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LETTER FROM MR. BARNUM.

NEW YORK, July 11, 1865.

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Charleston, Feb 22 STEPHEN J. MAXWELL.

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Dec 23. tf.

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INDEMNITY.—Senator Sherman of Ohio presented to the U. S. Senate a petition from a citizen of Columbia, S. C., asking indemnity for loss sustained by the burning of his house, on the night of the 17th of February, 1865. He read a letter from Gen. Sherman, alleging that Columbia was not fired by Federal authority, but by order of Gen. Wade Hampton. General Sherman states that the city was on fire when he entered it.

The New York *Tribune* hopes Congress will now resolve to save some money by the discontinuance of useless missions and consulates. Especially, let us stop paying $7,500 and sundries in gold per annum for keeping a minister at Rome. He is of no possible use there, and the Pope (very properly) sends none to us.

BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT.—A writer, whose life has passed its meridian, thus eloquently discourses upon the flight of time:

"Forty years once seemed a long and weary pilgrimage to make. It now seems but a step; and yet along the way are broken shrines, where a thousand hopes are wasted into ashes; footprints sacred under their drifting dust, green mounds where the grass is fresh with the watering of tears; shadows even which we should not forget. We will garner the sunshine of those years, and with chastened steps and hope push on toward the twinkling, where the waters are still and storms never beat."

Punch says that a Yankee baby will crawl out of his cradle, take a survey of it, invent an improvement, and apply for a patent before he is six months old.

A person addicted to lying, relating a story to another, which made him stare, "Did you ever hear that before?" said the narrator. 'No, says the other: "Pray, sir, *did you?*

Mr. Moore, who derived his pedigree from Noah, explained it in this manner: "Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and one *more*.

In female schools the demand is for principals—not men.

## POETRY.

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING HYMN.

BY EDWARD P. NOWELL.

Praise thy Lord, O ransomed nation!
Praise Him all, from sea to sea;
He hath bid it a firm foundation,
Yea, the rock of Liberty!
Treason was our best endeavor,
Yet we turned from wrong to right;
Gloom had shrouded us forever,
But for Heaven's rolling light!

Then with pæans sing God's praises,
Now and through all coming time;
Love which manhood's standard raises
Merits gratitude, sublime!
Hope and Trust at length victorious,
Over trembling Doubt and Fear,
Call for rapture, holy, glorious,
Laying faith, and constant cheer.

Infinite Jehovah! and us,
While we in Thy favor stand,
To remember Thou hast made us
A regenerated land!
And while time shall with us linger,
May we love the Just and Right,—
Seeing freedom's guiding finger
Pointing to eternal light!

## MISCELLANY.

### A REMINISCENCE OF THE ALABAMA AND KEARSARGE.

A writer in the *Cornhill Magazine*, who has had opportunities of conversation with some of Semmes' old crew, gives the following interesting reminiscence of the fight between the Alabama and the Kearsarge, from which it appears that the rebels were left to drown when the privateer sunk:—"I thought you had been in the Confederate navy." "I was," said Alecky; "I was with Semmes everywhere he went. I was in the naval brigade and blockade running and on the Alabama all the while he commanded her." "But not when she sank, I suppose," I rejoined. "Well, I was, and was picked up with him by the Deerhound." "It was a pretty sharp fight, wasn't it?" I suggestingly asked. "I was that," replied Alecky; but he didn't care about enlarging. "I suppose it was the 11-inch guns that did her business?" "Oh, no," coming to a kind of confessional, "we never had any chance—we had no gunners to compare with the Kearsarge's. Our gunners fired at random, and when they had the gun loaded, fired it off blindly. They never changed the elevation of their guns all the fight, and the Kearsarge was working up to us all the while, taking advantage of us every time she was hid by smoke to work a little nearer, and then her gunners took aim for every shot." "Then it is not true that the Alabama tried to board the Kearsarge?" "No, sir; she did her best to get away from her from the time the fight commenced. We knew well that if we came within range of her Dahlgren howitzers she would sink us in ten minutes." "But don't you believe that Semmes supposed he would whip the Kearsarge when he went out to fight her?"—"No; he was bullied into it, and took good care to leave all his valuables on shore, and had a life preserver on through the fight. I saw him put it on, and I thought if it was wise in him, it would not be foolish in me, and I put one on too. When Semmes saw that the ship was going down, he told us all to swim who could, and was one of the first to jump into the water, and we all made for the Deerhound. I was a long way ahead of Semmes, and when I came up to the Deerhound's boat they asked me if I was Semmes before they would take me in. I said I wasn't. And then they asked me what I was on the Alabama. Said I, 'No matter what I was on the Alabama; I shall be a dead man soon if you don't take me in.' They asked me again if I was an officer or a seaman, and would not take me in until I told them I was an officer. "But," said I, "did they actually refuse to pick up common seamen, and leave them to drown?" "They did that," replied he wrathfully, and probably not very correctly; "and as soon as they had Semmes on board they made tracks as fast as they knew how, and left everybody else to drown or be picked up by the Kearsarge."

### SHORT AMERICAN CATECHISM.

What is the chief end of man?
To get money.
What is the design of preaching?
To get a living.
What is the use of the conical sections?
To store away that religion which flocks above common humanity.
What is the benefit of soft seats?
Saints and sinners can alike feel comfortable under the application of truth.
Why is bread so dear?
So many eat who don't sweat for it.
What would keep an audience awake?
Deduct one dollar for each sleeper from the preacher's weekly salary.
Why do men talk about health, the weather, and business on the sabbath?
To cover a defective character, and please the devil.
What has become of the missionary spirit and the "cause of the oppressed African?"
Gone to California, and the Holly regions.'
What should philanthropists do whom rebels well know, and "intelligent contrabands" begin to suspect?

They should get some bootblack who has the good of the "cause" at heart to shake the dust from their shoes, and apply for a free passage in the next Government transport.

How can you fill empty seats in church?
Put Jefferson Davis in the pulpit.
What is the sixth commandment?
If you kill anyone, don't hurt yourself.
What is "humanity," according to Cornhill Latter-Day Saints?

Hurt not a hog-hog without consulting its feelings, but hang Jeff Davis to a "sour-apple tree without a scruple.

What are self-evident truths now?

"That all men are created equal," except ourselves, who surpass all people, ancient and modern.

Is it a great sin to doubt this truth?

It is—though involuntary error may save a man.

Who are the most unenlightened people in the world?

The Chinese.

Why?

Because they imagine China, instead of "modern Athens," to be the centre and "hub" of the universe.

### THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

The Civil Rights Bill, which was rapidly passed by the House by a vote of 100 to 58, was reported back to the Judiciary Committee, with an amendment, making the first section read as follows:—"That all persons born in the U. S., and not subject to any foreign power, excluding Indians not taxed, are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States, without distinction of color. But the inhabitants of every race and color, without regard to any previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall have the same right to make and enforce contracts, sue, be parties to suits, give evidence and to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey real and personal property, and to have the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property, and shall be subject to like punishment, pains and penalties, and to none other,—any law, statute, or ordinance, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding."

### Marriage of Negroes—Orders from the Freedmen's Bureau.

Mention was made some days ago of an order of General Howard's, giving his subordinates directions relative to the marriage and divorce of negroes. The following is the order in full:

War Dept., Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, March 9, 1866.

Attention is called to paragraph eight of Circular Six, series 1866, from this office, with regard to marriages. The Commissioner deemed those regulations sufficient to enable the assistant commissioners to draw up more specific rules. The Commissioner directs that each assistant commissioner consult the state laws with regard to the marriage and divorce of white persons, and embody them for the benefit of freedmen, so far as this can be done in a circular.

It is desirable to frame such a system of marriage rules as would be approved by the state authorities. It is therefore advisable to procure the formal approval of the Governor to your circulars on this subject. The Commissioner would simply suggest several points that require immediate attention: 1st, Parties eligible to marriage. 2nd, Who shall grant certificates of marriage. 3rd, Parties authorized to solemnize marriage. 4th, Dispensing marriages. 5th, Registry of marriages. 6th, Regulations with reference to persons who have lived together without marriage. The greatest care must be taken to instruct all the freed people as to what the law is in matters of this kind in regard to marriage; and all clergymen and magistrates who are authorized to give certificates or solemnize marriage, must be earnestly solicited to aid the Bureau officers in rectifying the existing evils on this subject.

The assistant commissioners will forward to these headquarters a copy of their regulations with reference to marriage, as soon as they shall be drawn up, for file in this office.

O. O. HOWARD,

Major General, Commissioner.

NEWSPAPER INFLUENCE.—A correspondent of the German Reformed Messenger mentions the impressions produced upon a traveler from Europe, while in a Western city by witnessing the eagerness of Americans for newspapers. He says: "He hastily approached me with eyes glowing with admiration and delight. 'What a wonderful race the American people are!' was his earnest outburst, every man with his newspaper!—see the drayman there, sitting on his dray, eagerly reading his newspaper, and further on a workman with a paper just sticking out of his pocket, where he has just placed it for further reading as he has leisure. So I have ever seen it in every town and city. There is nothing like it in Europe. No other people, through all its ranks, can be so thoroughly versed in the current information of the country and the world. Wonderful people!' was his pointed summing up, as if to hint at the profound philosophy embodied in this popular phase and fact. This expression brings up to view the vast educational value and effect of the newspaper, secular or religious, in American society, touching our social, civil, and individual interests—moulding and fashioning natural, social, or political character.

There is said to be an old lady down on Long Island so very fat that the neighbors use her shadow for griddle greasing. To keep her from slipping out of bed, her husband rolls her in the ashes. Long Island is a great place.

One of the best illustrations of avarice we ever heard of is that contained in an old caricature, which represents old Nick carrying a Dutchman down to his regions and while on his way, the Hollander is making propositions to his majesty to supply him with *Coal!*

MARRIAGE EXTRAORDINARY.—Miss Pauline T. Barnum, youngest daughter of Phineas Taylor Barnum, of humbug memory, was lately married at Bridgeport, Conn., to Nathan Seely, of the firm of Seely & Stevens, N. Y., a millionaire, of course. Five hundred personal friends were witnesses of the imposing ceremony.

Of the attire in which the bridal party appeared a lady present summed up its description in the following laconic and sensible terms: "The bride was dressed in white satin, and the bridesmaids in tarlatan. They were all flowered, and dressed in excellent taste, and looked lovely."

The ceremony was original, and was a decided improvement upon the forms usually adopted on such occasions. Instead of pronouncing the bridal pair "man and wife," Dr. Lord pronounced them "husband and wife," which, of course, is right. There were other features about the ceremony which won the good opinion of the vast congregation, and made many a lady long aspiring wish for another wedding, so as to have things done according to the Lord. When the question was asked, "Who giveth this woman, &c., Mr. Barnum stepped forward and put the right hand of Pauline into that of the minister without the slightest hesitation, or, as a lady near the immediate scene observed, "He didn't shed a tear, did he?"

PARADISE.—Not satisfied with concert and opera, circus and playhouse and dance, there is growing disposition to push the demand for entertainment up into the realm of serious things; to require that churches shall be entertaining rather than instructive—a paraphrase of Punch and Judy, adapted to people of literary pretensions, rather than an earnest, serious discussion of important themes; to make the church serve as a religious entertainment, composed of opera music and sensational preaching. Hundreds of people prefer an anecdote to an argument, a fine voice to a fine thought, a church organ to any exercise of imagination or of faith on the preacher's part. The most popular preacher in America owes most of his success to the fact that, an actor by nature, by accident of birth and training he was dropped into the pulpit instead of being put upon the "boards;" and he has transformed the pulpit into a stage, where he outdoes both Booth and Booth by the inimitable charm and power of his genius. His preaching undoubtedly does immense good; but his acting increases the volume and intensity of the popular desire for entertainment, which threatens to overlay everything gracious and sacred.—*Christian Inquirer.*

### Funny and Punny.

The road to home happiness has over small stepping stones. Slight circumstances are the stumbling blocks of families. The prick of a pin says the proverb, is enough to make an empire tremble. The tenderer the feelings the more painful the wounds. A cold, unkind word checks and withers the blossoms of the dearest love, as the most delicate rings of the vine are troubled by the slightest breezes. The misery of a life is born of a chance observation. If the true history of quarrels, public and private, were honestly written, it would be followed with an uproar of derision.

### American affairs in Europe.

The following extract from a private note from Rev. Dr. John Proudfit, at Nice, February 7th, shows how much interest is now felt by all classes in Europe in American affairs and events:

"The eager interest with which the American war, 'the irrepressible conflict,' the black race and the red man, and, in fact, the universal Yankee nation, all its elements and interests included, are now regarded by Europeans, gave me fine auditory, and the good folks took so much interest in my loose recollections and thoughts, that at every dinner and evening party where we have been since, I have been called upon for 'more.' I have had to eager questioners and listeners the princes and nobles of the Old World. It is impossible not to see that our country has become a far more conspicuous object and potential element in the affairs of the world in consequence of its recent terrible struggle.

"The magnificent bravery of the American people during the unprecedented conflict; the unfaltering courage and unanimity with which they fought and suffered till complete success was assured; their noble humanity to the South as soon as it bowed to the national authority; their generosity in providing for the relief, the instruction, the elevation of the blacks since war, call forth the warm plaudits from many unexpected quarters.

"The visit of our fleet to these waters has made a most happy impression. The splendid condition of the ships, the courteous and polished manner of the officers; and still more their unblemished and exemplary deportment while on shore amidst the temptations of vice, are spoken of with general admiration. 'A more cultivated, intelligent, Christian set of young men I never had the pleasure of falling in with,' said a noble foreigner here."

When Dr. Johnson courted Mrs. Potter, whom he afterwards married, he told her he was of mean extraction; that he had no money; and that he an uncle hanged! The lady, by way of reducing herself to an equality with the Doctor, replied, that she had no more money than himself; and that, though she had not had a relation hanged, she had fifty who *deserved hanging.*

In London, a coal whipper testified that he and his wife had quarreled and parted *forever* more than twenty times!

A visitor at Churchtown, North Meols, thought people must like to buried in the churchyard there, because it was so healthy.

No man ever did an injury designedly to another, who did not injure himself the most.

The man who takes things easy—the city pickpocket.