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appearance, his visit must turn out a most successful one.

THE COAST DEFENCES.—Captain Addison's invention for heating shot red-hot, which was recently tried at the marshes at Woolwich, having been approved by the board of officers appointed to ascertain and report on its advantages, the inventor has been requested to state the amount he would require to supply 200 furnaces similar to the one approved of, and to be placed on higher and stronger wheels, so that they might be broken down when employed on actual service. This invention will prove a great acquisition to the coast defences, as its power of rendering 32-pounders and other shot red hot in a limited time has been fully and satisfactorily tested, and the object accomplished at less expense than by any other mode hitherto adopted.

DICKENS'S FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS WORK, "The Cricket on the Hearth," is being dramatised for the Adelphi.

WILL OF THE LATE DR. WADE, which was in his own handwriting:—"Saturday, August 13, 1842.—I, Arthur Savage Wade, D.D., vicar of St. Nicholas Warwick, give and bequeath to Miss Mary Anne Crafer, third daughter of the late Mr. Thos. Crafer, of East Dereham, Norfolk, all my property and effects, and monies in hand and due to me, and all my shares in Cornish mines, money in annuity offices or banks, and also church stipends and fees, and all the effects of what kind soever, of which she is my sole executrix." His personal estate for the payment

WITCHCRAFT.—A Wick newspaper gives the following recent instance of gross ignorance and credulity:—"Not far from Louisburgh there lives a girl who, until a few days ago, was suspected of being a witch. In order to cure her of the witchcraft, a neighbour actually put her into a creed hall filled with wood and shavings, and hung her above a fire, setting the shavings in a blaze. Fortunately for the child and herself, she was not injured; and, it is said, that the gift of sorcery has been taken away from her. At all events, the intelligent neighbours aver that she is not half so witch-like in her appearance since she was singed."

THE MILITIA.—In anticipation of the calling out of the militia, the "militia clubs" for providing substitutes have commenced making arrangements for their reorganization.

DEATH OF TOWNSEND, THE PEDESTRIAN.—The veteran," so well known in sporting circles, expired lately in the Cliffe workhouse, Leves, and was buried in Southover churchyard. He was fifty-four years of age. Townsend was considered one of the

FORTIFICATION OF JERSEY.—Things are now proceeding in earnest towards ensuring the complete security of Jersey against the dangers of foreign in-

asion. Clothing was received a fortnight ago from London for the use of our island militia, together with twenty-four brass nine-pounders. The whole island militia force is divided into five different regiments. Altogether it may be considered to be about

Another "INTERESTING" Nuisance for POOR PEOPLE BULL.—We have great satisfaction in being able to state that the Government collector has strengthened the affectionate attachment of the people to the throne, and at the same time increase the happiness of her Majesty's domestic circle, may be expected to take place early in April next.—*Just.*

EXPENSIVE TALES.—A JACANA, a collector pays two hundred taels and six pence for a mule; is negro or brown than it is in the mother country, where the color are paperised by the burthens of taxation.

TURKEY—ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE TURKISH BREED seen in England was sold for one hundred and eleven shillings in length; and so fine was the fabric that a cleaver which it was humorously converted, in lieu of the usual horse hair, into a barriester's wig.

WARLIKE EDITORS.—The editors of the *National Review*, (Messrs. Emerson and May), having written some six editors of the *Nation*, all ready and willing to fight, was the day recently presented to the editors of the *Press*, but he politely refused to make any selection.

Watches, remarkable for their extreme thinness, are now manufactured at Geneva. They are not thicker than a line and the sixteenth of a line (little more than the twelfth of an inch). This change does not, however, militate against the full play of the movement, for that remains the same, the thinness being obtained by placing the hands at the side, instead of over the works. This arrangement makes the watches rather large in circumference.

A PLEASANT PLACE.—Eighty-nine outrages have been committed in the county Limerick within the last six months, as reported to Government.

PRESIDENT FOLK completed his fiftieth year on the 2nd November.

RARE DISCOVERIES!—The *Allgemeine Zeitung* an-

announces three new discoveries, which, should they receive confirmation, will be hailed with much triumph by the literary and musical world. Of the first, a hitherto unknown epic poem of the great Ariosto, called "Rinaldo l'Ardito," we have before heard a rumour; the second is the concluding canto of "Don Juan," by Lord Byron, alleged to have been found in

A CURSE FOR PROFANITY.—A schoolmaster, as a punishment to one of his pupils for using profane language, ordered him to take a pair of tongs and catch a hole in the earth until he caught a mouse.

the boy took the tongs, and demurely waited for his victim. Directly after, he saw a mouse peeping out of the hole. Cautiously placing a leg of the tongs on either side, he grabbed Don Whiskerandos by the nose, and triumphantly exclaimed, "By — ! I've got him."

THE STOCKS.—"Do not live in the age of justice," Midases and Parson Trullebers, and about the year 700, he assails them both thus:—"The parson reaches a thundering sermon against drunkenness, and the justice sets my poor neighbour in the stocks; and I am like to be much the better for either, when I know that this same parson and this same justice were both drunk together, but the night before."

FIRE IN BARBICAN.—On Sunday evening, shortly before twelve o'clock, an alarming fire broke out in Abraham's-buildings, Barbican, which has resulted in the total destruction of Shrewsbury Academy, the property of Mr. Allen, and the printing-office of Mr. Ford. The damage done to Mr. Ford's property we

understand will be covered by an insurance in the Imperial office, but Mr. Allen is uninsured. The origin of the fire is not known.

INCENDIARISM.—Tuesday's *Government Police Gazette* contains the offer of a reward of £50 for the discovery and apprehension of the person or persons who on the night of the 1st instant maliciously set

Andrew Snyder, a soldier of the revolution, died lately in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, aged 113 years, the oldest man in the state.

Nothing else to do.—Some person, who had nothing else to do, has ascertained that there are 550,000 grains in a bushel of wheat, 520,000 in barley, 1,260,000 in oats, 37,000 in horse beans.—*New York Gazette.*

THE MILITIA.—We understand that the rolls of

names are prepared in this immediate neighbourhood, preparatory to the re-organising and probably the calling out of the militia, in the spring of next year.—*Liverpool Times*.

WINDERMERE LAKE has not been known to be so high for the last fifteen years, owing to the heavy rains which have fallen within the last two months.

THE LATE EDITOR OF THE "NATION."—The friends and admirers of the late Thomas Davis, editor of the *Nation* newspaper, have subscribed a large sum—amounting, we believe, to upwards of £500—for the purpose of erecting a testimonial to perpetuate his

THE CHILTERN HUNDREDS.—A piece of land in Buckinghamshire, formerly known as the Chiltern Hills. They afforded shelter to banditti, and abounded in timber, which is the reason of their being chosen as a retreat for those members of Parliament who wish to cut their sticks.—*Punch*.

COOKE'S CIRCUS, at Glasgow, which was erected two years ago at a cost of about £1,200, was last week totally destroyed by fire. It is only about three weeks since the Glasgow City Theatre was burnt.

CAUTION TO WIVES.—Mrs. Chapman, the landlady of the Ship public-house, Hammersmith, was on

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Edward White, residing at 45, Clement's-lane, Strand, was an indoor patient at King's College Hospital, with an abscess in the rectum. On his discharge he had

on the same limb. He could neither bend his knee nor put his foot to the ground. He remained there for five months in bed, when he was informed, "that nothing more could be done for him." He was then carried to his home, and commenced using the above invaluable medicines. He can now walk about all the day.

the day long, and is quite cured by the means of these wonderful medicines, and this to the astonishment of all who knew him.

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nal violence, Thursday week, when all she saw was a man who flew into a fit and abominable rage, and struck her over the head with the iron part of the scythe. Other witnesses were heard, and the man was remanded till Monday next.

TUESDAY.—**VIOLENT OUTRAGE BY A MILITARY LIENANT.**—Lieutenant-Colonel Talbot, residing at No. 10, St. John's-wood, attended before Mr. Justice to answer the charge of having violently assailed a woman.

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accompanied by two other workmen, who occasionally leave for a short period in the afternoon to go to the mill; and, some afternoon was about to rejoice in the return of his defendant, who struck him violently on the head and knocked him down. He got up as soon as possible, and was again attacked by him (defendant) gave him a blow with his fist. Lieut.-Colonel Campbell asked what he had to say, stated that he had alluded to several men passed him in a very manner, and amongst them was complainant, attempting to trip him up by the heels, ran off in view of effecting his escape. He defended himself, and on coming up with the magistrate, he said, "I am a poor fellow, my defence, (complainant) a blow. The magistrate decided by ordering defendant to pay 40s., and an addition of the cost of the warrant. Complainant here forward and said that in consequence of defendant towards him he had lost three days'

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The penalty and costs were paid.

CLERKENWELL.

FIRST. — CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER. —
Dorset Pettyman was brought up for final exam
a charge of killing and slaying Thomas Hall
garage, of 10, St. Michael's street, North,
from the statements made, it appears that he
had been held on the body of the deceased, and
of accidental death was returned. Under the
stances Mr. Combe decided upon discharging the
but at the same time remarked upon the painful
and helpless family. The deceased had left
and his wife and children were dependent upon
been the only support. The Messrs. Wilson, the
employers, had given £10 to the relief. A new
has been set on foot for their widow. The Rev
attended, and expressed a hope that the pub
would aid him in his endeavours to raise some
for the poor. The court then adjourned, the
blessed with means, did not appear to be reduc
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On Tuesday morning last, she missed a pair of shoes from one of her lodgers' rooms, and taxed the thief with having taken them. She offered to forgive the thief, she acknowledged the theft, and gave her the shoes so that she could redeem them. The prisoner denied the robbery, and about dinner time came from the hotel, when after she was gone she returned to her room, when she found information to the effect who apprehended her in a brothel in the Watergate. The prisoner acknowledged stealing the things, and pledged, and said she gave the duplicate to the man on the other side the door—Mr. Cottingham—mandated her until Monday, with a view of enabling officers to trace the property.

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Tompson, who formerly filled the office of secretary to the Mitchell Black-priests' Benefit Society, charged with having unlawfully embezzled £30, the moneys of the society. Mr. Hill and physrs. solicitor, appeared in support of the charge, and Mr. Hill attended on behalf of the defendant. From the evidence adduced, it appeared that the Rev. Mr. Hill had been secretary of the society from 1830 the Mitchell Society lent two sums of £100 to the Rev. Mr. Hill, and this sum remained outstanding under four payments of £10 to the defendant, in the year 1844, when it was repaid in four sums of £10 each. At this period it appeared that the defendant acted as secretary and treasurer to the association, and it was alleged that he had appropriated for one of these sums of £10 and had accounted for the remaining £30 to his use. Mr. Wade, who acted as secretary at the time, was called in evidence, and proved that fact, and that two sums of £20 which were made the advance of the Mitchell Society, had both been altered, and he was unable to conjure by whom the alteration had been made. Mr. Dunning, the secretary to the Rev. Mr. Hill's Society, proved that at various periods during the latter end of the year 1844 and the commencement of 1845, he had received four payments of £10 to the defendant, as secretary of the Mitchell Club, in repayment of the money that had been advanced by him. In cross-examination, the witness said that the money was advanced to assist the men against the masters during a strike. Mr. Hill then made further inquiries as to whether a sum of £1,500 had been expended for the same object; but an inquiry of the Rev. Mr. Hill, who was present, in support of this description was entirely irrelevant, as the witnesses had nothing to do with the question of the society, or the object for which the money was advanced, was legal or illegal, but the only question was, whether the defendant had only the money or not. The magistrates decided in favour of the defendant, and an appeal was taken, on the ground that the money was not to go into the question of the legal or illegal of the society, but the money was advanced, but should confine themselves to the question of embezzlement. The magistrates, after a short deliberation, said they thought there was sufficient evidence to warrant them in sending the case for further investigation, but they should take the personal recognition of the defendant to £40, with two sureties in £20 each, for his appearance at the assizes to answer the charge.

INCENDIARY FIRE AT FORTHAM.—Between two and three o'clock on Sunday morning last, a fire broke out in the kitchen of the residence of Mr. W. Fortham, Mr. W. Fortham, had returned, and when he was just passing into sleep, when his attention was attracted to a flickering light in the room; he instantly rose, and looking out, discovered the flames. An alarm was given, and in a short time of ten minutes a surprising number of persons collected, the Rev. Mr. Benyon's coachman with fire, gentleman's engine being promptly on the spot. Information speedily arriving in Burn, the engine of the Norwich Union and the Suffolk Fire-office were despatched with all expedition, reaching Mr. W. Fortham's residence at half-past eight. The fire foundered, but owing to the engines not being able to procure scarcity of water and the distance from which it was brought rendering the efforts of two of the engines altogether nugatory. Meanwhile the flames had made such rapid progress, throwing up a reflection in their, which wassen from a great height, and the flames were so high, that it was the raging element and save the property. But deficiency of water defeated every effort. No water could be obtained nearer than the river, and two engines therefore had to be kept constantly employed to supply one, the Norwich Union, which alone could bring up to bear upon the flames. This arose from the fact that the engine of the Suffolk Fire-office was having to join together to convey water to the river, which being pumped from one to the other, reached at last the sole engine that could be actually employed. Five stacks were consumed, a stack, two straw stacks, a hay stack, and a cask of the incendiary the whole of the premises was destroyed. The most exertions were made to save the property, but they were in vain, and the flames leaped beyond every wall, but some ornaments were being passing from one to the other which showed there was a bad feeling ranking in the bosom of some of them.

EMPLOYMENT.—The town of Stowmarket was thronged on small excitement on Wednesday last, by information that the fair and accomplished daughter of the Rev. Sir Augustus Henniker, of Plasnewydd, Pembrokeshire, had eloped with Charles Robert Esq., of the 10th Hussars, and that the Rev. Sir Augustus being absent from home, Mr. Bree had taken the lady (who is about twenty-four years of age) about a mile from her father's residence, with an open carriage, in which they proceeded to Bury, and left the vehicle back. On the return of Sir Augustus in the evening, the lady was missing, and they were sent to Bury, but no further tidings could be gained of their whereabouts, it being said that the lady was independent property.—*Bury Post.*

THE ITALIAN FREE SCHOOL.

[From the Examiner.]

The Italian Free School, in "Graville-street, London, where, long and benevolent objects have been for many centuries allied to, has lately been the scene of a very interesting and successful experiment. The school was crowded with above 200 of the pupils; among them were seated several ladies and gentlemen of rank who have taken an interest in their fare. A distribution of prizes took place among the most pleasing excitement and cheerful applause after which the director, Mr. Pissardi, called on the ladies, and they, in turn, addressed the school, and spoke of the school, and its objects and its resources; and the evening closed with a highly interesting "charity fair" prepared for the pupils at the expense of the directors.

This *Scuola Gratuita Italiana* was founded in 1811 and first opened on the 10th of November of that year. It was intended for the improvement of all Italian children, but the directors, Mr. Pissardi, and these organ boys, and traders in plaster casts, and one thousand of whom are now tolling in the streets of London, and along the thoroughfares in the city of London.

The school is opened for two hours and a half in the evening (Monday excepted), and for three hours a half on Sundays; on the latter day, in addition to the number branches of instruction, a lecture is given on the history of Italy, and the subjects, in the afternoon, at half-past eight. The pupils are instructed in Italian and English languages, in reading and writing, arithmetic and mechanics, geography, drawing &c. None of the masters, with the exception of certain able enunciation. Writing and drawing materials, books, paper, &c., are afforded gratuitously to the pupils.

The school was originally supported by the voluntary subscriptions of Italian gentlemen residing in London, and the directors, Mr. Pissardi, Mr. M. Gilson, Mr. Thomas Carlyle, Sir James Clarke, Mr. Mill, Mr. Tynbick, and others, offered their cooperation and patronage; so that English benevolence contributes now a very ample share toward support of this foreign institution.

On the other hand, the school has had also its opponents. The many hundreds of boys crowding the rooms from every quarter rendered the suspicion of the Government in it. But the directors, who apprehended in it a threat to the education, whose fertile imagination conjured up a legion of boys organized in formidable ranks in Greece and marching, under the orders of Mr. Mazzini, the conquest of Italy. The priests of the Roman Catholic chapels in London also willfully misrepresed the school into a seminary of atheism and infidelity, and the apparent reason for the tribulation of New Testaments in the Italian language made among the pupils. The father Balthazar on this ground, openly cried anathema to the school from the pulpit of the Sardinian Chapel. But most formidable enemies were the *padroni*, or masters of the poor Italian mendicants, who, under the pretence of apprenticeship, have the wretched children of the war-cruelty of the *padroni*, and the starvation they succeeded, to a great extent, in thinning the ranks of the school. Many of the pupils with tears in their eyes delivered up to the books and their kind masters, all intercourse with whom had become out of the question; and such was the effect, even on some of the subscribers, that in the year 1844, and the year the school was threatened with imminent ruin.

The irresistible power of a really good and judicious design, however, and the perseverance of the school's founders and friends, have weathered the storm, though a larger number of permanent subscribers would be a great desideratum, yet we learn with peculiar pleasure that the large amount of occasional pupils leaves no unenvious as the progress of the continuation of this admirable and most charitable institution.

We have thought that this brief statement might be of some interest to our readers. If they wish to inquire further into the matter, they will find much more to interest them; and, we will venture to say, to engage their active help and sympathy.

DEATH.

On the 13th inst., Mrs. Ann Tristram, wife of William Tristram, warehouseman, of the Strand, aged 55 years, much respected by her relatives and friends; a truly holy and patriotic woman.

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