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Sales at Auction This Day.

By D. E. Murphy at No. 67 Magazine street, machinery, rope, bolting, etc.

By E. T. Montgomery, at 1 o'clock at 33 Camp street, 225 bales cotton.

See our second page for auction and sheriff's sales and other important notices.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Paralysis, Rheumatism and Stiff Joints, will find a speedy cure in these medicines. Perseverance in their use will be rewarded by freedom from pain, and restored health. The pills are an admirable auxiliary to the Ointment, they remove and invigorate the whole system. Sold everywhere.

This day, as the Masonic Mail, we see that Messrs. McCerren & Landry will sell at half-past 10 o'clock, at Sales Room, 99 Camp street. The Lot consists of desirable grades, both in quality and staple, and the largest portion are original. Samples for exhibition at sale.

Among the passengers by the Morning Star, are the Martinetti troupe, who will give Havel performances at the St. Charles Theatre.

The United States mail steamship George Cromwell, John A. Post, commander, will leave her wharf this morning, at 8 o'clock, for New York, direct, with a full cargo of cotton, the United States mails, and the following passengers :

C Cooke, Mrs S Bishop, Capt E Page, Mrs Pashwood, Miss Ainsworth, John H Cunkenzer J C Morrison, J Forster, H J Clute, Wm Penn, Mrs H Foster, Miss E Foster, G Lesch, Madam Cooke, Madam Murphy.

The Steamship Matanzas, Wm. Leisegang, Commander, left her wharf at 4½ o'clock, last evening, for New York via Havana, with a good freight, the U. S. Mail and the following passengers :

For New York—Edward L. Salmon, Gustave Rabardy, Miss Angelia Sefton, Thomas Sefton, Mrs Simpson, 2 daughters and three children, L. Salmon, E W Brown, Alexa Gherlardi, M Calendo, A Garcia, G Shaffer, Brunoda La Garde, Joe Shaac, D Lehmann, G Sachs, J H Shaac, E Von Arbin, wife and 3 children, J R Palmer, F Mondron, lady and 4 children, H Grunet, lady and family, Mrs Noll, widow, 3 children and servant, Jos Hunsteneau, C D McDonald, R B Joseph, J L Hornsby.

For Havana—W O Soyhas, F Palacio.

The Mexican Problem.

In the way of some right fiction what is journalistically known as "news from Mexico" bids fair to eclipse the glories of the Arabian tales. But it is flagion without romance. Invention without wit, fancy, or imagination. It is the mere proof of falsehood without fairy embellishment, but fabled by magic power, it may frequently be, into a rapid tardidity. We can see in it, not the result of enthusiasm and exhilaration, but rather the effect of downright depravity of mind.

We are permitted, however, amid the confused, fluctuating and conflicting reports which have come of late from Northern Mexico, to be tolerably all decided of several important facts. One is the inauguration by President Juarez of a system of resistance which he expressed his purpose to adopt, in the last extremity, several months ago, in a letter which at that time elicited considerable attention and comment. He then declared that it would be his policy to protract the struggle with the intervention to as long as possible by carrying on a guerrilla warfare in the wildest and most inaccessible regions of the country.

The words of the President, then a fugitive, clad with the apparent prospect before him of speedy expatriation, left it scarcely doubtful what were the objects aimed at by such a policy. There were two eventualities to be kept in view by the indefinite protraction of the war. One was to disappoint the hopes entertained by the new rulers of the restoration of order and the re-establishment of peaceful commerce and industry throughout Mexico—to exhaust their patience by ceaseless agitations and disappointments, and, finally, to disgust them with their new conquest as one too dearly bought to be worth the expense and trouble of retaining it. The other was to preserve the existence of a republican Government and to make a show of armed opposition to the new monarchy, so long as there was the possibility of doing so, in order to be prepared at last for quicker advantage of assistance coming in some form from the United States.

Regarded by itself, the guerilla system, if resorted to by President Juarez as a sole method of warfare, would be the mere expedient of desperation. But in connection with the possible contingencies referred to, it would seem to evince, if not obvious military judgment and ability, at least no inconsiderable political sagacity. For warriors and dupes with multiplied disorders and vexatious, together with a growing sense of a costly but barren conquest, might be expected to do more towards effecting the ultimate withdrawal of the interventionists or their European successors than a formal and regular plan of military resistance. Add to this the increasing evidence of a strong sentiment or hostility on the part of the people of the United States to the erection, under European auspices, of a monarchical government on the ruins of the decayed Republic in Mexico, and we may already see tendencies at work, and probabilities taking tangible shape, in a way to flatter the hopes which seemed to have inspired the late policy of President Juarez.

The imminence protest by the House of Representatives against the new Mexican monarchy, together with recent significant manifestations of popular feeling in the United States on the same subject exhibited in his close neighborhood, may well excite in Juarez the belief that he will be, ultimately reinforced either by the actual intervention of the American Government or by the powerful and irrepressible intervention of its people.

On the whole, therefore, the Mexican problem threatens to become more complex than ever. At this moment, at least it looks muddled —very.

The steamship Morning Star arrived at about 12 o'clock P. M., from New York. Up to a late hour we had not yet received our papers which, however, we not likely to contain any news of importance.

A Monument to Bishop Otterbrook.—According to the *Christian Times*, of New York city, an elegant monument is to be erected in Trinity Church to the memory of the late Bishop Otterbrook. It is to be of Caen stone, and to consist of a reclining effigy, the head wearing a mitre, a crosier lying by the side, angels at the head, and a couchant lion at the feet. Under this lies a serpent, whose head is raised, while the barbed tongue is thrust out towards the Bishop. This last device, emblematical of slander, refers to the charge against the Bishop which led to his deposition, and according to the *Observer*, is hardly complimentary to his Episcopal peers by whom he was convicted, and the responsible witnesses who testified in the case Isaiah Otterbrook case.

There are in Great Britain seventy-eight million acres of land, of which eleven million are used by the sporting, and others who can afford it, for parks and hunting grounds—one landowner own a fourth of Scotland. The Duke of Sutherland owns seven hundred thousand acres, more than one thousand square miles.

Children have more than teachers of patience and forbearance. They are household mirrors to reflect our own faults—sometimes, too, our own graces. If we wish to see how ridiculous and boorish are our obstinacies of custom persons, we have but to look at the angry shades of our little tormentors as our own faces. That enforced quiet was caught probably from our brothers. The unmannerly shout was the echo of our own. The vengeful blow struck at a brother may be but the rebound of the last angry slap we gave the lad, more in revenge than in the love of instruction.

If a person buys two apples and eats both, how many will yet remain? Of course three will be two left.

Constitutional Convention.

MONDAY, April 25th, 1864.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Judge E. H. Durell, President, in the chair, and a quorum present.

Immediately after reading the journal, Mr. Geisman rose and announced that this day is the 24 Anniversary of the raising of the Stars and Stripes, in this city, which had been supplanted by the rebel flag, and in commemoration of the day he moves an adjournment, which was negatived, whereupon he asked leave to retire, but his request was ruled out of order.

On motion of Mr. Crozat, the Convention reconsidered the action of last Saturday, in striking out the clause allowing the President twenty dollars per day, and the same was reinstated and adopted.

Mr. Fish, on behalf of the Committee on "Executive Department," reported that the committee is unanimous that no change is necessary in that portion of the Constitution under this head. The report was recommended with instructions to report in writing.

Mr. Thorpe, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported that the committee had appointed a Chief Clerk of Enrollment and two translators, whose compensation is not fixed.—On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Compensation.

The same member on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, submitted a report recommending the adoption of an article declaring "the Constitution of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land, any thing in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding," the report was adopted.

The resolution of Mr. Abell offered on last Saturday, requiring all amendments to the Constitution to undergo three readings on three several days, was taken up and adopted.

The Convention adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday).

The Monitor Iron-Clads A Costly Failure.

Experience in both Europe and America has tended to throw doubts upon the generally effacacy of the iron-clad ships of war as at present constructed, and especially upon the unworthiness and active power of those built according to the Monitor principle. A Northern journal, discussing the merits of the latter class, remarks :

It is said that there is a project before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives to build half-a-dozen new iron clads upon the Monitor principle at a cost of from five to seven millions each, or from thirty to forty-two millions for the whole.

The Navy Department's rage for monitors seems to be a monomania. Enormous sums have already been expended in the construction of monitors, and some still more enormous seem likely to be expended hereafter. And yet the monitors have accomplished exceedingly little. The original one, co-operating with wooden vessels of war, made a drawn battle with the rebel iron clad Merrimac, but she afterwards went down at sea because she was unseaworthy, and none of the rest of the turreted craft, with the exception of the one that captured Mobile, a simple rebel affair of Savannah, are remembered for anything they have done. There was for many months a whole fleet of them at Charleston, but notoriously the New Ironsides was three times as efficient as the whole of them, and yet no new craft are constructed upon the plan of the Ironsides, whilst millions upon millions are expended, and other millions upon millions asked, for multiplying monitors.

It is not, we believe, too strong a language to say that the monitors are impotent, that they are notoriously failures, that they have ill-fitted not only vast expense upon the nation, but great discredit upon the naval service. If a fifth part of the money thrown away upon them had been expended in the construction of fast-sailing ships of war fit for service in the Pacific, the enemy's privateers which are continually crippling our commerce and driving it from the seas and oceans would long since have been driven from the seas and oceans themselves. The commercial injuries sustained by this country from the want of the protection which the Federal Government should have furnished, and which, but for the monitor insanity, it probably would have furnished, have been greater than the entire cost of the Federal navy, great as this unquestionably is.

Nobody, not even, it is to be presumed, the Secretary of the Navy or Captain Ericsson, believes that the monitors can go to sea. All they is alleged in their favor is, that, if a chance offers, they can steal forts, and that they can defend harbors. But all the rebel forts attacked by them have successfully withstood the attacks, not a single fort having been captured, whilst various monitors, we know not how many, have been destroyed or disabled. We can't say how effective the monitors might be in defending harbors, but we should have far less confidence in them for such a service than in powerful gun batteries. If a monitor were stationed off a port to keep an enemy's vessel out of shelling distance, the hostile craft could in all probability run right by her without incurring the risk of more than a single shot, for a monitor fires but one gun at a time, whereas, in which time a fast ship, moved by either steam or wind, could make two miles or more.

Governor Seymour Rejects a Golden Opportunity.

Thurlow Weed had a letter recently in the Albany *Evening Journal*, on the late speeches of Long, Harris and Wood; in which letter he says :

If, as is alleged, the present Administration has not proved itself, if wisdom and genius, equal to a great emergency, can its opponents hope to change it by treasonable organizations? The people are patriotic, imminently and practically; when their country is in danger—and this is—will indignantly frown upon Treason and Treasonable counsel, coming in whatever guise it, or they, may assume.

Soon after the election of 1862, Mr. Lincoln remarked to me that, as the Governor of the Empire State, and the representative man of the Democratic party, Gov. Seymour had the power to render great public service; and that, if he exerted that power against the rebellion and for his country, he would be our next President. I think Mr. Lincoln authorised me to say so, from him, to Gov. Seymour. At any rate, I *did* repeat the conversation to Him. He the gentleman's proclivities were in the wrong direction. Gov. Seymour made his bed with Vallandigham, thus depriving the country of the advantages of his high position and himself of a "golden opportunity."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Present Court—Judge Abeche Presiding.—

A case of selling liquor to soldiers, wards 19 vs. Wells figured on the principal accused, was examined yesterday, and remitted, upon the evidence of Lieut. Gates, to the effect that accused must close her establishment or be further punished.

Catharina Nagel, prosecuted for having blankets with the mark U S., in her possession, explained to the satisfaction of the Court that the property in question was abandoned by soldiers going from Baton Rouge to the defence of Port Hudson. Mrs. Nagel was discharged.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas. Leonard Presiding.—Fred. Hartman, charged with an assault and battery, was sent before the First District Court. Chas. Smith, accused of having stolen a pair of linen pants, was examined and sent before the same tribunal.

Ben. Bertrand and Lelord, charged with an attack on Fred. Hartman, were also examined and sent before the First District Court.

A. Blandin who sold liquor without a license, was fined $50.

First District Court—Judge Hozland.—The Court opened to-day and adjourned to Wednesday next at 10 o'clock.

First District Recorder's Court—H. T. Townsend Presiding.—S. B. Ross appeared in Court yesterday on the charge of having one more wife than the law allows. The witnesses were there armed with their marriage certificates. Accused awaits his examination. Bail, $2000.

The colored man John Louis and Tom Robinson were up on separate charges of larceny.—Tom was sent before the First District Court. The examination of the other was continued.

Fire.—A fire occurred last evening at No. 942 Thalia street, occupied by Mrs. Henry. The house is owned by Mrs. Boyer. The fire department was promptly on the spot, and the damage trifling.

Coals to Newcastle.

[From the Cincinnati Gazette.]

It has been announced in all the city papers that a transportation agent here, has received advices of the shipment of three hundred and eighty four English girls by one steamer, for the West and a market. In not this a queer market to ship English girls to, where war is continuing maids and making widows, and where marriageable men make coats and pantaloons for twenty-five cents each, drawers for six cents, fine shirts for twenty five cents, and other articles at prices which make it an unfashionable luxury how they keep soul and twenty-eight together; and this, too, with coal at from twenty-eight to forty cents a bushel, and beef at twenty cents a pound, and coarse calico at ten cents five cents a yard. We are not dismayed around the Atlantic, but we think that an exhibit of the wages of women in this city would show that the female market is glutted now.

(FROM OUR EDITION OF YESTERDAY EVENING.)

They had a great race in St. Louis on the 18th, as we learn in the local columns of St. Louis dailies of that date. It was at Bailey & Co.'s immense combination show, in which was exhibited the gigantic hippopotamus, the only live specimen of the African river-horse ever brought to America.

From Brownsville, Texas.

The Brownsville *Union Ledger*, of the 16th instant, intimates, says the *Texas*, that 3000 Confederate cavalry have not arrived in Texas, that Eagle Pass has not been occupied, and that the French are not marching on Matamoros. Lord, Lord, how this world is given to lying.

The *Ledger* also mentions the arrival of Gen. Benton, who is assigned in General Herron's command, and the recovery of the latter officer from a recent severe illness.

From Matamoros.

We have received a copy of the Matamoros *Boletin Oficial*, of the 9th instant, containing few items of interest which we give in addition to those published in this morning paper.

The Municipal authorities of Villa de Aldama and the forces stationed in that city had gone over to the Constitutional Government. Vicente Ruano Zepeda writes to that effect to the Secretary of War under date of April 1st, and adds that he has found seventeen pieces of artillery in the city.

The brigade of 600 men, under General D. M. Caprarina, had arrived at the village of Union, (State of Tamaulipas) from Matamoros. Cortina was preparing to join it. The first brigade of the State, under Col. Cerda, had recognized the legitimate authority of President Juarez, descended Vidaurri's conduct and declared that the restoration of the State of Coahuila, was regarded by them as an act of justice. Upwards of five hundred men of the National Guard are now serving the Government.

The Guanajuata Division, under General Doblado had left Matamoros and gone to Monterey. The whole National Guard of Coahuila had joined the majority.

The forces organized in Nuevo Leon under the command of José María Morelos. Escobedo have been appointed a Major General and Garza Conde Chief Engineer.

According to the *Boletin*, Vidaurri made his exit from Monterey with about three hundred men, ordering Quiroga to Guadalupe to cry for peace. It should be at once the next President by a vote so overwhelmingly strong as to make all thought of rebellion in the North ridiculous. He should be as prosecutedly elevated to the Presidency as Mr. Brough was to the Governorship of Ohio. It is well known that the Buckeye Copperheads contemplated armed resistance to Mr. Brough's inauguration, but were led to change their purpose when they saw that Government had been called into being by a majority of more than 100,000 of the voters of Ohio. Had Mr. Brough's majority been no larger than that cast for Gov. Curtin in Pennsylvania, he would have had a civil war on his hands. But the tremendous majority that had made him Governor caused the Copperheads to be completely overcrowed. They did not dare to resist, and from our present information we may look for at least as much as we relied last year.

We learn that in the heavy wheat producing counties of St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee, Michigan, and generally through the southern portion of the State, a fair to average crop of wheat is expected. The breadth of sowing last fall will probably fall a little short of the previous year, those best informed generally place it up to a fair average of those of previous years.

An Extraordinary Trial.

(From the London Star, March 8.)

A singular trial has just had a singular conclusion in France. The eccentricities, the spasmodics, and the striking defects of the French system of criminal jurisprudence could hardly appear in any case more glaring to the English eye than they show in the recent trial of M. Armand at Aix. Probably many of our readers are not yet acquainted with the leading facts of the cause, which is now destined to be celebrated. M. Armand, a banker, living at Montpellier, was arrested early in last July, on a charge of having attempted to murder his coachman, Maurice Roux. M. Armand was a man of wealth, position, and high character, apparently respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and even according to the evidence, looked up to as a generous benefactor by many to whom he had rendered spontaneous and noble services.

The coachman, his accuser, was a person of a somewhat dissolute character, and who had at the best given no special proofs of a high regard for veracity. On the evening of the 7th of July this man was found lying in his master's cellar, bound and speechless. There was a cord tied round his neck, his hands were bound behind his back, and his feet were made fast to the banister. When restored to consciousness he seemed unable to speak. He was interrogated, however, somewhat after the fashion of the paralytic dumb man in Dumas' "Monte Christo." A alphabet was placed before him, and he was invited to spell out his declaration. He did so, and to the amazement and horror of all who witnessed it, the master as the man who had attempted to murder him.

He stated that Armand knocked him down with a heavy blow from a billet of wood, then fastened his hands and feet, fixed a cord tightly round his neck, and left him to die. Again and again in the most solemn manner he declared that this was true, and appealed to Heaven to vindicate the jealousy of the accusation. After a while he recovered his speech and again and again repeated his story. The only explanation which he could suggest for Armand's having made so extraordinary an attack on him was, that he had been charged by Armand with having called the house in which Armand lived, owing to his ostentatement, he must have lain for hours and hours senseless and all but suffocated in the cellar. Nearly the whole day, in fact, he must have remained helpless and motionless in the place where his assailant left him.

Such was the case as best as odd story. It might be true, and the accuser solemnly and repeatedly declared that it was true. But there were some startling improbabilities about it. The character of M. Armand was very high—the motive for the outrageous deed seemed utterly inadequate. Moreover those who knew Armand, were aware that his hands were nearly paralyzed with gout. Still it was quite certain that Roux, the accuser, was found poisoned and that he previously examined, and somebody must have done the deed—and Roux knew that he was not the man. M. Armand was committed.

For eight long months and more he suffered all the rigors of the French system of preventive imprisonment. Had he been proved guilty the physical and mental sufferings of so long a confinement under that stern system would have been nearly punishment enough. The case came before the Assizes only the other day at the Assizes of Aix. Many able lawyers were engaged on both sides, particularly for the accuser seemed the most eagerly persecuted of men, and had during the interval suffered more than the accused himself, according to his own account, at the hands of his own enemies. The defence made for M. Armand was as singular as the charge. It was alleged that Roux had got up the whole thing himself as a means of extorting money.

An eminent physician of Paris maintained that the insensibility of Roux was a sham—that the mark on his neck showed the cord to have been tied so that it might not do injury—that the dumbness was feigned, and the accuser not only possessed his power of articulation, but was capable of performances by likewise appearing to have no power of moving his lips—that he could not have lain insensible for the hours alleged, and in the position in which he was found, and yet have presented no symptoms indicating the approach of genuine suffocation. And, finally, that the accuser's hands were so tied as to render it not only probable that he had tied them himself, but entirely impossible that any one else had done so. Of course this evidence was disputed by various medical men, and sustained by others, and some odd and eminently wrangles took place in Court.

Experts were called to examine into the identity of the cord, and of course the experts differed. The scene was converted into an experimenting room, and operations in the bleeding of hands were performed upon living subjects to the intense enjoyment of most of the spectators. It seemed, at all events, to be certain that Roux could, if he liked, have tied his hands himself as they were found when he was discovered in the cellar; and the opinion of physicians already mentioned maintained that he could not possibly have been in such a posture, when found to exhibit only the symptoms which Roux presented, would be simply an impossibility. Moreover, the same authority insisted that the marks on the neck were caused as the result of a tremendous blow from a billet of wood, and not possibly have been produced by such as instrument. The jury acted as we suppose any rational jury on earth would have done.

Taking into account this testimony and that of a number of witnesses who contradicted Roux on collateral points—taking into account the character of high character and even his physical condition, they found Armand not guilty. The verdict was received, we learn, with liberal demonstrations of applause, both within and without the court.

M. Armand, after no eight months of painful incarceration, was set free at last.

But there was another little ceremony yet to be gone through. The prosecutor immediately shifted his ground and sued the acquitted man for damages done by the blows which the jury had just acquitted him of giving. The claim was tried next day, and the court ordered that M. Armand must pay a fine of 20,000f. and one of the cases as damages, for having inadvertently given Roux a blow.

Under the Code of Napoleon this decision seems to be lawful. Even for an inadvertent blow excuse damage the doer is liable, and the fact that a man is charged not guilty of attempting to murder does not relieve him from responsibility of having done undesigned injury. Of course, in a general way, this is quite reasonable and fair. But surely in this instance M. Armand either committed the deed or had nothing whatever to do with it. If he did anything—if he had hand, not, or part in the affair, he must have tied the hands, knotted the feet, battered the head, and attempted to stop the windpipe of his victim. If he did not commit the criminal offence, then he could have had no more to do with it, occasionally or unconsciously, than if he had been a hundred miles away. If the Jury were justified in acquitting Armand—and the public seems not only to have applauded, but to have all along anticipated their decision—then we have rarely heard of a more outrageously vindictive than the unfortunate accused in this singular case. He had to endure eight months of severe imprisonment; he had to bear the badgering, and bullying, and terrifying of public prosecutor and judge during a long and weary trial; and he had now to pay a fine amounting to nearly a thousand pounds for doing that which the Jury declare he never did. Some of the French papers exclaim loudly against the anomalies of the case and its results; and their amusement is not surprising, for the whole story reads like one of the scenes in "Gil Blas" which describe the eccentricities of justice in the days of Don Raphael and the Holy Hermandad.

An American Lady at the Tuileries.

The Empress and Empress not unfrequently asks a great thing to persons accidentally presented to them, invite them to their next select parties, make much of them, and sometimes even ask them to their balls when the persons belonging to the Court. Of the ladies officially following, the reigning favorites are Princess Metternich, extremely clever and piquante, who invents the oddest toilettes, dances the oddest dances, and says the oddest things; the Marquise de Galliffet, whose past life is a romance, not altogether according to the French proverb, ("fit for school girl reading;") but who is very handsome, brilliant, merry and seductive; and two others, the handsome and dashing wives of men high in the employment of the Emperor. These ladies spend enormous sums on their toilette and are perpetually inventing some merry and brilliant nonsense for the amusement of the Empress.

Among the persons from "outside," most in favor just now in the inner circle of the Court, is a very handsome and accomplished American lady, the youthful wife of a millionaire, possessing a magnificent voice, a very sensible temper, and wonderfully splendid hair. After a very small and very merry party in the Empress's private apartments a few nights ago, the Imperial hosts and their guests sat down to an extemporaneous "little supper," the lady being one of the party. During the supper one of the Empress's ladies began playing tricks with Mrs ——'s hair, declaring that no human head could grow such a luxuriant mane of lustrous hair, and ignoring her to confess to sporting over a thin skillfully contrived addition to the locks of nature's bestowing. Mrs. —— modestly protested that her hair, such as it was, was really and truly her own, in right of growth, and not of purchase.

All present speedily took part in the laughing dispute, some declaring for the opinion of the Lady of Honor, the others for that of Mrs ——. The Empress and Empress, greatly amused at the dispute, professed a strong desire to know the facts of the case, and the Empress, declaring that it was clearly impossible to get at the truth in any other way, invited Mrs —— to settle the controversy by letting down her hair and giving peculiar demonstration of its being her own. The lady, whereupon, drew out her comb and the hair plus that held up her hair, and shook its heavy and shining masses all over her shoulders, thus giving conclusive proof of the tenure by which she held it. As Frenchwoman seldom have good heads of hair, it is probable that some little disappointment may have been caused on some of the ladies by this magnificent torrent of hair, displayed by Mrs ——, but the gentlemen were all in raptures at the really beautiful spectacle, the lady's husband, who worships her, being as proud of his triumph as though his wife's luxuriant locks were his own creation.—*Cor. Montreal Herald.*

The Origin of Spirits.—How since "whisky" have become so popular, we have taken pains to trace the origin of such decoctions. Our inquiries in Portugal we have resulted in tracing the inception of the idea to Marco Barzoza, who, according to Fitz Greene Halleck, urged his Bacchic followers to

Strike—for your altars and your fires,
Strike—for the green graves of your sires,
God, and your native land!

He also, according to the same authority, enjoined his followers to "strike till the last armed foe expire;" and "strikes" may be expected should his sentiment prevail, in the event of the present war.

Many persons who write to us to contract their sentences very awkwardly. They should get their sentences commuted.—*Louisville Journal.*

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

NEW OFFICE.
Money Exchange, April 26, 1864.

The Market opened this morning with very little movement in any department. Gold was in moderate demand at 1.50 premium, and receding steadily, presently at a stand still and nearly closing at 1.49 premium. Sight and Sixty Days Sterling were in moderate demand and steady. Francs were in moderate supply and steady. Silver was in moderate demand at 1.50 premium. Exchange on New York was in moderate supply and steady. Southern Money was in moderate supply and steady. Southern Money was in moderate supply and steady. Southern Money