

BEARS FROM CALIFORNIA.—Among the passengers brought by the West India mail packet Avon, which arrived at Southampton on Sunday, were three grisly bears from California. They were caught in the following manner:—At one of the gold diggings the carcass of a bullock had been hung up in an open place. Its magnitude was reduced considerably one night, and the owners, suspecting that a human thief was in the vicinity, set a watch, when an enormous grisly bear was seen approaching the carcass. Bruin was caught violating the laws of *meum* and *tuum*, and of course was killed by the watchmen. It proved to be a she bear giving suck. Her den was tracked, and three very young cubs were found. They were purchased in California by one of the passengers on board the Avon, who brought them to England. They were docile on board, and were allowed to run loose about the deck. One of them particularly was so tame that it would play and roll about the ship with the boys on board. They grew amazingly after they left Chagres. The passenger who brought them home brought to Southampton \$25,000 worth of gold dust in skins, after paying his passage for himself and bears, which cost him about \$800.