

TRANSFERRING ENGRAVINGS.

According to the paragraph in the Builder, a British periodical, engravings may be transferred or multiplied in a very simple and curious manner, worthy of examination by scientific men, through the aid of starch and iodine. The paragraph directs the engraving to be placed 'for a few seconds,' over the vapour of iodine, which, it states, 'has the property of fixing on the black parts, or ink of the engraving, but not on the white or unprinted parts of the paper. To take an impression from an engraving thus iodized, nothing more is necessary than to dip a slip of white paper 'in a weak solution of starch, and when dry, to lay the paper on the iodized engraving, and place them for a few minutes under a press.' The Builder characterizes this as an important discovery, yet in its infancy. The idea is at all events a very pretty and ingenious one; and men of science will perceive that it is susceptible of various modifications, some of which may be found of practical utility.

CONSUMPTION OF TEA.—If people only knew what vile stuff they got in room of real bona fide tea, they would discard the article altogether, and drink some more healthful and pure ingredient, such as shells, cocoa, and the like.—Coffee does not agree with every one, and therefore we were about to leave it out in this place; but let us tell those who purchase it ground, that they generally get about one half real coffee, and the balance made up of various other articles; but to return to tea. In the Memoirs of the London Chemical Society, there is an interesting paper of Warrington, on the analysis of tea, in which he states that he has not only removed the whole of the coloring matter, or glazing, from the green tea, but he has been able to analyze the matter removed, and prove it, by chemical evidence, to consist of Prussian

blue and gypsum principally. So that in fact the drinkers of many qualities of green tea, as it comes to the English market, indulge in a beverage of Chinese paint, and might imitate the mixture of dissolving Prussian blue and plaster of Paris in hot water. The Chinese do not drink this painted tea; they only sell it. Green tea, generally, is little better than poison, and a table-spoonful of it strong will set an infant into convulsions. Of course we mean such as is often sold for good.—[Flag of our Union.

Magistrate. Is your name John Jay?

Prisoner. Yes, your honor, so the people say.

M. Was it you that kissed the girl and raised the alarm?

P. Yes, your honor, but I thought it was no harm.

M. You rascal! did you come here to make rhymes?

P. No, your honor, but it will happen sometimes.

M. Be off, you scamp, get out of my sight.

P. Thank'e your honor, I'll bid you good-night.—[New York Union.

A NEW MOVING POWER.—For some days past crowds have been collected on our quays, watching and commenting on the novel construction of a vessel which has suddenly made its appearance in our port, and is well calculated, as we must own, by its appearance, to excite the curiosity of which we speak. Figure to yourself a boat without masts, without chimney—with no trace of sails or of steam—with not even the shadow of an oar, and yet the vessel glides rapidly on as if some invisible spirit directed its movements!—Le Port de Marseille (the name of this strange boat) is the invention of a French engineer of the name of Mr. Lientier. It is worked by means of a simple lever. If his promises be fully realized, who can estimate the vast results of this discovery to our navigation?

[Courier de Marseille.

KEEPING FISH ALIVE.—This may be done by soaking the soft part of bread in brandy, and inserting it into the gill of the fish, while it is yet alive, and afterwards sprinkling it over gently with brandy. Thus prepared and carefully packed in straw, the fish will keep alive ten or twelve days, as may be proved by putting it in fresh water at the end of that time, when, after a few hours' immersion, it will recover from its protracted drunkenness.—[London Literary Gazette.

OHIO BANKING.—A bill to allow any and all persons to establish a bank and issue notes by depositing United States or State Stock to the amount of the bills circulated, has passed the Senate. The stock to be taxed as other property.

The anticipated troubles with the Winnebagoes have all terminated quietly, by the arrest of eight of the ringleaders.

Steamer America, arrived at Halifax July 18. Sir Robert Peel was killed on the 23d of June by being thrown from his horse.

It is rumored at Vera Cruz, that deaths by the cholera average one thousand per day in the different cities.

Coriolanus pardoning his ungrateful country, is greater, than Regulus suffering martyrdom for his grateful country.

St. Louis contains 80,000 inhabitants, one half of whom are foreigners. Of this half; at least two-thirds are catholics. Its steamboat tonnage is 25,000 tons, worth nearly two millions of dollars. Its exports and imports are equal to one-third of the whole foreign commerce of the United States.

The last trip of the Atlantic from port to port was performed in ten days sixteen hours. There has been no rain at the Canary Islands for more than a year.