

California vs. Australia.

permitted to make the following extract of an old Californian, C. L. F. Australia, to his friend R. C. J. resident of this city. Mr. Brown came early in February last, accompanied by Hopkins and Thompson, and having expressed his views in regard to the chances in California compared with California, writes as follows:

BENDIGO MINES, VICTORIA, }
April 30th, 1853. }

—Fickle fortune still holds her sway as formerly; and the prospect is not so bright as it once was. I am glad to hear that you are endeavoring to do so, that is, in this doomed and wretched country, where he has done very well, and I think he can do so again; and I think he can do better in California than in this

Our Chip Basket.

A FULL report of the proceedings of the convention of delegates of mining and water companies of California, lately held in Sacramento, will be given next week.

The great San Francisco Pacific Railroad Convention has amounted to just what we predicted—a very obscure moonshine.

Hunter & Co. have now, most decidedly, the best fire-proof office in our city. Its interior arrangement has been greatly improved, and is, in every respect, in keeping with the spirit of improvement and progression so apparent in every part of our city.

Just as quick as Geo. White completes his fire-proof stone store, and O'Donnell & Russell the extensive improvements now in progress upon the Empire Hotel, and the street is once more clear of building materials, we shall procure a drawing and engraving of this portion of our city for the Herald.

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