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After reading the above, we should suppose the rebel-sympathizing copperheads of the Northwest would feel very much disgusted with their friends in the rebel South.

Meeschaum, or "Beume de Mer." This article, which is so much esteemed by the tobacco smokers, is a hydrated silicate of magnesia—Magn. Silic. Hydr.—but as the compound is not crystalline, its constituents are variable, and silicates of iron and of alumina occur with it.

The following is an extract of a private letter, written by an officer of the Sixty-sixth U. V. I., stationed at Dumfries, Va. In this town they raised one company of sixty men; twenty-two are known to be dead, and the rest cannot be heard from.

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CURIOUS CUSTOM.—A curious custom, in connection with marriage, prevailed at one time in Scotland, and from the manner in which it was carried out, was called "Creeing the Bride Groom."

The mode of proceeding in the village of Galashiels was as follows: Early in the day, after the marriage, those interested in the proceeding assembled at the house of the newly wedded couple, bringing with them a "cree," or basket, which they filled with stones.

The state of aggregation is so variable, as to give rise to various densities; some kinds, sink in water, others float on its surface; but of medium density are preferred by the pipe-maker, for the light varieties are porous, and even cavernous, and the heavier kinds are often made up artificially.

Most of the meerschaum is from Asia Minor; the town of Coniah; but it is also found in Spain, Greece, and Moravia. It is exported in the shape of irregular blocks, with obtuse angles and edges.

In some cases the meerschaum is roughly fashioned into bowls on the spot where the material is dug; and they are more elegantly carved in Europe.

"I'LL JUST MENTION IT."—Not very far from Central New Jersey lived two brothers, Archy Brown and Tom Hall.

"Do you think, Mary, you could leave your father and mother and your pleasant home here, with all the ease and comforts, and go to the Far West with a young lawyer who has but little besides his profession to depend upon, and with him find a new home, which it would be your joint duty to beautify and make delightful like this?"

"Dropping her head softly on his shoulder, she answered: "I think I could Archy."

JOAN OF ARC.—There is a legend respecting the substitution of another person at the stake, and the subsequent marriage of the Maid of Orleans to Robert des Heormois. In the London Athenaeum for September 15, 1855, there is a complete analysis of the story, from which it appears that more than two centuries after the time of Joan, Father Tigmer found documents among the archives in Metz, which spoke of the presence and recognition of Joan in that city, five years after her alleged execution.

IS PAINFUL, the society for the protection of animals does not enjoy the proper respect which it deserves, and the "wise" of the capital indulging in an endless variety of jokes at its expense.

A countryman, armed with a club, presented himself before the President of the society, and claims the first prize. He is asked to describe the act of humanity on which he founded his claim.

"I have saved the life of a wolf," replied the countryman, with sang froid, "I might easily have killed him with this bludgeon," and he swung his capon in the air to the immense discomfiture of the President.

"But where is the wolf?" inquired the latter; "what had done you?"

"He had just devoured my wife," was the quick reply.

The president reflects deeply for an instant, and then says calmly: "My friend, I am of the opinion that you have been sufficiently rewarded."

Those who go round with the contribution-box in California churches plead and argue the case as the pews as they go along. In one instance the following dialogue ensued:

"A GREAT EPOCH, BUT SMALL MEN."—As a rule we find that great occasions have produced great men, in running over the history of mankind, from the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. See what a constellation of great names are associated with the American Revolution of 1776, with Washington at their head, and what a host of mighty characters were developed by the great French Revolution, including the most wonderful man of all time—Napoleon Bonaparte.

"WELL, Cuffee, said a clergyman to his colored servant, "what was you doing in meeting this afternoon?"

"Doing, massa? I was taking notes," was the reply.

"You taking notes?" exclaimed the master.

"Sartin, massa; all of the gentlemans take notes."

"Well, let me see them," said he.

Cuffee thereupon produced his sheet of paper, and his master found it scrawled all over with all sorts of marks and lines, as though a dozen spiders, dipped in ink, had marched over it.

"Why, this is all nonsense," said the master, looking at the notes.

"Well, massa," replied Cuffee, "I thought so all the time you was preaching!"





