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INCURSION OF GRASSHOPPERS. — The “plague of locusts” in the days of Pharaoh has its counterpart in California. The *Marysville Herald* is informed that since Wednesday last, the whole country for miles about that place has been invaded by myriads of grasshoppers. Judge

Cushing says :

A column of these invaders (who travel in the direction of the wind, from south-east to north-west,) have taken his farm in their route, and have utterly stripped it of every green plant. His garden, on which much labor had been expended, and which, on Wednesday morning, was blooming in floral beauty, had not a spear of grass or a green twig remaining ere night. A field of green oats disappears before them as though it were swept by fire.

On the road to Parks' Bar they seem to cover the face of the earth. It is a rich harvest for the Indians, who have caught and stacked tons and tons of them. Providence has bountifully provided them with this species of food, thus confirming, in a remarkable manner, the truth of the proverb that “it is an ill wind that blows nobody good.” Fortunately for our farmers, the hay harvest is over, and the wheat and barley is too ripe to tempt the appetites of these destructive insects. The oats, however, must suffer wherever it falls in their way.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON.—A gentleman who arrived from Santa Clara yesterday, relates the following: Some days since, an artesian well was being sunk near a frame house, situated a few miles distant from the town of Alviso, on the road leading from that place to San Jose. The boring-rod had penetrated a thick layer of clay, at