

THE CHILD MUSICIAN.

He had played for his lordship's levee. He had played for his ladyship's whim. Till the poor little head was weary.

BOUM-BOUM.

The child lay on his little white bed, deathly pale, and looked with eyes made all the bigger by fever straight before him, steadily, and with the strange fixedness of the sick who already perceive what those who are well cannot see.

Then the father would cry out, "Will you be quiet!" and the mother would go and hide her face in her pillow, so that the little Francois would not hear her weep.

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"No, I want nothing." "You must get him out of this," said the doctor. "This torpor alarms me. You are his parents, you should know your child."

"Think of something?" Oh, yes, beyond a doubt, they knew him well, their Francois, these good people. They knew how much he was amused, the little fellow, when on Sunday he would go and forage in the hedges, and would come back to Paris on his father's shoulder, loaded with lavender.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The Canadian Pacific Abandons Its Vanderbilt Alliance to New York. The American Consul is sick with yellow fever at Vera Cruz.

The yellow fever at Vera Cruz is extending to the ships in the harbor. The wheat crop of the Dominion of Canada is estimated at 55,160,000 bushels.

M. Eiffel will make a proposition to the World's Fair directory to build a tower.

The Missouri river is cutting the banks near Kansas City and endangering the Missouri Pacific tracks.

The periodical report of a threatened uprising in Mexico against the Diaz government is again in circulation.

The city of Vera Cruz, Mexico, has negotiated a loan of \$1,000,000 redeemable in forty years at 6 per cent.

All the New York papers that published an account of the recent execution by electricity are to be indicted.

There is talk of a convention of all the historical societies to decide where the remains of Columbus are interred.

Constant rains have caused a reappearance of the cotton worm in Alabama, and the entire crop is in danger.

According to Sheriff's reports to the Adjutant-General, no fewer than 900 murderers are roaming at large in Texas.

All the records of the City Treasurer's office at Philadelphia are missing, and another official sensation is on the tapis.

An official in the Treasury Department says the banks in California are in a better condition than those in other States.

The window-glass manufacturers in Pennsylvania and their employers cannot agree on wages and a strike is probable.

A German syndicate is trying to purchase large tracts of coffee and rubber-producing lands in the State of Chiapas, Mexico.

The Ford City Plate-Glass Works at Pittsburg, which are the largest in the United States, will return to the use of coal as fuel.

The Sioux Indian Commission has secured the consent of the Ogalalas for the withdrawal of 800 Cheyennes from Pine Ridge agency.

The dispute over the will of Samuel J. Tilden, it is said, has been amicably settled. Fifty per cent. is to go to the city and 50 per cent. to the heirs.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker is trying to arrange for a fast fortnightly mail service between San Francisco and Australia by way of New Zealand.

Never before at the West Vint Military Academy has as much building been going on as this year. Twenty-eight buildings, including a gymnasium, are under way.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, which has made a thorough canvass of the cotton outlook in eight States, announces that the present indications point to the largest yield on record.

The Canadian Pacific has apparently abandoned its Vanderbilt alliance to New York. It is now sending the most of its traffic via the Ontario and Western, its old connection.

Jay Gould and other New York capitalists, who say they have \$25,000,000 to put into such a scheme, it is stated, will build an elevated railroad in Chicago, connecting the west and south sides.

A protest has been made by delegates of the Musical Protective Union at New York against the admission of this country to a ballet troupe now about leaving Europe under the management of Walter Danrosch.

The Dominion government has released seven American fishing vessels captured by the Dream within the three-mile limit. There was a heavy fog at the time, and the law, it is believed, was unwittingly infringed.

The New York Press gives currency to the report that Secretary Noble has placed his resignation in the President's hands, but has consented to remain in office until Minister Lincoln retires, when he will go to the court of St. James.

The railroads are anxious to know how it is the Pullman Company makes so much money and they get so little commission. A bill in equity has been filed in Chicago against the company by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

The State of Jalisco, Mexico, has been in great financial difficulties since the accession of General Galvin to the Governorship. He is said to be closing the schools and favoring all kinds of gambling. The State is also overrun by brigands.

Acting Secretary Chandler has reversed the action of the Commissioner of the general land office in the case of the United States against the Puget Sound Mill Company of Seattle, and directs that a patent issue under section 7 of the act of March 3, 1891. This action practically decides forty-four similar cases in the same district.

SPORTING NOTES.

Ted Pritchard Wants to Fight Fitzsimmons if Inducements are Offered.

Ted Pritchard has announced that he will come to America to fight Fitzsimmons before the club that will allow him expenses and put up the largest purse.

The Billy Murphy-Griffio fight, which was to have occurred in Sydney July 15, was postponed a week to await the arrival of Sullivan, who was expected there July 22.

By steamer Alameda it is learned that Joe Choyanski of San Francisco defeated Owen Sullivan in a round and a half in Melbourne July 22. Choyanski had agreed to knock Sullivan out in eight rounds for a purse of \$500.

The steamer Alameda from Australia brings news of another escapade of John L. Sullivan. One day while the steamer was between Honolulu and Samoa Sullivan arose at 11 a. m., and commenced to imbibe freely. By supper time he had disposed of thirty-eight bottles of porter and was uproariously drunk. Captain Hayward ordered the bar shut down. While the eighty or more passengers were at supper Sullivan made his appearance, and strongly protested to Captain Hayward against being deprived of liquor. He made a scene, and squared off to strike the captain, when there was a roll of the ship and John L. went down in a heap. He was seized, bound, taken to his stateroom and locked up. He obtained no more liquor during the passage.

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