

## Feejee Cannibals.

The Honolulu *Gazette* publishes the following account of recent difficulties in Ovalau: "The great topic of conversation here, and one which, to my mind, is of paramount importance, is the present warlike aspect of the natives—not, as yet, towards the white population, but among themselves. At the back of this island, and only a few miles from the beach, is a powerful tribe known as the Levoni. On the north end of the island resides another tribe, both being tributary to Thakombau. These two tribes appear to have had some differences and have fought, the particulars of which were made known to the king by a man named Cornelius. Upon obtaining this information Thakombau sent over to the Levoni men, requesting them to desist from fighting. The reply was that they would kill the individual who had informed him of their doings, and who they soon found out to be Cornelius. I should state that, up to this time, the people of all the tribes on Ovalau had professed Christianity, and Cornelius was said to be a most exemplary and pious man, well known to the missionaries as a native teacher. Nevertheless, upon Cornelius making his appearance among them he was instantly clubbed, his body mutilated and then interred. Two days after his interment the body was exhumed, in accordance with an old native custom, and a 'man-oven' was constructed and heated with red-hot stones. Into this the body of poor Cornelius was thrust and baked like a pig. And then a barbarian feast was held by these beastly cannibals, who devoured every portion of the remains, picking the bones and reserving them as trophies. But this only whetted their appetite for human flesh, and they next made another onslaught on their neighbors at the north end of the island, and have killed, I understand, about thirty, all of whom it is believed have been eaten. Maafau, who resides at Loma, and is a chief of great renown (the present owner of the yacht *Xarifa*), having some antipathy to Thakombau, takes the part of the Levoni cannibals, and has supplied them with powder, ball and muskets. Meanwhile Thakombau, with the chivalry which is characteristic of these powerful Feejee chiefs, sent to the Levoni to tell them to put up their war fences, and build their forts, as it was his intention, so soon as he got the army together, to come over to them and fight them. His Majesty is now making vast preparations for this assault. Almost every day from remote parts of his dominion, war canoes full of fighting men are arriving at Levuka, and taking up their residences at the native villages; and there must be now some thousands of them congregated here. Fighting, indeed, has actually commenced. The Levoni are said to be ensconced in an impregnable fortification, upon a rock. Yet it is also said that they believe they will be vanquished by Thakombau, who no doubt will overcome them and put to death all the ringleaders, making prisoners of the rest, who it is anticipated will be sold to the planters. It must be remarked that these Feejee belligerents are fully armed with muskets (many breach-loaders of the newest pattern) and revolvers, besides their spears and clubs, and are most excellent shots. But they are not drilled, and their warfare is purely of the guerrilla kind."

THE Wilmington (N. C.) *Star* says: In Brunswick County, about six miles from this city, a short time since, two women were out in the woods gathering huckleberries, when, as one of them attempted to step on an old and partially decayed log, a monster rattlesnake suddenly sprang from his cover and seized the woman by the throat. Her companion witnessed the terrible sight, and immediately ran to a house near by and procured assistance, but when the party arrived where the unfortunate woman was attacked by the reptile, they found the woman already dead, the rattlesnake lying on her breast, and his fangs still fixed in the throat of the corpse. The snake was subsequently killed, and proved to be one of the largest ever seen in that proverbially snaky locality.

Utah as a Territory has no voice in the Presidential election, and though she has a delegate in Congress, he has no vote. The consequence is that the people there worry but little about national politics, but are very much in earnest about the proper government of their own Territory.—*Ex.*

In a disagreement between a superintendent and a teacher of a Sunday school in Indiana the lady came out with victory and a shattered parasol. The scholars enjoyed it better than the catechism.

Sealing wax is not wax at all, nor does it contain a single particle of wax. It is made of shellac, Venice turpentine, and cinnabar. Cinnabar gives it the deep-red color, and turpentine renders the shellac soft and less brittle.

A singing master, while teaching his pupils, was visited by a brother of the tuneful art. The visitor observing that the chorister pitched the tune vocally, said, "Sir, don't you use a pipe?" "No," replied Semibreve, with admirable gravity, "I chew."

A Virginia girl attempted to elope by the means of a pulley and rope attached to her window, but the enraged parent appeared on the scene, hooked the young man fast, hoisted him in the air, and left him dangling there until morning.

A dervish recently preached a sermon against Christians and Feringhees in general at Teheran, Persia, and the authorities rebuked his uncourtous and free speech by publicly whipping and banishing him from the city.

A Mississippi negro was recently set upon by a party in disguise and Ku-Kluxed. On being questioned he said the K. K. friends were of the colored persuasion. He was asked why he thought so. "I smelt 'em, massa," was the short and convincing reply.

A lady who lost her purse a short time since at New Haven, declared, on its being restored to her, that she would not attempt to interfere with the reward that was stored up in heaven for the finder by offering him money.

"Well, who was this Washington?" was the question of a member of the Joint High Commission when visiting Mount Vernon. Another of them said that he didn't exactly remember, but he was some big man.—*Ex.*

A gentleman one day indiscreetly asked a lady how old she was. "Let me see. I was eighteen when I was married, and my husband was thirty; now he is twice thirty, that is sixty; so of course I am twice eighteen, that is thirty-six."

A couple of wandering vagrants were discovered by some boys in the attempt to drown a little boy in the river, a short distance from Des Moines a few days since. The police were notified, who pursued and arrested them, and lodged them in jail. The child had evidently been stolen, and will be retained by the authorities of Des Moines till something more can be learned of him. He is about three years old, with light blue eyes, light complexion, straight hair, had on light colored embroidered clothes.

What stuff is sometimes sold as tea may be learned from a London commercial circular which says that recently 300 half chests of the dust, called scented orange Pekoe siftings were sold by auction, and adds that "it is a matter of considerable doubt whether this article is tea at all; it is certainly utterly spurious and unfit to drink. The leaf is in a great measure composed of dirt and steel filings, and if a magnet be thrust in a sample, it will, on examination, be found covered with small particles of metal."

The Richmond (Ky.) *Register*, says that a party of women recently went to the house of Shelton Dennis, in Fitchburg, took him from his bed and administered to his bare back one hundred and thirty lashes. He had been guilty of whipping his wife, a poor, frail woman, who has not been able to leave her room for twelve months past.

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