

seen by a young man named Thomas Brice, who at once surprised and somewhat alarmed, asked her where she was going, and if anything was the matter. Of these questions she took not the slightest notice, but turned and went up a court at the end of which her school is situated; he then in a loud voice called after her, and asked her if she was not Mr. —'s daughter, and with precisely the same result as before. Her father, who is a journeyman tailor, was at work at the time in his master's workshop over the passage leading into the court, and hearing his name thus singularly called upon, he looked out of the window, and sure enough there was his daughter as before described; he then, in a state of great fright, immediately ran down stairs into the court, calling after her to no purpose, when, on overtaking her, he was astonished to find she was sound asleep, and it was not until he had shaken her two or three times that she awoke. She said she was quite unconscious how she came there, and was not aware of having left her home. Her father then got something to wrap her up in, and carried her home in his arms. There are one or two circumstances connected with this singular case, deserving of being mentioned. Many yards of the road over which she walked have recently undergone a thorough repair, and though the cracked flint stones are to a certain extent worn down, still in several places it is in an exceedingly rough state; she is, however, totally ignorant of everything that took place up to the time of her being awake from her sleep, thus proving [in this instance at least], that the sense of touch during somnambulism is altogether suspended if not destroyed. Again, near the entrance of the court were a team of horses and a waggon, all of which she carefully avoided, as much so as if it had been mid-day and she were in perfect possession of all her senses. The affair has caused quite a sensation among the good folks of Colyton.—*Sherbourne Journal*.

#### SALARIES OF ACTORS.

Mr. Bunn, the ex-manager of Drury Lane and Covent-garden Theatres, make some curious revelations respecting the exorbitant salaries paid to our celebrated actors and actresses. It is difficult to conceive upon what principle their demands are regulated. For instance, in 1821, when Edmund Kean was putting into the treasury of Drury-lane a nightly average of £484, he was content to sign an agreement for three years, at £8, £9, and £10 per week, and considered that the committee acted with singular liberality in cancelling that article, and substituting one for £20 a night; but at the termination of this agreement, he stipulated for, and received to the close of his career, £50 per night! In 1821-2, Mr. Charles Young had a weekly salary of £20 at Covent-garden, and in the following year he had a nightly one of the same amount at Drury-lane, a scale of remuneration according to which he was paid until his retirement from the stage. In the very height of their popularity, such actors as Munden, Fawcett, Quick, Edwin, Irish, Johnstone, had £14 a week; and in January, 1812, Mathews, *Mathews*, the most extraordinary actor that ever lived, says, in a letter to Mrs. Mathews, on the subject of a proposed engagement at Covent-garden—"Now to my offer, which I think stupendous and magnificent—£17 per week." John Kemble, for acting and managing, had a weekly salary of £36; Miss O'Neill's salary, at the beginning of her brilliant career was £15 per week; George Cooke had £20 per week; Mrs. Jordan's salary in the zenith of her popularity was £31 10s. per week; Mr. Charles Kemble, until he became his own manager, never had more than £20 per week; Dowton £12, and never more than £20 per week. Up to 1822 (and during the greater part of her career to that period she was highly attractive) Miss Stephens the present Dowager Countess of Essex, had £20 per week, but in the following season at Drury-lane she was paid at the rate of £60 per week.

#### CONVERSIONS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Viscount Fielding, M. P., has within the last few days become a member of the Church of Rome. It will be recollected that his lordship recently took a prominent part in favour of what is termed the high church party. When the great meeting of clergy and laity was called to consider the Gorham case, in July last, St. Martin's Hall being confined, he presided over a supplemental meeting held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on which occasion his lordship emphatically declared that no lay tribunal should be permitted to adjudicate upon matters of faith.—*Daily News*.

The Rev. J. Hughes, Dean of Saint Patrick's College, Carlow, has returned from France.

In the Church and State Gazette of Friday we obtain this further information:—

"Another of the inmates of Archdeacon Manning's 'convent' at Wantage, has followed the example of the 'reverend mother,' whose perversion was recently announced, and has just been drafted into the (Romish) convent at Hammersmith.

"E. Windeyer, Esq., King's College, London, has also joined the Romish Church, and has proceeded to St. Edmund's College to prepare for priesthood. It is understood that several of Mr. Windeyer's pupils have also seceded.

"Mrs. Sims, the housekeeper at the clergy house, Margaret Chapel, has followed the example of the schoolmaster and schoolmistress, and has been received into the Church of Rome. Mr. Cavendish, whose perversion was lately announced, is the fifth clergyman from that chapel whose secession has been recorded. Several other persons of the lower orders have also taken this step.

"Mrs. Henry Wilberforce (the lady of the Vicar of East Farleigh) has also been received into the Romish Church; this lady is the second of the Bishop of Oxford's sisters-in-law who have been perverted—Mrs. William Wilberforce having been received into the Romish communion several weeks ago.

"Mr. Anderson, the Vicar of St. Margaret, Leicester, has recalled all his sermons, &c. in which anything is said to the disparagement of the Romish Church.

"It is reported that Mr. Bowyer, the eminent lawyer (lecturer on civil law in the Temple) has also joined the Roman Catholic Church."

POST OFFICE.—We understand that the Provincial Government, which had been previously notified that the control of the Post Office would be handed over by the Imperial Authorities at the close of the 5th of October Quarter, have been informed by a Despatch dated 20th September that "the necessary preliminaries having taken a longer time than was anticipated, the transfer must be postponed to some later day," of which they are to be instructed.—*Novascotian*, Oct. 21.

WELL DONE BARNUM.—On Saturday, Mr. Barnum received a telegraphic despatch from Montreal, informing him that between eight and nine hundred persons are coming from that city to attend Jenny Lind's concerts. Six editors of Montreal papers signified their intention to accompany the party, if, by telegraph, they could be ensured seats at the first concert after their arrival. Mr. Lee, one of the secretaries of Mr. Barnum, returned an immediate answer, inviting the gentlemen of the Press to come along. The Reporters of the Boston Press are waiting anxiously to know what the editors of this city propose to do with their Montreal brethren.—*Boston Bee*.

CONSIDERATION FOR NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS.—By a recent order issued by the Postmaster General of the United States, all correspondence for editors and publishers of newspapers printed in the States of the Union, is permitted to pass postage free through the territory of the United States, provided such correspondence relates exclusively to matters connected with their respective newspapers.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK.—On Saturday afternoon, about 1 o'clock,

the lower part of pier No. 8, North River, gave way, under about 160 tons of pig iron, landed from the ship Western World. One man had his cart loaded with iron prepared to start, when his horse and cart were engulfed with the falling timbers, and he had barely time to escape. Nearly all the iron sunk, several lives were lost.

A DISMAL PROSPECT.—A young lady of eighteen, Miss B. was engaged to be married to a gentleman of thirty-six.—Her mother having noticed her low spirits for some time inquired the reason. "Oh dear mamma," replied the young lady, "I was thinking about my husband being twice my age." "That's true, but he's only thirty-six." "He's only thirty-six now mamma, but,—when I'm sixty—" "Well," "Oh dear, why then he'll be a hundred and twenty."

AN OLD PROVERB VERIFIED.—A Scottish paper gives the following as an exemplification of the old proverb, "Many a true word is spoken in jest."—Mrs. Brougham, mother of the ex-Chancellor, says an Edinburgh friend, was a most excellent and thrifty housewife. On one occasion she was much troubled with a servant addicted to dish breaking, and who used to allege, in extenuation of her fault, "that it was crackit before." One morning little Harry tumbled down stairs, when the fond mother, running after him, exclaimed, "Oh boy, you've broke your head." "No, ma," said the future Chancellor, "it was crackit before."

SCHOOL BOY WIT.—A short time since, as a well-known English master in a grammar school was censuring his pupil for the dullness of his comprehension, and consenting to instruct him in a sum of *Pratice*—he said, "Is not the price of a penny loaf always a penny?" when the boy innocently answered—"No, sir, two for three half-pence when they are stale."

THE FROZEN HORN.—Perhaps it is not generally known that the writer of "Munchusen's Travels" borrowed this amusing incident from Heylin's "Mikrokosmos." In the section treating of Muscovy, he says:—"This excess of cold in the ayre gave occasion to Castilian, in his 'Auhicus,' wittily and not incongruously to faine that if two men, being somewhat distant, talk together in winter, their words will be so frozen that they cannot be heard; but if the parties in the spring return to the same place their words will melt in the same order that they were frozen and spoken, and be plainly understood.—*Notes and Queries*.

GENIN "NO MORE."—The *Boston Courier* has a rich account of the great "ticket auction," in which Dodge covered himself with undying glory—and thus alludes to the way in which Genin's fame was knocked into "immortal smash."

"The sale was now commenced, and the first choice of a seat, was two hundred and fifty dollars. This first effort of the "immortal" Bostonians, at once clapped a broad brimmed beaver extinguisher upon the flaming glories of the mammoth Manhattan hatter, and the great city that owns him for a champion. Genin was instantaneously swamped in ticket buying supremacy; his cake of immortality was dough; his felt and fur transcendentalism scattered to the four winds, and he sunk with a crashing *hisouse* into a mere eight-penny oblivion! *Sic transit*, &c. Three loud and hearty cheers burst forth from the assembled multitude at this first bid, which announced that Boston can begin a notch higher than New York can end."

A MARRYING GENIUS.—There is a man in the New York penitentiary who has had 23 wives. He is just 36 years of age, and has been engaged in the matrimonial business since he was 16, and has therefore, had a new wife every seven months, getting rid of the old spouse, and courting the new one *ad interim*. He declares that he will have a hundred wives before he dies if they do not cramp his genius within stone walls.

A Wicked Whale.—Captain Cook, of bark Parker Cook, arrived at New Bedford, says the sperm whale which attacked his vessel on the 22d July, in lat. 38½,

lon. 36 50, when first lanced, capsized the boat with her head. Afterwards she run a muck at the bark, and her stem penetrated the whale's head to the full depth. Then she made a second run of a bout half a mile at the vessel, but with less force. Captain Cook then attacked the whale with his bomb lance, and fired three times within eighty yards, the whale coming at him each time with her mouth open. The third lance caused her to spout blood, and she died soon after. She yielded 103 barrels of oil.

"Some 'bottle-nose whales' have been seen off Ireland. It is but fair to infer, then, that they were pointing their noses towards Cork.—*Punch*.

The opinion entertained by the more intelligent class of fishes with regard to the Submarine Telegraph is that we are laying down wires for the purpose of catching the American Sea Serpent.—*Punch*.

A Question to the French.—Now, be candid, and tell the truth! Would you not be glad to part with all your change if you could get a good sovereign?

The Irish-American Sea Serpent.—The Irish seem to be taking the American Sea Serpent "quite intirely" out of the hands of the Yankees. It is a difficult labour to imagine an Irish American Sea Serpent. The only picture we can draw of him is with a short pipe in his mouth, brandishing a shillelagh with one of his fins, shouting out "Will any jintlema just thread upon my tail?"—*Punch*.

#### DIED.

At Vernon River, on Monday the 21st, after a few days illness, Mr. Charles Moore, of Orwell, aged 26 years, deservedly regretted. The unfortunate deceased, on Friday last, was trying some strange hoaxes in a portable Threshing Machine—with which he was in the habit of travelling through the settlement—and the band having slipped off the Fly Wheel, he threw a sheaf of grain on it, and then laid the weight of his body on the grain, for the purpose of stopping the machine—which is often done—when the Fly Wheel burst, and struck him on the head and face, breaking his jaw bone, and otherwise seriously injuring him. He lingered from the time of the accident until Monday, when death put an end to his suffering.

Died in peace, at Fownal, Lot 49, on Friday, the 11th instant, in the 33rd year of her age, Catherine, the beloved wife of Mr. Frederick Mellish, leaving a husband and five children to mourn their loss. The deceased is much and deservedly regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

#### LAUNCHED.

At Georgetown, from the shipyard of Mr. Burke, for F. Longworth, Esq. of this town about ten days since, a superior and well finished Barque of 491 tons register called the "Laura Campbell."

#### SHIP NEWS.

##### ENTERED.

Oct. 21—Brig Margaret, Francis Liverpool goods. Schr. Partner, Allan, Nova Scotia herring. Stranger, O'Brien, Halifax; goods 23rd—Schr. Aurora, Arnold, Pictou, herring 24th—Glory, Le Blanc, Arichat; bal. Bog Mary Ann, Campbell, Liverpool; goods, to W. W. Lord, and others; 22 passengers, and 9 Cattle for the Royal Agricultural Society.—Cambria, Gallant, St. Pierre; bal. British Queen, Pye, Halifax; herring.

##### CLEARED.

Oct. 19th—Brig Mary Gillespie, M'Kenzie-Dublin; timber. Schr. Olive Branch, Bouche Richibucto; bal. Joseph, Niekerson, Miramichi; herring. Unity, M' Rae, Richibucto—Elizabeth, Harding, Boston—grain. 22nd—Schr. Hora, Maghly, Pictou—produce. Trial, Gerrier, Boston—potatoes. 23rd—Fancy, M. Milan, Plymouth—timber, deals, &c.—by James Peake, Egan, Bathurst—bal. Schr. Mayflower, Mattatell, Pugwash—bal. 24th—Cambria, Gallant, St. Pierre—produce.

#### NOTICE.

GEORGE HOOPER being about to leave the Island, requests that all persons to whom he may be indebted will present their accounts for payment forthwith; and from those who may be indebted to him he solicits an early payment.  
October 26th, 1850.