

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

FIVE MINUTES SELECT READING.

Summary of Foreign, Domestic and War Items—Concise, Pithy, and Pointed.

A Paris despatch says that the general impression produced there by the dis-... of the yellow book issued recent-... that war or mediation only will settle... dispute between France and China.

It is said to be fashionable this fall for... American heiresses to wed young Irishmen... quality. German barons, it is learned... on the same source, were in vogue last... and English noblemen two years ago.

Fifty-five murderers have been commit-... in Logan county, Ky., since 1865, and... one of them has been hanged. Only... of them were sentenced to life impris-... ment, and one of the two was pardon-

The late English hangman's wife, Mrs. Harwood, died the other morning, her... death being hastened by intemperance. It... stated that on the occasion of each... execution her husband gave her a bottle...

A new warrant has been issued under... the Customs Smuggling Act against Holmes... and Bracken, the arrested Halifax dynam-... iters, in which they are charged with... and explosives across the border... without paying duty upon them.

The entries of freshmen at the various... colleges of Cambridge University, Eng-... this year exceed those of 1882 by... one, the numbers being 716 and 767... respectively. The name of Prince Edward... Wales heads the list at Trinity.

The Berlin Museum has purchased for... \$20,000 Rembrandt's painting of "Poti-... char Accusing Joseph Before Pharaoh."... The work was formerly in possession of... St. Thomas Lawrence, and is one of the... most famous of Rembrandt's pictures.

From Dublin it is reported that Michael... Walters, sentenced to imprisonment for... complicity in the Crossmaglen murder... conspiracy, recently died in prison. Mr. Healy, M.P., publicly declared that... Walters protested to the last his innoc-

Recent advices from Tonquin confirm... the report that the Black Flags in Annam... are secretly encouraged and assisted by... the Chinese authorities. It is said to be... the popular belief in China that their army... is preparing for a war of extermination... against all foreigners.

In the Women's Congress in Chicago, Mrs. Wolcott of Massachusetts told her... sisters that the outdoor work of a farmer... is not so hard as that of the kitchen, and... she instanced many women in Kentucky... who are doing farm work rather than bury... themselves in kitchen.

Mr. Judah P. Benjamin's friends, ac-... cording to the London Times, are having... his likeness engraved; and among the sub-... scribers are Lord Cairns, Lord O'Hagan, Lord Watson, Mr. Justice Denman, Mr. Baron Pollock, Sir John de Gex, and many... other distinguished persons.

A Berlin despatch states that two Jews... have been convicted at Costin of setting... fire to the synagogue to obtain the insur-... ance. They were sentenced to four years'... imprisonment. Others implicated in the... crime were sentenced to shorter terms. The... crime was originally attributed to the... Christians.

An English country paper contains the... following curious instance of mispunctua-... tion: "Lord Palmerston then entered on... his head, a white hat upon his feet, large... but well-polished boots upon his brow, a... dark cloud in his hand, his faithful walk-... ing-stick in his eye, a menacing glare say-... ing nothing."

A St. Petersburg despatch says the... Journal de St. Petersburg declares that... the foreign policy of Russia is entirely... devoted to peace. Her relations with all... foreign powers are excellent, and no ques-... tion is now pending likely to disturb the... quiet which all Governments are striving... to maintain.

An item of society intelligence from... Kansas says that clemopments are becoming... things of the past in that State. "It is... becoming the rage now," says the writer, "for... neighbors to take the bride's father... to the next room and sit on him, so that... he can't interrupt the wedding ceremony, and... to get the mother upstairs discussing... new styles of bonnets."

The latest Nihilist proclamation, being... extensively circulated, demands that the... Czar shall summon the representatives of... the Russian people, and asks for a full... amnesty, freedom of the press, freedom of... speech, and the right to hold public meet-... ings as the only means of preventing a re-... volution. Pitiless vengeance is threaten-... ed if the demands are disregarded.

The Porte has issued a note to the... powers protesting against the continued... recognition of Prince Alexander as sover-... eign of Bulgaria. The grounds of the... protest are the frequent and continued... absence from Bulgaria of the Prince, who... is required by the constitution of 1879 to... reside permanently in the principality, or... appoint a regent during his absence, and... other acts on the part of a ruler which... trench upon the rights and dignity of Tur-... key as treaty-suzerain of Bulgaria.

Lord Rossmore, Grand Master of the... Orangemen of Monaghan, writes to the... newspapers calling attention to the seri-... ous state of affairs in Ulster. He says... that henceforth the self-restraint of the... Orangemen cannot be reckoned upon. Only... the utmost efforts of himself and... other leaders prevented the Orangemen... storming the hill at Rosslea during the... Parnellite meeting. If the Government... allows such disloyal meetings to continue... in Ulster the result will be bloodshed—... perhaps civil war.

Value of Soup as Food.

The value of soup as food cannot be... over-estimated. In times of scarcity and... distress, when the question has arisen of... how to feed the largest number of persons... upon the least quantity of food, the al-... iment chosen has always been soup. There... are two reasons for this: First, by the... addition of water to the ingredients used, we... secure the aid of this important agent in... distributing nutrition equally through-... out the blood, to await final absorption;... and second, we gain that sense of reple-... tion to the satisfaction of hunger—the... fact being acknowledged that the sensa-... tion we call hunger is often allayed by the... presence of even innutritious substance in... the stomach. Good soup is literally the... juice of any ingredient from which it is... made, the extract of the meat, grains or... vegetables which compose it. Even the... most economical soups, eaten with bread, will... satisfy the hunger of the hardest worker.

The absolute nutritive value of soup de-... pends, of course, upon its ingredients;... and these can easily be chosen in refer-... ence to the maintenance of health. For... instance, the pot liquor in which meat has... been boiled needs only the addition of a... few dumplings or cereals and seasoning to... form a perfect nutriment. That produced... from skin and bones can be made equally... palatable and nutritious by boiling with... a few vegetables and sweet herbs, and... some rice, barley or oatmeal. Even the... gelatinous residue—produced by long-... continued boiling, without the presence of... any foreign matter, is a useful emollient... application to the inflamed mucous sur-... faces in some diseases, while it affords... at the same time the degree of distention... necessary to prevent flatulency. The time... required to make the most palatable and... nutritious soup is short. Lean meat... should be chopped fine, placed in cold... water, in the proportion of a pint to each... pound, slowly heated and thoroughly... skimmed. Five minutes' boiling will... extract from the meat every particle of... nutriment and flavor. The liquor can then... be strained off, seasoned and eaten with... bread, biscuit, and vegetables. Peas or... beans boiled and added to the soup make... it the most perfect food for sustaining... health and strength. It is the pure juice... of the meat, and contains all its savory... and life-giving principles.

Characteristics of Hands.

Hands are divided into three different... kinds; those with round-pointed fingers, those... with square tips, and those that are... spade shaped, with pods of flesh at each... side of the nail. The first type—with... round-pointed fingers—belongs to char-... acters with perceptions extra sensitive, to... very pious people, to contemplative minds, to... the impulsive, and to all poets and... artists who have idealism as a prominent... trait. The square-shaped belong to sci-... entific people, sensible, self-contained... characters, and to the class of professional... men who are neither visionary nor alto-... gether sordid. The spade-shaped type, with... pods of flesh at the side of the nail, indicates... people whose interests and in-... stincts are mostly material. Each finger, no... matter what kind of a hand it is joined to, has... a joint representing each of those types. The... division of the finger that is nearest the... palm stands for the body, the middle joint... represents mind, and the highest joint... spirit or soul. If the top joint is longer... than the others it denotes a character... weakened with a too abundant imagina-... tion, great idealism and a leaning... towards the theoretical rather than the... practical. When the middle joint of the... finger is long, it promises a logical mind, and... when the lowest joint is longest, it... indicates a nature that clings more to the... luxuries than to the refinements of life. If... they are nearly alike, it indicates a... well-balanced mind, especially if the... length of the fingers equals the length of... the palm.

Fighting a Panther.

Henry Snook, of Readsville, had a de-... sperate encounter with a panther in the... Seven Mountains recently, says the Phila-... delphia Times. It seems that he had been... informed that such an animal had been... seen the day previous on the back moun-... tain, and he, accompanied by his brother... and Robert Dignan, also of Readsville, equipped... themselves and started for points in the... Seven Mountains where panthers have... been known to frequent. When the... men reached the vicinity of the place they... concealed themselves some distance apart. Just... as the sun sank behind the hills, and... shadows were shutting out the light neces-... sary to aid the hunter in making a sure... shot, Henry Snook's eye fell upon a large... panther cautiously moving towards him. Mr. Snook... fired a load of buckshot at the animal, breaking... one of its hind legs. The enraged and... crippled creature advanced upon Snook, who... retreated a short distance when the animal... halted. The hunter then returned, when another... conflict ensued, and Snook ran the muzzle... into the animal's mouth and fired, break-... ing its under jaw. It then struck several... terrific blows at him with his paws, and... owing to the darkness Snook drew out of... the fight. Two men returned to the place... the next morning, but did not see the... panther.

There is another monster trial to come... up shortly before Vice-Chancellor Bacon, in... England, which promises to last as long... as the Tichborne case, of which Lord Cole-... ridge was a great part. The amount in... dispute is \$2,500,000. There are ten de-... fendants, who make separate defences and... employ separate counsel. Three counsel... are engaged for each defendant; and the... plaintiff, a well-known company, has five. The... company's leading lawyer has \$5,000 marked... on his brief, and the others on both sides... from \$2,500 down to \$1,500. The pleadings... make up a large folio volume. As Sir James Bacon is 85, it is... likely to finish him.

New Aerostat.

It was Scaliger, to the best of our re-... collection, who thanked God that He had... put it into the hearts of some men to... make dictionaries. The practical utility... of people who believe that they have solved... the problem of aerial navigation is not... as yet quite so clear as that of lexicograph-... ers, although when we go to Chicago by... balloon, we shall no doubt be invoking... the blessings of Scaliger upon the series... of experimenters who have made that re-... sult possible.

The cause of aeronautics has not advanc-... ed in proportion to the labor expended on... it. The other day it was cabled as a sur-... prising feat that an aeronaut had crossed... the British Channel in a balloon, whereas... that same feat was performed almost a... century ago, in January, 1785, namely by... Blanchard and Jeffries, less than two... years after the first ascension in a balloon... had been made (October, 1783), by a per-... son who was afterward killed in an at-... tempt to cross the Channel, and not much... more after the Montgolfiers had discover-... ed that a light bag with the open end... down would rise if a fire were built under... it. The first crossing was in "the in-... fancy of aeronautics," and we are in the... infancy of aeronautics still. Although the... intervening century has been the most... fruitful in mechanical successes of any... the world has seen, no real progress has... been made. The vision in which the... laureate

Saw "the nations airy navies grappling in... central blue, Saw the heavens fill with... commerce, argosies of magic sails, Pilots... of the purple twilight, dropping down... with costly bales," remains hitherto all in the... laureate's eye. Nevertheless the problem has... been so successfully solved by birds, with a... cubical capacity of brain infinitesimal... compared with that of man, that it is no... wonder it should continue to provoke the... ingenuity of inventive and unfeathered... bipeds. Mr. C. F. Ritchel, of Bridgeport, Con-... necticut, is the latest of the inventors... into whose hearts it has been put to solve... the problem, although his efforts appear... to be rather towards aerostatics than to-... ward aeronautics—to enable man to hover... rather than to fly. However, the suc-... cessful solution of the problem of aéro-... stat would take us a long way toward... flight. The great need of the aerostat has... been a tissue light and not transpirable, which... will retain his gas in an efficacious... state without destroying the buoyancy of... the balloon in a few hours by leakage. Mr. Ritchel... uses for his balloon, which is a cylindrical... reservoir of gas, Scotch gingham coated... with rubber and sulphur. For this com-... position he claims the advantage that it... will not rot the balloon as the ordinary... coating of boiled linseed-oil does by... generating an acid that eats the veget-... able fibres. The composition in this... case is pressed into the fibre with heated... rollers, and then vulcanized.

The balloon—that is to say, the cylin-... der—is 85 feet long by 35 in diameter, and... has thus a capacity of 81,000 feet of... gas. Pure hydrogen gas having a lifting... capacity of seventy pounds to the thou-... sand feet, this cylinder is expected to... carry a load of 5670 pounds. The weight... of the cylinder itself is 1200 pounds, of... the frame and machinery 1500, of the bal-... last (water) 600, and fifteen men, crew... and passengers, are estimated for at the... low average of 120 pounds each, making... the total weight 5100 pounds. The fans, four... in number, are three feet in diameter, with... three blades set at an angle of thirty... degrees from an horizontal plane.

There are no valves in the cylinder. Reliance... is placed for lowering the balloon upon... the fans, which are to be worked by... two men at each wheel, and, for rais-... ing it, upon a series of shutters under... the car, worked by a lever within the... car, so as to open out like a para-... chute, or rather like a brake, so as... to slacken motion in either direc-... tion by increasing the area of resistance. The... inventor believes that the material... employed in the balloon will enable him... to retain his supply of gas much longer... than has hitherto been possible. The... ballast is meant only to compensate for... the loss of gas by decomposition or leak-... age, the latter being reduced to a mini-... mum.

It must be owned that this looks a good... deal like an undertaking that a man shall... not merely lift himself, but soar, by tug-... ging at his waistband; but Mr. Ritchel... avers that by applying the principle used... in the construction of his air ship a man... weighing ninety-six pounds raised four-... teen pounds of shot to the ceiling of a room... every half-hour, working a fan of four-... teen inches diameter, making 2,000 revo-... lutions a minute. But the fan is intended... to be used to lower the machine only, the... lifting power of the gas being virtually a... constant quantity. This is a step beyond... Archimedes, who required a place to stand... as a condition precedent to moving the... world.

A singular species of acacia is growing... at Virginia, Nev., which shows all the... characteristics of a sensitive plant. It is... about eight feet high, and growing rapidly. When... the sun sets its leaves fold together and... the ends of the twigs coil up like a pig-... tail, and if the latter are handled there... is evident uneasiness throughout the plant. Its... highest state of agitation was reached... when the tree was removed from the spot... in which it was matured into a larger one. To... use a gardener's expression, it went mad. It... had scarcely been planted in its new... quarters before the leaves began to stand... up in all directions like the hair on... the tail of an angry cat, and soon the... whole plant was in a quiver. At the... same time it gave out a most sickening... and pungent odor, resembling that of a... rattlesnake when teased. The smell so... filled the house that it was necessary to... open the doors and windows, and it was... fully an hour before the plant calmed down... and folded its leaves in place.

How People Die.

Miss Nightingale has pointed out how... constantly the mental state of the dying... depends on their physical condition. "As... a rule, she tells us, in acute cases interest... in their own danger is rarely felt. "In-... difference, excepting with regard to bod-... ily suffering, or to some duty the dying... man wishes to perform, is the far more... usual state. But patients who die of con-... sumption very frequently die in a state... of seraphic joy and peace; the countenance... almost expresses rapture. Patients who... die of cholera, peritonitis, etc., on the... contrary, very often die in a state ap-... proaching despair. In dysentery, diarrhoea, or... fever, the patient often dies in a state... of indifference." Those who have care-... fully examined the dead on a battlefield, or... in the streets after an emute, are struck... with the fact that while the expres-... sion on the faces of those who have died... by gunshot wounds is one of agony and... distress, the dead by sword have a calmer... expression, though their wounds often... seem more painful to the eye. A very... careful observer, who was through the... Indian mutiny, entirely confirms this. After... giving several instances, he says,—"A... rapid death by steel is almost pain-... less. Sabre edge or point divides the... nerves so quickly as to give little pain. A... bullet lacerates."

The Mormon Chiefs, says the Salt Lake... Tribune, tell of their converts. They... could get many more immigrants were... they to say nothing of their religion, but... simply use the emigration system they... have adopted. They assess their people... ten per cent. on all their earnings. This... gives a fund of probably \$1,000,000 per... annum. If they set aside but a tenth... of this for an emigration fund, it is easy... to see what might be accomplished. But... now the debts contracted by former em-...igrants are being paid with interest, and... probably it is not any longer necessary to... draw upon the Church fund. The Mor-... mon religion is certainly the most stupen-... dous fraud of the nineteenth century, but... the Mormon emigration system is a most... thoroughly effective one.

Some interesting biographical notes on... Alexandre Dumas, pere, are being pub-... lished by M. Blaze de Bury in Paris. One... story, showing the facile fecundity of the... great novelist, is interesting. He was out... shooting one day with a party at Com-... piegne. He had killed twenty-nine head... of game. "I shall kill my thirtieth and... then return to the chateau, for I am tired... and have had enough of it," said he to his... neighbor. Dumas brought down one more... partridge and departed. It was noon. The... rest of the party returned at five o'clock, and... found Dumas seated in front of the fire, rubbing... his hands. "Ah! you have had a nice snooze, eh?"... exclaimed his son, "No such luck," was the... reply; "those confounded cocks and hens... in the farmyard have kept me awake all... the time." "Then what on earth have you... done with yourself all the afternoon alone?"... "Why, I have written a piece for the... Frangais." The piece was entitled "Romulus," and... was a great success.

The Best Recipe for a Long Life.

Appropos of Sir Moses Montefiore, whose... approaching energy on his hundredth year... is a subject of such general congratulation, what... is the best recipe for a very long life—supposing... a man to consider it an object worth attain-... ing? Milton laid stress on "the rule of not too... much," which is no doubt an excellent one, but... vague in its application. Moreover Milton... followed his own advice, and yet failed to live... sixty-six years. Fontenelle, whose life embraced... almost exactly a century (11th of February, 1657, to... 9th of January, 1757), was formally asked his... opinion on this weighty question, and replied that... he ascribed his length of days to two maxims he... had laid down for himself and rigidly adhered to—the... first, "everybody is right"; the second, "every-... thing is possible." The late Canon Beadon was... less sententious, and would laughingly explain that... he had reached a hundred simply by never wear-... ing an overcoat. It was either he or another cen-... tennarian who said he had never eaten cold... meat, but always hot, and thus saved his... digestion from premature exhaustion owing... to double work. It is related of Lord Mansfield... that whenever a hale and hearty old man gave... evidence before him, he would question the wit-... ness in a friendly way as to his habits, with the... result that he found every one to be an early riser. The... topsers are said to have been as numerous as... the water-drinkers; which is probable enough, the... latter being an extremely limited section of the... English people in the eighteenth century.—St. James'... Gazette.

Vaccination.

The following conclusions were adopted by... the Third International Congress of Opponents... to Compulsory Vaccination, recently held at... Berne, Switzerland, under the Presidency of... Dr. Adolf Vogt, Professor of Hygiene and... Medicine in the Bern University, in favor of... the abrogation of the laws:

- 1.—That a comprehensive study of vital statistics... proves that the extension of the practice of... Vaccination bears no logical relation to the... reduction of small-pox. 2.—That whilst the virus... used for the excitation of the disease designat-... ed vaccinia is of various origins and uncertain... character, it is also liable to occasion, intensify, and... convey, other and serious maladies. 3.—That... statistics gathered from European States, and from... India, establish the fact that small-pox (like the... other members of the class of zymotic diseases to... which it belongs), originates in, and is fostered by, insanitary... conditions, and is only effectually combated by... their removal; that Vaccination is inoperative upon... mortality where sanitation is defective, and superfluous... where sanitation prevails. 4.—That enforced... Vaccination is an infringement of personal freedom, inasmuch... as a conviction adverse to the utility of the practice... is a matter of scientific conscience, which is... entitled to the same respect as is accorded in all... civilized communities to the theological conscience.

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