

SPLINTERS.

One of the chief objects of attention and sensational conversation in London, now, is Gladstone and his great triumph.....Miss Amy Sedgwick, the popular London actress, will visit this country next season.....A new comedy, in five acts, from George Sand, is among the recent additions to stage literature.....Elinski, a Polish exile, is lecturing in Oregon and gives a history of the late revolution in his own land.....A turkey in Scipio, New York, has laid one hundred eggs in one hundred days, never missing a day.....Ochre is used in making bricks and pottery ware in Kansas.....Senator Brownlow says if Greeley and Brown are elected we are placed back where we were in 1861, when the traitors fired upon Fort Sumpter.....Boston gave a grand banquet to the Japanese Embassy, August 2nd.....At Topeka, on the 27th of July, Mrs. Thomas Mattingley drowned herself and a three year old child, on account of domestic unhappiness.....The wedding presents of Miss Nilsson, married in London to M. Boussand amount, in value, to \$60,000.....Since the death of President Juarez, the French think of renewing diplomatic relations with Mexico.....General Sherman attended the funeral of the son of the Duke of Aumale at Paris.....Senator Schurz charges Grant with using Federal arms to influence the States and overawe them.....Heavy mining strikes are reported in Pioche District.....About 1,000 acres of cotton was planted in California this season.....Disraeli's wife, Lady Beaconsfield is ill beyond hope of recovery.....In a competitive examination at New York, the nomination for a cadetship at the Naval Academy was won by a ragged news-boy.....A Missouri paper makes calculations that Grant will receive a majority of 10,000 in that State.....The value of the gold now extant is estimated at upwards of \$5,000,000,000.....All record of the late devastation in Paris is reported to be disappearing.....The "American Settler" is the name of a paper lately started in London.... Among the peasantry in France, it is said, not one in a hundred can read or write..... A California inventor has produced a railroad tie of vegetable fibre, held in asphaltum.....The contract for building a seminary to cost one thousand eight hundred and forty dollars, has been let at Napa, California.....Thiers will send one hundred thousand men to suppress the mining riots on the northern frontier of France, if necessary.....George E. Pugh, an eminent Ohio Copperhead, tenders his services as a stumper for Greeley and Brown.....One hundred thousand dollars of diamonds are said to have been lately received in San Francisco, from New Mexico, discovered years ago by Kit Carson.....A tailor in California, named Ledig, shot his wife twice, the other day. The wounds are supposed to be mortal; he then shot himself and expired.....A San Francisco youth, named Harley, has been committed to trial for burning the faces of small boys with nitrate of silver.....Extremely hot weather is reported, all through the Western States.....Rumor says the "colored folks" are nearly all for Greeley.... In company with his family, Greeley will visit his old home in New Hampshire, and probably remain a month or more..... A sarcastic paper says the West Point cadets are pleading to let their moustaches grow.....Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, is being restored as nearly as possible to its condition in 1776.....Two men in St. Charles, Michigan, have become maniacs by exposure to a hot sun while buggy-riding.

The "diamond fields" of Arizona are the latest attraction to excited hunters after precious stones.....A Kansas woman has been paralyzed by the sting of a wasp.....Dubuque has a religious society for children called "The Seeds of Mercy".....A female horse-thief in male attire has been caught in Michigan.....Bret Hart is said to be engaged to write one article a month for the "Atlantic" at \$10,000 a year.....The youngest bride of the season, at Niagara, is a young lady of Stonington, Connecticut, aged fourteen. She left her skipping-rope at home.....Nicholas C. Sennat, a once prosperous merchant who was ruined by the Chicago fire, committed suicide in St. Louis recently because of his reverses.....A farmer named Williams was thrown in front of a mowing machine a few days ago in Suffolk county, New York, and was cut to pieces.....Who carried North Carolina in the late election is still an open question.....A Fon-du-Lac, Wis., woman has sent a bill of \$200 to the saloon keepers of the town, being the amount legally due her for a beating inflicted by a drunken husband.....General Banks, of Massachusetts, and General Farnsworth, of Illinois, are among the latest prominent Republicans that have come out for Greeley.

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IGNORANCE AND BIGOTRY.

The San Francisco "Pioneer," edited by Mrs. Emily Pitts Stevens, is devoting some space to Utah affairs and developing an inordinate quantity of meaningless sentimentality in treating of them. The last effort in this direction, in the issue of the 8th inst., starts out by asserting that "tyranny and fanaticism go hand in hand in Utah," which might justly be supplemented by the assertion that ignorance and bigotry go hand in hand everywhere, and notably so in the "Pioneer" office. The article indulges in such sweet and loving phrases as "simple devotee," "unscrupulous tyrant," "the doctrine of polygamy savoring of every foul attribute of slavery," "this canker upon the body of Christendom," "humiliations which these Mormon women bear," "spreading leprosy," and so on. The article is one of those tirades in which strong adjectives are compelled to do duty for sound reasons. Narrowed down to its actual value, it is simply half a column of unreasoning abuse, for there is not an argument, nor the shadow of one, in it from the opening word to the closing sentence. It assumes that "polygamy" is "a canker upon the body of Christendom," and like scores of such efforts rests satisfied with the assumption. The fetid, festering, gangrene spots upon "the body of Christendom" are sufficiently numerous to call for the surgical aid of these would-be doctors of morality without troubling themselves seriously relative to the marital relations of Utah; but evidently the "Pioneer" and others of the same class, are more anxious to hold up their hands in affected horror against an imaginary evil and point to an assumedly sickly condition of society at a distance, than to look upon the

pestilence of corruption which surrounds them at home, striking down the fairest and the loveliest, victims of man's lust and woman's folly. The "Pioneer" is terribly exercised because of the "humiliations these Mormon women bear, mingled with an inward sense of shame and outrage," but as the "humiliations" only exist in the imagination of the "Pioneer" and others of like stripe, she can spare her sympathy until it is solicited. And when she uses the language "mingled with an inward sense of shame and outrage," she is impertinent, and would be insulting if her bigotry were not the result of ignorance, which few sounding sentences cannot hide.

We have closely watched the practical workings of plural marriage for years, having been brought into daily contact with it; and have formed very decided opinions on the subject. And when some of these people who are so fond of indulging in abuse concerning "the cruelty of Brigham Young," as this writer phrases it, and the "downtrodden women of Utah," as they are pleased to call us, will advance some solid reasons based on scripture, morality, physiology, or social science against plural marriage, we shall be pleased to weigh them and give them due consideration. But neither impertinence, abuse, nor slander will commend them to our judgment. And when the editor of the "Pioneer" can point us to as pure, as happy, and as temperate a community in all things, where she resides, as can be found in Utah; to men in whom women can so confide without having their confidence abused, and to women as chaste, take them as a whole; then we may possibly begin to have some faith in the excellence of theories which the experience of centuries has proven hollow and worthless. And, further, when the editor of the "Pioneer" can point to such a condition of society as a result of her efforts aiding those "honest preachers" of whom she speaks, we will be prepared to accord her and them more credit than that of which the present condition of society indicates they are worthy.

A RIGHT RECOGNIZED.

Before the women of Utah enjoyed the elective franchise those who clamored loudest for its being extended to them were parties who had political "axes to grind," and who were filled with the bitterest feelings of animosity against the people of Utah. They foolishly imagined that if our sex in this Territory had the legal right to vote, they could lead us by the arts which politicians are accustomed to use, to turn against men whom we had tested through long years of trouble and sorrow, and follow their lead. Upon no other hypothesis can their urgent demands on Congress to bestow the right of suffrage upon us be explained. For when the Territorial legislature did enact such a measure, and it became law by the signature of acting-governor Mann and the approval of Congress; and when they found that we could think, and that thinking we intelligently supported the candidates of our choice, they were even more clamorous that Congress should pass a law declaring illegal that which they had beforetime sought to have legalized. They contended that the exercise of the franchise by us would not stand the test of the courts, and endeavored to have our votes declared a nullity. But the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Engelbrecht case declared, in plainness, what power was vested in a Territorial Legislature. Then, finding that the highest tribunal of the country had declared that the acts of the Legislature, when not disapproved by Congress, were of binding force; and as the elective franchise