

AN "INFANT PHENOMENON."—Eliza Sitzes, a child two years old, born in Hamilton county, about eight miles from Cincinnati, presents one of the most curious developments in the natural world (commonly deemed unnatural) that has ever fallen under our observation. This child is observant and intelligent, notwithstanding the extraordinary phenomenon which she presents in the miraculous growth of her head.

The head measures fully three and a-half feet in circumference—the forehead being at least seven and a-half inches in height, and some fourteen to sixteen inches in breadth. The hair, which is very fine and of a flaxen hue, is not luxuriantly spread over the crown, but quite as much so as in most children of the same age. The skin is very fair and wears a healthy appearance, and the face is by no means ungainly in expression; the features below the forehead being regular, only the eyes are somewhat expanded, and the delicately-penciled brow seems to be warped and wear a hard expression, through the expansion of the forehead which here commences.

From the crown of the head to the ear is about eighteen inches. The head is not regularly shaped, but is broader on the forehead, save that the region behind the ears is enormously enlarged. The history of this child, and the singular growth of its head, are striking. At its birth nothing remarkable was presented. About two weeks after, without any apparent or known cause, the head began to grow, and continues to increase in size, presenting one of those phenomena which assure us that what we deemed impossible may be realized. This child presents a most interesting subject of inquiry and investigation to the scientific, and is worthy their attention. It is a curious spectacle, but by no means revolting, and can only be appreciated when seen, because description cannot convey a fair impression of the animate curiosity. There has been a large reward offered for any natural curiosity that can exceed this, but no one has tendered competition. It is understood that in a short time it is the intention to exhibit this phenomenon to the curious in the larger towns of Southern Ohio, and it is well worth the inquires and investigation of the naturalist and scientific. The child is easily moved about by its mother, and rarely expresses discontent. It is generally kept in a recumbent state and soothed by gently rocking. It receives its food readily and is affected like other children, presenting no other unnatural appearance. [Cincinnati Inquirer.]

JOHN PHENIX'S CURIOSITY.—"John Phenix," while attending a theatre in San Francisco, thought he saw a person with whom he wished to speak, a few seats in front of him; in order to attract his attention, he requested a gentleman in front to reach over and punch him with his umbrella. Upon the person turning round he saw he was a stranger, and Phenix directed his attention to the play, leaving the puncher and punchee to settle it as best they could. The punchee requested an explanation of the puncher, whereupon he turned to Phenix and said:

"Sir, didn't you request me to punch that man?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, what for?"

"Oh, nothing, only I had a curiosity to see if you'd do it."

A party of surgeons and chaplains attached to the Confederate army, who remained on the field after the battle of Gettysburg, to attend to the wounded, arrived in New York on Thursday morning last.—Gen. Canby made arrangements for their return South, via Fortress Monroe, they being non-combatants.

HISTORY OF A WATCH.—About two years ago, Mr. Daniel Brick, of Philadelphia attended a ball in that city, and while there was robbed of a watch and chain. The workmanship of the latter represented a hound chase round a fallen tree. Nothing could be heard of either, although great exertions were made by the detectives to recover the property. On last Sunday week, as Mr. Brick and a little boy, his son, were walking along Shippen street, he stopped as a funeral passed by. The little boy said, all at once, "Pap, there's a man with your chain." Mr. Brick had the man arrested, and fully identified and recovered his watch and chain. The accused said he had purchased a pawn-ticket and redeemed the watch. He mentioned the name of the person who had sold him the ticket. This person was arrested, and he in turn said he had received it from a young man known as Al Riley was at once arrested and committed in default of bail.

LIFE'S HAPPIEST PERIOD.—Kingsley gives his evidence on this disputed point. He thus declares:

"There is no pleasure that I have experienced like a child's mid-summer holiday—the time, I mean, when two or three of us used to go away up the brook, and take our dinner with us, and come home at night tired, dirty, happy, scratched beyond recognition, with a greasy nosegay, three little trout, and one shoe, the other having been used for a boat, till it had gone down with all hands out of soundings. How poor our Derby days, our Greenwich dinners, our evening parties, where there are plenty of nice girls, after that! Depend upon it, a man never experiences such pleasure or grief after fourteen as he does, before, unless, in some cases, in his first love-making, when the sensation is new to him."

A few years ago, we are reminded by the Newburyport Herald, there were no such things known as postage stamps, while at the present time all civilized countries, and even some not entitled to that name, have adopted them. Turkey is the last government that has entered the lists, but, as the Koran, (the Bible of the Mahomedans) prohibits making the image of any living thing, the Turkish postage stamp contains merely the Sultan's signature, in fac simile.

The draft continues in progress in many of the Northern States, and is generally attended with good order.

The recent expedition of Admiral Lee up the James river, it is said, was not intended to attack Fort Darling or any other place. It was simply, a reconnoissance.

Benjamin Johnson, formerly of Vicksburg, who has been throughout the present struggle a Union man, has been appointed by Postmaster General Blair a special agent of the Post-office Department, and assigned to the charge of the postoffice at Vicksburg.

J. Snowden Pleazants, who was sent to Fort Delaware some time since, has had his sentence remitted. He was brought to Washington yesterday and committed to the Old Capitol—to be released, by order of the Secretary of War, if he takes the oath of allegiance.

A Madame de Civry has sued the Duke of Brunswick (King of Hanover, and who, in default of heirs to Queen Victoria, would have been King of England,) for 35,000 francs—the lady claiming to be his "natural child."

The last of the family of Daniel O'Connell has retired from the British Parliament, and been appointed a Commissioner of the Income Tax.

An arrival from the Potomac flotilla reports frequent captures of small parties of blockade-runners, and that there has been no hostile demonstrations or signs of the Confederates on the river for a week past.

The U. S. government has decided on active measures regarding the fitting out of the iron-clad fleet in England. The authorities are urged to issue letters of marque and reprisal in view of the increase of the privateers.

The trial of Dr. Wright, of Norfolk, Va., is progressing slowly before the military commission.

Private dispatches from Fortress Monroe say that Col. Shaw, of the 54th Mass., Regiment, (colored,) was killed near Charleston on the 18th inst.

The Hudson's Bay Company is among the things that were. The very vast territory controlled by the Hudson's Bay Company, comprising nearly 900,000 acres, and stretching over 1,400,000 miles, has been sold to the International Financial Association, for £1,500,000. As the net revenue of this principality has averaged £80,000 per annum for many years past, this is not an extravagant valuation.

A few days since General Mitchell, commanding at Nashville, peremptorily ordered all the prostitutes in that place to leave within twenty-four hours. On the day following, one hundred and six of the frail ones were shipped for Louisville on the Government steamer Idahoe.

The National Intelligencer says:—A contemporary remarks upon it as "a noteworthy fact that there are no preparations for the enforcement of the draft in any of the States north and west of the Ohio river."

Among the Confederates killed in the recent battles at Gettysburg was Wm. T. Magruder, Adjutant-General of the Division of Gen. Joseph Davis. He was a native of Prince George's county, Md., and graduated with distinction at West Point.

The skeleton of a man was found standing upright lately among the cargo of an Australian ship, on her arrival at London. He had evidently tried to get a free passage, and was walled up by the cargo.

It is known that Thaddeus Stevens was one of the heaviest losers by the recent invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederates. The Repository says:—"The only private property destroyed by the order of an officer, in this valley, was the extensive iron works of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, ten miles east of this place. They consisted of a large charcoal furnace, forge, rolling mill, coal house, shops, &c."

It is said of Cardinal Richelieu that when he built his magnificent palace on the site of the old family chateau at Richelieu, he sacrificed its symmetry to preserve the room in which he was born. An attachment of this nature is generally characteristic of a benevolent mind.

Of the Presidents of the United States, there were educated at William and Mary college, in Virginia, Jefferson, Monroe, and Tyler; two at Harvard, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. Madison graduated at Princeton, Polk at the University of North Carolina, Pierce at Bowdoin College, and Buchanan at Dickinson College, Pennsylvania. The rest never had a college education.