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THE AMERICAN MECHANIC. Whatever may be the pomp, glory and circumstance of the great men of this world...

THE MARCH OF IMPROVEMENT. Railroads.—Man's life appears to be a continued and unequal struggle with time and space...

SINGULAR FACT IN NATURAL HISTORY. The Alleghany Republican relates that about two months since, Mr. John Jones, residing in the upper part of that county...

SHIP BYRON—THE ICEBERGS. Perilous Encounter with an Iceberg near the Banks of Newfoundland.

On the 30th June last the ship Byron left Liverpool for New York, heavily laden with iron, salt, &c. and having on board, in passengers and crew, 119 or 120 souls.

An awful death appeared now inevitable. In this moment of general panic, the commanding officer gave orders to "clear away the boat."

But the sails being backed, the helm put hard up, she turned off from her enemy, and swinging clear, received the last shock on her larboard quarter, which, though its sound was terrible, did no injury.

merciful Providence; while the multitude cried out unhesitatingly, "It is the Lord who hath saved us; thanks and praises to his holy name."

A MAN WITH HIS HEAD IN A BAD BOX.

A singular occurrence took place in a town in a neighboring state, not long since, which was attended with consequences of the most awkward nature to the individual who bore a prominent share in the affair.

Every thing being prepared, Mr. Snooks, with a courage and resolution which reflect the highest honor on his character, submitted his cranium to the disposal of the amateur artist.

He then resorted to gestures, and made significant signs, which would have excited the admiration of a Frenchman, imploring relief.

the box which enclosed his head was shattered in a dozen pieces. Mr Snooks was unhurt; and, so soon as he could recover his scattered senses, he half rose from the pavement.

Novel and Atrocious Character.

During the awful prevalence of the plague in the north-east of Spain, in the autumn of 1821, a foreigner, who was variously said to be a Jew, a Turk, an Armenian, and a renegade, but whose acknowledged vocation was that of a merchant...

The news of the distress of Barcelona became glad tidings for this wretch, and he had already carried on his horrid trade amongst us a fortnight when he was detected in the very act of stabbing a patient who was quite delirious.

CRITERION OF A WOMAN.—Her voice and carriage may serve as an index to the mind.

When you hear a lady in conversation whose tones resemble the shrieking of a bagpipe—beware! for you may depend upon it she is a shrew.

THE HINDOO WIDOWS.

Reasons for their sacrificing themselves at the funeral pile of their husbands. Many people wonder why Hindoo wives so readily submit to the Suttee.

Widowhood is regarded as the greatest possible calamity that can possibly befall a woman. The widow is stripped of her ornaments, compelled to wear white clothing, has her head shaved; may not stain her face with saffron water, nor imprint on her forehead any of the symbols of her caste, or worship.

"After exhibiting these first evidences of despair, she gets up; and, assuming a more composed appearance, approaches the body of her husband. Addressing it in a style rather beyond the limits of real affection, she demands, "Why hast thou forsaken me? What evil have I done that thou hast left me at this untimely age?"

Windsor, Aug. 1, 1836.

Poverty is no disgrace.—Not many days since, we rambled a short distance from the more compact and thickly settled part of the town, both for exercise and to breathe a purer air than can be found amidst a dense population.

Rats and Boa Constrictor.

Many of the inhabitants at Para are said to keep boas in their houses for the purpose of destroying the rats. In the ware-house belonging to Mr. Smith, the American Consul, we saw a very large one, which was between fifteen and eighteen feet long.

Slaves Captured.

The Buzzard, a British cruiser, captured another slave on the 4th of June—the Portuguese brig Manito, with two hundred and sixty-eight slaves on board.

From the Spirit of Seventy-Six.

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