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EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

VEVAY, SWITZERLAND, }
November 4, 1874. }

I have given up the idea of crossing the St. Gothard to Italy, as I stated in my last letter to be my intention. I was compelled to this decision by the interruption of diligence traveling in some parts of the mountains by snow—which, by the way, I did not see—and am now at Vevay resting for a few days. After so much traveling as I have done during the last three weeks in Switzerland, some of which was quite fatiguing, as my last letter describing Chamounix has shown, it is a very pleasant change. I have very little to write in this as I have not seen much since I left Chamounix.

I went to the Gorge of Trient; a long cleft in the mountains, 600 feet high, in which the torrent has hollowed out curious chambers and winding passages, very grand and wonderful to look upon, but having none of the verdure and trimmings of moss that I saw at Diozas. I also went to see the Cascade of the Sallances, or, as they call it here, Pissevache Cascade. It has a fall of about 200 feet, and is of considerable size and beauty. I went up a prepared path to a grotto behind the cascade, so that I could look through the pouring torrent in front of me.

I have also visited the Castle of Chillon, made immortal by Byron. There is a good deal of the imaginary about the story. In the dungeon I saw the iron ring to which Bonivard was chained, and the marks of his solitary footsteps upon the stone floor. Some unfortunate was undoubtedly imprisoned here, but there is much uncertainty as to its being Bonivard.

In a portion of the dungeon there yet remains some of the rock on which the castle is built. Its form is quite suggestive of a bed, and it is called the "Bed of Death," tradition asserting that the condemned slept there the night before their execution. Near it is the oaken beam from which they were hung.

There are many rooms in the upper part of the castle, the Duke's Chamber, the Duchess's Chamber, the Chamber of Torture, etc. They are used now for a military magazine, and there is nothing remaining of the ancient furnishing.

THE OUBLIETTE.

In one room we were shown an Oubliette, a name for which there is no English equivalent, but which means the little place of oblivion. It is an opening in the floor a few feet square, a few steps are seen leading into the darkness below. The prisoner, after torture, is told that he is to have his liberty, and that by this passage they will conduct him beyond the castle. He is told to descend; he sees the steps by the glimmering light of torches, and encouraged by the hope of freedom, descends into the darkness. But, alas! the fourth step is but the empty air, and with a cry of horror he falls to depths unknown. All this is implied in that little word "oubliette." The place is carefully railed in.

SWISS COSTUMES.

I have procured some photographs of Swiss costumes but they are exaggerated and got up to sell. Such costumes are not seen now except in the country towns. I have not seen any gaudy dresses anywhere, but I have seen the same style of dress in some places in more subdued colors.

VEVAY.

Vevay is a very pleasant place

on the northeast shore of the Lake of Geneva. It is much sought on account of the healthfulness of its climate. Very few visitors are here now, most every one having gone to Italy, and nearly all of those who are here will remain and make it their winter residence.

RUSSIAN CHILDREN.

A great many Russians come here, and some are here now. I have just come from dinner where were four little tots at a table near me. They were the children of a Russian Count. Each child had a nurse, and there is a governess to take care of all. I should think the mother would be relieved of a small portion of the care by so much assistance. The children's hair was combed straight down on all sides, and was cut squarely just above the eyebrows around to the ears; around the back of the head, from ear to ear, the hair has its natural length. I heard the governess converse in Russian, French, English and German while at the table. All the Russians of quality are taught these four languages from the cradle and most of their conversation is in French. Their own language is so difficult that they can learn others very easily. They have thirty-six letters in their alphabet. Some of them which have the form of ours have a different power. For instance, their P is our R, their H is our N.

Between the hotel and the lake is a pleasant terrace with flowers and trees. The children are playing out there now, and I am so much interested in them that I must close this letter.

C. H. S.

Fashion Notes.

Plain and elegant are the rules for winter suits. The Court train will be en regale for all full dress occasions. Heavy ribbed black silks are very fashionable this winter.

House dresses of silk are to be cut in scallops or in bettlement on the bottom, which is very stylish. A new imitation of the camel's hair shawl has appeared. It is said to be a magnificent imitation.

Madame De Lobo, wife of the ambassador from Portugal, is the most elegantly dressed lady in Washington.

The fashionable style of dressing the hair is in puffs. Less false hair is required for which the ladies ought to be very thankful.

Long shawls of black cashmere trimmed with lace and rows of beads down the back are very stylish and very fashionable.

A certain firm in New York received an order last week for a bridal outfit for a country belle, to cost \$20,000! Good for hard times.

Walking suits are not materially altered in style or length. Much of the trimming will be concentrated on the front width, where, of course, it is most liable to be seen.

SERVED HER RIGHT.—Just as she was about to take the seat he offered her in the street car, she said snappishly: "If there were any gentlemen here they would not allow a lady to go the whole length of the car before offering her a seat." Then the brutal man slid quickly back to his seat and quietly remarked: "I think the ladies are all seated." This was followed by an audible smile from several male tyrants, and the irate lady, making a frantic plunge for the bell strap, was soon ushered into the street, temper and all.

A New Orleans paper says that when a San Francisco banker's daughter gets married the stock in a jewelry store is rented for the evening and exhibited as wedding presents.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Just at the close of the Revolutionary War there was seen somewhere in one of the small towns of central Massachusetts a ragged and forlorn looking soldier coming up the dusty street. He looked about on the corn-fields tussling for the harvest; on the rich, bright patches of wheat for the sickle, and on the green potato fields with curious eyes—so at least thought Mr. Towne, who was walking behind him, going home from the reaping to his supper. The latter was a stout farmer. The ragged soldier stopped under the shade of a sugar maple, and Mr. Towne overtaking him, stopped also.

Home from the war? he asked. Just out of the British clutches, replied the man; I've been a prisoner for years. Can you tell me who lives in the next house? Is it yours?

No, replied Towne; Tomkins lives there. That house and barn used to belong to a comrade of yours, as I suppose; his name was Jones, but he was shot at Bunker Hill, and his widow married again.

The soldier leaned against a tree. What kind of a man is he? I mean what kind of people are they there? Would they be likely to let a poor soldier have something to eat?

If Tomkins is out you will be treated first rate there. Mrs. Tomkins is a nice woman, but he is the snarliest cur that ever gnawed a bone. He is a terrible surly neighbor, and he leads her a dog's life. She missed it marrying that fellow; but you see she had a hard time of it with the farm after Jones went off soldiering, and when my son came back and said he was dead—he saw him bleeding to death on the battlefield—she broke right down, and this Tomkins came along and got in to work for her, and he laid himself out to do first rate. He somehow got on the blind side of all of us, and when he offered himself to her I advised her to have him, and I am sorry I did it. You had better come home with me. I always have a bite for any poor fellow that's fought for his country.

Thank you kindly, replied the soldier; but Mrs. Tomkins is a distant—a sort of an old acquaintance. The fact is, I used to know her first husband, and I guess I will call there.

Mr. Towne watched him as he went to the door and knocked, and saw that he was admitted by Mrs. Tomkins. Some old sweetheart of hers, maybe," said Mr. Towne, nodding to himself. He comes too late poor woman! she has a hard row to hoe now. Then Mr. Towne went home to supper, and we will go in with the soldier.

Could you give a poor soldier a mouthful to eat? he asked of the pale and nervous woman who came to the door.

My husband does not allow me to give anything to travelers, she said, but I always feel for the soldiers coming back, and I'll give you some supper if you won't be long about it. I am glad to have you eat, she said as he drew his chair to the table, keeping his hat on his head, but you'll eat quick won't you? for I expect every moment he'll be in.

The soldier ate heartily of the bread and cold meat—and how long he was about it!

Mrs. Tomkins fidgeted. Dear me, she said to herself, if he only knew, he wouldn't be so cruel as to let Tomkins come in and catch him here.

Now he is pouring vinegar on the cold cabbage and potatoes. I can't ask him to take those away in his hand. Oh dear, how slow he is! hasn't the man any teeth?

At last she said mildly, I am very sorry to hurry you sir, but could you not let me spread some bread and butter, and cut some slices of meat, to take away with you; my husband will use abusive language to you if he finds you here.

Before the soldier could reply, footsteps were heard on the doorstep at the back door and a man entered. He stopped short, and looked at the soldier as a savage dog might look. Then he broke out in a tone between a savage growl and a roar—

Hey-dey, Mollie, a pretty piece of business! What have I told you, time and again, madam? You'll find you had better mind your master. And you, you lazy thieving vagabond, let me see you clear out of my house and off my land a good deal quicker than you came on the premises.

Your house! and your land! exclaimed the soldier, starting suddenly up, erect and tall, and dashing off his hat with a quick fiery gesture. His eyes flashed with indignation as he confronted the astonished Tomkins. The latter was afraid of him, and his wife had given a sudden shriek when the soldier had first started to his feet and flung off his hat, and sunk trembling and half-fainting in a chair, for she recognized him.

You ha'n't any business to interfere between me and my wife, said Tomkins, cowed by the attitude of the soldier.

Your wife! exclaimed the soldier, with the very concentration of contempt expressed in his voice and pointing to him with an indignant finger.

Who are you? asked Tomkins, with an air of effrontery.

I am Harry Jones, since you ask, replied the soldier, the owner of this house and this land, which you will leave this very hour! As for Mollie, softening his tone as he turned to the woman, now sobbing hysterically, she shall choose between us.

O Harry! sobbed she, while Tomkins stood dumb with astonishment take me, save me!

With a step he was at her side, holding her in his arms. What do you mean, treating this poor child so? Did you think because she had no earthly protector that there was not a God in heaven against you?

No man who is cruel to a woman is ever truly brave, and Tomkins slunk away like a beaten spaniel.

The next day had not passed away before every body in the town knew that Harry Jones had come home alive and well to rescue his much enduring patient wife from a worse constraint than that of a British prison; but what they all said, and what Harry said, and what Mollie felt, I must leave you to imagine, for here the legend ends.

What the Types Do.

The types do make wretched work at times with a man's speech. "While men slept the devil sowed tares," said the eloquent Dr. Bethune. Judge of his surprise, when he found himself reported in a religious journal, as saying, "All that the devil sowed tares." An editor wrote of the burial of a beloved youth, "Disconsolate friends stood riveted to the spot;" but his commentators made him say, "Disconsolate fiends stood riveted to the spot." Prof. Phelps wrote of a "dead clam at sea," but in the book it reads of a "dead clam at sea." William Jay, of Bath, once preached a sermon on "All that a man hath will he give for his life." It was printed, "All that a man hath will he give for his wife."

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NEWS MISCELLANY.

The cause of woman suffrage—Scarcity of husbands.

The vegetables that young ladies love is, to-mate-oh! Daughters are often son-struck, but they never die of it.

Bored, yet happy—a girl with her first pair of ear-rings.

A child is often the hyphen connecting the uncongenial husband and wife.

A New Haven woman, who had a will of her own, left her pastor \$25,000.

A Cuban lady at Saratoga wears a necklace of American \$20 gold pieces, valued at \$500.

An establishment for mending socks has been opened in New York. This is a great comfort to old bachelors.

It makes a big difference when a lady faints away whether you bathe her temples with camphor or molasses.

A. T. Stewart is a very poor financier. Think, for instance, of that benighted person paying out \$500,000 every year for advertising.

They pay three cents a pound for poetry in San Francisco. The Boston Traveler says some poetry is so heavy that a verse of it would cost millions of dollars.

A wealthy English woman, whose passion is small feet, offers to marry the man who is over five feet tall and can wear her shoe, number three's.

A Burr Oak young lady entered a drug store lately, and wanted to see the papers for a week back, and the intelligent clerk showed her a roll of sticking plaster.

At a recent marriage ceremony in Sussex, England, the wedding ring was placed on the third toe of the bride's left foot—because she had no hands.

An Illinois stump speaker who was blowing around that he carried four rebel bullets as proof of his patriotism, was found to be carrying them in his breeches pocket.

Education in Delaware is in a deplorable condition. In 1870 there were in the State 23,100 persons over ten years of age who could not write.

The women of Salt Lake City having petitioned for a prohibitory law, it has been suggested that, "if a wife and six children may be made wretched by a drunken husband, how much greater must be the aggregate sufferings of six wives and sixty children, all belonging to one reckless reveler."

"Papa is dead!" suddenly exclaimed the little daughter of Mr. Jones, a surveyor in the Government employ, the other day. The mother hushed the child, but in a few minutes the little one repeated the words very emphatically. During the same day intelligence came that the father had been drowned while attempting to cross a small lake on the job.

The Hawaiian treaty submitted for the consideration of the United States embodies the following points: It will admit free of duty all low grade sugars not above No. 18, molasses, tallow, coffee, hides, arrow root, syrups, pulu, tropical fruits, plants, trees, castor oil, sandal, koahow and other ornamental woods. The islands are to admit agricultural implements, lime, bricks, cement, lumber, stationery, cotton, iron, woolen and wooden manufactures, which include most all articles at present shipped to the islands. The value of these articles shipped last year was one million dollars. A draft of the treaty will be submitted to the Senate at an early day.

LOCAL NEWS.

PORT TOWNSEND HARBOR.—We have not thus far said anything about this harbor as a winter port, but as we notice in the up-Sound papers that, for a few days, Olympia, Tacoma and other places were blockaded by ice, that water-pipes froze and steamers experienced much difficulty in making their landings, we may as well state for the information of our contemporaries, that during all the cold weather there has not been a particle of ice in our bay, except what we noticed one day on the wheels of the North Pacific, on her arrival here from the frozen regions up Sound. Our harbor has been as open as in mid-summer, and when the magnificent fleet of between forty and fifty square-rigged vessels, which we mentioned in our last issue, arrived from sea, they found Port Townsend harbor as open as the Straits of Fuca which they had just sailed through. These exceptional cold winters are very rare, but when they do come there is one harbor never closed, and that is Port Townsend.

THE OLIVER WALCOTT.—This revenue cutter has entered on duty in this district, having arrived in our harbor on the 3d inst—three and one-half days from San Francisco. She is an excellent sea-boat and all her appointments are first class. She was built in San Francisco in 1873, and registers 188 tons. She has a direct inverted cylinder, thirty-four inches in diameter with thirty-four inch stroke, and will make ten knots an hour on eight, and one-half tons of coal a day. Her horsepower will aggregate at this speed 260. She carries two guns, with a complement of six officers and twenty-eight men. We subjoin a list of the former: Captain, C. M. Scammon; 1st Lieutenant, H. W. Howard; 2d Lieutenant, W. F. Kilgore; 3d Lieutenant, W. K. Orcutt; 1st Engineer, H. Hassell; 2d Engineer, A. L. Broadbent.

A SETTLER from Semiahmoo, named Robert A. Craig, while on his way to this place, on board the steamer Phantom, in search of medical aid, last Saturday, died just before the steamer reached the wharf. Upon the fact being known, his remains were taken in charge by Port Townsend Lodge No. 6, F. and A. M., and on the following Monday consigned to their last resting-place, in the Masonic cemetery, attended thither by the Order, of which he was a member. He was 31 years of age, and left a wife and one child.

We learn from a correspondent that the people of Whatcom county are making exertions to have a good wagon road from Whatcom to intersect the British Columbia Government road along the Fraser River. The distance is thirty miles and about seven are already slashed. If this undertaking is accomplished it will be of great advantage to both sections of country.

The auction sale of the stranded ship Pelicano, together with her effects, took place on Wednesday. The sale was well attended and aggregated in all nearly three thousand dollars. This is doing remarkably well. Our enterprising citizen, Captain Fowler, gave \$1,150 for the hull and material on board of her.

We notice that the Board of Commissioners have granted two petitions for new roads to be opened. These are improvements we like to see, for good wagon roads are of more benefit to a county than railroads.

The Town Board meets this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the office of the Town Clerk, J. A. Kuhn, Esq.

All persons having claims against School District No. 1, are requested to present them to J. A. Kuhn, Esq., for settlement.

In our last issue we mentioned the losing of four horses, from causes unknown, the property of Major Haller, of Whidby Island, since then four more have died, and now the supposition is that accidental poisoning was the cause.

NEAR-BAY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEAR BAY, January 1, 1875.

The past month has been the most severe ever witnessed in this place. The Indians have no recollection of such cold weather. It commenced with strong northeast gales, continuing through the month, with but few variations. All the potatoes and other vegetables are destroyed. We had no mail for two weeks, and fears were entertained for the safety of the mail schooner, which left during the bad weather, but she finally made her appearance all right and trim. All the streams in this vicinity were frozen, nine inches thick in some places, yet the mean of the thermometer was 32 for the month—the lowest 12 above zero. The water-fowls from the interior streams and lakes were forced to the salt water for food. Among them were several flocks of swans which looked grand with their arched necks swimming in the bay. We tried to capture some but did not succeed.

The ship Pelicano which went on shore at the west end of this bay, on the 19th instant, during a severe gale and snow-storm, stands erect on her rocky bed, and will remain so for years if not gotten off or broken up by man. She is a sad monument of the many dangers which beset the mariner. Speaking of that, I would state for the benefit of those concerned, and more particularly strange ship-masters approaching this coast in mid-winter, in Imry & Sons' N. W. Sailing Directions there is a serious error regarding this Bay, they quoting the Vancouver's pilot for authority, which may cause many strangers to avoid it when perhaps they would seek refuge here in northeast gales, when bound in. The ship Pelicano could have been safe at anchor in this bay, and now at her destined port if the captain had known more of this harbor, or he may have been prejudiced against it by the above sailing directions.

Imry & Sons' N. W. Sailing Directions, page 229, speaking of this bay, says: "Vessels should leave it on the first appearance of northeast winds, and if too late and unable to clear Waadah Island, may with the assistance of a chart run between the island and the main land. His directions for anchoring are correct. The mistake is when Waadah Island bears N. E. by N. where he says vessels may anchor, would make Waadah Island the weather shore with northeast winds, and no difficulty getting out by the main passage and impossible to get out by the channel he recommends."

Outward bound vessels want no harbor in the Straits of Fuca with northeast winds, while inward bound vessels if they can make this bay and get an anchor down according to the above directions, are perfectly safe, with reasonable ground tackle, no matter how hard it blows from the northeast or south east. If the wind changes to the westward a vessel can get under way and out by either passage, and make sail for her destination with a flowing sheet. Another thing strange ship-masters ought to know, is, that there are always competent pilots ready to go to their assistance at the first signal of distress made off the bay.

I have been in and out of this bay for the past twelve years, and at one time pilot of the U. S. S. Narragansett, and rode out a severe northeast gale here. I don't hesitate to say it is the best harbor of refuge on the coast; and situated as it is, at the mouth of the Straits of Fuca, with no rocks only those close to shore and well defined by kelp, with two open passages, and ship-masters by coming here would save money and anxious watches, not to speak of the wear and tear of sails and rigging. During the severe northeast gale and at the time the Pelicano went ashore, there were lying in this bay, one schooner, three steamers, a ship and a bark, in perfect safety.

DIVINE SERVICE in St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning and evening. Rev. P. E. Hyland.

REV. MR. RAE will conduct services at the M. E. Church, to-morrow (Sunday) morning and evening.

N. J. H. PORTMAN has been appointed City Marshal. His place at the Hospital has been assigned to J. W. Page.

The bark Harrison was taken up to the stone quarry on Tuesday last by Capt. Jack Slater. She will take on a cargo of stone for San Francisco.

The sloop Twilight, which has been on the ways for repairs, was launched last Saturday morning, and is now performing her regular trips between this port and Whidby Island.

EXPORTS.—The exports for last month from the Puget Sound Customs District amounted to \$21,375.

FORTY-THREE vessels entered and forty cleared from the Custom House at this place, during last month; the total tonnage of which was 33,970.

YESTERDAY was the commencement of the Chinese New Year's. Our Mongolian residents are celebrating it, and will for several days to come, by the free use of fireworks, bomb shells and roast pig.

CHIEF JUSTICE.—We are pleased to chronicle the appointment by the President of Hon. J. R. Lewis, late Associate Justice at Walla Walla, as Chief Justice of this Territory. Hon. S. C. Wingard, of Olympia, has been assigned to the Walla Walla District.

THE California, Capt. Hayes, arrived at this port on the 3d inst. She left Sitka on the 25th ult, and Wrangell on the 27th. Her officers state that arrangements are being made among the Stickeen miners for the vigorous working of their claims the coming season. A large quantity of freight was brought by this steamer for the house of Rothschild & Co.

LATEST NEWS

By Telegraph and Mail.

A bill reported favorably from the Senate provides that for two years after the first of July next, all salaries exceeding \$1,200 a year, in all branches of the Government service, civil and military, shall be reduced 10 per cent.

King Kalakaua, sailed on the Penacola, on the 3d inst, for his home—the Sandwich Islands.

As Andrew Johnson will represent Tennessee in the Senate, the New York Times says in regard to it: "Andrew Johnson displayed many and grave faults as President, but he went out of the White House pure as he entered it, which is something to say in these times. He is a man of great natural ability, force of character, and will considerably enliven the Senate's discussions. What he says will generally be worth hearing."

Caleb N. Thornbury has been appointed Receiver of Public Moneys at the Dalles Land District, Oregon.

Thomas Gerrand, who was sentenced to be executed in Salem, Oregon, last Friday, had his sentence commuted the day before to imprisonment for life.

Mr. Beck, of the Ways and Means Committee, says that the proposed whisky tax would produce the Government nothing for the first year, but give the present holders six millions of dollars. He ridicules the idea that Congress may agree to apply an additional tax to the stock on hand.

THE EVENT OF THE NEW YEAR.—The holidays are ended, and the serious work of the New Year begins. The first important event before us is the last drawing of the Library Gift Concerts, which takes place in Louisville, Ky., February 27th. This drawing will as certainly take place on that date as the day arrives, and to guarantee this Gov. Bramlette offers to return their money to ticket holders if the drawing is not had at the time appointed. What more could be asked? All that is needed is to buy your tickets in time, and you may count on having your prizes on the 27th day of next February.

BIRTHS.—BUCHANAN.—In this city, on the 3d inst., to the wife of Chas. Buchanan, a son.

DEATHS.—TRIPP.—In this city, on the 2d inst., Mrs. Alfred Tripp.

Marine Intelligence.

Port Townsend. ENTERED. Jan. 23, Str Gollah, Libby, Nainaimo. " S. I. Mastick, Doyle, " " N Pacific, Starr, Victoria. " Favorite, Williams, " Feb. 1, Bk Fresno, Daly, S Francisco. " Str N Pacific, Starr, Victoria. " Favorite, Williams, " " California, Hayes, " " Gollah, Libby, Nainaimo. " N Pacific, Starr, Victoria. " Favorite, Williams, "

CLEARED. Jan. 28, Str N Pacific, Starr, Victoria. " Mastick, Doyle, Nainaimo. " Favorite, Williams, Victo'a " N Pacific, Starr, Victoria. " Gollah, Libby, Nainaimo. Feb. 1, Bk Fresno, Daly, " Str Favorite, Williams, Victo'a " Ship War Hawk, Sordhan, S F " Str California, Hayes, Portland " Favorite, Williams, Victo'a " N Pacific, Starr, " " Gollah, Libby, Nainaimo.

San Francisco. ARRIVED. Jan. 30—Schr Urs and Alice Haake, from Seattle. Bk Milan, Port Gamble. Bkte W. H. Gawley, Port Madison. Bk Brontes, Utsalady. SAILED. Jan. 28—Bkte Victor, for Port Gamble " 30—Ship Commodore, Ft Ludlow Schr Von Bergen, Tacoma. Bk Vidette, Port Madison. Bkte S. M. Stetson, Seattle.

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