

ons being made from the original prospectus of any
ewly-projected railway, previous to the allotment of

shares, whereby the constitution of the company is
 materially changed, the members of this Exchange are of
 opinion, that contracts made on the faith of the original
 prospectus, ought not to be enforced.
 Honest men ! Honest men !!

THE BONE-GNAWING ATROCITY.

Is another place will be found the report of an in-
 vestigation into certain allegations made in Parlia-
 ment by Mr. WALKLEY, relative to practices obtain-
 ing amongst the poor in the Andover Union. It will
 be found also that those allegations have, to the

Notwithstanding the horrors and atrocities to which the Poor Law has given birth, we could not have believed it so widely

It is possible that even the measure we have returned could have led to anything so utterly revolting as the facts stated in our paper of yesterday to have occurred in the union workhouse at Andover. A short time before the prorogation of Parliament Mr. Wakley asked the Home Secretary if he had heard "that the paupers of a union in Hampshire were employed in crushing bones, and that while so employed they were engaged in quarrelling with each other for the bones, in extracting marrow from

men, and in gnawing off the meat from the extremists." To this question Sir James Graham replied that he had heard nothing of the sort, and he further went on to say, that "if the facts alleged were true, he was quite satisfied that they would have been represented to him." "He could not believe that such an abuse existed, for, in that case, he would have heard of it," he added. "The matter might have ended, had not Mr. Mackenzie suggested to the Home Secretary that it was his duty to make inquiry into the subject; and this inquiry having been made, the statement of the

member for Finsbury is not simply confirmed, but the facts are found to be even more horrible than he himself was at the time conscious of. It appears, from the investigation which has taken place into this truly shocking affair, that the paupers are employed in crushing bones collected from various sources, including frequently the bones of "persons as well as of other animals" and "occasionally" some human churchyard. Now, we admit that the suppression of human beings having been started into such a state of brutal degradation that they could seek to

sure the drawings or buffer from stout a disgusting
 sure is altogether past belief, and it we had not the
 evidence of the fact we could not have considered it
 possible. We have read of nothing in the accounts
 of sieges or shipwrecks, nor even in imaginative de-
 scriptions of the worst horrors which these calamities
 entail, that can be compared with the dreadful truth
 that has just been brought to light at Andover.
 Although we cannot help turning with loathing from
 the contemplation of an act so sickening as that to
 which the paupers have at this place been driven, we
 still feel the greatest pity for the wretches whose

very nature has been thus brutalized by the system on which the Poor Law of this country is administered. They must have been ground down by hunger to a condition as low as that of the very dogs, for we have seen in the words of the paupers themselves that they were "ready to fight over the bones" and, "as soon as we see a good bone which is unpossessed by the rest, we contrive to steal it away," and hides it till he gets an opportunity of gnawing it. Mr. Munday, one of the guardians, and a borough magistrate, to whose energy and perseverance the inquiry that has been held is owing, sent for one of the bones that had

We have lately had occasion to refer to the atrocities committed by the French in Algeria, but our neighbours may indeed retaliate upon us by pointing to the inhuman barbarities that our Poor Law practices. Although the atrocity of Peissier is a horrible enough, it may well be said that the destruction of life is not so great an injury as death. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

What degrading man nearly to the level of the brute, which has been the result of the Poor Law at Andover. It is incumbent on all who are concerned for the honour of their country, to repudiate a system which must become a national disgrace when it stands to such facts as those we have been speaking of.

What must the sufferings of these wretched persons have been before they were driven to an act which in no accounts of wars or famines, sieges or shipwrecks—facts, or fiction,—in nothing which have heard or read, have we ever met with a parallel? Even the conduct of Pelissier has had one

eeded supplied by a countryman of his own; but the reduction of human beings by starvation to such a degraded state that they have been ready to lit for the bones of animals—some brought to, even from churchyards—is an offence that, stands alone, and the Poor Law is, the only law that could have been wise to it.

The Andover case cannot rest where it is, and though Sir James Graham omitted to make any allusion to the result of the inquiry, which he must have known before Parliament was prorogued, public opinion will pronounce itself on a matter respecting

To Readers & Correspondents.

CANILL, SHEFFIELD.—Such rumours as he speaks of are utterly without foundation; and we trust he will not be injured thereby. The reason why he did not receive his *Stars* in proper time lay entirely with us, as was explained to him in a letter posted previous to our receiving his. To several other agents who have written

us, we reply, that after using every possible exertion, we could not complete their orders in time, from a defect in the machinery.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE YORK CHARTISTS must be addressed to George Jefferson, Wilson's-yard, Layerthorpe, York.

SAILORS' WRONGS.—THE "CRIMPING" SYSTEM.—MR. EDITOR,—Your paper, a few weeks ago, contained an article respecting the sailors and their wrongs: allow me now to say that one of the wrongs complained of has lately arrested the attention of the legislature, who have passed a law to prevent crimping. A. A. A. A.

of your readers may not be aware what "crimping" is. It will not be out of place to offer a few observations on the subject. A sailor, when out of employment, is like a fish out of water, (strange fish), *Jack*—*he* knows not where to go, or what to do—he meets a Jew, or often a Gentile *loppeller*, who asks Jack does he want a ship? "Yes," says he. "Then come with me and I will get you one." The rascal takes Jack home, gives him a glass of *whiskey*, *opium*, and *violin*, and very speedily Jack is asleep. The "crimp" or *loppeller*, then runs off and speaks to a captain in want of a

erew--he bargains to bring the men on board! when he (the master) wants them. The Jew then goes as many promissory notes as the captain wants hands--these will be cashed to the amount of £2 5s. or £2 10s. each note. If the sailor goes in this ship, the Jew, or "giving master" or "crimp," it's all the same, then "ships Jack another dose of whiskey, opium, and vitriol, a shoddy jacket, manufactured on purpose out of devil's dust, a plug of contraband tobacco, an old pair of trousers, left by some poor sailor who, when going away, *could not find them*; and, thus supplied, poor Jack is sent off to the ship. The "crimp" keeps the address, and

and draws the wages of the sailor, three days after he has sailed away, that is, one month's advance notice. Another villainous system is, a number of world-lie smart honest men, to all appearance "gentlemen," keep what they term "shipping offices." The more sober portion of the sailors go there to seek for employment, because the shipmasters patronise these "crimps." Jack applies: he is told *yes*—told he can get employment with Captain So-and-so, but another sailor has promised to give him (the crimp) 10s. for the berth, but, *no*, he will give him the ship's hardy it. The poor fellow, not knowing what to do, says:

The act lately passed is to prevent the fee being paid by the seamen to a "crimp" or other person; the fee must be paid by the captain or owner of the ship, and any master or owner of a ship for every sailor so shipped; a licensed office shall pay £20 for every sailor so shipped; and any office-keeper, licensed or not, known to accept or charge, directly or indirectly, any fee, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour under a penalty of fine and imprisonment. Thus, by looking after their own pockets,

And the sailors are beginning to be able to steer clear of their old "friends" in Ratcliffe-highway. We trust that the more sober part of the seamen will spend their time and money better than in attending the Cat and Fiddle, or being gulled by the "landlady's daughter," who is generally a common prostitute. Jack never dreams of the rascelity of the landsharks until he is actually down for. Let him live and learn.—Respectfully, J. FIDLES.

II. JONES, MANCHESTER.—Thanks for "The Star-spangled Banner." The articles on "Agricultural

Chemistry," published in the *Star*, are not contained in a separate publication. The only way in which his friend could prove the death of his father in the United States, would be by some one going over there, and collecting the proofs.

J. —Not any particular width—but the use to which highways are put require that they be wide enough to accommodate the traffic over them.

I. BALMFOOTH, MANCHESTER.—Thanks for his packet. We have made use of some portion of it, and shall use the remainder next week.

H. ROTHERHAM.—We have not the means of inferring

at hand to answer his questions with certainty.

Acorn Trust.—Letter I. next week. Can he let us have Letter II. by Thursday?

Assize Intelligence.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

CHARLES, AUGUST 7.—The recommendation of the Council of the woman Jane Crosby, acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband by poisoning, was before the court. The jury returned a verdict of acquittal. The prisoner was committed to prison for the term of six months, and was to be kept in the house of her father, who was to be responsible for her conduct. The prisoner was committed to prison for the term of six months, and was to be kept in the house of her father, who was to be responsible for her conduct.

THE ALLEGED MURDER AT GRIMSDALE.—This morning was held a trial of the prisoner, who was charged with the murder of her husband. The prisoner was committed to prison for the term of six months, and was to be kept in the house of her father, who was to be responsible for her conduct. The prisoner was committed to prison for the term of six months, and was to be kept in the house of her father, who was to be responsible for her conduct.

LANCASTER, AUGUST 11.—SHOOTING AT A MAGISTRATE WITH INTENT TO MURDER HIM.—Richard Bennett, a dejected, squalid, spare, tall man, aged thirty, was charged with having, upon the 2nd of August last, fired a pistol at Mr. Richard Bennett, a magistrate for the county of Lancaster. The prisoner was committed to prison for the term of six months, and was to be kept in the house of her father, who was to be responsible for her conduct.

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Monday, and could see about him better than if he had been in any other situation. He could not speak positively as to the time they left Shoreditch. As to the speed at which they were going, he thought it was the usual rate, and felt no shaking or jumping shortly before the accident occurred. The first thing he felt was a change in the beating of the engine, he looked out, and saw the train was going on. He then felt the shock, and afterwards got out. He saw Caldwell about five minutes after the shock took place; he was lying between two of the carriages, with some pieces of wood upon his legs. He thought that he had fallen from his box or seat. He helped to extricate him, and gave him in charge to one of the labourers, and a passenger, who stated himself to be a medical man. He then proceeded to assist the passengers. Witness then described the appearance of the rails, and of the particular one from which the engine had gone off, as in his former evidence. The deceased was not the mail, but the train guard, in the employment of the company. The first cause of the accident might possibly arise from an imperceptible fall in the rail, near the end of the engine. If such were the case, he could not account for it. Mr. Phipps, engineer of the line, deposed that he had examined the scene of the accident. He thought the immediate cause of the accident was the damage to the rail by the blow or jump of the wheel, and witness described the mode as in his former evidence. He thought that a slight curve was safer than a straight line, as it kept the engine to its work and prevented oscillation. Mr. H. Atchell, house surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital, deposed that John Caldwell had been brought to the hospital on Monday evening last. He died on Friday night. There was a post mortem examination by the surgeons of the hospital, at which witness attended. They found that the vessels of the brain were generally very much congested. There was an appearance as if the blood escaped from the vessels and got into the substance of the brain. The broken leg was set, but was not going on favourably. It must have been amputated. But for the injury to the brain, the deceased, in all probability, had recovered. The injury might have been, and, in all probability, was produced by a fall.

The inquest was then adjourned until five o'clock, and during the adjournment Mr. Justice Atchell, at five o'clock the Coroner ordered the jury to be taken to the scene of the accident and placed in the large room of the Town Hall, where the jury went and examined it. During the examination, Mr. Anthony, one of the jurymen, told of two of his fingers badly crushed, through those persons who held one end dropping the rail unexpectedly. The witness, however, remained in the hospital, and while Mr. Anthony went to a surgeon to have his wound dressed.

John Young, the driver of the engine, deposed that he lived at Stratford, and was a driver for seven years. He was five years on the Leeds and Manchester, before that on the North Midland, and before that on the Southampton line. He was about ten weeks in the employ of the Eastern Counties Railway Company. They were a few minutes behind time when they started from Shoreditch. They were in the train when the accident occurred. The train was going at from twenty-eight to thirty miles an hour. They were going with the third notch in the explosion gear. He observed nothing unusual, or unusual in the motion till the engine was thrown on to the ballast. He was bruised in the chest. Could not say she jumped before she got on to the ballast. The reason for her getting off the rail, he thought, was that the rail was not good in that part. The jury then retired, and after a quarter of an hour's deliberation, returned a verdict of accidental death, with a demand of one shilling on the engine and one shilling on the carriage. They also added a recommendation to the company to have direction posts at all inclines on the line.

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The Coroner here asked Mr. Lawford if he remembered saying to General Pasley that they had been going at an excessive speed, as he had given a different opinion in his evidence on Thursday last? Mr. Lawford said he had no recollection of having made an observation of the kind.

Major-General Pasley.—If you did not apply the word excessive to the speed, you were silent. It was alarming.

A Juror.—Do you not think that there ought to be people to see that the rails are sound?

Major-General Pasley.—The plate layers see to it.

Evidence continued.—An opinion of opinion: that the curve and the incline together ought to be taken into account, and the speed consequently much slackened. I know two instances where accidents happened under the same circumstances—one on the Great Western, where the train going at an excessive speed was thrown on to a bank, and the other on the Glasgow and Edinburgh, where the same thing occurred on an express train, and the engine man was killed. Had I been in the case now before the jury, on the engine I should not have quarrelled with the driver for the speed at which he went, although I subsequently was of opinion that he went too fast, and in all probability I should have shared his fate.

Several other witnesses were examined, after which the Coroner proceeded to sum up. The question for the jury to decide was, whether the driver had gone at such an improper speed as to cause the accident, or whether it occurred from a casualty over which he had no control. The Coroner then went through the facts of the case as detailed in evidence. If they believed General Pasley's evidence they could not help attaching blame to the driver; and if that of Mr. Jackson, who said he discovered a law in the rail, they would attribute to this cause the accident. It should be remembered that General Pasley had examined the line at first, and that he then did not think it necessary to caution the company to tell their drivers to go at the moderate rate of eighteen to twenty miles an hour down the incline in question. No doubt he saw reason since for changing his opinion.

The jury, after two hours' deliberation (from two to four o'clock), returned the following verdict:—"Accidental death, and a demand of £150 on the engine." The jury, with their verdict, expressed a hope that no swift train will be allowed to run upon any part of the line below Stortford until it has become much more consolidated. They also hope that no train would be allowed to run without at least two quick look-outs, and that the passengers on the railways, and that posts may be put up to mark where the incline begins and ends.

APPREHENSION FOR A HIGHWAY ROBBERY COMMITTED FOUR YEARS AGO.—On Saturday last an Irishman of the name of Henry Mooney was apprehended in Liverpool, on a charge of having, in company with another man named John Getty, stopped a mercantile traveller on the evening of the 27th May, 1841, on the road near to Greenhead, and robbed him of a large sum of money. A portion of the money consisted of various joint-stock bank notes, and was taken from the pockets of the traveller. Getty was shortly after apprehended, convicted, and sentenced to transportation. Mooney has ever since succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the police, until, on Saturday last, he was arrested by one who formerly belonged to the Carlisle constabulary force. He was immediately lodged in the main bridewell, whence he will be conveyed to the goal of Carlisle to-day.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On the 12th inst., as some of the witnesses belonging to Mr. J. Graham's equestrian establishment were walking together in the street, Chatham, one of them, named John Verry, suddenly fell dead on the pavement. An inquest was held the same day on the body. The surgeon, Mr. Robertson, deposed that the deceased died from disease of the heart, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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ject, perhaps wisely arguing, that as publications hostile to the new opinions must at least advert to the state of the question, they contradict, some portion of the poison must be imbued with the antidote. But, debar as they may, light will make its way, if not through windows, at least through chinks, large enough at least to show the dark

Feb. 9th; 1844.—*Mr. Holloway; Sir*—The Lord has permitted to be wrought a wonderful cure of a Cancer of the Breast, in a woman twelve years standing in my wife's breast. The latter part of the time eleven wounds were abscessed at once. The faculty declared the case was past cure. It was then that a friend recommended the use of your Pills and Ointment, which in a short space of time made the breast as sound and as well as ever it was in her life, and this after every other means had failed. Signed, Richard Bull, Bootmaker.

† The wheat is reaped close to the ground, after being

many rocks and minerals. Quartz is composed of silica nearly pure. Silica, in combination with the fixed alkalis—potash or soda—forms the basis of that inestimable pro-

s. 10d. to 6s., and fine Dantzic 7s. per 70 lbs. United States flour has been sold at 23s. 6d. to 24s. per barrel and not much on sale.

