

AGRICULTURAL.

There are reasons altogether independent of the rationality of commerce for the preservation, here and there, of some remains of our once wide-extending woodlands; though money may be the main chance, and you and I, and our neighbor alongside, ride what hobbies we may—

It is the way of the world, and the way they travel in it. But suppose we leave it, and rest ourselves on this retired and shaded eminence, where—

Many experiments by scientific men have given the reason, and many histories of the decadence of nations have added examples, that where the forest is rocklessly cleared from the surface of the soil, the springs of life are dried up.

Look round for a moment—and tell me what you could do without wood!—your cradle of wood, your floor, your door, your carriage, your stables, your side-walks, your counters, your furniture, your wharves, your shipping—it is wood—it is wood.

It is the lesson of history. Yet nations, it is said, never learn. But let us remark, that the statement declares it is nations never did learn. But shall they never? Shall you, my dear Sir, with the full light of modern knowledge

Every here and there, the farmer holds ten, twenty, forty goodly acres of the ancient forest. But they are not continuing to hold them.

The Ontario Government have commenced a movement in forest preservation which is destined to bear good fruits.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Statue of Sir Francis Drake—Amateur Circus—The Russian Police.

An addition of \$500 has been made to the cost of the statue of Sir Francis Drake, which is to be erected in the city of London.

The copy of "Vapereau which Napoleon III. owned has found its way into a Berlin antiquary's possession. It is richly bound, and on the cover appears the initials "N" in gold.

Dr. Price, the aged Welsh Druid who recently attempted to dispose of the body of his infant child by burning it, has been tried and acquitted. The justice, in addressing the jury, said he had been unable to find any law forbidding cremation.

The amateur circus is certainly a novel departure in private entertainments. One very successful performance was given in Paris, some weeks ago, for a charitable purpose.

The London Police Gazette, which has been the official organ of the force since 1828, has recently undergone a radical change for the better at the hands of the manager of criminal investigations, Mr. Howard Vincent.

A fire has recently wholly destroyed the little village of Castello in the Tyrol. The 107 houses, with the outbuildings, which composed the village, were really destroyed, which could be called a street or lane between them.

Incidents in the Ohio Flood. Taken completely by surprise, the people of Uniontown, a short distance above Shawneetown, Ill., were thrown into the wildest consternation.

THE ANTIPODES.

A Specter of New Town Australia, New Zealand, and the Fiji Islands.

A hurricane of a most severe character has been experienced at Bowen, a seaport town about 725 miles north of Brisbane, Queensland. The wind blew some hours with terrific force, and caused immense destruction—every building in the town being more or less damaged, and many blown down.

A disturbance took place on the Mackay race-course, in Queensland, the celebrated Kanakas. One Kanaka was killed and six were wounded in quelling the riot.

Over one hundred persons, many of them noblemen of high rank, have taken part in the wine competition recently opened in Rome. The competitor who produces the best sparkling wine, capable of taking the place of champagne, will receive from the king a gold medal.

Near Weymouth has been found a piece of mahogany about twenty inches long, which is believed to be a relic of the baloon Saladin, with which Mr. Walter R. Jewell, member of parliament, was lost off Bridport in 1832.

The schooner Glide arrived at Sydney, from the New Hebrides and Solomon Islands, and reports another outrage by the natives of one of the Solomon group.

The government of South Australia are dispatching a surveying party to the first and Bathurst islands, north of Port Darwin. In the military post was established at Melville, but was abandoned on account of trouble with the natives.

News reached Wellington from the island of Karatonga, in the Cook's islands group, which has been devastated by a hurricane.

THE DYNAMITERS.

Reports come almost every day of some new dynamite plot being discovered and nipped in the bud in England.

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