

Hon. John McKinley, one of the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court, has been stricken with paralysis, and lies dangerously ill at his residence, Ala. He is not expected to recover.

A lady in Boston expresses herself in favor of a 'home league,' and hopes her husband will join it. 'It is well known,' said she, 'that he has not been at home three nights in a week for nine years.'—*Balt. Sun.*

The oil and candle factory of Edward Merrill, in New Bedford was destroyed by fire, with the buildings, fixtures, presses, vats, boilers, 100 bbls. oil and 100 boxes of candles. There was \$12,000 insurance.

Loss of the Steamer Hector.—On the night of the 10th inst. the steamer Hector, with a cargo of 1500 bales of cotton, while lying at a wharfyard near Island 73, was burned to the water's edge. No part of her cargo was saved. One cabin passenger, Mr. Henry Wilson, of Randolph, jumped overboard and was drowned.—*N. O. Pic.*

Hint to Married Women.—The following anecdote is going the round of all newspapers that are edited by married men: When Livia had attained such ascendancy over her husband, Augustus, the emperor of the world, that he could hardly refuse her any thing, many of the married ladies of Rome were anxious to know the secret and the source of her success; to whom she replied, 'I rule by obeying!'

Widows' Row.—There is a place in Baltimore called 'Widows' Row,' from the fact that *fourteen widows* live there, 'all in a row.' The united ages of these venerable spinsters amount to nine hundred and eighty-seven years. They live rent free, and are supported principally by the hospitality of the neighbors.

Union of the Atlantic and Pacific.—The company chartered by the Government of New Grenada to construct a ship canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans have completed their surveys, made a road over the Isthmus, and are proceeding to make the canal, which will be 52 miles long, and is estimated to cost \$2,778,615.

Wonderful Pig.—Mr. Stephen P. Day, of Stearnsville, lately killed a pig of the cross-breed Berk-hire and Merino blood, 16 months old, weighing 695 lbs. nett. This Hog, including the first purchase, cost \$18, besides the slops of a small family. Beat this who can!

Belgium.—We learn (says the N. Y. Jour. of Com. of Monday) that the tonnage duty charged on the British Queen, of which the Belgian Government complains, has been refunded to the consul of that Government, and that no doubt exists that our relations will be restored to their former footing, immediately on that fact being known to the Government of Belgium.

Death's Harrest.—Lately at Boynes, (Loire) a vine dresser committed suicide in the following extraordinary manner: After having harnessed his horse by means of a rope to the two extremities of a scythe, viz: to the handle and the point of the blade, he tied himself to a post before the blade, and whipping the horse, the scythe came against his neck and cut off his head.