eight or nine times this term, but I don't like to go to Boston much. It takes too long and you have to be up late, which won't do when you are in training.

"Many people have an idea that you can let your studies go and loaf, or worse, until two or three weeks before the examinations, and then cram up. This is utter nonsense. It is simply impossible to keep up with your class in that way, unless, indeed, you can spend $100 or $150 for private tutors, and even then you wouldn't be safe. As for cutting recitations, if you made a practice of doing it oftener than twice a week you'd be investigated, sure as fate—and that is not at all pleasant.

"On Sundays I go to church somewhere—sometimes to Boston to hear Phillips Brooks, sometimes to the college chapel, sometimes elsewhere. There are usually 400 or 500 at morning prayers, and more than that at the Sunday evening service, though you don't have to go to either unless you want to."—Buffalo Express.

THE POET LAUREATE.

Interesting and Amusing Anecdotes Concerning Tennyson.

Absent-minded to a degree, Tennyson often forgets to whom he is speaking, and once when in full conversation with Robert Browning said, apparently apropos de bottes: "I wonder how Browning is getting on." "Why!" exclaimed Robert, "I am Browning." "Nonsense," replied Tennyson, with almost an attempt at roguish raillery, "I know the fellow well, so you can't tell me you are he."

A few years ago some enthasiastic admirers of Tennyson gave a large dinner in his honor, and invited all their choicest friends in the world of literature and art to meet him. Tennyson, who rarely accepts an invitation, did, for a wonder, put in an appearance on this occasion; but, during the first half of the dinner, caused the greatest disappointment by remaining absolutely silent, and as if lost in the most profound reverie. The guests, who had expected to hang on words falling like pearls of thought from his lips, gazed somewhat wistfully on him, when suddenly rousing himself, he exclaimed in a loud, stentorian voice: "I like my mutton cut in chunks!" I can not help suspecting that there was something of malice prepense in this burst of confidence, and that the poor man felt a not unnatural irritation at being gaped at, and a corresponding desire to punish the offenders.

An anecdote told me not long ago by the daughter-in-law is amusing, in that it shows how the greatest are not incapable of stooping to little weaknesses. Some very dear friends of Tennyson's who had been spending some years in Paris, returned to London, and anxious to renew old ties, wrote inviting him to their house. But Tennyson mistook the day, and arriving at the domicile found the birds flown. Sitting down to write a note of explanation, he had the misfortune to throw the contents of a well-filled ink bottle all over the beautiful new white Persian carpet. The maid servant, in answer to his summons, appeared with a large jug of new milk, which she poured over the offending ink stain. "I'll give you five shillings, my good girl, my very good girl," confided Tennyson in much agitation, "if you'll only get rid of that abominable ink before your master and mistress come home." And together on their hands and knees poet and Abigail rubbed and rubbed at the wretched carpet until not a spot remained. The girl earned her five shillings, and when a few weeks afterwards Tennyson went to dine with his friend he had every reason to believe that she had told no tales. At any rate the host and hostess displayed their gorgeous carpet without any sign of consciousness.—London Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.