

specimens which I saw of the sex, as it is in Seville I was, indeed, delighted; delighted with her looks, their words and actions, their Andalusian Spanish, their seducing accent, and their augmentatives and diminutives, from grandissimo to poquito and chiquiti-ti-to. Every thing is very big or very little in the mouth of a Sevillan; she is a superlative creature, and is ever in the superlative. There is one thing, however, in my situation in this casa de pupilos, which was new and singular, to say nothing of its inconvenience, and which may furnish a curious study of Spanish customs. This was the position of my bedchamber. It had a grated window looking on the street, and a door opening into the court-yard. Next it was a long room, running to the back of the building. This also was a bed-chamber, and the bed-chamber of the old lady and of the three ninas of Ecija, who slept in cots, ranged along the room. But it may not be amiss to tell how I came by this information. Now it chanced that the partition wall between my room and this next did not extend to the ceiling, nor, indeed, more than two thirds of the way up, the remainder being left open to admit a free circulation of air, and keep the rooms cool; for Seville, in summer, is little better than an oven. This being the case, I could hear every thing that was going on next me. We used to commend each other to God over the wall very regularly, every night before going to sleep, and presently I heard the old woman snore. The girls, however, would go on talking in a whisper, that they might not disturb their mother. In the morning again, we always woke at the same hour and with the customary salutations. Sometimes, too, I would be aroused in the dead of the night, and kept from sleeping for hours, just by the creaking of a cot, as one of my fair neighbours turned over; or may be on no greater provocation than the suppressed moan of a troubled dreamer, or the half-heard sigh of one just awoken from some blissful vision." We can readily imagine the anxiety of the reader to know how our modern Telemachus extricated himself from the perils of this island of Calypso, and we confess that we feel as mischievous pleasure in baulking his curiosity as did Yoric when he left untold the delicate denouement of the affair of the corking pins. If he wishes information on the subject, let him consult the book itself.

PRESENTIMENT OF DEATH.—The army did not lose any officer of rank in the affair of Foz d'Arouce but the service sustained a loss in Lieut. Heppenstal—a young man who, had he lived, would have been an ornament to the profession for which Nature seemed to have destined him. He was known to be one of the bravest men in the army, but on this occasion his usual spirits deserted him. He moved along silent, inattentive, and abstracted: a brisk firing in our front soon roused all his wonted energy, and he advanced with his men apparently cheerful as ever; turning to a brother officer, he said, "You will laugh at what I am going to say; you know I am not afraid to die, but I have a certain feeling that my race is nearly run." "You jest," said his friend. "No, I don't," was the reply; they shook hands, the light troops advanced, and in a few minutes the brave Heppenstal was a corpse. His presentiment was too just, and though I had heard of instances of the kind before, this was the first that came under my immediate observation. I ran to the spot where he lay; he was bleeding profusely; his breast was penetrated by two bullets, and a third passed through his forehead. His death was singular and it appeared as if he was resolved to fulfil the destiny that he had marked out for himself. Our light troops were gradually retreating on their reinforcements, and were within a few paces of the columns of infantry; his men repeatedly called out to him to retire with the rest, but he, either not hearing, or not attending to what they said, remained, with his back against a pine-tree, dealing out death at every shot. Pressed as we were for time, we dug him a deep grave at the foot of the tree where he so gallantly lost his life, and we laid him in it without form or ceremony.—*Reminiscences of a Subaltern.*

EXTRAORDINARY PROPERTY OF SHADOWS.—An eminent living geometer had proved by calculations, founded on strict optical principles, that, in centre of the shadow of a small circular piece of metal, exposed in a dark room to a beam of light emanating from a very small brilliant point, there ought to be no darkness, in fact, no shadow at that place; but, on the

contrary, a degree of illumination precisely as bright as if the metal plates were away. Strange and even impossible as this conclusion may seem, it has been put to the trial, and found perfectly correct.—*Herschel's Discourse on Natural Philosophy, in Dr. Lardner's Cyclopaedia.*

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP.

For whom art thou maiden, so anxiously watching;
With hair all dishevel'd and cheek wan and pale;
Yet buoyant thy step as the fawn's when first catching
The sound of the wild horn afar on the gale?

I'm watching for love—here he promised to meet me,
What time the bright moon sailed her bark through the sky;
The bark and the blue starry ocean both greet me—
Yet absent is Love with his smile and his sigh!

But who art thou, stranger, that thus, uninvited,
His place hast usurped in his own leafy bower?
And why art thou seeking a maiden thus slighted—
Why pluck from the myrtle Love's own token-flower?

Young maids call me Friendship, when hearts are in danger,
And thus, unimpeded, I stray through the grove;
For where is the maiden who would banish the stranger,
Who, Friendship to-day, may to-morrow be Love?

H. BRANDRETH.

AMERICA.

UNITED STATES.

The principal in the robbery of the New York City Bank has been arrested in New York, and about \$180,000 of the \$200,000 been recovered. The individual is named Smith, supposed to be an English man, already known as having been concerned in extensive robberies in the United States, and who, it is said, left England after robbing the mail coach of about £27,000, a few years ago.

Copies of the Canton Register to October 16, have been received at New-York. They contains some details of a destructive Earthquake, in the northern provinces of China, in June last. Soon after some of the neighbouring provinces suffered from a violent hail storm and inundation. It was the popular belief at Canton, that from 500,000 to 1,000,000 of persons perished by these disasters.

COLONIAL.

COLONIAL SUMMARY.

ST. JOHN. Yesterday morning our citizens were awakened from their slumbers by the cry of fire, which was found to be in a house on the bridge leading from the city to Portland, owned by Mr James Burns and which, with a shingle maker's shop attached, owing to the great headway the fire had made before assistance reached the spot, were burnt down. The house was occupied by three families. The Steam Boat St George started on her first trip to Fredericton for the season, yesterday morning; being about two weeks earlier than usual.

QUEBEC. This day [March 31] at three o'clock, His Excellency the Governor in Chief came down in State to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the throne, the gentleman usher of the black rod was sent to command the presence of the assembly, which being come up, His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to a number of Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly; after which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I cannot close the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, without expressing my admiration of the unremitting attention you have bestowed on the public business of the country, and your unwearied exertions in performing all your other Parliamentary duties.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

In His Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies granted by you in aid of the monies already appropriated by Law, for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government, and for the administration of justice.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

The liberal appropriations made during the present Session, are calculated to promote the general prosperity of the country, by calling forth its powers of production, and you may rest assured that my exertions shall not be spared in applying the monies which you have been pleased to place at my disposal, to the best of my judgment, and with all due regard to economy.

A Message was received to day by the Assembly, from the Governor in Chief, informing the House that His Excellency had, upon the charges against Mr Attorney General Stuart, suspended that officer in his functions.

Mr Solicitor-General Ogden arrived here on Saturday from Montreal. Mr Ogden is to act as Attorney-General during the suspension of Mr Stuart.

UPPER CANADA. We give below the Speech of His Excellency Sir John Colborne, on proroguing the Legislature on the 16th ult.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

The instructions which I received from His Majesty's Government to make the important communication which I transmitted to you on the 28th of last month, prevented my relieving you from your attendance in Parliament, at the time I first intended to close this Session. The beneficial effects which will result from the Bills which you have passed for the improvement of the roads and bridges, and of internal navigation, will extend to most townships. I have no doubt that the constitutional grant which has been sanctioned to complete the direct line of the Welland Canal, from its junction with the Chippawa to Lake Erie, will be sufficient for that purpose, if the means you have provided are skilfully applied; and, that notwithstanding the local prejudices which have frequently impeded the progress of improvements, embracing the general interests of the country, this measure will be commended ultimately by every district. In facilitating the conveyance of the produce of that portion of Upper Canada, which it is probable, will become the most populous of the Province, the prosperity of the whole Colony is promoted.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I thank you in His Majesty's name, for the supplies which you have voted for the public service. You will have perceived from the accounts of the Revenue, arising from the duties levied under the Act of 14, Geo. III. which have been forwarded to the house of Assembly every Session, and from the statement laid before you of the salaries of officers of each department, and of the funds on which they are borne, and from the accounts of the Casual and Territorial Revenue, that the public expenditure of the Officers of the Government has been reduced, except in those charges which depend on the increased population.

Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

The expenses of the Civil Government, which were supported, till the year 1827, by the liberal grants of the Parent State, can now be defrayed entirely from the duties raised under the Statute, of the 14, Geo. III. The assignment, therefore, of this Revenue to the disposal of the Legislature has not only enabled you to make a permanent provision for the salaries of the principal Officers of the Government, and Judges, which ensures their constitutional independence, but it has also considerably increased the funds from which the annual supplies may be drawn.

WEST INDIES.—Capt. Smith informs us that accounts had been received at Nevis, from Gaudaloupe, that all the Public Buildings at Basseterre had been burnt by the negroes. We regret to hear that accounts had also been received of insurrectionary movements in Antigua, and that buildings on four Estates had been burnt. An American schooner, belonging to Baltimore, to mount 16 guns, was fitting out at St. Thomas—destination unknown.

COLONIAL TRADE.

[The following extracts are from a letter, transmitted by John Bainbridge, Esq. Agent for Nova-Scotia, to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.]

"Not one step of further progress is made in the Colonial intercourse bill, and it lies over in the shape last noticed to you, having only been once read. In short, the new plans sent forth in the Budget of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, have so involved them in