NEWS SUMMARY.

Interesting Items from all Parts of the World.

UNITED STATES.

As a result of the Pittsburg glass-works strike, co-operative factories are being start-ad by the workmen.

Georgia farmers are busy securing labor ers for the coming season, and it is said that the supply is equal to the demand.

Strawberries from a New Jersey hot-house sell for \$1 a dczen. Peaches may be ordered for \$3 each in very small quantities.

Newport, R. I., has received \$20 000 from the State, as partial compensation for ced-ing Coasters' Harbor Island to the national government.

Though 52,000,000 bushels of grain were despatched from New York to Europe last year, not one American vessel cleared with grain as its cargo.

Semi-snnual dividends to the amount of \$1,051,750 will be paid by corporations in Hartford, Conn., this month, being about the same as last year.

The bookkeeper of the Washington Bank, Beston, has been in the employ of that in-stitution fifty years, and has never asked for nor taken a day's vacation.

Killing aligators for their skins and teeth employs a large force of men in Florida, who have engaged to furnish 500,000 skins to a French tannery in a given time.

Mr. J. C. Flood's Christmas gifts to the orphan asylums. etc., of San Francisco ag-gregated \$6,000, Protestants, Catholics, and Hebrews being treated alike.

Louisiana, has 2,557 factories, working 30 072 hands, with a capital invested of \$18,313,974, paying annually in wages \$4,593,470, and yielding annually in products \$24 161 905.

There were 1,775 violont deaths in Philadelphia last year, and 110 of the victims have never been identified. Seventy of the latter were infants : the others were men and all white but one.

Despatches from the West report the coldest weather known for years. In the North-west Territories it is 50 below zero in some localities, the cold wave moving eastward.

It is expected that General Grant will visit Havana during the month. He will be the guest of his friend General Bad eau, United States Consul-General for Cuba.

Senator Fair sent \$1,000 as a Christmas gift to the Nevada Orphan Asylum in Vir ginia, with a pleasant letter in which he alluded to the many happy days he had spent in that city.

The ship-building industry in Maine has proved more satisfactory this year on the whole than was expected last spring, on account of the prevailing low freights. Lust year there was an unusual number of tons built, ard in 1883 the total comes within 376 78 tons of the total for 1852.

A New York cigar dealer has invented a "tobacco refrigerator" for keeping the weed fresh and moist while exposed for sale. It is a cigar stand and tobacco-box combined. made of polished white metal, and divided in the centre by two perforated partitions, between which is placed a wet sponge.

South Carolina nas a local option law which applies to incorporated cities, towns and villsges. When a place votes in favor of prohibition it is said to have gone "dry," to and when another votes for license it is license it of the said to have gone "dry," More than twice is many towns have gone "dry" has have gone "wet."

An Exchange says :- A bill permitting divorce for adultery was defeated in the State Senate of South Carolina, recently, on the ground, among others, that divorce laws are a "Northern institution," and therefore not proper to be adopted in South Carolina, It was shown that the Bible authorizes divorcs [for adultery, and also that the lack of a law of that kind leads to adultery, and is often a cruel wrong to innocent parties : but the objection could not be overcome, South Carolina remains so id on th

An African Saltan. The death of Berehan, Saltan of Raheita,

was lately reported from Aden. The fol-lawing description of him. contributed to the Corriere di Nattino by Sw. Licata, the Italian traveller who penetrated to that far region, may be found interesting : "I remember," Sig. Licate, "the last vis-it that Berehan made us, and the last words

I heard him pronounce at Buja, where we had prepared for him a throne of new mat-ting and a glass of temarind. He said that his people believed that we white were like panthers, but that he had seen that we write while had seen that we were good, and he smiled around upon us while pushing away our little dogs that tried to lick him, for if they had succeeded in doing so he would have been obliged to take a bath to purify himself. He was mightly content with what little court we paid him, and with the carbineer who stood at the door. Fhat morning he had been on board the Cariddi, and the little flag we had hoisted in his honor, the mar œavering of the cannon, the salute from a Nordenfeldt, had filled him with a sense of his sultanic dignity. He had the highest quality of a king-ambition-although all his soveregaity consisted in his having, under the in mediate care of the crown prince, more goats and camels than other people. He asked, as he always did, for a little coffee to take with him. He suffered from heart disease, and had been having a fire kindled on his breast to cure him, as well as hanging a leather bag containing a piece of the koran round his neck. Then he felt safe, having more faith in the efficacy of such methods than in all the pills and draughts of the dcctor. The fire and the koran were sufficient, for his malady was a devil that had entered his body, and must be driven out by the name cf Allah. I saw him first at Raheita, in his royal palace of matting. The Egyptians had been molesting him as usual, and he had sent word to his protectors at Asiab, As soon as we arrived he fervently pressed our hands, and seated himself on his throne

with the air of a Pharaoh and an idol, dressed in white with bracelets made of goat-The court was full of his warriors, greasy with butter, and cf cattle just come from the pasture. There was a glittering of lances and horns, an odor of dairy and of lances and horns, an odor of dairy and stable. The harem contributed its notesa continuous inting of silver and glass or naments and the squalls of habies. In fact, all the riches of a goatherd and a pashe. Then I saw him at Assab, when he came to receive the \$50 assigned to him every month by our government. He never came without insisting that a palaver should be held to discuss several points concerning the selling of a portion of his territory, I dont know how many years ago. He was as petulant as a beggar, sometimes in a manner to tempt one to give him a bacshish and send him off. one to give him a backhish and send him cfr. He was not yet 50 years of age. He will be succeeded, according to laws of the coun-try, not by his son, but by his nephew, a long fellow, half blind. He died in his bed, amid the lamentations of his subjects. We owe much to Berehan of Rabeits. He cooperated in person to the success of Antonelli's expedition. He was less black than he seemed, and now that he is dead he has no color at all. Yes, poor dear Berehan, we are good, and we will write our word of sorrow on the big raper that you wanted so much to be able to read, knowing that it contained the news of all the world. While

your wives weep for you, I, two thousand miles away, will buy a little wreath of im-mortelies and send them to your tomb."

In the Tail of a Comet.

An ingeneous theorizer has written a book which was published by the Appletons, to prove that many ages since the earth must have passed through the tail of a comet, and that certain disturbances observed on the surface of our planet were caused thereby. The scratches and crossions from the northeast and southwest found upon hills and mountains in the northern hemisphere were attributed to the action of the more solid matter of the comet's tail, leaving its marks, together with the bowlders and detached rocks. which are found in such profusion in the Temperate and Frigid Zones. Although this theory would account for much that is sterious, it has not entists, as it is not believed that tails of comets are formed of any solid material. Early in December last, some curious atmospheric phenomena were noticed in dif-ferent portions of the world. At sunset and before sunrise the heavens were permeated with a glow of rosy light, such as might have been caused if a great confligration had been raging. These stringe appearances were noticed in both Europe and America. They have puzz'ed the scientific world. But some venturesome theorists have again put forward the hypothesis of the world being surrounded by the atmosphere of a comet's tail. It is known that about the time these phenomena occurred our planet was in the track of Bela's comet, and in a part of the heavens that was filled with meteors. It is known that comets are more numerous in the heavens than fishes are in the waters of the earth. Their numbers are so great as to be inconceivable to the human mind and it is not at all improbable that the earth in past times may have been entangled in the tails of these wonders of the sky. We live in a marvelous universe. "There are two things," said the great philosopher Kant, "which always fills me with awe and admiration, and those are the wondrous heavens by which we are surrounded and the moral law within."-Demorest's Monthly.

Stirring News from the Dark Conthnent-

The eves of all the world are ust now turned upon that cradle of anciens civilization-the valley of the Nile. A new prophet has appeared at the head of a very large army, and he has snoceeded in defeating troops officered by Englishmen and equip-ped with the best modern aims. The talse prophet, El Mahdi, is an Arab, a fanatic, and undoubtedly in his way is 3 genius. There has been a tradition in the Moham medan world that in 1883 a successor of Mahomet would make his appearance and deliver the faithful from the mastery of the infidel Giaour. This looked-for leader was to have one marked physical peculiarity— one arm was to be longer than the other. El Wabdi fulfilla this condition for he can Mahdi fulfills this condition, for he can toach his knee with the fingers of his right hand. He has succeed in totally destroying the army of General, or as he way called, Hicks Pasha. The flower of the Egyptian army-a Nubian corps-was subsequently defeated by the Bedouin followers of El Mahdi. Should there be a rising of fanati-cal Moslems throughout Northern Africa it might lead to important consequences. The Gladstone government will be forced to hold Egypt as a dependency, and make sacrifices of men and treasure in beating back the hordes of the false prophet. The govern-ment of Egypt is in disorder, and some very curious complications will result from the operations of the military fanatic who won o singular a victory over well-armed and well-disciplined troops.

King Thebaw "Reforms."

According to the news published in the Rangoon papers, King Thebaw has become a "reformed character." Till lately this potentate had been a weak young min, given np to indolence, self-indulgence, and cruelty; but it is reported that since the death of "the monster" Yanoung Prince, a marked change has taken place which has done much to restore King Thebaw's power and influence. With the re-establishment of his ascendency the moderate and enlightened men who have always been attached to his party, and who, not actually vanished from court, have, we learn. lately had little or no say in the conduct of affairs, are now taking the proper positions in the councils of the nation. The king himself has awakened from his lethargy, and has begun to assert himself as sovereign and ruler, while in a corresponding degree the interference and influence of the queen have decreased. He now, according to the same source of information, regularly attends and presides at the meetings of the Hlootdaw, and appears to have suddenly developed a surprising amount of intelligence and energy. The latest news from Thebaw's court is that the king, being determined to make an effort to subdue the rebellious Shan chiefs, has despatched five thousand troops to the Shan states under the command of four generals, accompanied by several Italians in the King's service.

Witcheraft in Scotland.

At the Inverness police court recently, an elderly Highland woman named Isabelle Maorae, or Stewart, was charged with as-saulting a little girl. She pleaded not guilty, and the evidence showed that the latter had used insulting language to the pricencer while she on the other hand snoke prisoner, while she on the other hand spoke of the little girl's grandmother as a witch. Toward the close of the case great amuse-ment was caused in court by the accused producing a clay image, or eorp creagh, which she believed was made by the socalled witch. The legs had been broken off the image, and since then the prisoner be-lieved that her own legs was losing their strength. A person who wished to purchase strength. A person who wished to purchase the image after the accused had left the court was promptly told that on no account would she part with it, for if anything hap-pened to it she might die, and she was not prepared. He husband had died some time ago, and also three horses, and she grieved to think that all these calamities were at-tributed to the these th tributable to witchcraft. The image was about four inches in length, green worsted threads containing the diabolic charm were



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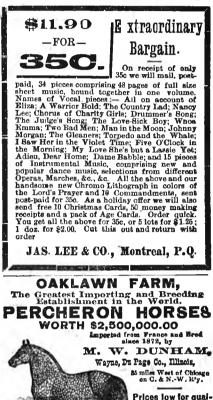
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CANADIAN

A now bridge has been built across the Richelieu river at Lacolle, P. Q., cesting \$17,000.

A Chicago paper states that no less than 3,000 Canucks left that city at holiday time to visit "the old folks at home.

The eldest surviving daughter of Sir Hector Langevin was married recently to Thomas Chapias, sou of Senator Chapias, and Private Secretary to Lieut, Governor Robitaille.

The produce of the coal mines of Nova Scotia during the first three quarters of 1883 over the same period of the previous year of 97,463 tons. Thr sales during the same period aggregated 966,060 tons—an increase of 93,137.

The Buffalo papers describe McBride, who is arranging to blow up the public buildings on the other side of the line, and thus averge O Donnell's death, as a first-water orauk. In Chicago they make congressmen of such men as McBride. This crazy Buf-falonian should come West.

The returns of fish exported to Chicago from Halifax over the Intercolonial Rrail-way show that 160 car-loads were shipped during the year, divided as follows : 2,761 one hundred pound boxes, 61 four quintal casks and 319,948 pounds in bulk of codfish; 1,646 boxes boneless codfish; 2,5831 bar-rels mackerel; 7,198 barrels herring.

An American exchange says :-Here's an item of commercial news that require no elaboration in order to convey an idea of the growth of certain branches of Canadian trade: The export of cattle from Montreal has increased from 2 888 head in 1876 to 50,366 in 1883, while during the same period the export of sheep has risen from 2 686 head to 102,835.

The Provincial library at Halifax claims to have the only volume cf the life of the late prince consort presented by Queen Victoria to an American colony. On the fly-leaf is written, in her majesty's clear style of penmanship: Presented to the legislative library of Nova Scotia in memory of her great and good husband, by his broken-hearted widow, Victoria R. 1864

Mr. Elihu Vedder, though principally known as a painter, is a sculptor as well, and some fine specimens of his plastic skill are to be seen in the large iron plates used to back the fire openings of several Boston hearths. These plates are bass-relisfs of *bizarrc*, mythical heads, modelled with characteristic dash and strength. The very remunerative business of decorating the interiors of private honses is now engaging the attention of a large proportion of the best American painters and sculptors. Artists who, a few years ago, would have considered it beneath their dignity to paint a frieze or to design a mantel, are glad to exercise their genius in this direction. History repeats itsell.

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A clergyman of high reputation, in a large city in Maine, visited the market early on Monday morning. While there his attention was called to some very fine strawberries. He wished very much to strawberries. He wished very much to purchase some, but it being so very early in the morning it occurred to him that they must have been picked on Sunday, and of course he could not purchase or use anything which had been procured under such circumstances. He inquired of the farmer : "Mr. Smith, were those berries ploked on Sunday?" Mr. Smith, with a sly twinkle in his eye, replied : "No, doctor, they were picked this morning, but they grew on Sandav.'

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