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A learned friend—and most men are learned—has holds on a prize-fight that we cannot forbear noticing; that history-race, for history is fable. This is a startling theory, which once entertained to destroy the brightest reputations of those who have placed their trust and faith in the records of the old recorders of the past. It would be a heresy, indeed, to vouch for the truthfulness of all the revelations of which as they are presented to us through the channels of history. It would be a fallacy, we presume, to entertain that history, constituted as it is, a mere record of facts, is in itself false. But when, if it considered that history, even as a mere record of facts, of which the historian was not an eye-witness, or a participant, may come to us tinged with the prejudices and hate, or heightened by the depression or zeal of the writer, we must then look in our search after truth, and regard it doubt the credentials of the recorder. For to be a chronological chronicle of history must be admitted many in its character and aspect, according to the facts that are related, according to the person that relates them. Although a friend, I shall not deny to Hallock the intellectuality to do, illustrated by the production of the "Life." An indifferent writer will find no cause to support or oppose in his recording of his story, may shade the truth, if he quickly discovers by suppression it. And moreover his historian, like every other act, has its phases determined by the phases of civilization. As men and nations have not always acted and thought in the same spirit, so have they not always looked at the same light. History is but the relation of the human race, it is but proper that it should vary with its model. A writer once wrote me that history, the only truthful history, was that which was written by eye-witnesses. This is true, in so far as it is the only real testimony of the past which has been transmitted to us. This is the history, which we would remember is a heresy to call false; for the statement must be true, the facts must be real. Two writers may vary as to the cause, the effect or the relation of facts, but both will agree as to the existence of the facts themselves; and this is history, for history is but a recital of facts. Succeeding generations may be better able to judge of these facts, may more readily appreciate and develop their spirit; they may more easily discover their causes and the effects and their relations; but they cannot falsify the testimony of those who, by writing or tradition have handed down the memorable occurrences which goes to make up history.

It is time that history should be written and understood. For in our day of perverseness and doubt, when each historian makes it his task to falsify and distort existent facts, what shall future generations believe when they come to read the actions of this people, if they must discredit the facts as well the manner of their relation.

History in itself is not false; but so the historian is prejudiced, we may doubt the sincerity of his opinions, and it belongs to us to judge of the truth of his statement, and to ascertain how far he has distorted the facts from the original canvas which gave birth to them, to subserve the aims and purposes of his ambition.

LA SOLEVEE.—Such is the title of a charming sketch, being No. 1 of a series published under the title of "*Les Fleurs des Atchafaya*," by L. Caillavet, of 26 Chartres street, and composed by Mr. E. Bouillet.

MUSIC.—The advertisement of Professor Commercel Caldera, Pianomanip, book-keeping, mathematics and languages taught at usual.

Summary of News.

Rogers, the negro murderer, stoned his self-confessed victim, on the 31st ult., in New York.

Sabine Hallett, a merchant of New York, had been arrested on the 30th ult., by order of Judge Monell, of the Superior Court, charged by the copartners of the firm of Register & Co., with obtaining money from them under false pretenses. Hallett having obtained on the 30th January, 1862, of his copartners, the sum of $16,000, on an alleged firm, known as the firm of Samuel Hallett & Co., of which Hallett is in fact the managing partner, for which loan he gave the note of the firm, and offered as collateral security certain instruments, purporting to be certificates for 50 of 5 per cent. shares of stock of the State of Indiana, and the plaintiffs have since been informed that those instruments were invalid and spurious. The plaintiffs further allege that at the time of the transfer was made, Hallett knew the facts connected with the issue of the instruments, which rendered them void, and that he was not entitled to any rights in the instruments. Upon this state of facts Judge Monell granted an order for the arrest of Samuel Hallett.

The number of military and State prisoners, now confined in the old Capitol prison, at Washington, is reported at 1,400.

THE NEW STEAM CANNON.—A trial of the coffee mill gun was made at the arsenal in Washington, in the presence of Generals Sicel, Carl Schurz and a number of army officers. Major Hagner had the place in the rear of two hundred balls a minute. The balls fell in the water at a distance of half a mile. Gen. Sigel fired twenty-four balls in ten seconds, all of them hitting the target within a space of four inches diameter.

Rivers thought in several circles that the bill before the Federal Congress for increasing the grade of the officers of the navy, so as to conform to the systems of other nations, would pass.

Portions of the wreck of the Merrimac were being raised. It was supposed that a considerable sum of money could be realized from her, as there is an immense amount of iron in her. It was thought that her guns were not much injured, and they alone are worth an immediate sum.

THE EIGHTH UNITED STATES CENSUS REPORT.—The manuscript sheets of the forthcoming supplementary report on the eighth census contain 1,000 pages. They exhibit a complete and important illustrations of the progress of the country in population, agriculture, manufactures and other permanent elements, written in a manner to render effective use of the information by readers. It embraces a view of the progress of slavery and the colored race, and of slavery among Indian tribes. It contains carefully prepared and elaborate chapters on immigration, and the changes which have been wrought in the composition in Congress. The subjects of pauperism and crime are discussed at some length, and a complete history is given of the progress made in the treatment of the deaf and dumb, blind, insane and idiotic in the country and Europe. The progress of the colored race in the South, and the condition of the newspaper press and its progress are given with accuracy and in detail. The statistics of religion, followed by the statistics of education, are also full and complete. The statistics of wealth, and of industry in all its branches and monetary concerns receive due mention, as do