

Gossip.

A marriage was celebrated at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, the other day between a swain of ninety-two and a damsel of twenty-two.

It is proposed to have a grand chess tournament in the metropolis in June.

Arrangements are being made at Coventry for the revival of the Godiva procession.

Gooseberries fully formed are to be seen near Liverpool, and ripe wild strawberries have been gathered in the Isle of Wight.

Lord Vernon has presented 250 tons of coals to the poor of Stockport, nearly 8000 of whom are suffering from want of employment.

The Chinese have a saying that an unlucky word dropped from the tongue cannot be brought back again by a coach and six horses.

Oronhyatekha, a Mohawk Indian, twenty-one years of age, sailed on Saturday, Feb. 15, in the steam-ship City of New York, for Liverpool, on his way to Oxford University, to finish his education.

A new playground for the public, given by the Earl of Sefton, and fitted with a gymnasium by Mr. Melly, a gentleman well known as the originator of public drinking-fountains and for his philanthropic views, was opened at the south end of Liverpool last week. Other great cities should take the hint.

At the Stafford Assizes, last week, a miner, named Thomas Halford, was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude for attempting to strangle a widow, named Phoebe Corfield, with whom he cohabited.

Four pauper women have been committed for trial at Dublin for attempting to set fire to the South Dublin Workhouse.

A letter from Rome states that the Pope will retire to Malta in the event of his being obliged to leave Rome.

A piece of wood was lately found by a coastguard officer, at Lambhay, on which were written in pencil the following words:—"January 12, 1862.—Ship Ellen, of Bristol, sinking. God have mercy on our souls." The fragment of wood is supposed to have floated from a wreck to the island.

Mr. S. J. Gibbons has been elected Alderman for the ward of Castle Baynard, in the place of Sir Henry Muggeridge.

Henry Eagle has been sentenced to ten years' penal servitude for the manslaughter of an old man, named James Barber, at Duunow, on the 8th inst.

The *Nationalité* of Turin states that on Garibaldi leaving the meeting of the Committees of Provedimento some enthusiasts took the horses from his carriage and drew him to his hotel, the General protesting in vain against this act of folly.

Three labourers, named Henry Fry, Henry Rayner, and Henry Nightingale, were last week sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude each for burglariously breaking into the Hop Pole public-house at Lambourne, and ill-using the landlord, Mr. W. Bird.

A painter, named Keen, employed at the Exhibition building, fell off a scaffold the other day and was killed on the spot.

At the Welshpool Assizes, last week, Ishmael Jones was sentenced to death for the wilful murder of his wife at Llanfair.

The bankruptcy of Mr. Scott Russell, the great shipbuilder, has been annulled by the Lords Justices.

The Confederate steamer *Annie Childs*, Captain Hammer, from Wilmington, North Carolina, arrived in the Mersey on Tuesday week.

Private Jones, of the first battalion 28th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, received the other day fifty lashes in the barrack-square, Walmer, pursuant to a sentence by a court-martial, for striking the provost-sergeant.

An old woman, named Margaret Clark, was burnt to death at Gregg's Hospital, Hull, on Saturday last.

Two little boys, playing the truant, were drowned while gathering cockles on the sands at Southport the other day.

Mark Simpson, the engineer of the Corbyns Hall Ironworks, who was committed for trial at the Stafford Assizes on the charge of manslaughter, has been acquitted.

Mr. O. Kean will, it is said, shortly give a series of Shakspearean readings at the Egyptian Hall.