



The Dial of Time.

Suggested by a wrought watch-case, presented by a Lady.

"My thanks" for the present were instantly spoken,
(The giver I never had seen,) For Confidence whispered—accept of the token,
And look the envelope within;
I took off the wrapper, and judge my surprise
As Horologe case to behold,
Most splendidly wrought in the richest of dyes,
And bordered with velvet and gold.
A "Harp" like a minstrel's with glistening chords,
Upon it in beauty was wrought;
A lesson—much plainer than teaching by words
To me this instruction was taught,
The "Harp" for a Poet to play his own rhyme,
And "Case" for suspending the Dial of Time.

My watch, though of silver with care did I place,
'Twas old, and a Swiss Dial, too,
Beneath an old mirror within its new case,
Then stretched on a sofa to view
The match I had made by the moon's pearly beam,
When Fancy my mind bore away
To sport with the muses, or else did I dream
Of strains of a far sweeter lay
Than Minstrel oft plays to his lady beloved,
Or serenades sing in a bower;
Asleep, or awake, by its notes was I moved,
And little I heeded the hour,
The "Harp" for a Poet to play his own rhyme,
Or "Case" for suspending the Dial of Time.

I sprang from the sofa—the vision was gone—
The "tick," of my watch could I hear,
But not from the "Harp" came a musical tone,
But still did my Present appear,
A "Harp," for a Poet to play his own rhyme,
And "Case" for suspending the Dial of Time.
[Olive Branch.]

Runaway Slaves.

There is said to be much activity in and about Chicago, between runaway slaves from Missouri and Kentucky on one part, and the civil officers on the other; and many curious and deep laid games are played by both parties in their endeavors to outwit each other. Each class is in turn successful; many slaves escaping to Canada, while the slave-catchers make many successful nabs. Self-interest rather than principle is the main motive on both sides.

Treasure Found.

The Barnstable Patriot says that "two men belonging to Nantucket, discovered on the shores of that Island a few days since, after an unusually low ebb tide, a cask, the head showing itself a little above the surface of the water, and which they found, on extricating it from its bed, to contain 5,000 Spanish dollars! It is thought to be a part of the cargo of a brig wrecked at that place more than fifteen years ago."

The Earth.

The surface of the earth is 196,862,206 square miles, and its solidity is 259,726,930,416 cubic miles.

The sea is to land, in round millions of square miles as 160 to 40, or as four to one.

The earth is according to the different measurements, 7912, 7917 and 7921 miles in diameter, and about 24,860 or 24,880 miles round.

The Teetotal Mechanic.

Under this title appears a new and very sprightly paper, published in Akron, Ohio, by Drew & Coggs. We are well pleased with the paper, but would remind the worthy editors that of the *eleven* articles which were copied from our paper in No. 7, only *one* was credited.

Effect of Vegetable Diet.

Of the interesting inhabitants of Pitcairn's Island, in the Pacific, it is said that they live almost entirely on fruits and vegetables.—Their diet is very simple, yams constituting their principal food. They rise early, and take much exercise. Their strength and agility is so great that the most expert English sailors cannot match them at wrestling and boxing, carrying, weighing, &c. Sickness of any kind is rare among them.

Hired Help.

The factories and the tailor shops take up so many girls, that it is next to impossible for families to get help. Some are breaking up housekeeping, while others depend wholly upon themselves. As a remedy for this evil, if evil it may be called, let mothers train their daughters to work in the kitchen. It will not hurt them; but make them healthier and happier, and prepare them ere long for good housewives.—[Portland Tribune.]

Humanity Triumphant.

We mentioned some weeks since that a little girl had been imprisoned in Canada, for plucking a single gooseberry from a bush by the side of a garden. We are gratified to learn that the father of the child brought a suit against the owner of the garden, which suit resulted in a verdict of \$300 against him, for his cruelty to the child.

The town of Monterey.

This town now in the possession of General Taylor, is the capital of the State of New Leon. It is on the Fernando river, about 220 miles from its mouth. It has well paved streets and mostly one story stone buildings. The population is about 12,000, and the city is situated on the main travelling route from the Rio Grande to the city of Mexico.

Printing 3000 years ago.

The Rev. Mr. Jamieson, who was for ten years a missionary in Thibet, preached in Dr. Swift's Church, Allegheny, lately. Mr. J. states that the art of printing has been practiced in Thibet for 3000 years. They can only print 3000 copies a day, however, from each form—so that if they were ahead of us in type, we are far ahead of them in press work.

Large Railway Train.

The Mining Journal says: "One of the largest trains probably ever seen, left the Rugby station recently. It consisted of 84 carriages, and was impelled by three of Stephenson's powerful six-wheeled engines. Its length extended to nearly half a mile, and the weight of merchandise, exclusive of the carriages, was upwards of 240 tons."

Education.

It is stated that in the United States one child in every 4 goes to school—in France one in twenty—in Poland one in seventy-eight—in Russia one in three hundred and sixty-seven, that one being a noble. In Prussia, every child is educated to some extent, though they are instructed in a variety of errors in addition to the use of letters.

The Indians in Texas.

An old squaw lately brought for sale, to the Texas Volunteer camp, two Spanish girls, starved nearly to death, and almost naked.—The Indians had murdered a whole family, except three girls, and wanted to sell them. The Texans liberated the girls, seized 15 or 20 Indians on suspicion, and determined to do justice in the matter. Right.

Died for Joy.

Don Manuel Agustin Heredia, the wealthiest man in Spain, was in great distress concerning the safety of a vessel he had dispatched to China. On hearing that his vessel had arrived at Malaga, on the 14th of August with a cargo worth fourteen millions of dollars, the Don fell and immediately expired.

Low and High Water.

A late Saint Louis paper states that the river was so low that the ferry-boats could not cross, while the Pittsburgh papers report ten feet water in the Ohio river at that place. The Connecticut has been lower than ever before known.

New Mode of Advertising.

A letter was recently received at the Fort Plain Post office, bearing the following superscription: "Fort Plain to enny Jir harness maker who wants work." The writer depends of course on the Post Master to notify the journeymen harness makers of the presence of the letter.

An Oversight.

We do not like apologies: but would say to Mr. Holcomb, that the notice of his nail-making machine, was actually put in type two weeks since, but in the hurry of business was set aside on the galley and overlooked. If it does not appear in this number, we will try again.

Diseased Turnips.

It is announced that the turnips in England and Ireland are infected with disease similar to that of potatoes: and as this vegetable is raised in large quantities, and much depended on for food, its failure is regarded as a serious calamity.

New mode of Pen-making.

We are informed that some Yankee has invented a machine whereby common quills are cut up into twenty pens each, which are used in a pen-holder in the manner of metallic pens. We think it not unlikely that the plan will succeed.

Immense Emigration to the West.

The Milwaukee Gazette announces the arrival of the steamer Empire, thus: "She had 960 paying passengers on her list, and was filled with freight. About 475 passengers and 70 tons of merchandise, furniture, &c. were landed at this port."

Ship Railroad.

It is now said that a treaty has been made for the construction of a railroad, by an English and French company, to unite the Atlantic and Pacific, over to the Isthmus of Panama. This looks more rational than the canal project.

"Go it while you're young."

The Middletown papers contain the marriage of Master David Turner, of Palmero, Ct., aged seventeen, to Miss Almira Brown, of Liberty, aged fourteen,—after a courtship of five years.

A Poor Woman's Eloquence.

The other day we heard a poor Irish woman describe her love of children. She never tired of tending them, she said, and whenever she heard one cry, "her heart cried with it."—[London Times.]

A Distressing Circumstance.

A Mrs. Culver, of Edgar county, Ill., was recently bitten by a rattlesnake, during the absence of her husband; and having no children large enough to send to the neighbors for help, she died before any assistance arrived.

A Bursted Cloud.

The Huntington Globe speaks of the bursting of a cloud in Lewiston, by which three young ladies were drowned. A contemporary remarks that they have very thin shelled clouds in that quarter.

The Late Storm.

We have accounts from various sections of the country, of much destruction of property by the gale of last week. The telegraph between Hartford and Berlin, Ct., was broken in 17 places.

Deepest Artesian Well in the World.

In the Duchy of Luxemburg, a well is being sunk, the depth of which surpasses all others of the kind. Its present depth is 2,336 feet, nearly 984 feet more than that of a la Grenalle, near Paris.

Postage.

The number of letters mailed within the month of October last, was 1,993,357 in the free States, and 854,109 in the slave States.—The number mailed in Ohio during that month was, 203,303, and in Kentucky, only 74,133.

The women of Peru never, it is said, nurse their children when angry, for fear of imparting to them a choleric temperament.

How Very Long.

The New London Star, says that "a citron melon vine which sprung from a stray seed last spring, on the farm of Noah Chapman, Esq. grew to the enormous length of *fourteen hundred and forty feet*, and produced *forty-two citrons*."

Old Dover to the young Dovers.

The inhabitants of Dover, England, have issued a circular address to the several towns of that name in America, in which address much friendly regard is expressed. Dover, N. H., will probably answer.

Third growth of Pears.

Mr. William Rhoad, of New Haven, has a tree that has produced the third growth of pears this season; the first crop was ripe on the first of August: the second on the 2nd of October, and the third is now ripening.

Much Deceived.

A person named *Much*, from Patterson, lately bought what purported to be a gold watch, at one of our city auctions, but he was *Much* vexed when he discovered it was only brass.

Snow Storm at Buffalo.

Buffalo had on Saturday morning last a wet and splashing storm, which wound up in a dismal snow storm.

The Organ of Trinity Church is the largest in the United States. The case is of solid oak in the Gothic style, the height of the organ is 52 feet, width 27 feet, depth 32 feet. It has 44 stops, and nearly 2500 pipes, the largest of which is 30 feet long. It was built by Mr. Henry Erben, of this city, and cost \$15,000.

The Magnetic Telegraph from Buffalo to Toronto has been commenced. The distance will be 100 miles. Arrangements are making for the connection of Buffalo and Detroit by Telegraph.

Rev. Dr. Yore stated, at a late meeting in Dublin, that he had attended 120 criminals to the scaffold, and every one of them declared intemperance to have been the means which brought them to the ignominious death.

The pumps—eight in number—employed in supplying the Illinois canal, are 4 1-2 feet in diameter, with six feet stroke and capable of raising 13,000 cubic feet of water per minute.

The Arabians will not kill superannuated camels, because they are past service and useless, but feed and nourish them with particular care in consideration of past services.

A Norwich paper states that the drought has been so severe in that section lately, that it is difficult for the locomotive to keep up steam.

The Railroad bridge across the Connecticut river at Windsor Locks, was lifted from the piers and dashed upon the rocks below, by the gale last week.

The Magnetic Telegraph Company are about constructing a new line from New York to Philadelphia, and instead of the fragile copper wire, to use strong iron cords.

Snow fell to the depth of three inches at Auburn, on Saturday night. There was almost a snow storm at Albany about the same time.

A gentleman from Thomaston, Maine, represents the drought to be so severe that water has been brought from the neighboring ponds and sold for five cents a bucket.

One of our exchanges speaks of a cucumber, which measures five feet and ten inches in length, and weighs five pounds and seven ounces.

There is said to be *thirty-seven millions* of capital invested in railroads by the people of Massachusetts alone.

There is said to be a female in Bangor, who was born in Newbern, N. C., in 1742. She walks to church regularly every Sunday.

A false friend is like a shadow on a dial, which appears in fine weather, but vanishes at the appearance of a cloud.

There have been reported several cases of severe sickness occasioned by digging diseased potatoes. Better leave them in the ground.