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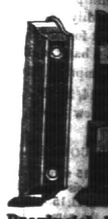

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MINING OF AN IRON MINE IN SCOTLAND.

It has long been known or suspected that limestone was to be met with in those rocks that form the greater portion of the Ochiltree Hills, it is only within a few days or two that its existence in quantity has been conclusively demonstrated. The discovery promises to be important. Mr Aitchison, the proprietor of West Carleton, within the parish of which farm the hill in question is situated, while getting the soil turned up by the plough brought fragments of limestone to the surface, as if broken off from masses beneath. Knowing the value of the ore, he reported the proprietor of the land, Mr Stevenson, of Smeaton, to make a thorough examination of the hill to test the nature of the underlying rocks. Mr Stevenson, geologist, on being consulted, urged that the ground should be once examined. This was done, the limestone ground without any other indications at several points, the search was at once commenced by the workmen coming upon a vein of hematite iron, of the most valuable character. The vein, when at present struck, crosses the hill in a direction from the south-west, and has been traced across the whole breadth of the hill, a distance of four or five hundred yards, in places the ore is met with in a solid mass, interspersed with the rock of the hill, and in others in a solid mass of as yet unknown depth. This occurs on the crest of the hill, the iron being within five or six feet of the surface, and penetrating towards it as solid bed. At present the workmen have uncovered this section of the vein to the depth of seven feet, with every appearance of its termination; and the vein of a similar character are in all likelihood to be met with in immediate proximity, there cannot fail, at the prices of iron, to be many manufacturers, to the many uses of the ore. Hematite iron, so far as we know, is not known in Scotland, the well-known "black-band" being the prevailing ore of the district of the Tweed.—*Hadden Courier.*

THE TYCOON OF JAPAN.

The present Tycoon of Japan is described in a Yedo letter to a San Francisco paper thus:—He is said to be a small man, of olive complexion, with regular features, more like a Chinaman than a Mogul, and a large, intelligent eye. His expression is that of a man who has many affairs of importance upon his mind, but his smile is free, cordial, and almost like a woman's. The writer says he saw the Tycoon, his dress consisted of a robe of violet silk, which was embroidered in silver with the crest of his family; a vest of white satin under his robe, but when it was folded a white crape appeared. The sleeves were of silk and satin, the collar, and were ornamented with bullion lace, and the stockings of silk which were embroidered. He wore no sword, but had in his hand a painted fan. His feet were bare.—*Exchange.*

VICTOR HUGO'S GATHERINGS.

Victor Hugo tells some anecdotes of the Assembly of the French Chamber, which, if not true, are at least amusing. One day, while M. Jules Favre was speaking, M. Rouher fell asleep. When the famous Radical leader ended his speech, M. Ferry waked his colleague, telling him he must reply. "What did he say?" inquired M. Rouher. M. Ferry contented himself with a few words of derision. M. Rouher ascended the tribune, and in a speech of three quarters of an hour triumphantly demolished the arguments of his opponent. When he had finished he laughingly reproached M. Ferry for having waked him from a sound sleep, and enjoyed for a long time the success of M. Berryer are represented on the spot of the moment, and have little value to them. Thiers, on the other hand, is said to have been delivered that he never listened to the reports; in most of the debates. Once, by being urgently required by the heat of the reporters to remain, he was obliged to listen to a speech which he had decided beforehand not to hear. He read a book, and when it was all over he was asked what he had read, "I read Thiers, on the Assembly." Thiers, on the contrary, is said to be a great admirer of the reports of his speeches. He sometimes, after an important debate he would, perhaps, spend the night in revising the report, and would go over the work for hours, and keeping himself awake by strong coffee. Ollivier, for example, M. Jules Simon never read the reports of his speeches, and M.