



The Cholera.

This disease is sensibly abating in this city, and business is beginning to resume its healthy tone. The cases have decreased gradually for three weeks, to about one half of the number during the week of its greatest virulency. We have collected together the whole budget of receipts that have been promulgated respecting the treatment of this disease. They are of the most contradictory character. The disease is no doubt somewhat geological. Before it broke out, Dr. Jackson of Boston gave this as his opinion, stating his belief that it would not touch the granite districts of New England. We doubt the correctness of his opinions at the time, but said nothing. We have watched its course and progress since, and now have faith in his conclusions. Those parts of our city which have suffered most confirm us in the opinion we have embraced.

Notice.

Owing to the death of one of our assistant Examiners, Mr. Edward Jones, by the prevailing epidemic,—which we most sincerely regret to announce, as he was a gentleman whose loss will be most sincerely regretted by his family, friends and acquaintances,—we have been necessarily somewhat delayed in our Patent business. But having secured the services of a gentleman from Washington, we shall in future be prepared to execute all business in that line that may be entrusted to our agency, with promptness and despatch.—We have had an unusually large amount of Patent business for this season, notwithstanding which fact we have succeeded thus far in attending to the wants of our patrons.

Hungary.

By the late news from Europe, despotism appeared to be once more triumphant, in every nation but Hungary. May the brave Huns tame both the black and the double eagles, the emblems of the two despots who are seeking to wash out her liberties in her blood.

Newly Invented Tinting Tablets.

The facility of giving the effect of light and shade to drawings is enhanced, a late English journal says, by the introduction of this newly prepared tinted paper. With no other labor than merely scraping the surface when required by a penknife, a graduated light is obtained, up to a brilliant white.—Sketches made from nature, and but slightly tinted with color to the forms, are by this new and facile means readily imbued with the atmospheric effects of the sky and cloud, vivacity of daylight, and the rapid induction of chiaro-scuro.

Ocean Navigation through the St. Lawrence River still Interdicted.

Several announcements have been made, through the public papers, that vessels were about to sail from the Lakes through the St. Lawrence to the Ocean, and thence to California. Probably these announcements have been made without first obtaining permission from the Canadian authorities. Those intending to send out vessels, we apprehend, will be disappointed. A few days ago, the Oswego Times says, a gentleman of that city applied to the Governor General of Canada for permission to pass a brig through the Canadian waters, which has been refused. The Secretary of the Province, under date of the 25th inst. in answer to the application says; "Questions respecting the policy and legality of such navigation have, on several occasions, engaged the serious consideration of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, to such an extent, as to preclude his Excellency, in the exercise of his discretionary power as Governor of this Colony, from granting the permission sought for."

The London Era describes a full grown dog, of the terrier breed, which is only six months old, weighs less than thirteen ounces, is smaller than a good sized rat, and can kill a mouse.

Stopping Newspapers.

A class of conceited, touchy people, who stop a newspaper on account of any petty paragraph that displeases them, are cleverly ridiculed by an exchange as follows. The parable should be kept before the people:

A certain man hit his toe against a pebble stone and fell headlong to the ground. He was vexed, and under the influence of anger and active self-sufficiency, he kicked old mother earth right saucily. With imperturbable gravity, he looked to see the "great globe itself dissolved" and come to naught. But the earth remained, and only his poor foot was injured in the encounter. This is the way of man.—An article appears in a newspaper touching him in weak place, and straightway he sends word to stop his paper. With great self-complacency, he looks on to see a crash, when the object of his spleen shall cease to be.—Poor fool, he has only his own toe against a world that does not perceptibly feel the shock, and injures to no extent, any one but himself.

Strange Calculation.

Some genius has perpetrated the following calculation:

"I have been married 32 years, during which time I have received from the hands of my wife three cups of coffee each day, two in the morning and one at night, making about 35,040 cups of half a pint each, or nearly 70 barrels of 30 gallons each, weighing 17,520 lbs. or nearly nine tons weight. Yet from that period I have scarcely varied in weight myself from 160 lbs. It will therefore be seen, that I have drunk in coffee alone, 218 times my own weight. I am not much of a meat eater, yet I presume I have consumed about eight ounces a day, which makes 5,808 lbs. or ten oxen. Of flour I have consumed in 32 years, about 50 barrels. For twenty years of this time, I drank two wine-glasses of brandy each day, making 900 quarts. The Port wine, Madeira, whiskey punch, &c., I am not able to count, but they are not large. When we take into the account all the vegetables in addition, such as potatoes, peas, asparagus, strawberries, cherries, apples, pears, peaches, raisins, &c. the amount consumed by an individual is most enormous. Now, my body has been renewed more than four times in 32 years; and taking it for granted that the water, of which I have drunk, acts merely as a diluent, yet, taken together, I conclude that I have consumed in 32 years, about the weight of 1,100 men of 160 lbs. each.

Black Lead.

The lead from which pencil points are made, comes from the principal plumbago mine in the world, at Barrowdale, Cumberland, England. It is situated in a hill, and instead of being worked constantly, like other mines, is opened once a year, when a sufficient quantity is taken out to supply the world for the year to come, when it is again closed with strong doors, bars and locks, until the next annual supply is required. From the time of Queen Elizabeth it is said that all the fine pencils in the world have been made of the black lead of this mine.

Crocodile's Age.

M. Beltrami, the author of some travels in Mexico, prides himself on being the first to make known the means of ascertaining the age of crocodiles. He says that a negro acquainted him with the fact, that a sort of bag is placed in the intestines of the crocodiles, which always contains a number of stones corresponding with the years of its life, it being a custom of these animals to swallow a stone on their birthday.

Things Lost Forever.

Lost wealth may be regained by a course of industry—the wreck of health repaired by temperance—forgotten knowledge restored by study—alienated friendship soothed into forgiveness—even forfeited reputation won back by penitence and by virtue. But who ever again looked upon his vanished hours—recalled his slighted years and stamped them with wisdom—or effaced from Heaven's record the fearful blot of a wasted life?

The science of imbuing the minds of the rising generation with elements of aristocracy, is termed by the United States Journal, the science of Haughty-culture, or a method of refining the breed of punkins.

Composition of Wheat.

The best wheat yields about—

Water,	:	:	13	12
Gluten,	:	:	12	16
Starch,	:	:	67	69
Sugar and gum,	:	:	8	9
			100	97

The process for determining the relative amount of gluten, starch, sugar and gum is as follows:

Put a few ounces of flour carefully weighed, in a cotton or linen cloth. Pour cold water upon it and work up the dough with the fingers. All except the gluten strains through the cloth. This is then dried and weighed.

The gum and sugar then becomes dissolved in the water, but the starch settles at the bottom of the vessel. This water is poured off and the starch is thus obtained, and may be weighed. This water is next evaporated, and the gum and sugar also obtained in a dry state for weighing. This is not a perfect method—other methods more complicated give different results; but this is sufficiently accurate in a practical way for ascertaining the relative value of different specimens.

To make Drawn Butter.

In a quarter of a pound of butter, rub a tablespoonful of flour, and half a teaspoonful of salt, until it becomes a smooth batter. Have ready half a pint of boiling water, in a sauce pan; stir the batter into it until perfectly smooth, and let it simmer for fifteen minutes, stirring it frequently. Some cooks will tell you it must be stirred all the time it is on the fire which is quite unnecessary, as all that is intended by such directions is, that it must be watched and stirred often enough to prevent it from becoming "lumpy," and burning to the bottom of the sauce pan.

This drawn butter is the foundation of most gravies and sauces—as oyster sauce, celery sauce, &c.

An Earthquake.

On the night of the 23d ult., a shock of an earthquake was felt at Santiago de Cuba. The inhabitants were generally asleep at the time but they were awakened by the severity of the shock. They rushed into the street, which for a time presented a scene of indescribable confusion. No damage was done.

Fire by Friction.

A fire recently occurred at the Shaker settlement, N. H., caused by the friction of an old indigo mill, which generated so much heat that it set the building on fire, and with it, two others were consumed.

A Singular Lake.

About ten miles to the southeast of Saratoga Springs there is a small lake, well worthy the attention of the curious geologist. Around it, for a considerable distance, stretches a valley that shows many indications of having once been full of water, but has been drained by the bursting of its southern boundary towards the Mohawk river. In the centre, deeply shaded by wood, lies the present lake, not more than a quarter of a mile in width, but three miles in length. The shape is serpentine, and although several small streams empty into it, no outlet has ever been discovered. Very slight changes only are perceptible in the water mark, even at the period of the spring freshets. No soundings have ever been made in it yet, although deep sea lines have been used. The shores are bold and perpendicular as a wall descending downward to an unknown depth. The mightiest ship that ever floated could touch the shore in any place with safety. Its surface is calm as a mirror, for it is seldom touched by the boisterous wind. The water though seemingly clear, looks black from its great depth and the shadow of the trees on the shore.

Cutting Telegraph Wires.

Some person, on Thursday, about noon, last week, cut the working wire of House's Telegraph, at Hackensack Bridge, and connected it with the wire running to Fort Lee. The connection was done in such workmanlike manner, that the cause of the impediment could not be detected until Sunday. The delay from Thursday to yesterday, on this line, was of a provoking nature. The wires were connected evidently by some experienced hand.

Singular Preservation of a Glass Jar.

The Cincinnati Globe relates the following: A singular fact was told yesterday at Messrs. Livingston & Fargo's office, relative to the accident which occurred on the Mad River Railroad last week. When the express car was overturned, most of the boxes and parcels were broken open and more or less injured. Among the boxes was one directed to a druggist in this city, enclosing a tin box, which also enclosed an antique glass jar from Egypt. This jar contained Otto of Roses, valued at \$1500. The outside wooden box was broken open and also the tin case, but, strange to say, the glass jar was entirely uninjured, while carefully secured boxes and parcels around and near it were crushed. The owner of the Otto of Roses had been very anxious about its arrival for several days, and when he heard of the accident on the railroad despaired of receiving the precious stuff. On the evening that Messrs. Livingston & Fargo delivered him the jar in safety he was taken with the cholera, and died the day after.

Serious Railroad Accident.

A serious accident occurred near Princeton, N. J., last week, by which a locomotive and two cars were thrown from the track, two persons killed and 20 more or less wounded.—The accident was caused by the misplacement of a switch, which was said to be done wilfully by some person unknown. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Company, for the detection of the rascal, who we believe to be no other than the carelessness of the Company. There is gross mismanagement on some of our railroads, owing to a want of a sufficient number of switch-tenders or guards, and this we believe was the cause of this accident.

Best Currant Wine.

Wash the currants and strain the juice through a flannel bag. To every gallon of juice add two gallons of soft water; and to every gallon of the mixture (juice and water) add three pounds of Orleans sugar and half a pint of good brandy. Fill the cask and put it in the cellar to ferment. When the fermentation is going on, every morning fill up the cask with cold water, covering the bung hole lightly with thin cloth. As soon as the fermentation is over, bung the cask up tight, and let it remain one year, then draw and bottle it. The brandy is (in this case) added before the fermentation takes place on which the goodness of the wine depends, and which prevents acetous smell and taste. In about 20 days the froth will disappear from the bung hole, then bung the cask tight and bore a gimlet hole and leave open for a week or two, when the peg may be driven in tight.

What has become of the aerial steamer.—The inventors have missed a most splendid chance. Every body wanted lately to get away to the country, to the mountains of the moon or somewhere. The aerial balloon was the very conveyance desired, but it was nowhere.

At Syracuse the city authorities, on the recommendation of a stranger, have taken to sprinkling the streets with salt water. It not only is salubrious, by checking decomposition but is more cooling than ordinary water, and making a cement of the dust transforms it into a pavement.

We hear of rattlesnakes being killed in every quarter, this summer. One man at Peoria, Illinois, killed 290 in one day. A whopper 8 inches thick, was killed last week at Chester, Ct.

A mustard bath is said to be one of the best reliefs for cramps and pains, that has as yet been discovered.

The Fast day was remarkably well observed in the City of New York. Churches that were kept open for public services were filled to overflowing.

Dr. John Croghan, proprietor of the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky is dead. The house and grounds are to be kept open to visitors.

A bale of new cotton was sold in New Orleans, of excellent quality, on the 24th ult.