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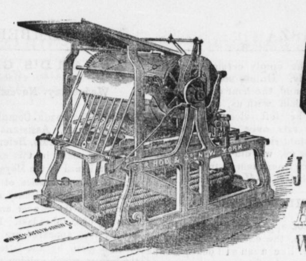

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There is an old gray pussy cat in Newark which has recently had an addition to her family of six kittens, all of which are joined together near the hind legs. In lifting one up, you raise the whole, like a bunch of bananas. This interesting group of felinity seems to live very harmoniously together.

Sir John Crampton.—The elevation of Sir John Crampton to be a Knight Commander of the Bath marks very distinctly the approval of the Government, of the way in which that gentleman fulfilled his duties as the representative of her Majesty at Washington, and the time and manner of raising him to the dignity may be considered as intended to harmonise with the far more important indications which may have been given by Lord Palmerston of his earnest desire to avoid any unnecessary offence to the American government. Approving as they did of Mr. Crampton's conduct under circumstances of considerable difficulty, it was, we think, the duty of the Government to show in some unmistakable way that the aspersions cast upon that gentleman's personal honour found no echo in their minds. To do so at the moment of his landing in this country would perhaps have unnecessarily ruffled our somewhat touchy cousins across the Atlantic. Accordingly, occasion was taken to include Mr. Crampton's name in the first list of honours to be conferred upon the diplomatic corps, and, along with two other old public officers, he has been made a K. C. B. in consideration of his long and meritorious services.—*Globe*

"Picking up" a Lady.—The *Courier de Limoges* has the following:—"As a tradesman of Tarascon was a few nights ago at a late hour going in his gig to Brives, he overtook in a desolate part of the road near Puyfort an elegantly-dressed young woman, who appeared greatly fatigued. Astonished to see a woman of her appearance alone on the highway at such an hour, he stopped and questioned her, and she, after some hesitation, said in a soft voice, 'Ah, Sir, I am very unhappy. My husband, in consequence of a quarrel we happened to have, has just flung me out of a postchaise, and I am now going I know not where.' The tradesman said she would do well to go to Brives, the nearest town, and offered her a seat by his side, but she said with an air of great modesty that she could not think of accompanying a perfect stranger. The tradesman, however, insisted, and after a while she got into the gig. The conversation that ensued soon assumed a tender tone, and the tradesman ventured to press the hand of the lady and to take a peep into her face, which he thought from modesty she had kept averted from him. He then saw two fierce eyes and a rough beard, and the sight struck him with terror. After a moment's reflection, however, he let his pocket handkerchief drop into the road, and, said he, 'Madame, I must stop for a moment to pick up my pockethandkerchief; but no, my horse is so vicious that I cannot leave him; is it taking too great a liberty to ask you to pick up the handkerchief for me?' 'Not at all Sir,' said the pretended lady, jumping from the gig, and at the same moment the tradesman, whipping his horse, drove off as fast as he possibly could. A basket left by the bandit in the gig was found to contain a poinard and two pistols."

Dreadful Fight and Destruction of a Ship.—The Dutch ship Bianco, with 700 Chinese Coolies on board for Havanna, put back to Macao in a dangerous state. The Coolies were not allowed to land. No fears would seem to have been entertained, until a Chinese doctor warned the captain that mischief was brewing. In preparing for such contingency as the rising of the Coolies, the small arms were placed on the poop, and two guns were loaded with grape and pointed forward. About 9 o'clock of the night of the 8th August, the disturbance commenced, and the crew took refuge on the poop. The captain first fired a shot or two overhead, but as that had no effect and the Coolies were advancing towards them, yelling frightfully, armed with belaying pins, bricks torn from the cooking places, &c., the captain gave orders to his men to fire, and immediately a volley was poured into the infuriated mass from the two guns, and also from the small arms. This had the effect of checking and putting down the riot, and the Coolies were driven below, but they sought revenge by setting fire to the ship, and in a few minutes the captain was appaled by seeing flames issuing up from the fore hatch. A frightful scene of carnage followed: the Colies rushed upon deck, and no doubt murdered all the officers of the ship, none of them or the captain having been seen since. The ship was soon in a blaze fore and aft. In about an hour the mainmast fell with a crash, then the fore and mizen, and about midnight the magazines blew up with a tremendous explosion. The ship was instantly hurled to fragments, and a vast number of poor creatures, clinging on the chains, perished with her. Of the number who were on board, including crew and passengers— about 700—only 150 escaped with their livas. the, remainder were either burnt in the ship or drowned.

An Editor Hung in Kansas.—The Evansville (Ind.) *Journal* says:

"We learn by a gentleman just come from Green Castle, Putnam county, that Alf. Patrick, Esq., formerly editor of the Putnam county *Banner*, was hung in Leavenworth by the border ruffians a short time since. The news came first as a rumor, which was not believed till verified by a letter to one of his relatives. Mr. Patrick was well know over the State as an editor. He was a vigorous and spicy writer, and before his departure for Kansas was a strong pro-slavery man, and advocated the American cause. After his arrival in Kansas, having opportunity of observing the cause and conduct of the pro-slavery men there he wrote home letters signifying a decided change in his views, and detailing dangers he had escaped from holding opinions sympathetic with those of the Free State men. The news is now here, that for holding and declaring his honest opinions he has been *hung*."

General Williams' Sword.—The Loudon *Illustrated News* gives the following description or the Sword presented to this distinguished soldier by the legislature of his native Province:

"The blade of the sword is of NovaScotia steel, as the simple inscription tells us:—,,The Legislature of NovaScotia presents this blade, formed of Native Metal, to her distinguished son Sir William Fenwick Williams of Kars, 1856." But the blade is not the only remarkable portion. The scabbard is a work in the highest style of art, one of which Cellini might be proud. On the hilt, which is richly ornamented and gilt, are two beautiful figures of Truth and Wisdom, around which the Mayflower (an emblem of his native land), the vine and the palm entwine; on the guard is the cipher of the general. The scabbard which is gilt, is relieved at intervals with oxydised silver in compartments, which contains the arms of NovaScotia, of Turkey, of Great Britain, and various trophies emblematical of Fame and Justice, with figures of Valour and Victory. These latter are the work of M. Vechte and are very beautiful. The whole is a pleasing instance of Art decorating Victory."

Mrs. Stowe has been honored with an invitation to Balmoral, and spent several hours in company with the Queen, who showed her great attention.