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The Next International Fair. New York has coneluded to hold an international far in 1883 . Its pro-
jectors have selected a site for the same, and the next thing that remains erection of the necessary buildings. Colonel J. E. Payton, who had a good deal to do with the Philadelphia centennial, thinks the fair should not be held until two years later, in order world-wide interest in its success. He of economy for the projectors of the fais to purchase the main building of
the centennial exhibition, take it to pieces and have it transported to New York. This he believed could be
done for $\$ 100,000$. The structure, done for $\$ 100,000$. The strueture, which cost $\$ 1,750,000$ can be bought for
$\$ 250,000$. It contains over $9,000,000$ $\$ 250,000$. It contains over $9,000,000$ pounds of iron, and with ftosh paint
and new decorations, the edifice could and new decorations, the ediace conld time for holding the fair has been fixed, with referance to the observ-
ance of an American centemnial ccasion, it is not likely to be altered; but ing of morey by making the purchase as proposed. It is the intention th grander affair than the centennial of 1876, and those who take a national pride in such events, will be expected their ability

Oil on Troubled $\mathbf{W}$ aters.
The effect of oil in stilling troubled
saters has been so long hnown that is has been constituted the basis of a
proverbial phrase. A very small guantity of oil thos used has frequensly overcome a very powerfol sea. Not
many years ago, a case eecurred in which a ship's crew was enabled, during a severe storm, to escape on shore
by the help of a few gallons of oil. A similar and equally suecessful emported to have been made off the "Cape of Storms" last summer. The King Cenrie, a ressel of fourteen hundred and ninety tons, left Lireroff the Cape of Good Hope, she enconntered a heavy gale from the time. Tremendons seas broke over the ship, bursting in the main-hatch, washng away the hatch-honses and
hoats, smashing in the front of the cabin, and destroying the captain's
and officers' stores and clothing. The gale lasted for nearly five days, and though the vessel stood it very well,
it was impossible to repair any of the damages, as the waves were continually sweeping her decks. At length the chief officer suggested the trial of oanvas clothes-bags were obtained and into each two gailons of fine oil slightly, and flung one over each effect was magycal; the waves no effect was magcal; the waves no
longer broke over the poop and sides of the ship, but-several yards away the surface, and around the poop, in the wake of the vessel, was a large circuit of calm water. The crew were thus able to repair the damage with greater ease, and the ship was re lieved from the tremendous shocks heary seas. The two bags lasted two days, after which, the worst fury of the gale having expended itself, no more oil was used.

A Case of Somnambulis
Altogether the most interesting cas of somnambulism on record is that of a young recclesiastic, the narative of which, from the immediate com numication of an Archbishop of Bor ceaux, 18 given under the head of Som anabalism in the "Enclyclopmedia. This young ecclesiastic, when the Archbishop was at the same seminary ased to rise every night, and write is condition fhe A Alhishop beton in condition the Archbishop betomk
of the young man, where he made the The observations.
The young man used to rise, tak paper and write. Befone he wrot the limes with it; he wrote the sotes, with them, with perfect correctne with them, with perfect correctness;
or when he had written the words to wide, he altered them. The notes that were to be blacked he filled i after he had completed the whole. Atter completing a sermon, he read it
alud from begiming to end. If any passage displeased him, he erased and wrote the annended passage cor whether he used his eyes, the Arcl bishop interposed a sheet of paste ace. He took not the least notice but went on writing as before. The
limitation of his preceptions to what he was thinking about was very en-
rions. A bit of aniseed cake that h sought for he ate approvingly; but when on another occasion a piece of
the same cake was pue into his mouth, he spit it out without observation The following instance of the dependence of his prerception upon, or rather
their sebordination to his preconceived ideas, is truly wonderful. It is to be his pen had ink in it. Likewise, if hey adroitly changed his papers mhe
he wns writung, he knew if the sheet subnitted was of different size from he former, and appeared embarrass in that ease; but if the freshy sheet of
paper which was stubstituted for that writtew en was exactly of the same size as the former, he appeared not to continue to read off his composition from the blank sheet of paper as flulay before him; nay, more, he would contimne his corrections and intro-
duce the amended passage, writing it upon exact' $y$ the place on the blan sheet which it would have occupied on the written page.
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