CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Treble-Headed Dolls and Cows That May Be Milked.

WHAT SCIENCE HAS DONE FOR TOYDOM.

Where to Purchase, How to Purchase and What to Purchase.

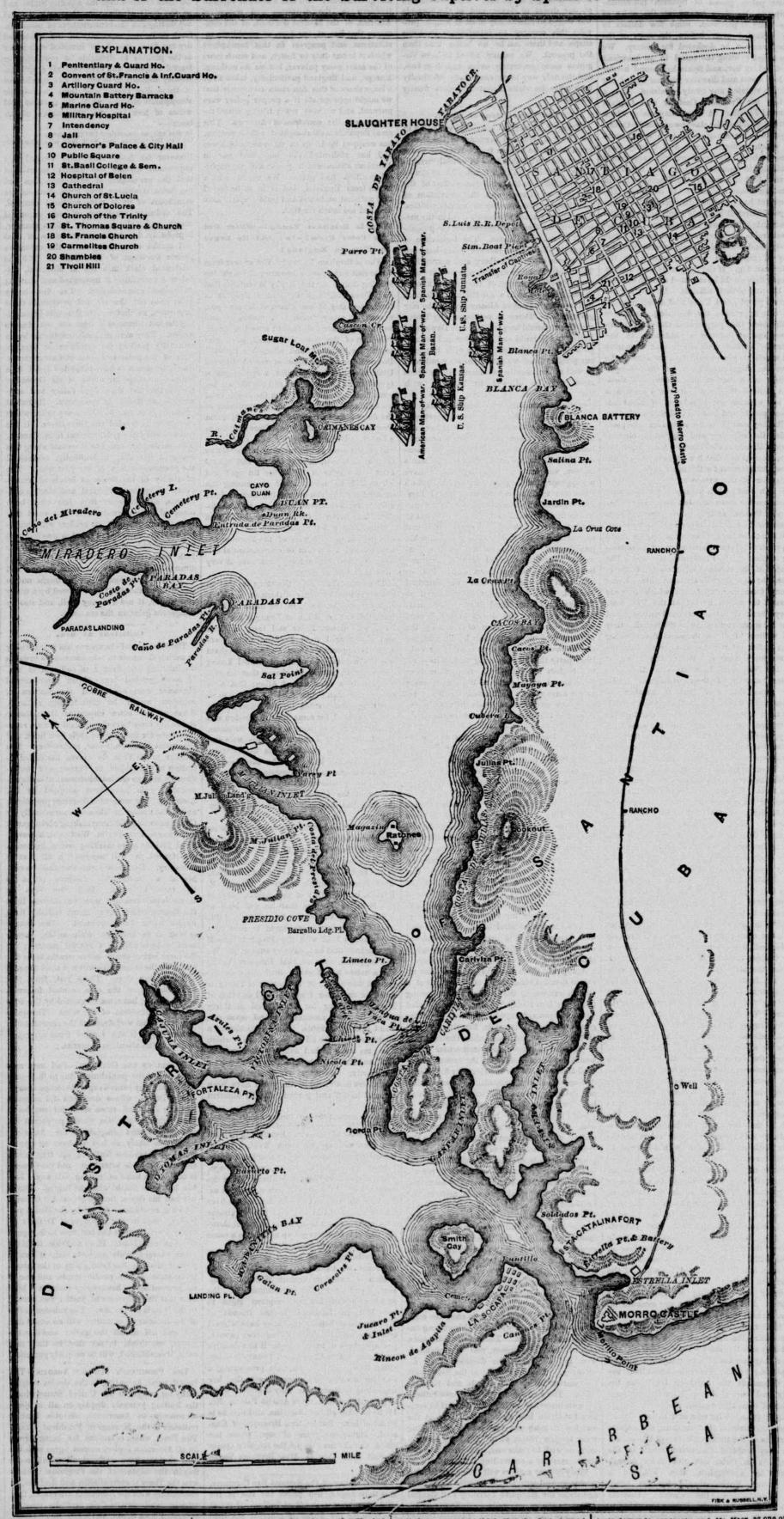
Unless the rattle is gilded the child is not so apt to be pleased with it nowadays as in the time of The modern child is critical and analytic. Young America is fastidious and exigeant, apt to look askant at the pretty things provided for him and to turn up his nose if they do not exactly correspond to the taste which his years of infancy have educated, or, shall we say, pampered? It was Mr. Chadband, we believe, who expatiated upon the advantages of being a "soaring human boy," born under the light of Christian teachings; but we do not remember ever to have heard a pul-piteer claim that one of the benefits accruing to the juvenile Christian was that of receiving gifts ing the holiday week which closes the year. Be it our privilege to supply this omission. And since we have assumed a monitory strain we ask n to remind our young readers how thankful they ought to be for not having come into the world 30 or 40 centuries ago, not only without any HERALD to instruct parents and guardians where to look for playthings, but without any playthings to look for. It belongs to modern enius to perfect the toy. The few relies of infancy that have been found at Pompeii and Herculaneum reduce us to a state of compassion for the Pompellan and Herculaneum infants. The little trinkets we make of lava nowadays are worth all the toys buried beneath it centuries ago. We suspect the children of the past were educated in a severer school than those of the present. Perhaps the reason Isaac submitted so meekly to be made a burnt sacrifice was because no remembrance of drums and wooden soldiers sweetened the filial sentiment. A home without toys is like a plum pudding void of raisins. There is fraudulency in the very idea, and the child brought up under it feels curely but strongly that he is wronged. You cannot eradicate the toy instinct from the child mind. By virtue of it he creates a mimic world which resects the real one. The practical and serious side of life is imaged in the fancied and imaginative one. With his box of building-blocks the embryo architect erects in miniature the palace which is to amaze a town or a continent a score of years The maternal sentiment is the one usually developed in little girls. Their dolls have every attribute of the human infant with which the liveliest imagination, informed by such a sentiment, can supply them; are afflicted with mysterious attacks of measles and whooping cough, are sent to bed for misbehavior and kept on severe diets of bread and water; are dressed for balls and parties, and are sometimes clung to with profounder affection than real mothers feel for their actual children. And when wooden soldiers are not supplied to the one sex of childhood and dolls to the other infant invention inevitably sets to work and supplies itself. The boy takes more direct method and organizes his comrades into a militia company, and every rag-bag supplies the little girls-those little mothers of humanitywith an infant family. The importance, therefore of the toy realm cannot be disputed. And the only uestion that remains is what toys to select. Perhaps the children are almost as good judges of this as any one can be. They have the advantage of knowing what they like, and there are a sufficient number of exceptions to that spirit of juvenile criticism to which reference was made at the beginning of this article to make the satis lying of these demands frequently a pleasant task. well to remark, however, that there are few ne very striking novelties. Are we to the bottom of toy invention? About centuries ago Philippe Camuz made for Louis Quatorze a toy chariot and team of horses which pranced around the table as if it was a turnke, and were esteemed almost miraculous. D'Alembert, in his "Encyclopedie Methodique." gives a description of a toy finte player in-Jacques de Vaucanson, Paris in 1738, Macizel, the inthe metronome, exhibited Vienna, in 1809, a wonderful toy trumpeter; Vaucanson produced a diminutive duck which not only ate and drank, but digested. Bienfait, in 1746, "Bombardment of Antwerp," and the "Assault on Bergen-op-Zoom;" and in 1850, a jeweller at Boulogne gave to the world a marvellous toy necromancer, who performed remarkable feats of pres tidigitation, and a marionette flute player which oursed very delectable music. But these exceptionable instances of the toy-maker's subcreative genius, these graceful Frankensteins of the lantoccini world, rather reveal to us the capa-

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They were evoked for the delight of princes or for
particular occasions. To understand what modern
toys are, direct inspection of the stores alone is
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BARTY & LAVY'S MAGICAL BAZAAR.
No._113 Broadway, deserves emphasis, because
the dignity and respectability of science underlie
so many of the neat and beautinu little playthings
on view. The range of prices is from 50 cents to
\$300, so that the lint that every taste can be
suited acquires in this instance particular force.
The greatest novelty is the new patent game entitled "kri kak," whose etymology we leave to ite
hinguists. The rame is played on a table about
one-fourth the size of an ordinary billiard table, of
which it is a modification, and can be joined in by
any number of people. The balls are propelled by
means of a lever knob at one end of the board,
and roil deviously through a forest of small pins
and diminutive ten-pins. The game is to billiards
what the cigarette is to the zigar, or what the ice
*Laown as Roman punch is to punches of a more
liquid character. Another novelty is the jewel
*Raleidoscope, in which the kaierdoscope revolyes
on a frame and reveals its ever-changing
contents like a floyer of fame opening and
shutung its petals with tireless energy.
Then there are complete sets of Punch and
Judy figures, eleganity carved and handsomely
dressed; a new Oriental puzzle our old freen
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the clamber of

in overwhelming quantities. A few nevelties are also to be seen. The realistic is intimately blended with the fanctral, Cateb Plummer would shrink with an overmastering sense of ignominy amid such an exposition of the resources of the bimbelolerie. First comes a wonderful breed of cows, large and small, covered with real skin and capable of uttering sounds which we readily recognize as the vaccine vernacular. But these sounds are only emitted when the cow's head is manipulated, which proves that it is not so dangerous to turn a cow's head expecting too much to demand that this improved

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Map of the City and Harbor of Santiago de Cuba, Showing the Scene of Burriel's Butcheries and of the Surrender of the Surviving Captives by Spain to America.



cow should not only make returns of milk, but manufacture it also. Some of the dancing dolls at this store are also very interesting. They are manufactured in France, are handsomely dressed and occupy the top of a velvet covered stand. Machinery inside the box is wound up, so as to execute a tune, to which the figure gracefully dances for several minutes. Other dolls dance on wheels, independent of the box.

MACY'S,

at the southeast corner of Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue, is not less lavishing stocked, and to

visit there you might think that the first duty of man was to buy toys and enjoy them forever. The race of dolls is particularly well represented. A cash discount of 10 per cent is made on all purchases amounting to 50 cents and upwards in the toy department, and a special and extra discount is made to parties buying holiday wares for Sunday schools, fairs, &c. Many of the toys are mechanical in connection with music boxes. One of the great features of the place, however, is its superabundance of dolls. And the dolls are not all models of injuntile hazarty arthur. An assingle

taste demands contrasts, and Mr. Macy, as one of the purveyors-in-chief to childhood, has not forgotten to include a number of homely and common-place doils in his collection. These are the unloved children of the family, the "never-was-a-favorite" class, necessary in order to set off the beautiful and brilliant specimens, but not admirable in themselves. We defy any average little girl to inspect this department of Macy's without feeling more of a mother than before she went, for numbers of the dolls there are in absolute destitution, and lie nased in class page apposed to the in-

order to become respectable.

SOME SCIENTIFIC NOVELTIES,
which deserve to hold a high level in the toy kir
dom, are to be found at the establishment of
Hartz. No. 850 Broadway. Here, as in a simiestablishment of great merit previously me
tioned, toys and magical implements are to be
tained at prices ranging from 50 cents to 200 or
times that amount. The portable electric wand
an American patent, and is especially adapted
parlor use. It is not thicker than the fore fing
and illustrates the heating power of electrical
The experiments it enables the possessor to p
form are known as the electrical head of hair, eltrical repulsion, or the suspended pith balls; i rical repulsion, or the suspended pith ba electric canvas and the alarm belt. / charming invention is the charimorph an improvement on the kaleidoscope. leathers, laces, silk doss and colored pa made to form beautini designs. The tabloscope illustrates the persistency of and some of the more delicate phenomena. tabloscope illustrates the persistency of vision and some of the more delicate phenomena of light and color. Some balloons of goldbeaters' skin are highly ornamented and very beautiful. Many of the articles for sale here are the invention of M. Hartz himseli. The gentleman is known as a very dexterous conjurer. But perhaps the time to conjurer, and if so we know of no establishment superior, in its facilities for acquiring that art, to the Magical Repository at No. 850 Broadway, and the Magical Repository at No. 850 Broadway, Both establishments are finely located, both are conducted with skill and energy, and in both the newest magical inventions of the day are always to be discovered.

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Toy Emporitums in General.

We do not process in this article to describe elaborately every tin soldier and Noah's ark, which it has been our jelicity to encounter. The more salient treaks and caprices are those which, in a theme like the present, will always command attention. At Strasburger, Pielfier & Co.'s, No. 394 Broadway, a very large and very interesting stock of toys is to be found. Here, too, as in some other places we have mentioned, the dolls remain a principal feature. The walking dollies are not to be obtained here, for the simple reason that they do not take so much as last season. It may be difficult to understand how a dolf that can walk can lose ground more rapidly than one that can't, but such is the fact. But in spite of being deprived of their feet the dolls cannot be said not to have made some headay, for (on the principle, perhaps, that two heads are better than one) some Frenchman has invented a dolf which can be decapitated at a touch and supplied with a fresh face and brain instantaneously. In fact, at Strasburger, Fielfier & Co's, you not unfrequently come across a three-headed doll—that is to say, a doll whose spiral structure admits of the original head being entirely removed from the shoulders without injury to the integrity of the rest of the irame and two others successively substituted. The advantage of being this kind of a doll, therefore, is the impossibility of your bend, or, rather, heads, for if you don't like one you can get another, and between three there is a chance of getting suited. Sometimes one of these complementary heads is old, and then we have the realization of the anachronism of young heads on young shoulders—a mechanical satire of what occasionally happens among fiesh and blood. Then, we admit, there is some anatomical contradiction between the structure of the head and tinatered to lity making it seem t

The Ball & Black Statuary and Paintings To-Day.

During the sale, begining this morning, at eleven 'clock, of the stock belonging to Messrs. Ball, Black & Co., the statuary and paintings possessed by that firm will be disposed of. The sale will probably be prolonged until late in the alternoon. principal art objects we have already regerred. They include some excellent sculptures by Lombardi and Romanelli, a market scene by Hoguet, "The Tourist," by Kindler, and some fine elaborations by T. Ball's chisel. The sale will take piace at Ball, Black & Co.'s magnificent warerooms, Broadway and Prince street.

THE ANNEXED TERRITORY'S DEBT.

Conference Between the Westchester and New York Supervisors to Fix the Debt of the County and the Valuation of County Property-The Debt About \$845,000-The Value of the Property About \$212,000.

Among the many details of the annexation of the owns of West Farms, Morrisania and Kings. bridge the apportionment of the debt and interest in the county property is one of unusual between the Committee on Assessments and Finance of the New York Supervisors and the Supervisors of Westchester county. Finally both boards appointed sub-committees to consider the matter, Messrs. Ottendorfer and Koch being named on the part of this city, and Messrs. F. M. Carpenter, of Newcastle; Edmund G. Sutherland, of White Plains; A. O. Wheeler, of Greenburg, and Daniel Hunt, of Louisboro, being chosen from the Westchester Board.

Yesterday the New York gentlemen, accompanied by General Pinckney, clerk of the Board of Super-visors, visited White Plains to confer with the Westchester authorities as to the debt of that county and fix a valuation on the county property. The party had with them Mr. Joseph Kreutzer as a valuator. Arriving at the depot hacks were in attendance, and the party drove out to the poorhouse and farm, five miles from the city, where they were received by superintendents John Kensiet and George Cooper, Warden Hammond and Surgeon Scriber, who escorted the officials through the premises and grounds. The poorhouse, which has 401 inmates—men, women and children—was very clean, and to all appearance the inmates are carefully treated. A thorough inspection was made of the nine stone and wooden buildings and members guessed at the valuation, but they came to no understanding. The larm is 155 acres, located close to the New Hoston and Northern Railroad, only 30 acres of which, however, is fit for cultivation. The buildings are probably worth \$60,000 and at the rate land is selling the ground is probably worth \$7,000. Returning to White Plains the Court House and jail, a fine stone structure on about two acres of land, was examined, but no value was fixed. The debts of the county, as near as could be ascertained from Mr. Charles E. Johnson, clerk of the County Supervisors, are about \$845,000, and consist of in attendance, and the party drove out to the

in April
Pelnam Bridge bonds
the Willetts defalcation bonds
Central Bridge bonds
County buildings improvement. 20,000 113,000 17,000 13,000 The value of the county property is probably about as follows:-Poorhouse buildings.
The farm
The Court House and Jail.
The land attached to above...

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The New York Committee notified the Westchester Supervisors that they would meet at one
P. M. to-day and then officially ask them to make a
statement of the debt of the county in detail and
fix their valuations of the county property; after
the reception of which they would name a day for
another conference to apportion the debt that
New York must assume for the three towns annexed and decide the amount the city should be
credited with on account of the interest held by
the said towns in the county property.

THE RYE NECK MURDER. Mystery Still Unsolved-The Jury

Render a Verdiet of "Not Guilty." The jury in the case of Peter Terrell, tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at White Plains, Westchester county, for the murder of Gibert H. Robinson, concluded their deliberations at eleven o'clock on Thursday evening, and rendered a verdict of "not guity." As it was generally understood that when the jury came into Court a second time for instructions they stood ten for conviction to two for acquittal the announcement of the verdict was a complete surprise to all who heard it. It appears now, however, that this rumor, which was credited not only by the prosecuting attorney, but also by the counsel for the prisoner, was precisely the reverse of the truth, the jury standing ten against to two for conviction. The prisoner manifested no other emotion on hearing the verdict than was visible in a faint smile which stole over his features. His discharge was promptly ordered by the Court. Thus the brutal murder of Robinson still remains a hideous mystery, having defied all efforts directed towards its solution. dict of "not guilty." As it was generally under-