



Foreign News.

On Tuesday, the French steamer *Missouri* arrived at this port at 1 o'clock P. M. after a passage of 24 days, and at 5 o'clock, P. M. the *Cambria*, British steamer, arrived after a passage of 17 days.

The affairs of Europe are quiet. The money markets of England were favorable. The rate of interest had decreased and cotton and breadstuffs had slightly advanced. Ireland was still in a dreadful state. The cheese which won the gold medal at the Fair of the American Institute in this city, was exhibiting in Liverpool. The censorship of the Press is abolished in Bavaria. The British Parliament had sanctioned the construction of 1,253 more miles of railway. The manufacturing districts are improving, and the Nonconformists of all sects have held a great meeting in London, "no Church and State is their watchword."

Connecticut Repository of Arts.

We have received a circular from Lorenzo Bull, Esq., chairman of a committee appointed by the Hartford County Agricultural Society to examine into the expediency of establishing a Repository of Arts, "for the purpose of bringing into public view all such productions of ingenuity, art and skill among 'the ingenious Yankees,' as are calculated to promote the comfort and welfare of man."—The circular informs us, that it is designed to establish a Repository for the above purposes about the first of May next in Hartford, Conn. We congratulate our Connecticut friends, in having an Agricultural Association, managed by men, such respectable men, who have come forward and held out the hand of encouragement to the mechanic. We wish success to the Repository of Arts and with such men for managers as Lorenzo Bull, Erastus Ellsworth, A. M. Collins, Solomon Olmstead, J. B. Hosmer, Horace Goodwin, 2d, and N. H. Morgan, it surely cannot fail to be a benefit to the mechanic, manufacturer and purchaser, and be the means of assisting and encouraging many a poor inventor, an object of the institution.

Roof Composition.

In the court of Common Pleas in this city, last week, in the case of Beeman and others vs. A. B. Haxton, the plaintiff sought to recover \$84 for a new composition furnished to the order of the defendant for roofing houses and which was actually used on some property in Brooklyn belonging to the defendant. The defence was, first that the defendant's son had no authority to contract for the composition in question, and therefore the defendant was not bound to pay for it; also that the composition was dangerous, and property roofed therewith could not be insured. The last point was the gist of the defence, and testimony of persons were adduced, who said this composition was dangerous and others that it was not. Some insurance office surveyors said that they would insure such property, and others that they would not. The court said that if the jury would believe that the composition was furnished without either party saying anything of its combustibility or the reverse that the defendant was bound to pay.

The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, for the full amount claimed.

Daguerreotype of the Sun.

Prof. Nichol remarked in closing his lecture at Cambridge, Mass., that if the sun could be made to assist in taking pictures of objects upon the earth, he could not see why a contrivance might not be fixed upon, by daguerreotyping his own picture; and not only so, but to be continually stamping his image at successive moments of time. In that case all that the astronomer would have to do, would be to go to his study and use the microscope, and he could there examine all the different aspects of the sun, and from theories at his leisure.

Intense Cold.

Tuesday, the 11th of January 1848, will be hereafter recorded in the *New England Calendar*, as the cold Tuesday. We learn that in Bristol, N. H., the mercury fell twenty-six degrees below zero on that day. At Lyme, N. H. it was thirty-two below; at Hanover thirty-four; at St. Johnsbury. At the mercury fell to forty, and frozen: and at Franconia, N. H., it fell to 39.

Such are the accounts we have seen in a number of papers of the severity of weather in the North, while even in New York we are enjoying the soft gales, as it were of spring.

Ancient Doctors.

Among the Romans all their physicians and surgeons were Greek slaves, and by this simple classification of professions we may well judge how the Romans estimated learning—Physicians were the companions of the kings and the greatest men of Greece—in Rome they were slaves. In the civilized world they now justly rank among the highest classes and it only wants a sound and thorough system of education adapted for apprentices to mechanical trades, to render them as lofty in station as any other class.—*Glen Ruther.*

Indian Remains.

The workmen engaged in digging on the canal at the "new city" at south Hadley Falls, Mass., discovered four Indian skeletons. They were found in an upright or sitting posture, and each with a mortar and pestle by its side, which had been used for pounding corn.

Population of Austria.

This vast empire contains forty millions of inhabitants, including the military. It is quite as populous as France. Five millions of its subjects are Italian. More male than female children are born, yet there are 800,000 more females than males. It is computed that 550 persons are murdered yearly, yet the executions do not amount to more than 49.

Long Noses.

A Boston editor, alluding to the long noses of Julius Caesar, the Duke of Wellington, John Tyler, and other dignitaries, says that he recently saw a nose that beat them all. It was thin and straight, snubbed up at the end, and all of a foot long. In concluding, however, it occurred to him that "it may be as well to state that it belonged to a pair of bellows."

Crystal and Water.

Water, when hot dissolves more salt, sugar, &c., than when it is cold. Hence the utility of pouring, hot salt, and water over articles to prepare them for pickling; and hot syrup upon preserved fruits: for the salt or sugar that would crystallize as the liquid cooled, is taken up by the fruit, &c., which being heated also absorbs more than could be made to do if it were put on cold.

Cure for the Gout.

1. Pick a handkerchief from the pocket of an old maid of fifty years, who never had a wish to change her condition—2. Wash it three times in an honest millers pond—3. Dry it on a parson's hedge that was never covetous—4. Send it to a doctor's shop that never killed a patient—5. Mark it with a lawyer's ink who never cheated a client—6. Apply it to the part affected

The Gazette of our Union.

This valuable and excellent paper comes out in a new dress for 1848. Success to the *Gazette*, it is deserving of an extensive circulation, and is fast getting it too.

Councilman Expelled.

Mr. Ichabod Lindsey, of Charlestown, Mass., has been expelled from the Council of that city, of which he was a member. The cause is said to be a disregard of the rules and orders of that body.

Beautiful Present.

The reporter of the *Philadelphia Times* and *Keystone* has received a handsome compliment from the *New England Glass Co.*, in the shape of a square glass perfume bottle, of most beautiful workmanship. On one side is the full name of the receiver of the gift, A. W. Blackburn, Esq. enclosed in laurel wreaths, on another a magnificent rose, on the third a bouquet of the rarest flowers, and on the fourth is an American Stag, resting on a bank by the side of a stream under an oak.

The Montgomery Steam Boiler.

Experiment on the steamboat *Jonas C. Hart* now running to Newark, demonstrates a saving of one-third in fuel, and that the boiler occupies one-third less space, that she is ten tons lighter, that her wheels make one revolution more in a minute than with her old boiler.

Soap Stone.

A beautiful article of soap stone has been shown us found in the valley of the *Deerfield River*, in Rowe. The quarry which is apparently inexhaustible, lies near the track of the proposed railroad from *Greenfield Mass.* to *Troy, N. Y.*

Large Boat.

The *Convoy*, which is probably the largest boat which ever came up to *Cincinnati*, arrived yesterday morning, says the *Cincinnati Atlas*, and is now lying on the Kentucky side of the river.—She carries a crew of 80 men, all told, 40 of whom are firemen and is capable of carrying 14,000 tons freight.

An Extra Dividend.

The directors of the *Bank of Auburn* present as a New Year's gift to the stockholders of that institution, an extra dividend of one hundred thousand dollars, or fifty per cent on the capital stock of the Bank.

An Antique Chair.

The "*Marie Antoinette Chair*," was disposed of last, a few evenings since, in *Baltimore* it was once in the possession of the unfortunate *Marie Antoinette of France*.

Breadstuffs from Canada.

The amount of breadstuffs and provisions exported to foreign countries this year, via the *St. Lawrence*, exceeds in value five millions of dollars. Some part of these exports are from the *United States*. We also received via the *Erie Canal*, a part of the products of *Canada* for home use or exportation.

A Two-sided Compliment.

A rustic, who had never before tasted ice cream, was helped by a lady at an evening party recently to a plate of "unsuccessful frigid milk," under its usual simple designation of cream.

"Your cream is very sweet," said he, but aint it a little tetch'd with frost?"

The steamer *Blue Bridge* lately blown up on the *Ohio* was one of the most destructive scenes of human life ever witnessed. It appears that no less than 114 were destroyed. It is high time that some determinate example was made to prevent like occurrences for the future.

Some cure scolding wives by ducking them, the gentle methods are best. The new mode of rubbing them down with soft soap, and tickling them under the chin with a feather, is much more consonant with the enlightened age in which we live.

If all food and drink be withheld from the system, life lasts about three weeks, but if water be taken according to the indications of thirst, the individual survives twice that length of time.

Lord Brougham's three maxims are—to be a whole man to one thing at a time—never to lose an opportunity of doing any thing which can be done—and never to intrust to others what you can do yourself.

A beggar in *Dublin* had been long besieging, an old, gouty, testy, limping gentleman who refused his mite with much irritability; on which the mendicant said, "Ah please your honor's honor, I wish your heart was as tender as your toes."

The *Saturday Courier Case* of *Philadelphia*, *Holden* and *McMakin* was decided last Saturday morning. Judge *King*, decreed that the subscription list and all the other property of the *Courier* belonged to the joint estate. Thus the right, title and interest covers everything, books &c.—*Phila. Bulletin.*

The *Great Gaines Case*, has been decided in favor of *Mrs. Gaines*. Thus a large amount of property in *Louisiana*, engrossed now by wealthy owners will change hands and go into the possession of one who was not very rich.

Tom Thumb came near being lost along with *Mr. Barnum* as they were starting from *New Orleans* for *Havana*. The vessel they were on board, was run into, and her masts carried away, but the great "curiosity man" and his golden *Thumb* escaped to the shore with only a fright.

The Physician who enjoys the largest practice in *London* in his last return for the income tax, stated his professional earnings at £33,000 (\$160,000), and several other physicians made returns varying from £15,000 (\$72,000) to £5,000 (\$24,000.)

The lectures of *Prof. Nichol*, lately delivered in *Boston* on *Astronomy* have been pronounced by able judges who heard them, to be altogether superior to any others on that subject that have yet been given in this country.

Mrs. Smothers was e'enmost tickled to death when the President asked her what the *Yankees* did not make. "La!" replied the good lady, with an expression of the most delectable assurance. "Yankees make everything but paupers."

At the *Washington Navy Yard*, they are putting up a new steam hammer composed of a solid block of iron weighing 16,000 lbs.—The bed in which this is to be placed, weighs 10,000 lbs, making the weight of the hammer when completed, 26,000 lbs.

The number of emigrants from *Prussia*, in the year ending *September, 1785*, was 9,239, who carried away 1,781,035 dollars; and the number in 1846, 16,662 emigrants, taking out 2,515,957 dollars.

The debt of *Pennsylvania* has been reduced \$160,000 dollars last year.

The whole debt of the state of *New York*, is \$22,883,590 of which over 16 millions is on account of the canals.

Old gouty men are not always rich. Remember, there is such a thing as catching the gout at other people's expense. If to the gout however, is added bear-like manners, the case is different. Ugly old men are generally rich.

James the first used to say, that the happiest lot in life was that which set a man below the office of a justice of the peace, and above that of a petty constable.

A magnet placed at a short distance from a watch will cause it to stop by attracting the main spring, that is if the magnet is powerful enough.

In *London* there are booksellers who only deal in works on astrology and magic, for which a regular and active demand is said to exist.

None are so invincible as your half-witted people, who know just enough to excite their pride, but not near enough to cure their ignorance.

An abolition of *Slavery* in the island of *St. Barts* and its dependencies, was duly proclaimed there on the 9th of *October*. *St. Barts* is under the government of *Sweden*.

A resolution is before the *Legislature* of this State for declaring *Magnetic Telegraph Companies* *Common Carriers* and regulating their rates of toll.

The original £500 shares in the *New River (London) Water Company*, seventy-two in number, are said to be now worth £20,000 each.

The original flag of *New England* had a white ground quartered, and in one of the quarters a globe divided.

Some of the *English coal mines* have been extended to a depth of more than 220 fathoms below the surface.

There is but one farmer in *Georgia* who makes cheese, and our exchange says that he sells all he makes at 15 or 18 cents per lb.

When we are alone we have our thoughts to watch; in the family our tempers; in company our tongues.

A great fire occurred at *Pensacola, Fla.*, on the 3d inst., and another at *Green Bay, Wis.*, on the 8th inst.

The acetate of lead is excellent for the purifying of gas, if mixed with lime.