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MISCELLANEOUS.
BRILLIANT TO THE LAST.—A gentleman writing from Paris, states that M. Place, the French banker who recently failed for the immense amount of sixteen million francs, on the evening of the grand catastrophe, a splendid dinner, to which were invited all the celebrities of a certain grade upon the Bourse together with an equal number of ladies. The host was of the most recherche kind—the cost probably being not less than twenty-five dollars a head; and the buoyant spirits of the host were the theme of general admiration. When the enthusiasm was at its height a magnificent dessert was placed upon the table, which M. Place ordered the waiter to pass round to the ladies, as it contained a few nuts for their especial cracking. Every lady then plucked her hand within the vase, and drew forth whatever choice bestowed in the shape of some rare jewel, the cheapest of which could not have been worth less than sixty dollars, while some of them were of great price. After this delightful ceremony the generous host took his leave amid the reiterated applauses of his guests. The next day his house was silent and deserted, and a defalcation of sixteen millions was announced before the tribunal of Commerce.

STATISTICS OF THE SOUL.
I would to God that statistics could be taken from within man's soul as without. We can count their myriad numbers, record their ages, mark down their lives, register their stocks and count their baies. We know what seas receive their streams, and whither they bend from fertile shores the vast productions. But who has yet taken register of the morning hopes and traced them to their evening end? Who has noticed the mind's distraction, the alert four, the wronged conscience, the chafed temper, the burning steam of avarice directed on the grinding machinery? Who has shown the daily strokes by which the onward graver has traced those hieroglyphic numbers on the forehead which no lamp will decipher? We know what man is in and outside—in his noise and mad whirl; but only God knows what man is within. Six thousand annual suns have lighted the path of human desire to the eye of God. The registration of 6300 years of trial after happiness lies in the recording books of Heaven. Human history records grandly here and there the features of the landscape; but in Heaven we see the secret history; not temples but the vanity of the builders; not the labourers; not the throne, but the hearts of the restless sunbeams; not ships and slugs, but the rise and result of the goading desire that employed them; not the palace and the mansion, but the dull plethora, walking in fervent desire, relapsing through craving conceits, on to its former mass. Looking upon the passage of the human heart through sin, God breaks forth and gives the secret of his own joy to man.—It is more blessed to give joy to receive. Ah! the chronometer has been bound up behind its wheels. No wonder it kept no time.—J. W. Beecher.

A SALVE FOR EVERY SORE.—Lord Bradford was an eccentric Scotch judge, with a bad tempered wife. His butler determined to leave because Lady Bradford was always scolding him. "John," exclaimed the old judge, "ye're a little to complain o'; ye may be thankful ye're no married to her."
From a statement made at the Police Court by Mr. Allen, keeper of the city goal, it appears that there are 160 prisoners in the goal at present. Three-fourths, if not even nine-tenths are sent there as the funds of the grog shops in the city, and yet the authorities condemn these manufacturers of criminals and crime!—*Toronto Christian Guardian.*

ARRIVAL OF THE LOST CABLE.—The brig Ellen arrived yesterday morning, from Sydney, bringing the submarine telegraph cable, lost from the James Adger, and lately recovered. The brig Ellen, it will be remembered, was chartered by the New York, Newfoundland, and London Submarine Telegraph Company of this city, to go in search of this cable.
The cable in an excellent condition, and together weighs about 200 tons. It is a 1 1/2 inch cable, with three copper wire conductors insulated in gutta-percha. A portion of the cable, previous to the departure of the Ellen, was destroyed, was taken to lay across the Gut of Canso, and has already been laid. The residue of the cable will be used for similar purposes, where submarine cables are required across channels and rivers. A cable has already been laid where the present cable was originally intended to have been laid.

THE BOAT RACE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND ST. JOHN.—This race is looked forward to with considerable interest. The preliminaries (says the N. Y. Clipper) were recently arranged in Boston, between Mr. Walter Welsh, on the part of St. John N. B., and Mr. Stephen Roberts, in behalf of New York. It was agreed, that the race should be for \$1000 a side, in boats to be rowed by four men each, the men to be respectively of St. John and New York. On making the match, \$200 a side were deposited in the hands of the stakeholder—\$500 deposit of \$200 a side was made on the 4th of July, and the balance, we are informed, is to be made good on the day previous to the race. The day selected for the race is the twentieth next month, when the vessel question is to be adjourned to be decided on the waters of Charles River, Boston.

On Thursday morning while on board the steamer St. John, we witnessed a most singular optical phenomenon, in the appearance of a bright flame not unlike a rocket, but fifty times larger. It rose at the North West about midway between the zenith and the horizon and then moved slowly and majestically for the space of two minutes, at least, towards the Eastward. It was a most splendid spectacle, and when its luminous body at last disappeared by discharging a myriad of scintillations upon the water, it left a bright afterglow continued to retain a bright amber colour for upwards of a quarter of an hour.—*Fredericton Reporter.*
"Here, you young rascal, walk up and give an account of yourself. Where have you been? " "After the girl. " "Did you ever know me to do as she? It was a boy's " "No, sir; but mother did."