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THE STOPPING OF THE CLOCK.

Surprising falls the instantaneous case. The sudden silence in my chamber small. I starting, left my head in half alarm— The clock has stopped. That's all.

The clock has stopped! Yet why have I so found An instant feeling almost like dismay? Why note its silence sooner than its sound? For it has ticked all day.

So many a life beside my own go on. And such companionship unheeded keep. Companionship scarce recognized till gone. And lost in sudden sleep.

And so the blessings heaven daily grants Are in their commonness forgot. We little heed what answereth our wants— Until it answers not.

A stranger's fallah on familiar ways. As if some pulse were gone beyond recall— Something unthought of, linked with all our days— Some clock has stopped. That's all.

Geo. H. Coomer.

Important Decisions.

A recent decision in the United States Supreme-court, is of great importance to merchants and their employees. It declares that no state has a right to impose what is known as a tax on drummers. We quote from the synoptical report:

The court holds sections forty-five and forty-six of the revenue law of Virginia, which imposes a tax upon the agents of foreign manufacturers who come there to sell goods of foreign origin, are a clear discrimination in favor of home manufactures, and against the manufactures of other states, and that they are, therefore, an infringement of the power vested in congress to regulate the commerce among the states. Where a power is vested exclusively in National government, and its exercise is essential to perfect freedom of commercial intercourse between the citizens of the several states, any interfering action of the state must give way.

This is, we believe, the first decision of the question by the Supreme-court of the United States, although in a number of state courts similar questions have been decided in a similar manner.

Jeff Davis visits Canada, so as to be on English soil when his book is published in London, in order to secure the copyright.

The resources of Mexico are not confined entirely to the precious metals. We have many almost fabulous stories of its mineral fertility, and when subjected to our modern improvements in iron-making, will produce iron and steel unsurpassed anywhere in the world, either in Sweden, Biscay, Spain or England.

It is about time to correct an error regarding the building of iron steamships at San Francisco. Desirable as it would be, there is no prospect of its being done at present. The New York Shipping List reports on the authority of the Bulletin that a large iron steamship is to be built in San Francisco. The truth is that the vessel referred to, which is in course of construction for the California and Mexican steamship company, is being built of wood.

The Springfield, Ohio, Republican, a strong temperance paper, has made two discoveries. The first is, that "liquor laws are much more elaborate and complete in their provisions than the laws against theft, burglary and murder." And the second is, that the liquor laws are not enforced, "simply because they are not enforced, and they are not enforced because the public sentiment of the people does not demand that they shall be."

A railroad beneath Broadway, the whole length of Manhattan island, with branches to the Hudson river railroad station, and along the west side, is now projected, with Gen. McClellan as president. Each night a wooden bridge of fifty or sixty feet will be laid on Broadway, and the earth excavated from beneath it, the contents being carried off by small tunnels through the side streets. Two brick tunnels with arches between them will then be built, rails laid, and the whole finished without disturbing the traffic of the street. The engines are to be propelled by compressed air, thus avoiding the smoke and bad air of coal engines; the air being supplied from stationary machinery at each end of the route.

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TRAGEDY.

HOW SARAH BERNHARDT STUDED REALISTIC REHEARSAL WITH HOTEL PROPRIETORS AND CHAMBER MAIDS.

New York Graphic.

One of Sarah Bernhardt's most marked peculiarities is the manner in which she is constantly, almost unconsciously, experimenting with and studying her art, through even the most trivial and insignificant instances of daily life. Mrs. Siddons is said to have ordered a beefsteak with the air of a tragedy queen, but the Bernhardt avails herself of

Every Chance Remark.

Or action to test her ideas of naturalness and vraisemblance, and to watch the effect of her action on others. For illustration, one night, while she was stopping at Mobile, the hotel servant who responded to her bell was astonished to behold the star start suddenly as he opened the door, turn pale, clutch a chair for support, and whisper hoarsely, though in very broken English, of course: "Great heavens! It is he! Quick! Conceal yourselves in this cabinet!" Followed by the hasty closing of a closet door. If this had

Occurred at a Hotel on Here.

The waiter would have discreetly withdrawn. In this instance, however, he reported the incident at the office, and the proprietor at once proceeded to enforce the proprieties. As the landlord entered the suspected apartments the star tripped smilingly towards him with the naive, fresh, girlish affection of a sixteen-year-old daughter. "Be seated, dear father," she said. "You must, indeed, be fatigued by your long walk from Rouen?" "W-h-a-a-t?" stammered the hotel keeper. The actress immediately changed her manner to that of a proud woman struggling with

Enje and Jealousy.

"I have sent for you, M. le Prefet, to denounce a thief. Yesterday I was robbed of a case of jewels, and the criminal is that woman!" and she actually seemed to dilate in size as, with glaring eyes and outstretched finger, she pointed to a dress lying upon the bed. "A woman," gasped the host, who was now convinced that he was talking to a maniac. "I thought there was a man in here, but I see I was mis—" "Sh-s-s-h!" whispered the star, with her finger on her lip and an expression of stealthy horror, that made the listeners blood curdle. "Do you not

Rear His Blood Still Drip.

On the marble floor? He lies in the little cell yonder. Come, let us peep at him. Five stiletos in his breast. How Venice will shout in the morning," and she dragged the trembling man to the wardrobe. "I don't see any—anything," he faltered, meditating how he could make a running start for the door. "Ah!" she said, peering into his eyes with a sudden glance. "Wouldst betray us then, bare heart? Then 'tis thou alone shall fire the palace. Quick; here's thy torch. I will guard the postern;" and the facile Sarah handed the wretched man a match, and seizing a property dagger from the mantelpiece, placed her back against the door. "Now, if I yell out, I suppose I'm a gone coon," thought the landlord, the perspiration dripping from his forehead.

"This crazy billiard cue will slice me all up." Just then his eyes fell upon the electric fire alarm button. "Certainly, I'll fire the palace," he said aloud, and lighting the match he held it under the indicator. The result was that in a few seconds the door was burst open and a porter with a babcock extinguisher dashed into the room and almost squirted Bernhardt's head off. The landlord escaped in the confusion and was about sending for a commissioner in lunacy, when Manager Abbey appeared and explained matters. But up to the day the troupe left Mobile the landlord gave the tragedienne a wide berth, and never even heard her electric

voice yelling over the bannisters for the chambermaid, or more towels, without shutting his eyes and shivering like a dog swallowing a bone.

Salmon Culture.

San Francisco Merchant.

Whether the Pacific coast, which now enjoys almost a monopoly in the salmon business in this country, is to continue to hold this position, depends much on the success of salmon culture and their adaptability to fresh waters. The fish commissioners of Illinois and Wisconsin, who have of late years been experimenting somewhat, have hitherto had little encouragement in this direction. A recent dispatch from Chicago, however, says:

Evidence of the adaptability of the waters of lake Michigan to a successful culture of California salmon has been furnished by the capture of one of them weighing twelve pounds, in the lake, off Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. Six years ago the experiment of salmon planting in lake Michigan was made by the Wisconsin fish commissioners, and this is the first proof of the success of that experiment.

It is of course possible that salmon may thrive to a limited extent in the large interior lakes, as do eastern varieties of fish in the Pacific coast waters, without sufficient increase to make lake Michigan a competitor to this coast in this business. The fact that salmon of the size mentioned are now being caught, is nevertheless sufficient to warrant continued experiment.

How Commodore Vanderbilt Swore.

New York Sun.

Officers of the Supreme-court and the court of Common-pleas said, yesterday, that the oath will be administered in these courts as usual, for the present at least, upon the King James version of the Bible. The revised edition may come into use at some future time.

"The Bibles that we use in administering the oath," said an officer of the Supreme-court, "are curiosities. They have been used for many years, and have become worn and discolored from the touch of thousands of lips and hands. Then some of them are directories as to the names of Judges and court attendants who have passed away forever. In idle moments some court attendant wrote these names on the inside of the covers or the fly leaves, and there they are to-day. But the greatest curiosity of them all is one that bears the mark of the late Commodore Vanderbilt's teeth. He was a hot-tempered old gentleman, you know. Well, he was called some years ago as a witness in a suit that annoyed him greatly. He did not want to testify and when I gave him the book and requested him to kiss it, he raised it to his mouth impatiently. His teeth closed upon the rim with a snap, and when he handed back the book there was a large piece gone out of the rim."

The Leopardite Stone.

Charlotte, N. C., Observer.

In answer to Professor Colton's request for specimens of the Leopardite stone for the museums at Washington and New York, we have succeeded in getting some blocks near Charlotte, which Mr. W. G. Derryhill is now putting into the desired shape. A gentleman familiar with such things informs us that the only stone of the kind (spotted like a leopard) is found within one mile of this city, and no where else, so far as known. Before the war a large block of it was sent to Washington to be put into the Washington monument.

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"Ingersoll's Infidelity"

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