

FIRE OF THE ARMIES.

The demolition of the houses in Sebastopol goes on, but it is not so safe to visit the place as it was formerly, inasmuch as the Russians now shell vigorously, and throw shot into any considerable groups in the streets. The French have two mortars, one of which, I believe, to the Russians among the ruins of the Karabelnina, and bombard the barracks in the citadel with great success. The enemy, having discovered the preparations for throwing up batteries near Fort Alexander and the ruins of Fort Paul by the French and English respectively, commenced a heavy fire from the northern works and forts, which they continued throughout the day, and which at times amounted to a cannonade.—The French replied to it with vigorous and some guns on the left. The Russians fired from Fort Michael, from Little Severnaya, and from the Harbour's Spur Batteries, and their shot went crashing through the ruined houses, but did not create any very serious injury.

Two of the daughters of the late Professor Webster, who was executed for the murder of Dr. Parkman, have married into the family of Mr. Dabney, an American, at Fayal, of great influence and fortune.

GOSSIP ABOUT THACKERAY.—I was used to know Thackeray in London. He was our correspondent (the Home Journal), you recollect, six or seven years ago—then in the chrysalis of his present reputation. He is more likely to be personally popular, I think, than any other English author, whose name is on this side of the water. He is a tall man, of large frame, and features roughly cast—the expression of his face rather "No-you-don't" and Great Britains, but withal very fondness and very dandy about him. Above twaddle, by the life of his genius, and not having had either prosperity or personal beauty enough, in early life, to contract any permanent illusion, he (or we) will continue to converse with interest in address and conversation than will be expected of a fashionable author (he is strict on the surface—genial at heart). In taking a moment's chop with him occasionally at the "Blue Posts," in comparison with any other author, I can only find, I remember being struck with the degree to which the hot punch in the silver tulkard, after dinner, softened his criticism of new books and brother authors. By knowing his intimates, I learned a circumstance with which I will venture to concur. His father was wealthy, and his family, of a patrician descent, had known only prosperous ease till adversity came to sting one of them into fame. The only remainder of the household in its ancient state was an old and faithful serving-man, whom Thackeray, while earning his first difficult bread with his pen, continued to maintain, in the old *dead cool family livery*—half-starving himself to do it. There was "blood and game" in this, which gave a key to what he would always be true to.—N. P. *Wills' Rag-Bag.*

SINGULAR SWISS CUSTOM.—In the large towns the children of similar age and sex are gathered together by their parents in what are called *clubs de dancing*. These little clubs are composed of twelve or fourteen children, selected by the parents with a view to their adeptness to amuse and benefit each other. They meet in turn at the houses of the different parents every Sabbath evening, and are dressed in white, and, and the time is spent in amusements common to children. As they grow older these amusements are combined with instruction. This kind of intimacy creates friendships which last long after they are dispersed and scattered over the world, and even through life. Girls thus linked together in childhood retain their affection in mature life, and even in womanhood distinguish each other by the tender appellations of *my niece, my cousin*, even Sabbath evening, and are as ready as the Swiss society is so exclusive, and it is so difficult for a stranger to press beyond its mere formalities. The rank of the husband in Switzerland depends altogether upon that of his wife. Immediately on their marriage they are required to give notice to the father that which he formerly occupied.

SIMPHERPOL.—Alciter from St. Petersburg, in the *Hamburg News*, says:—"The consequences of the fall of Sebastopol begin to be felt at Simpherpol. A great number of the inhabitants of that place have already abandoned it. The town had produced very materially from the effects of Sebastopol. According to a letter of the 7th September, its population at that date amounted to 70,000, and they were constantly increasing by the arrival of persons of all denominations, in an almost incredible manner. It has become impossible for provisions, lodgings, rents were as dear as at St. Petersburg. Not less than 50 roubles (the rouble is somewhat under 4 francs) a-month were asked for a place which before had been worth about 10 roubles a year. Firing had also become excessively dear, but bread continued at a moderate price, in consequence of the constant arrivals from New Russia and the distant provinces. The number of shops, which before 1855 were about 100, are now 1,500. The market at Poltava, two-thirds of the goods were purchased for Simpherpol."

SINGULAR WILL.—A person named J. de Dios Chacon, recently died at Lima, leaving a fortune of one million dollars, all won at the gaming table. He willed the whole to a woman residing in the city, on condition that she should give a *pequeo* gratuity to every poor man and woman who was discharged from the hospital and receive a hundred poor men and women daily at her table. In case of the legation neglecting to fulfil either of the provisions above mentioned, the usufruct of the property should be divided equally among the poor of England and France, on the same conditions.—*Valparaiso paper.*

The United Service Gazette says:—"The authorities are justly deserved censure for the neglect of the troops at the opening of the campaign, they are now determined to supply everything that may be required. At the present time there are two very elegant black heavers waiting at the Tower to be shipped for Sebastopol."

DR. CARPENTER, Dr. F. R. LEES, and Dr. WESTMINSTER.—On Monday evening, in audience of some 30 persons, we were assembled in Ester Hall, at the residence of the London Temperance League, to hear a lecture by Dr. F. R. Lees in reply to an article which lately appeared in the "Westminster Review" on "The physiological effects of teetotalism."—According to an appointment, Dr. Carpenter, the eminent physiologist, presided, opening with his address in argument and dignity worthy of his high position and fame. As was expected, the lecturer replied to the assertions of the reviewer, with the logical manner, clearness, and conclusiveness for which he has been so long noted. The lecture was listened to with unflagging interest, and responded to by frequent outbursts of intelligent applause.

The Chairman remarked, that he had long been a teetotaler, and not only had he detected no error, but would endorse the whole, and also would state whatever physiological reputation he had acquired upon its truth, that the replies were in harmony with the experimental findings of the most eminent medical authorities, and confirmed at home.—A most hearty vote of thanks was presented to the lecturer, moved by Dr. Oxley.—Dr. Ellis, in seconding the vote, confirmed the statements of the chairman and lecturer on the nature and effects of alcohol, adding that in lately gathering the produce of his farm of 1000 acres, he had induced his harvesters to abstain from alcoholic liquors, and amply supplied them with chocolate, &c. The result was no headache, parching thirst, prostration of strength, or neglect of duty; his fields were sown before his neighbours', who supplied the usual intoxicating drink, but who will most likely follow the example next year.—A vote of cordial thanks to the chairman was passed, moved by the Rev. N. Hall, B. A., and seconded by the Rev. J. E. B. Dr. Lees, and J. M. McCulloch, M. D., in allience.

News for the People! THE GOOD SCIR, "SUNAG'S," has arrived from BOSTON, and consists of DOBBS' BRICK STORE, a choice lot of all sorts of AMERICAN GOODS, which will be sold by the Subscriber Cheap, and on good terms. THOMAS W. DODD. Oct. 5.

Stratford Hotel. THIS is a new Establishment, which is delightfully situated on the south side of the Hillsborough, and commands an extensive view of the City and Harbour, is JUST OPENED, and has superior accommodations for transient and permanent Boarders; and the Subscriber trusts, by assiduity and attention to the convenience and comfort of his guests, to receive the constant patronage and support of the public generally. There is also good STABLE accommodation on the premises. GEORGE MOORE. October 27th.—if

New Importations. OPPOSITE in great variety. British and Foreign Goods, all of the best quality, and at low prices. Consists of, with plumb and side light, Bench screws, (Birch and Walnut) 25 6d to 4 6d each. IRON, Axes, Hatchets and Hammers assorted, Brass and Steel Locks, at prices from 1s 9d to 20s each. Morris Latches, low priced Spikes and Latch Locks. Store Door Locks with 2 keys, a good article, Glass, Flower, Mineral and Argillite door knobs, Brass and Iron Fire Escutcheons, Screws, a large lot. Excelsior Stone Auger Bits, sizes from 3-16 to 1 inch. Chains, all sizes. Screw Wrenches, Hand and Bench Vices, and all the various kinds of Hardware, &c. lately received from the United States, and for sale by HASZARD & OWEN. Oct. 24, 1855.

Removal. G. H. LOCKERBY, Wholesale, returns his thanks for the liberal patronage he has received, and begs to inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has removed to upper Queen's STREET, where he will continue to sell, in like large and small Spinning Wheels, Reels, Winding Spools, &c., &c., &c. Oct. 24, 1855.

HASZARD & OWEN have JUST OPENED, and now offer for Sale, an extensive stock of HARRIS' PATENT LOCKS, and all the following: LOCKS—Key, or Mortise, of various descriptions, for Parlors, Foot Steps, Shops, Warehouses, Gunlocks, Trunks, Ship's Cabins, Wardrobes. LATCHES—Patent Stop, Gate, and night. Carriages and Tire bolts, Patent Wall Hooks with 20 Instruments. HAMMERS—Claw, Riveting, Carpet and Shoe. AXES & HATCHETS—For cutting hand and soft wood splitting. AUGER BITS—From three sixteenths to inch. Socket Chisels. Metal and Wood head gimlets. Hickory Mallets, with scrawed handles. Walnut Brass Screws. Glass and Brass Screws. Morris Gages of various kinds. Tryng Squares and Bevels. Spirit Levels, and other leveling Instruments. Levels, Plumb and levels, and level Glasses. Knives and Files, Carvers. Party Knives, Ship's Cutlery, Wardrobes. Wrenches of various kinds. Curry Combs, Hair Snaps. Trunk Traps, Tins and Spoons. Dinner Bells. Cow Bells. Spring Balances, weighing from 1/2 to 24 lbs. Very cheap. Well Wrenches. Grindstone fixtures. Melasse Cans. Iron squares. Colloid and Lead Pipes. Handled Auger Bits. Hand and Bench Vices. Plyed and split iron nails. Wood and Iron Braces, General Wheel and Turkey and other Oldsmen and Slips. Thick and thin Saws. Ladies' Garden Hoes. Turnip Hoes. Assorted kinds of Hay and Manure Forks. Iron pumps. Door Scrapers. Cast Iron Stoves. Sinks and Wash Basins. Strainers for Sinks. Egg boxes, useful for calling on a Farm. Milk pails, and other useful articles. All Cheap and useful Lathings, with various other articles too numerous to mention. Notices Navigators, &c. &c. &c. Gunter Scales, 3s 6 3/4.

COPAL VARNISH. A FEW TONS of superior COPAL VARNISH, for sale by H. HASZARD, Charleston, July 20, 1855.

CHARLES, &c. DELLE ISLE to Boston, including Gulf and River to St Lawrence, with a large boat of sailing-tow. Consists of 2 masted, including Day of Pandy with 200 tons. For information apply to Messrs. J. & J. Lawrence and New Foundland, 206, No. 205 and 210 Broadway, N. Y. New-bern Harbor Straits, two pairs, 35 6d each. Atlantic General Charters. English Channel, full chart of the South of Ireland, St. George's Channel, the English Channel, and of the North Sea to Yarmouth and Amsterdam, 21s. South of Ireland and St. George's Channel, 15s 6d. St. George's Channel, with sailing directions, 25s. St. George's Channel and British Channel, 12s 6d. Parallel Rules, 3s 2d 9.

Valuable Farm for Sale. AN excellent Farm, consisting of 70 acres of Freehold land, on the Edge of Yale Road, Lot 66, St. George's Channel, containing 1200 acres of (twelve miles from Charleston), forty acres of which are clear, with a large DWELLING HOUSE newly erected and completely finished, is now offered for Sale, with immediate possession. For particulars apply to JOHN KENNY, Central Agency. May 23, 1855. 111.

Chambers's Publications. HASZARD & OWEN are Agents for Prince Edward Island for the sale of Messrs. Chambers's Publications, and have a catalogue of an eminent firm that will be found as are for Schools, public and private libraries, and embracing in a cheap and popular form, the literature of the day.

NEW GOODS. THE Subscriber has just received, per Sir Alexander, from England, a very extensive assortment of British and French Merchandise, which will be open for inspection on MONDAY next, at the New Store, immediately adjoining his old stand, in Great George Street.

The Largest and most Elegant Assortment of Military and Army Goods, ever imported to this Island, will be open for inspection on and after Monday next (between the hours of 10 and 12) at the Brodie's Rooms, West side of Queen Square. The whole will be offered at a very low price. Oct. 25. WM. HEARD.

NOTICE. THE Business of the office carried on by the Subscribers, under the Name and Firm of A. J. DUNCAN & Co., on the 1st day dissolved by mutual consent, and all persons indebted to them, are required to pay the said Debt to A. J. DUNCAN & Co., who are also authorized to adjust and pay all claims against the said Firm of A. J. DUNCAN & Co. Dated this 14th day of October, 1855. ANDREW DUNCAN, JAMES DUNCAN, ANDREW DUNCAN MASON.

Notice. THE undersigned having this day entered into Co-partnership with the firm of G. DEWEES, MASON & Co., beg to intimate to their friends and the public generally, that they will continue the business heretofore carried on by the said firm by the firm of "A. J. DUNCAN & Co." as General Importers and Merchants, in their New Brick Building at the Corner of Queen and Dorchester Streets in this City. JAMES DUNCAN, G. DEWEES, MASON, ROBERT ROBINSON HODGSON. City of Charleston, October 3, 1855.

Charleston Mutual Insurance Company. Incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1848. THIS COMPANY offers the best guarantee in any form of Insurance, except Life, at a very full 50 per cent, on the amount. The present reliable Capital exceeds £1700. Persons having property in Charleston, or vicinity, who are desirous of insuring, are invited to apply to the Secretary of this Company for Policies or Information. "One of the Policies" Fire Annihilators has been purchased by the Company, and the best of persons insured in this Office. In case of Fire, the use of it can be obtained immediately, by applying at the Secretary's Office. W. HEARD, President HENRY PALMER, Secretary and Treasurer. Secretary's Office, Kent Street, Charleston, August 5th, 1855.

NOTICE!! NOTICES!! A BETTER ARTICLE of Stone—No money than this was ever offered for sale in this City. The subscriber has just received, from the City of Albany, 150 Stoves, of every description of style and pattern, including several new patterns, as well as the late STONE, &c. &c. &c. of the best of persons friends and the public generally, to call and examine to judge for themselves. WILLIAM B. DAWSON. October 16.