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## Maryland Gazette.

ANAPOLIS:  
Thursday, November 7, 1833.

A meeting of the citizens is requested at the Ball Room on SATURDAY AFTERNOON at four o'clock, for the purpose of re-organizing the Fire Companies of the city. A general attendance is earnestly requested.

D. CLAUDE, Mayor.  
November 7. R.

J. N. Watkins for himself, and the representatives of the late Thomas H. Hall, Esq. tender his thanks to the citizens of Annapolis and to Major Ewing commanding the United States garrison at Fort Severn, for their promptitude in the alarm of fire, in repairing to the scene, which occurred in a stable on the premises, and for their great exertions in arresting the further progress of the flames, to which they attribute the preservation of the dwelling house.

Our citizens were again alarmed with the cry of fire on yesterday noon. It originated in a stable on the premises of the late Thomas H. Hall, Esq. which was consumed. It was finally arrested by the activity of the citizens; their exertions were never more manifest. The neighbouring houses were considered in great danger, several of them being on fire from the burning shingles from the stable. The large brick building of Ramsey Waters, Esq. as well as others, were several times on fire, but by the exertions of our citizens were saved.

### CORRECTION.

We are requested by John P. Wailes, Esq. member elect of the House of Delegates from Calvert County, to state that he does not qualify, the truth of the report that he is pledged to support the present Executive of Maryland. He says he is a Jacksonian, and shall vote with his party throughout.

Balt. Rep.

### SENTENCE OF DEATH.

Judge Brice of Baltimore City Court passed sentence of death, yesterday morning, on Nelson Wallace, convicted of the crime of rape, and on Aurelia Chase, convicted of the crime of murder by means of poison. In delivering the sentence, the Judge addressed the criminals in an impressive and feeling manner upon the nature of their offences, and urged upon them the importance of a preparation for a future state of existence.—Balt. Rep. of Tuesday.

Two jurors were fined ten dollars each in the Superior Court of North Carolina, for having fallen asleep during a trial which was to have been submitted to their consideration. Their heavy responsibility was however relieved until the other ten jurors had retired.

The extent of Western emigration may be inferred from the fact that the daily average of the emigrants passing through Mobile, during the last two weeks, is about 100, and is about 100 a day, thus amounting to upwards of 6,000.

It is with pain and regret that we feel called upon to notice the occurrence of a most fatal affray in our town during the week. On Tuesday last there arose between Mr. Thomas H. Dickson and Mr. Hendeth S. Breckenridge, both of this place, a slight quarrel having its origin in a very trivial cause. Mr. Breckenridge being somewhat under the influence of ardent spirits—and when so, being very impulsive, irascible and unaccountable—armed himself and went in pursuit of Mr. Dickson, threatening to kill him. Mr. Dickson with great prudence avoided him for some time, when at last Mr. Breckenridge came into his presence by mere accident—Dickson by this time had armed himself, expecting to be attacked if he met with Breckenridge.

Immediately after Breckenridge came into Dickson's presence, he indicated an intention of executing his threats upon Dickson, which compelled the latter to shoot him down. All who heard the evidence of this most fatal and melancholy affray, were fully convinced that Mr. Dickson acted under the pressure of the most unavoidable necessity.

Immediately upon the happening of this unfortunate affair, Mr. Dickson surrendered himself to the Deputy Sheriff, who was present; and, upon being brought before the magistrate, after the jury of inquest had made their report, and after examining many persons who witnessed the transaction, Mr. Dickson was discharged by the magistrate without being recognized. The fate of the unfortunate Breckenridge is one truly deplorable. He was a man of warm and generous feelings—one remarkable for the ardour and sincerity of his attachments. In his cool and sober moments, (and it was but seldom that he was otherwise,) he was much respected for all those qualities which constitute the gentleman. He had been married but a few months, and he has left a young and interesting widow to mourn, with tears of bitterness, the early and ill-fated doom of her unfortunate husband. Mr. H. was a native of Fayette county, Kentucky.—State Rights Banner, Mississippi.

The young man who, under the name of Edward Loder, practised various impositions on the people of this city until he was exposed in the newspapers, has lately been figuring in Boston, under the name of Henry Devette. He pretended to be a son of Professor Devette, a distinguished theologian in Germany, and by his modest and humble manners, and the artful simplicity of his story, succeeded

ed very well at first in obtaining money, clothes and employment. It was discovered, however, at length, that his account of himself was a fabrication, and he was brought before the Police Court on the complaint of the Rev. Seth Bliss, who charged him with obtaining board, lodging, books and money, by false pretences and false tokens. The testimony being heard, he was committed to jail to take his trial at the next term of the Municipal Court. Dr. Channing and Professor Robinson were among the witnesses.—N. Y. Post.

A gentleman of New Bedford states, that from whim and curiosity, he lived on raw corn and water for about forty days, and slept on the floor of his counting room. His weight gradually decreased, but he enjoyed his usual good health. The experiment was highly enjoyed, and produced a vivid effort on the imagination and nervous system, and resulted in confirming a belief in the advantages of abstinence from animal food.—Hallowell Advertiser.

A letter from the Polish Frontiers contains the following particulars:—It was not, as has been supposed, a Pole who made the recent attempt to assassinate the Czar, but a Russian officer belonging to Somenowski's regiment of guards.

During a review at St. Petersburg, he fired a pistol at the Czar, who however, escaped unhurt, with his staff. The officer was immediately massacred by his comrades.—This action was, however regarded as a proof of their guilt, and they were all exiled to Siberia. It is supposed that they killed the officer who fired at the Czar, from the apprehension that the tortures to which he would inevitably be condemned, would extort from him confessions which might compromise them all?

Letters from Constantinople state that two Turkish females, who were carrying on an intrigue with two officers of the Russian army, were lately arrested in the very place in which they had made an assignation with their lovers. The woman of the house in which the rendezvous was to have taken place, was likewise arrested, and all three were, without any form of trial, tied up in sacks, sent east into the Bosphorus. One of the women is described to have been very young, and singularly beautiful.

### TRIAL FOR MURDER.

The United States Circuit Court, now in session in New York, was occupied on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in the trial of John Davis, a seaman, indicted for the murder of John Tishew, captain of the sloop Ajax, on the high seas. The following summary of the particulars of the case, we take from the Standard:

Davis shipped on board the Ajax in the port of Manila, on or about the 15th of March, 1823, in company with Levi Shepherd and a man by the name of Bob, as sailors, to perform a voyage to Brissos, and from thence back to the port from which they started. Shepherd, in consequence of certain propositions that had been made to him by the accused, deserted from the sloop the night after she was cleared, leaving only what the floor and walls covered less than other room, but the roof was covered also.

The open rafters of a West Indian house at all times afford shelter to a numerous tribe of insects, most particularly the cock-roaches, but now their destruction was inevitable. The chasseur-ants, as trained for battle, ascended in regular thick files to the rafters, and threw down the cock-roaches to their comrades on the floor, who as regularly marched off with the dead bodies of the cock-roaches, dragging them away by their united efforts with amazing rapidity. Either the cock-roaches were stung to death on the rafters, or else the fall killed them. The ants never stopped to devour their prey but conveyed it all to their store houses. The windward windows of the room were glass, and a battle now ensued between the ants and the jack-spaniards on the panes of glass. The jack-spaniard may be called the wasp of the West Indies: it is twice as large as the British wasp, and its sting is in proportion more painful. It builds its nests in trees and old houses, and sometimes in the rafters of a room. The jack-spaniards were not quite so easy prey, for they died their wings, which not one cockroach had attempted. Two jack-spaniards holly pursued on the window, alighted on the dress of one of my children. I entreated her to sit still and remain quiet. In this instant I ran to the adjoining bed chamber and found them equally in possession of the chamber. I opened a large box of military stores, which had been over the bed; for I was determined to take every advantage of such able hunters. I found the ants already inside; I suppose that they must have got in at some opening at the hinges. I pulled out the linens on the floor, and with them hundreds of cock-roaches, not one of which escaped.

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From M. S. Chinnich's Domestic Manners and Society in the West Indies.]  
THE CHASSEUR ANTS AND THEIR PREY.

One morning my attention was arrested at Laurel Hill (Trinidad) by a number of black birds whose appearance was foreign to me—they were smaller, but not unlike an English crow, and were perched on a calabash tree near the kitchen. I asked D—, who at that moment came up from the garden, what could be the cause of the appearance of so many black birds. She said, 'Misses, dem be a sign of de blessing of God—dey are not de blessing, but only de sign, as we say, of God's blessing. Misses, you'll see afore noon time, how deant will come and cleare de houses.' At this moment I was called to breakfast, and thinking it was some superstition idea of D—'s, I paid no further attention to it. In about two hours after this, I observed an uncommon number of chasseur ants crawling about the floor of the room; my children were annoyed by them, and seated themselves on a table, where their legs did not communicate with the floor.

They did not raw upon my person, but I was now accosted by them. Shortly after this the ants of the house became covered by them, at last, they began to take possession of the tables and chairs. I now thought it necessary to take refuge in another dining room, separated from the few ascending steps from the porch we crossed, and this was not accomplished without great care and generalship; my bad wife was even up in one, we should have been summarily punished. There were several in the step of the stairs, but they were not so numerous as in the room where they were, so numerous as in the room where they were, but only were the floor and walls covered less in other room, but the roof was covered also.

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### ALL BUT MURDER.

In the Naturalist's Library, now in the course of publication in England, the following relation is given, of the chase and destruction of a gigantic specimen of the red Ourang-Outang on the coast of Sumatra. Naturalists, it is often said, are hard hearted, and the experiments of Spalanzani and Maudslie, though undertaken in the cause of science, and for the alleged benefit of humanity, might be adduced as a proof of the charge. In the case before us we do not wonder at the misgivings of the hunters; though we do at their persevering, after such misgiving.

"A boat party, under the command of Messrs. Grayay and Fish, officers of the brig Mary Anne Sophie, having landed to procure water at a place called Rainboom, near Tuarman, on the North-west coast of Sumatra, on a spot where there was much cultivated ground and but a few trees, discovered on one of them a gigantic animal of the monkey tribe. On the approach of the party came to the ground, and when pursued sought refuge in another at some distance, exhibiting as he moved, the appearance of a tall man-like figure covered with shining brown hair, walking erect with a waddling gait, but some times accelerating his motion with his hands, and occasionally impelling himself forward with the bough of a tree. His motion on the ground was plainly not his natural mode of progression, for even when assisted by his hands or a stick, it was slow and vacillating; it was necessary to see him among trees in order to estimate his agility and strength. On being driven to a small clump, he gained by one spring a very lofty branch, and bounded from one branch to another with the ease and alacrity of another monkey. Had the country been covered with wood, it would have been almost impossible to prevent his escape, as his mode of travelling from one tree to another is described to be as rapid as the progress of a swift horse. Even amidst the few trees that were on the spot, his movements were so quick that it was very difficult to obtain a settled aim, and it was only by cutting down one tree after another, that his pursuers, by confining him within a very limited range, were enabled to destroy him, by several successive shots, some of which penetrated his body and wounded his viscera. Having received five balls, his exertions relaxed, and, reclining exhausted on one of the branches of a tree, he vomited a considerable quantity of blood. The ammunition of the hunters being by this time expended, they were obliged to fell the tree in order to obtain him; and did this in full confidence that his power was so far gone that they could secure him without trouble; but were astonished, as the tree was falling, to see him effect his retreat to another with apparently undiminished vigour. In fact they were obliged to cut down all the trees before they could drive him to combat his enemies on the ground, against whom he still exhibited surprising strength and agility, although he was at length overpowered by numbers, and destroyed by the thrusts of spears, and the blows of stones and other missiles.

On these circumstances being made publick, Mr. Henry Watson, watchmaker in Sandbach, recollects, that about two years ago he sold the watch to Mr. Ephraim Thompson of Whitechapel, as a present to his son, going out on his first voyage, on board the ship Polly, Captain Vane, bound to Coast Bay; about three leagues off Falmouth, by sudden heel of the vessel, during a squall, Master T. fell overboard, and was never seen. The news of his having been done soon after came to the knowledge of his son, who little thought of hearing any thing concerning him.

Mr. T. is said to have purchased the watch to preserve it as a memorial of so singular an event. It is the largest ever remembered to have been taken up in the Thames, being 18 inches long, 2 inches wide, 1 inch thick, 1 inch deep, 1 inch high, and weighing 12 oz. It was supposed to be lost in the sea, but was recovered by a fisherman, who was said to be a native of Portugal.

Dreadful Affair.—We learned a few days since, (says the Washington Pa. News,) that a gentleman who passed through Milledgeville, Georgia, that a most dastardly murder was committed in that place, Tuesday night last, on the body of a Mr. Ross, Augustus Glover. Some misapprehension had existed, we understand, between the parties previous to the event. Mr. Ross accompanied some ladies into the theatre, and had scarcely seated himself, when an attack was made upon him.—He made an effort to defend himself, but was shot down. The ball, it was thought, directly through his heart. He died instantly. Both of these men, so far as we have been quite respectable.

The great Pyramid of Egypt cost the labour of one hundred thousand men for twenty years, exclusive of those who prepared the materials. The steam of England, worked by thirty six men, would raise the same quantity of materials to the same height in eighteen days.

### FOREIGN.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The packet ship Silas Richards, of New York, brings advices from Liverpool 25th September. They furnish no particular intelligence of importance, except it is reported that propositions had been made for an amicable arrangement between the commercial parties in Portugal. These propositions are said, were forwarded to the British government, and until an answer was received, would be a cessation of hostilities.

These reports are given as statements of passengers and private letters, by the steamboat, which arrived at Falmouth on the 12th, having left Lisbon on the 14th September. The London Times of the 24th, in giving these statements says—"As we have no intimation from Lisbon correspondents that any proposition for a capitulation had been made on the part of the usurper, we are not prepared to much reliance on the reports which reached us, that negotiations had commenced between the two conflicting parties. But though we have no evidence of any proposals of accommodation have

Liberia, in the place of Doctor Martin, who is about to return to the United States.

Odd Notice.—There is at this moment a lunatic at the Ricette who fancies that when breakfast in a garrison town, he inadvertently swallowed a captain of Hussars, who had fallen into his glass.

Gallic Message.

A Bill of Cost.—In the case of Ross v. Ogilvie, the cost in Chancery were recently taxed by the Registers of the London Bankrupt Court (by virtue of a late statute) one million of dollars!!

ly made, or that any negotiation has been open, a supply was obtained without much difficulty.

#### PORUGAL.

From the Second Edition of the *Falmouth Packet*.

#### CAPITULATION OF MARSHAL BOURMONT.

The dates of the 21st had been received in London, by which it appeared that a misunderstanding had arisen between the French and the Duke de Broglie, in consequence of Louis Philippe having carried on a private correspondence without consulting his Minister, who it is said tendered his resignation, but was induced to withdraw it at the solicitation of the other Ministers.—Understandings are also represented to exist between some of the members of the French Cabinet which threatened a change of Ministry.

Minister, Mr. Livingston, we perceive, arrived at Paris.

There is a report, says a correspondent in Paris, of a conspiracy against the life of the King, which has been discovered at St. Petersburg, in which many Poles are unfortunately implicated. On their being arrested, they have been seized tending to prove themaries sent to assassinate the Emperor.

The central committee sitting at Paris. It is said that letters from Lafayette have been found upon their persons.

The Belgian papers state that the King of France has proposed to give a large portion of the Queen of Portugal, in the event of her marriage with the Duke of Leuchtenberg. Views

only aggrandisement are his motive.

It is said that Charles X. and the Duchess

of Angouleme have refused to receive the

King of France or permit her to reside for

with her children. Her Highness has

recently left Rome for Florence accompa-

nyed by the Count de Paliz; but it is said that

she is said to be the means of the Count de

Paliz, to overcome the scruples of

her relative and to be permitted to join

at Prague.

The cost of the projected rail road from

Brighton to London is estimated at £225,000

per annum for a year.

It is said the British government has granted

£100 per annum towards the support of

Methodist Missionaries in Canada.

#### SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES.

#### SUSMISSION OF ENGLAND.

From the *Davemport Telegraph*.

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of Ajuda, which they plundered, carrying off even the church plate. Don Miguel

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The lines of Lisbon which now mount 100

feet, and in mortars have been so strength-

ened since the attack of the 5th, that it may

be said to be impregnable, and a second

attack, with Miguel's present forces, would

be a certainty.

The Peidrite forces, amount to 600

valy, including 250 lancers, under the

command of Major Bacon, and about 17,000

infantry. The city was in a very settled

state, and the confidence of the merchants

had lessened, in consequence of the ap-

peal change in the policy of the English

authorities. It was confidently asserted that

the English Government had offered to send

60 troops to support Dona Maria on the

coast of Portugal, if Don Pedro himself, or

on there was some distrust, would con-

sent to give up all authority, and quit the

country.

This was refused and shortly after a letter

was forwarded by Lord W. Russell to the

merchants, informing them that those who

were to assist Don Pedro were perfectly at

liberty to do so, but they must consider, in

that event, that they were without the protec-

tion of the British Government, and the

assistance before given to the cause of

the Constitutionalists was changed to a strict

neutralit.

Previous to the attack of the 5th, the mer-

chants applied to the Admiral to land the na-

mes to protect the Custom House, but this

was not complied with.

Oporto is left in the command of General

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The French General Clouet, one of the commanders in the Miguelite army, was killed in the battle of the 5th instant.

As the Echo passed Oporto the water was quite discolored with the Port Wine which had been flowed into the sea in streams; 13,000 pipes were said to have been destroyed. Our informant, who is a most respectable merchant connected with Oporto states that the truth of this intelligence may be relied on.

West India Colonies.—The amount advanced out of the vot of last session, of one million for the assistance of certain West India proprietors, has been—Jamaica, £79,200; St. Vincent, £117,600. There are, besides, £11,000 for further application, for Jamaica, £119,000; for Barbados, £109,250; for St. Vincent, £76,700; and for St. Lucia, £20,000, making a total of £335,150.

Trades with Russia.—By advices which have been received from St. Petersburg to the 1st inst., a notice issued by order of the Russian Government has come to hand, rendering more strict the prohibition of British Woolen Manufactures into the ports of Russia.

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The Berlin *Wochenblatt* notices with much

emphasis, as a matter of paramount import-

ance, a report that the French are fortifying

Huningen, though at the same time it is ac-

knowledged that the statement is authentic.

It is asserted that the French are ex-

tending the works more towards Basle than

the site of the former batteries, demolished

in 1815, which threatened to destroy that

town. The restoration of this fortress, the

## MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Liverpool (Pa.) Mercury.

### AUTUMN.

By WILLIAM PIATT.

Again the pale-coloured leaves  
Are fluttering on the gale;  
And every tree a tint receives,  
That shows the seasons frail.  
The hills and vales have slowly lost  
Their verdant brilliancy of hue;  
And touched with early coming frost,  
Look brown and gloomy too.  
And yet there's freshness in the boughs;  
The forests, like a grove of flowers,  
Bloom forth, as if the varied trees  
Were Flora's gay bower;  
Where fancy lingering might recall  
The morning of our years,  
And every emblem of the fall  
Bring memory upstairs.  
The evening and the morning  
Has colder, graver, and gloomier,  
As friendsropicome our lot to share—  
Who wants happiness us, will—  
But still like friendships that remain,  
They wait around us yet,  
To cool the fires that scorch the brain,  
And bid us not forget.  
That friendships, such as theirs, have been  
The earlier hopes of youth,  
Which cling when life is but its green,  
Around us still in truth.  
Blest seas of the year, Oh, think!  
A moral team to me,  
That when life's winter marks my brow,  
My ways as faultful be.

### LA BELLA CENCI.

Among the pictures which adorn the Palazzo Colonna at Rome, there is one that moves the heart of a stony. The contrast of youth and loveliness it presents with the abominations of greed, of earthly hope, is so affecting, that hot tears have poured from many an eye, while gazing on the settled sorrow, the prophetic melancholy of the early victim of crime.

It is the portrait of the beautiful but ill-fated Beatrice Cenci, whose misfortune the pencil of Guido Reni has immortalized;—of her who was gentle and noble, because criminal through vice, and never thought it to escape dishonor through penitence. So an angel is for countenance, the spectator credits with reluctance that the sinner, so expressive a face, so gentle a hand, renounced a soul that, with cold precision, could unbend her hands in her father's blood. But, of such a father! to whose eyes she will ulto give a name that were such of which humanity shudders! such a foul ingratitude to give her to injure to love professed! The brutal insults, the diabolical sufferings, of which he made his innocent children, the victim, were not the worst—he was a man who had exhausted the whole catalogue of human infamy. And it was his daughter who, in the silent midnight, when even the iron hearts of the ruffians she had hired relented, seized the avenging dagger from their impious arms, and by a display of dauntless energy, deterred a then wavering resolution.

The parents of the Cenci family, one of the deepest tragedies in the page of history. It happened in the 16th century, under the Pontificate of Clement VIII., and is one of the bloody catastrophes which, in the lapse of ages, is enshrouded among the most marvellous of popular traditions. For a long time of time this event was enshrouded in the deepest mystery; the only real evidence of the crime of this young creature was the admirable picture of Guido, who has represented her at the very moment she was going to execution. It appears that Guido, to save her transplendent beauty, solicited Clement VIII. to grant her a short respite, that he might profit by to enter her dungeon, and take her portrait, with a view of making it serve as a model for a Virgin he was then painting for the Chapel of the Vatican.

The real nature of the crime which led to the trial of Beatrice Cenci, was known but in a very indirect manner; the details had come down, disfigured by two hundred years of popular tradition, when the learned Abbe Maiti, librarian of the Vatican, whose erudite researches have rendered such eminent service to the republic of letters, discovered among the manuscripts of the 16th century, the History of the Cenci Family (*Istoria della Famiglia Cenci*). We shall venture to offer to our readers a few fragments of this curious MS. which, in the most affecting and simple manner, traces the principal episodes of the crime, the trial, and the execution of the criminals.

'Man dies as he has lived; if the vengeance of heaven be slow in its operation, it is only to strike the surer. A splendid proof of this truth is afforded by Francesco Cenci, a noble Roman, whose scandalous and criminal mode of life led to his own tragical end, and that of his whole family.'

'He was a stranger to no vice—he had accumulated crime upon crime, and even attempted to violate the honour of his second daughter, Beatrice. She long resisted his solicitations with courage, but, reduced at last to despair by an accumulation of unheard-of barbarities, she resolved to sacrifice herself to her father. This beautiful creature, who, if born under happier auspices, would have been a model of her sex, no longer breathed but for blood and vengeance.'

'It was on the 9th of September, 1598, that those two ladies—Beatrice and Lucretia, her mother-in-law—administered to Francesco a soporific potion, that presently plunged him into profound slumber. At midnight, two assassins were secretly introduced into Francesco's chamber, while the ladies awaited the event in an adjoining apartment. Suddenly they saw, issuing from the victim's chamber, the two ruffians, pale and disconcerted, who told them that pity had withered their arms, and that they could not immolate the old man as he slept. "Wretches!" exclaimed Beatrice, "you are then brave but in words—cowards as you are! It is alone who will undertake to rid the earth of this monster. Follow me!" she added, drawing a pointed dirk from her bosom;

but I swear to you, that the same blow shall make you bear his company."

This threat terrified the two assassins; accompanied by Lucretia and Beatrice, they rushed once more into Francesco's chamber and murdered him!

'But God willed not that a parricide should go unpunished. Marcius, one of the assassins, arrested at Naples for some other crime, divulged the whole history of the tragical end of Francesco.'

'The Cenzi were put to the rack. The brothers Bernardino and Giacomo, and Lucretia, were unable to endure the torture, and confessed the crime. But Beatrice, with heroic courage, resisted to the last. It was only at the moment they were preparing to cut off her beautiful hair, that her firmness abandoned her, and that she requested that Lucretia and her elder brother should be introduced to her. This was done. When they saw the unfortunate girl, whom they so tenderly loved, overwhelmed with suffering, they said to her, "Dearest Beatrice, we committed the crime, and we have confessed it; it is utterly useless, therefore, to brave any longer the torture." "You have then willed," replied Beatrice, with great vehemence, "that our ancient house should be disgraced by an eternal opprobrium. Why have you not rather preferred to expire under the hand of the executioner?" This idea threw her into a state of confusion that it would be difficult to describe. After a short silence, she cried, in a mournful tone, "But since you have willed it, let it be so; and addressing herself in a shrill tone of voice to the executioners, "Wretches!" she said to them, "mbain me; let the act of accusation be read to me. I will say only what I ought to say, and conceal what is fitting should be concealed." Her wish having been complied with, she signed her confession without adding to it a word.

'The whole family was condemned to death. The sentence was announced to them only at five o'clock, on the morning of the day fixed for their execution. The accused were locked in profound sleep when the messengers of death arrived. What an awakening was theirs! Beatrice says the Morn, "I am bowed with rage. Lucretia displayed great courage, and requested to be led to the scaffold in order to prepare herself for death. Beatrice, also on recovering her serenity, displayed the greatest firmness, and served as an example to her whole family.'

'She made her will; and ordered her body to be buried in the Church of San Pietro in Montorio. She left three hundred crowns to the congregation of the Holy Wounds; and further deposited that her marriage portion should be employed in marrying fifty poor girls. At the foot almost of the bloody scaffold her mind was occupied by ideas of love and happiness.'

'When the fatal moment had arrived, a woman of a neighbouring convent came for them. The two criminals delivered themselves up with firmness; and mutually assisted each other to arrange their dress. On their side, Giacomo and Bernardino left the prison of Parma, and, having arrived with the procession before the Procuratore ficeale, he said to them, Signor Bernardino Cenci, the most holy father Clement the Eighth pardons you. He is content that you should accompany your brother to the scaffold; but not to pray to God for the repose of his soul.'

'The women arrived on foot, thickly veiled; their arms were slightly bound, but their hands were free. Lo! one held a handkerchief, and in the other a crucifix. Beatrice appeared as though she had been walking to triumph; her expressive eyes looked upon the surrounding objects with the calm serenity of her soul. On passing a church she prayed with a loud voice.'

'Arrived at the place of execution, the Cenzi were assembled in a cage. Giacomo and Bernardino were the first led out. Lucretia's turn came next; she was stript to her shoulders, and her hands bound behind her back. At the hubbub of this public exhibition, and the sight of the hatchet suspended over her head, she burst into tears—*"Oh God!"* she cried, "sardon and mercy!"

'The executioner, reeking in her blood, now approached Beatrice, in order to bind her. She was on her knees, and praying with a loud voice—*"Oh, my God! you died for me on the cross, and guilty as I am, a drop of thy sacred blood has flowed for me. I trust in thy infinite mercy!"* She then stretched out her arms to the executioner, and said to him, "Thou hast my body for its punishment, mayst thou at the same time release my soul for its safety." At the foot of the scaffold she took off her shoes, ascended the steps with heroic firmness, and laying her head on the block, and arranging her clothes so that her modesty might have nothing to fear, she tranquilly awaited the fatal blow.'

'The Pope had retired to a country house some distance from Rome. The discharge of three pieces of canon announced the moment of execution. At this signal he was deeply affected, and wept over the fate of this unfortunate family, and, stretching forth his arms to Heaven, he gave that plenary absolution to the Cenzi which they had solicited.'

'A profound silence succeeded to the confused tumult of voices of a whole people, whose prayers were confounded with the agonizing groan of the criminals.'

'The body of Beatrice was interred in the church of San Pietro in Montorio, near the grand altar, which Raphael's picture of the Transfiguration has rendered so celebrated.'

'The whole catalogue of human misery contains not a deeper tale of woe, than the story of La Bella Beatrice Cenci.'

From the (Eastern) Whig

A paper read before the Agricultural Board by Samuel Stevens, Esq. and now presented for publication:

'In the early part of my life, having determined to pursue agriculture, I thought it requisite to lay down some plan which I might follow systematically, whereby I might be able to improve my land, and observe the advantages; if any, arising therefrom—I did so, and in order to comply with the following question, which has been presented to the board of Trustees, viz. "What is the best mode of laying off a farm, taking into consideration fields, lots, homestead, garden, orchard and pasture?" I have taken the liberty of transcribing some of my first views which were prepared for the consideration of a former society; but finding it not to act with that spirit of emulation, calculated to draw forth the energy of the farmer, I declined presenting it. Having found it among some of my old papers, it is as follows, commencing with the year 1807, viz. six fields.

'In the spring, 1807, seeded No. 1. in oats

and clover; same spring, planted No. 2 in Indian corn; Autumn 1807, seeded No. 2 in wheat, and fallowed. No. 3; Spring 1808, seeded No. 4 in oats and clover; same Spring, planted No. 5 in Indian corn; in June 1808 cut a crop of clover from No. 1, and in Sept. rippled a crop of seed; in Autumn 1808, seeded wheat on No. 5, (corn ground,) and fallowed No. 6; Spring 1809, seeded oats and clover No. 2; same Spring planted Indian Corn on No. 3; June 1809 cut hay from No. 4, and September took a crop of seed; Fall 1809 seeded wheat on No. 5, (corn ground,) and fallowed No. 1. Having now commenced on the system, let me particularly recommend No. 1 not to be grazed on, or clover cut from it, during the Spring or summer of 1809 but suffer it to grow without restraint, (but the weeds will still naturalize,) spring up should be eradicated as far as practicable and in the Fall, say Sept. 25—plough in the clover from six to eight inches deep, and roll it well as soon after ploughing as possible, then seed your wheat and barley, (it is provided your soil will admit of having it harrowed in,) but, plough it in short so as not to disturb the soil, all should be performed as quick as possible after ploughing—Clover well turned in will improve your land, and act as a nutrient to the wheat. Spring 1810 seeded oats and clover on No. 5—same Spring planted corn on No. 6. Then proceed as described above. From a regular rotation of crops, I guarantee to the annexed plan you will cultivate even in each field but once in six years, and oats in the same, and both crops are on wheat stubble, a crop of wheat from some of the fields every two years and others every four years,—putting two in wheat annually causes your wheat crops to decline, but you have the whole of your farm annually under cultivation, and take from each apartment a profitable crop, except one from which you turn in the clover, which should be considered the most lucrative. There are two reasons for recommending the culture of oats, first because I conceive one acre of oats can be cultivated for half the price an acre of corn can, and twice the number of bushels can be produced, and 2 gallons of oats are more than equal to one of corn, which leaves a balance of one hundred per cent. in favour of oats; secondly I entertain an idea that clover seed will take root and flourish more rapidly when sown on ground freed and well broken, than on wheat where the ground is hard, and subject to remain several weeks on the ground before it sinks. It may be enquired, what will be done for pasture? In answer, I will say, let your stock be confined in a large dry farm yard, into which you should draw fifty loads of litter and ditch banks, marsh, or good dirt per week; there feed your stock, for which you will have a sufficient quantity of straw and hay (provided you are fortunate) until the green clover is ready to cut,—the great quantity of manure will more than compensate for the extra expense of feeding, and your horses will perform more hard labour on dry food, and escape the casualties which are incident to horses in the spring of the year, but you will have pasture after harvest on the wheat fields.'

### Table of Rotation.

No. 1. Spring 1807 oats and clover June 1808, cut clover; Fall, riple seed, Fall 1809 fallowed on clover, July 1810 pasture, spring 1811 corn, autumn 1811 wheat, July 1812 pasture, spring 1813 oats and clover, June 1814 cut clover.

No. 2. Spring 1807 corn, fall 1807 wheat, July 1808 pasture, spring 1809 oats and clover, June 1810 cut clover, same fall rippled seed, autumn 1811 wheat on clover, July 1812 pasture, spring 1813 corn, fall 1813 wheat, July 1814 pasture, spring 1815 oats and clover.

No. 3. Autumn 1807 wheat, July 1808 pasture, spring 1809 corn, fall 1809 wheat, July 1810 pasture, spring 1811 oats and clover, June 1812 cut clover, same fall rippled seed, autumn 1813 wheat on clover, July 1814 pasture, spring 1815 corn.

No. 4. Spring 1808 oats and clover, June 1809 cut clover, same fall rippled seed, autumn 1810 wheat on clover, July 1811 pasture, spring 1812 corn, autumn 1812 wheat, July 1813 pasture, spring 1814 oats and clover.

No. 5. Spring 1808 corn, same fall wheat, June 1809 cut clover, same fall rippled seed, autumn 1810 wheat on clover, July 1811 pasture, spring 1812 oats and clover, June 1812 cut clover, same fall rippled seed, autumn 1813 wheat on clover, July 1814 pasture, spring 1815 corn, same fall wheat.

No. 6. Autumn 1808 wheat, July 1809 pasture, spring 1810 corn, autumn 1810 wheat, July 1811 pasture, spring 1812 oats and clover, June 1813 cut clover, same fall rippled seed, autumn 1814 wheat on clover.

This system I pursued (with the exception of sowing my stock) for several years, and was much pleased with it, and am well convinced it improved my land from ploughing in the clover; but experience taught me to believe, it filled my ground with weeds and garlic, which in my estimation proceeded from the ground not being sufficiently rich to produce a heavy crop of clover, by which means those obnoxious weeds would have been subdued. At that time I had not discovered my marsh banks, consequently was not able to procure a sufficient quantity of manure to cover the oat field, where I would recommend the

whole force of manure to be applied, of course abandoned it. It then became requisite to resort to some other mode, and having discovered my marsh and its utility, I resolved to put my farm in seven fields, annually cultivating two in Indian corn, putting one of said fields in wheat and breaking one for fallow, leaving the other stock field vacant on which I seeded wheat in fallow the fall following, but during the preceding winter and summer, applied all my manuring power on it with manure, &c. &c., taking care to have all my winter farm yard manure converted into compost in the spring by drawing it in the same field on my head lands; first ploughing a space of twelve or fifteen feet wide to deposit it on, then carefully covering it with the ditch bank, and the scowering of the ditches to protect it from the sun, where it remains until fall, when the field is well prepared for wheat, the compost is spread out and ploughed in with the wheat on which I seed clover. By this rotation of crops you will always break one clover field for corn, and have the other corn on wheat stubble, after you get under full operation, and have the whole of your farm under a good crop except one field, viz: two in corn, two in wheat, two in clover, (one to cut and one to pasture,) and one vacant, viz: the stock field, as will be evident in the following table.

No. 1. Spring 1815 corn, fall 1815 wheat, spring 1817 corn, fall 1818 fallow on clover, spring 1822 corn, fall 1822 wheat, spring 1824 corn, fall 1825 fallow and clover, spring 1829 corn, fall 1829 wheat.

No. 2. Spring 1815 corn, fall 1816 fallow and clover, spring 1820 corn, fall 1820 wheat, spring 1822 corn, fall 1823 fallow and clover, spring 1827 corn, fall 1827 wheat, spring 1829 corn.

No. 3. Fall 1815 fallow, spring 1817 corn, fall 1817 wheat, spring 1819 corn, fall 1820 fallow and clover, spring 1824 corn, fall 1824 wheat, and clover, spring 1826 corn, August 1827 fallow and clover.

No. 4. Spring 1826 corn, fall 1816 wheat, spring 1818 corn, autumn 1819 fallow and clover, spring 1823 corn, fall 1823 wheat, spring 1825 corn, fall 1826 fallow and clover.

No. 5. Spring 1816 corn, fall 1817 fallow and clover, spring 1821 corn, fall 1821 wheat, spring 1823 corn, fall 1824 fallow and clover, spring 1828 corn, fall 1828 wheat.

No. 6. Spring 1818 corn, fall 1818 wheat, spring 1820 corn, fall 1821 fallow and clover, spring 1825 corn, fall 1825 wheat, spring 1827 corn, fall 1828 fallow and clover.

No. 7. Spring 1819 corn, fall 1819 wheat, spring 1821 corn, fall 1822 fallow and clover, spring 1826 corn, fall 1826 wheat, spring 1828 corn, fall 1829 fallow and clover.

You will remark I have made an exception to one field being in cultivation, viz: the vacant stock field, but you may, without any interference with your fallow seed oats on it, and put wheat on oat stubble. But still objections present themselves, viz: you are deprived of the opportunity of drawing manure, or bank shells, or bank shell on it from the Spring until harvest, and again it will be taking four successive crops before you apply your wheat fallow and clover; whereas, by omitting the oats you take but three, viz: Corn, Wheat, Corn, then fallow and clover, which I consider no disadvantage as you are enabled to destroy all weeds and garlic before the application of clover, and to compensate for the reduction of the land you restore it by the application of manure, lime, or bank shells, being ploughed in during the summer, and re-manured by compost being spread and ploughed in with the fallow wheat followed by clover, which remains until the fifth spring, which will be readily perceived by the table presented and here let me remark that clover and manure are the Sampsons of farming. Having persevered in the last mentioned system until I made myself well acquainted with the advantages and disadvantages thereof; I can safely say my crops have increased under it both in quantity and quality although the last seven years have been unfavourable to wheat. The garlic has almost disappeared which is of high importance—still there are some objections to the above,—one is, I have my doubts whether or not it improves the land as much as the first system, as it must be a self evident fact, clover turned in will improve land and by the latter one field of corn is put on clover,—although I have observed under the latter mode my crops are increased, it will be remembered I had no manure, nor half the quantity of compost in my first system, as now. The second objection is, I had no pasture from the planting of corn until the first of June, when the stock should be turned on clover and not earlier, therefore, thought it advisable to make a small exchange. My present plan of farming is much like the last only dispensing with the fallow, but continuing the seven fields,—two in corn, in lieu of the fallow, cut the corn from one of the fields on which I apply all my manure as before recommended on wheat and clover, and put wheat on the other corn fields in the usual way—this gives me additional pasture; my experience has been of but short duration on the last mentioned system, therefore, am not able to say much for or against it, but fear I am sometimes too much hurried for time to remove my corn and then apply the manure, particularly should the fall season be unfavourable for farm work.

The above proceedings have altogether been confined to one farm; I have another which has for a long time been divided into four fields, putting one annually in corn, the fall seed it down in wheat and clover, in the spring applying all my manure to the corn ground; you have then one in corn, one in wheat, two in clover (to cut the other to pasture on,)—still you want pasture from April till June, when clover should be turned in on, as previously observed.

I have thus taken the liberty of laying before the board four plans or systems of farming which have past under my view practically for the last twenty-five years, and after a

long the seven field system, as referred to in the second table of rotation, may be the most suitable to pursue, particularly if continuing down in first six field system, or a single pasture can be presented until June, the more remarkable and I am done: By the seven field system you will observe one corn crop annually will be on clover, therefore as you do not turn in clover for fallow, which I consider of high importance, I would strongly recommend to have the clover field (after taking therefrom a crop of seed) reserved unbroken and turned in, in the fall, as a preparation for corn, by which means you procure all the advantage to be derived from the clover.

S. STEVENS.

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notified of two things: First—books shall not

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fore they have been read. We have no royal

to pulling, and will be the less likely,

therefore, to fall into the error of an unlucky

one, who, in his anxiety to be the first to blow

the bellows of criticism, read the preface only

of a dudcating, and gravely entered his ap-

opinion of two chapters which, unfortunately

his critical acumen, had been omitted, while

prefatory reference to them had been, by

make, retained! This predicament was

more than that of the London editor, who

noticed some passages of Cooke's acting, and

had when he rose next morning, and his pa-

per was all over London, that the play had

been postponed.

For the rest, time must develop our course

of our capabilities; in cases where the usual

activity of the trade is not extended to this

small, unlike most of our contemporaries, we

will buy what books we want, and give to such

deserve it a careful perusal.

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Oct. 17.

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SAMUEL C. ATKINSON

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The subjects embrace the whole range of Natural History, in order to make it as complete as possible, several scientific gentlemen have been engaged at a great expense to conduct the work; their united researches, it is believed, will render this periodical extremely valuable.

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OCT. 17.

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The Steam Boat MARYLAND, commenced her route on TUESDAY

the 9th inst., leaving the Lower end of Dugan's Wharf, at 7 o'clock, A. M. for Annapolis, (Cambridge by Castle Haven,) and Easton, and return from the Eastern Shore on every Wednesday and Saturday, leaving Easton at 7 A. M. by Castle Haven and Annapolis. She will commence her Chestertown Trip on Monday, 22d April, leaving Baltimore at 6 o'clock, and return the same day, leaving Chestertown at 1 o'clock, calling at Corsica wharf, for the Centre ville passengers.

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J. MURRAY.

Sept. 19.

LUMBER FOR SALE.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has commenced a Lumber Yard on the N. E. side of the Duck, where he is now receiving a lot of superior Lumber; and intends keeping an assortment of

SCANTLING AND PLANK,

to suit the demand, which he will sell at Bal-

timore prices and terms. His country friends

will find it to their advantage to call on him or

Mr. DAVID S. CALDWELL, his agent, at the

yard, and examine the lumber and prices

being two good lumber yards now in the

city, holds out an inducement to give our city

the preference.

July 23.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

THAT the subscriber has obtained from

the Orphans' Court of Anne Arundel

county, letters testamentary on the personal

estate of Samuel Owings, late of Anne Arun-

del county, deceased. All persons having

claims against said estate, are desired to pre-

sent them, legally authenticated, and those in-

debted thereto are requested to make payment.

WILLIAM OWINGS, Ex'ts.

HUMPHREY DORSEY,

Oct. 3.

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Aug. 20-10.

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Occasionally, when the weather will not admit his excursion or his walk, in the garden, the father of the faithful might be found in his moments of relaxation, those quiet productions of nature and art with the magnificent galleries of the Vatican filled. No one surely would reprobate his such occupation of a moment thus given to the elasticity of his mind, unless, perhaps, we might be able to resuscitate the man who was scandalized at discovering St. John, Evangelist, occupied with a hawk, as the passion and object of his mental relaxa-

#### SINGULAR FACT.

There is at present living in Dow street, Fleetwood, a child that was born with the skin of a butterfly upon its face, which is subject to the following remarkable changes:

In the summer season the resemblance of the wing, legs, &c., high coloured, the whole of a considerably greater degree of heat than any other part of the body; in winter, the wings, legs, &c., scarcely perceptible, the head diminishes to mere specks, and the whole is of a death-like coldness.—*York (Eng.) Herald.*

There is a lady in this city who has the skin of a raspberry on the back of her neck, which disappears almost entirely during the winter season, but becomes more prominent in the spring, and increases in depth of colour and perfection of outline, until it assumes as perfectly the appearance of a ripe cherry as if it had been painted. Having lived at maturity, it gradually disappears, during winter, only a small, indistinct spot is visible.—*Boston Transcript.*

#### THE GREAT FIRE AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 4.—I am sorry to say that my apprehensions with regard to fire have been verified to an alarming extent.—

One of the most fearful ever known in this ancient city occurred here on Friday

It is not yet ascertained whether it

came from accident or design, but it is rea-

sonable that it broke out in the full day in

the government musket factory, on the Turk-

babath, the only day on which the work-

were not in their places. On proceeding

to the place I saw that the musket factory had

caught fire, and that the flames were spread

with rapidity in consequence of a strong

westerly wind, which blew directly up the hill

with a velocity that was inconceivable.

No means can be taken to stop the pro-

gress of such a calamity prior to the arrival

of the Grand Vizier, the two hours which elas-

ped before that dignitary made his appear-

ance was sufficient to involve one of the four

quarters of Constantinople in destruction,

before 4 o'clock the flames had completely

run over an immense circuit commanding

the water's edge, extending on the right

to the superb mosque of Sultan Mahomed,

on the left to the mosque of Sultan Sou-

san, and in the rear to the great aqueduct,

in the direction where the fire of last month

stopped.

Alarmed by the threat, the firemen set to

work with energy, and, covering the man-

tion of the Mufti with carpets, did not allow

it to be even discoloured, and at the same time

they overcame the flames on every side of it

so rapidly that, by the break of day, the fury

of the fire was stopped as by miracle.—It is

curious to see that mansion untouched on the

hill side overlooking the valley, which is a

mass of ruins, and to behold in the rest of it

the immense aqueduct which supplies the city

with water, and which before was scarcely

noticed, in consequence of the houses which

blocked it up at all sides now standing in

high relief; every arch being counted at some

miles distance. Some persons say that one

fifth of Constantinople has been destroyed;

but if I do not go that length, I am certain

that a circuit of 3 miles, comprising 12,000

buildings, and making houseless 50,000 per-

sons, has been devastated. It is now three

days since the fire occurred, but the ruins are

still smoking, and if a wind arise, which hap-

pily has not been the case, the safety of the

rest of Constantinople cannot be depended

upon.

The damage has altogether fallen upon the

Turks, and it is wonderful to see the patience

with which they brave it. A person who was

at Constantinople during the fury of the fire,

assures me that he saw several owners of

burned houses smoking their pipes in the

neighboring coffee houses with the most per-

fect indifference. Their conduct strangely

contrasted with about 200 Jews, apprehen-

sive that a quarter in which they had proper-

ty should be attacked, who screamed and tore

their garments.

From one of these heights it was fearfully beautiful to witness the progress of the fire as it spread on every side with unprecedented fury, and when the sun went down, and the flames were more distinctly seen, I believe so sublime and awful a picture was never before exhibited. It is only at Constanti-

nople where such a terrible display can be beheld, the position of the ground and the nature of the buildings alike affording facilities for destruction. How often I wished for our great artist Martin to be present, and immortalize the scene, as his imagination, gifted as it is, can never conceive so magnificent a subject for his pencil.

About seven o'clock the whole of the houses in the valley were consumed, and the fire then mounted the hills which rise at either side, and spread to the rear, in the direction of the sea of Marmora, making a circuit of nearly two miles. There it was most curious to behold it varying its form every half hour, lying on the whole expanse at one time like a sea of flame, or separating into burning steeples at another, which at the distance from which I beheld them, appeared like so many volcanoes. About 9 o'clock the full moon rose, and at the same period a heavy storm began to gather in the southward, and then a scene was presented to us, to which nothing can do anything like justice. At one view we saw the Seraglio, with its beautiful white towers and lofty trees, shining tranquilly in the moonlight, the centre of the city blazing with numberless fires, and at the other extremity of Constantinople the atmosphere hung with massive clouds, or the heavens opened with repeated flashes of lightning. We saw the sea of Marmora like a placid lake in the distance, the towers of the Seraglio reflected in the Bosphorus, and the burning piles glowing in the waters of the harbour.

About 10 o'clock the wind fell a little, and as the smoke was not blown against the hill side, the progress of the flames became more distinct from the position which I occupied at Pera. It was then we observed the curious effects of the flames on the mosques and minarets which lay in their course. It was beautiful to behold an immense dome similar to that of the Colosseum in the Regent's Park, standing in dark red in the middle of flame, and the slender white minarets shining like pillars of silver in a field of fire. Each dome appeared like a fountain of white flame, as the lead with which it was covered melted, strangely contrasting with the ruddy blaze of the burning timber, and the tops of the minarets from the same cause, burned like one of those wax lights which are borne in procession in the ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church. About 50 of the smaller mosques were destroyed, but none of those of Royal foundation, which are the pride of Constantinople. The progress of the flame towards the two superb buildings which I have before mentioned, was watched with intense interest; and I observed an exultation in the crowd when that of the Sultan Mahomed, which was a long time obscured with smoke, was saved by a sudden shifting of the wind.

Mr. Stanley and the Duke of Richmond have narrowly escaped assassination. A Welchman named Evans, a lunatic, tried to get them at a public dinner, but on being obstructed he was taken into custody. A loaded pistol was found upon his person.

In a previous letter, I mentioned the death of Mrs. Hannah More. I am now enabled to give an account of her property and the legacies which she has bequeathed. She died in possession of about £25,000, the whole of which she acquired by her literary exertions. £10,000 of this sum she has devoted to particular charities, Religious Societies, and other objects too numerous to mention. Among the list of these benefactions, £100 sterling is to be given to the diocese of Ohio, and an additional £20 for books for the same. £400 are also given to the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, for the benefit of the Indians.

In Ireland all is quiet; O'Connell has addressed a long, and rather moderate letter, to his constituents, enumerating his services in Parliament, and proposing a more effective organization for the purpose of abolishing the Tithes. He still talks of the necessity of a domestic Legislature, and calls upon the people of Ireland never to forget that they have once been a nation. The Marquis of Wellesley, was sworn in on the 26th. His excellency was most equivocally received. Not a cheer or a hiss assailed his ear. The people are evidently adapting the system of neutrality.

On Saturday the usual change took place in the city Magistracy. Alderman Farebrother, an auctioneer, has been elected Lord Mayor, and Aldermen Harmer and Wilson, Sheriffs. The former was an old Bailey Attorney, the latter is an Architect of some repute. There was not the slightest opposition manifested during any part of the proceedings. Lord Farebrother is a violent conservative. The late Lord Mayor has been exceedingly shabby during the period which he has been in office, not having given the usual number of 'blow outs.' He is openly accused of having saved at least £2,000 out of his salary.

The conference at Munchen-Gratz terminated on the 17th. The Emperor of Austria has arranged to resume the title of Emperor of Germany, with the adjunct, and Protector of Italy!

METEOROLOGICAL JOURNAL.

October.

Winds.

1. Rain nearly all day, cool, fresh breeze, se-e
2. Clear, pleasant, fresh breeze, nw
3. Clear, warm, moderate breeze, nw-se
4. Clear, cool, moderate breeze, nw-ne
5. Clear, cold, frost, light breeze, n-ne
6. Clear, P. M. cloudy, cold morning, light breeze, se-ne
7. Cloudy, pleasant, raju in evening, light breeze, n-s-w

#### FOREIGN.

The packet ship Caledonia, at New York from Liverpool sailed on the 1st ult: London, Oct. 1.—The news from Portugal, since our last, amount to little or nothing.

Neither party has surrendered, or seems likely to surrender, and the war may last for many months, though Donna Maria's ultimate triumph appears to be almost certain.

The Dutchess De Berri has been captured.

Correspondence of the Journal of Commerce.

LONDON, Sept. 30, 1833.

We have a renewal of the infamous system of burnings. Fires are kindling up in several parts of the island, but in Bedfordshire and Bucks, the incendiaries are proceeding in the most open and fearful manner. The destruction of property has been very great; but notwithstanding fair promises, and handsome rewards, not a single suspicious person has been arrested. I do not conceive that this diabolical crime is connected with politics, but think that it arises entirely from the starving condition of the agricultural labourer, the cruelty of local oppression, and the revengeful disposition which such a system too frequently engenders. All the Ministry are now in the country, and they will have a good opportunity to inquire into the distress of the peasant, and perhaps, in the course of the next session, afford him some substantial relief. I have said that the Cabinet are in the country, but I am wrong. Lord Palmerston is left in town, and indeed he has got no sinecure. He is frequently at the Foreign Office from ten o'clock in the morning, until four next, and from being a man of fashion, has really been converted into a tolerable sag.

The U. S. Charge d'Affairs has recently had

very frequent and lengthy interviews with the noble Lord, which you will find duly chronicled in the Court Circular. Their object, I

of course cannot pretend to divine; but I have heard that it is relative to the Falkland Island affair.

The late smuggling transaction, about which

so much has been said and written, turns out

to be a very serious affair, and of course, will

be hushed up. The great delinquent is a Count F. an attaché to the French Embassy,

and a nephew to the Minister of War, General Sebastiani. The noble speculator has very wisely made a rapid retreat into his own country. The investigation into the conduct of the British Consul at Boulogne relative to the loss of the convict ship Amphitrite, has turned out exceedingly honourable to his character both as an individual and as a public officer. This government has distributed £100 among the pilots who acted with so much bravery and generosity. The French authorities are also acquitted of all blame.

The corporation of Leicester have declined

to answer the questions of the Commissioners,

and to produce their charter, deeds, and accounts. This contumacy will be severely punished by the House of Commons, the members having ordered the commission to issue.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Baltimore Visiter.

### PRIZE POEM.

### SONG OF THE WIND.

BY HENRY WILSON.

Whence come ye with your odour laden wings,  
Pond, viewless wanderer of a summer night?  
Why sportive kiss my lyre's trembling strings,  
Fashioning wild music—which the light  
Of glowing orbs doth seem to try to drink?

Ye wanton round my form, and I kiss my brow,  
While I hold converse with the stars that wink  
And laugh upon the mirror-stream below.

"O, I have come fresh from the sun-bent climes,  
With the intense rich of a thousand sweet flowers,  
I have fructified in many a forest of lines;

And stolen the dew drops from jewelline bowers.

I have kissed the white cross of the moonlit wave,  
And losome on the sail of the reckless bark;

I have sung my mad dirge o'er the sea-boy's grave,  
And fand up the blaze of the meteor spark.

I have wandered along the sea's pebbly shore,  
And wail'd with the surf when it was over,

And mourned aloud with the evening's song.

I have wildly careered through the whirling airways,  
And rent the reed-sail of the corse in twain;

I have screamed at the base of the tempestuous main,

And laughed at the rage of the tempestuous main.

But erst, and I left on an oceanic rock,

That toered alone 'midst the billowing wave,

The wreck of a ship—whose tempest-wild shock,

Had borne, which—was it thy watery grave?

And lonely, and after her sleeping form,

The last of her hold crew, as I stand alone,

Heard not the notes of the low-soping storm,

While he triumphed alone in his wild solitudes!

I lifted the locks from his time-streaken brows,

And kissed the hot tears from his care-furrowed cheeks.

When he cried out—"my comrade—oh! where are they now?"

I answered him—In the billows, seek!

He spoke of his aims and his own cherished ones—

But the muttering thunder alone made reply:

The lightnings flared bright like a myriad of suns,

And the waves vaulted up to the dark horizon.

Out that sorrowing soul—those suns on his shores?

How he wept for the world he was going to leave!

Up from the grave where his bold comrades lay!

And I said for life's joys, only made to deceive,

Then oft I saw vengeful, hoary heads spread,

As he turned toward me, in a small plodding gait;

He muttered a prayer for the peace of the dead.

With a whisper he laid his hand on my cheek,

A smile threw its light on, as feverish as fire,

As he lay on the rock his bosom all in.

The cold spirit came, 'twas a moment's release,

A struggle—a sigh—and his spirit faded!

Where the crimson tree panted with its golden bough'd fruit,

And the coffee-plant shone to the fiery breast.

I have wakened the song of the Spanish girl's lute,

While I placed on her lips the cold signet of death.

For the death-plague had perch'd on my shadowless wings,

And the form that I touch'd became lifeless and cold!

To the song I wakend the lute's sleeping strings,

And it sang of the maiden whose days were all told.

I hurried me on—and the things of the earth

Fell stricken with death as I wander'd alone;

I blazed the soul of the board on my heart,

And I leav'd like both the tide and storm,

But struck not—I've gather'd the wrecks of the flowers,

April, I don with pleasure, I can no longer miss,

Picks to the blossoms of the rose, along the thorn,

And play with the dark locks that shadow thy brow.

From the Metropolitan Magazine.

### JACOB PATHFUL.

It bind & prevent to a waterman,

It bears a bit to row,

And bleed your heart, always was my way.

Gentle reader, I was born upon the water—not upon the salt and angry ocean, but upon the fresh and rapid River Thames. It was a floating sort of mix, called a lighter, and up on the River Thames, and at low water, that I first sinkt the mud. This lighter was bound (an expression awaiting to hollow) if not construed kindly by my father, my mother, and your humble servant. My father had the sole charge—he was monarch of the deck; my mother of course was queen, and I was the heir apparent.

Before I say one word about myself, allow me dutifully to describe my parents. First, then, I will pourtray my queen mother. Report says, that when first she came on board of the lighter, a lighter figure and a lighter step never press'd a plank; but, as far as I can tax my recollection, she was always a fat, unwieldy woman. Loocomotion was not her taste—gin was. She seldom quitted the cabin; never quitted the lighter—a pair of shoes may have lasted her for five years, for the wear and tear that she took out of them. Being of this domestic habit, all tattered women ought to be, she was always to be found when wanted; but, although always at hand, she was not always on her feet. I wands the close of the day sat by down upon her bed—a wise precaution who a person can no longer stand. The fact was, my honored mother, although her virtue was unimpeachable, was frequently seduced by liquor; and, though constant to my father, was debauched and to be found in bed with that insidious assailer of female uprightness—gin. The lighter, which might have been compared to another garden of Eden, of which my mother was the Eve, and my father the Adam to consort with, was entered by this serpent who tempted her; and if she did not eat, she drank, which was even worse. At first, indeed, and I mention it to prove how the enemy always gains admittance under a specious form, she drank it only to keep the cold out of her stomach, which the humid atmosphere from the surrounding water appeared to warrant. My father took his pipe for the same reason; but at the time that I was born he smoked, and she drank, from morning to night, because habit had rendered it almost necessary to their existence. The pipe was always to his lips, the glass incessantly to hers. I would have stoned any cold ever to have penetrated into their stomachs; but I have said enough of my mother for the present, I will now pass on to my father.

My father was a puffy, round-bellied, long-

armed, little man, admirably calculated for his station in, or rather out of society. He could manage a lighter as well as anybody; but he could do no more; he had been brought up to it from his infancy. His whole amusement was his pipe; and, as there is a certain indefinable link between smoking and philosophy, my father, by dint of smoking, had become a perfect philosopher. It is no less strange than true, that we can puff away our cares with tobacco, when, without it, they remain an oppressive burden to existence. There is no composing draught like the draught through the tube of a pipe. The savage warriors of North America enjoyed the blessing before we did; and to the pipe is to be ascribed the wisdom of their councils, and the laudable delivery of their sentiments. It would be well introduced into our legislative assembly. Ladies, indeed, would no longer peep down through the ventilators; but we should have more sense and fewer words. It is also to tobacco that is to be ascribed the stoical firmness of those American warriors, who, satisfied with the pipe in their mouths, submitted with perfect indifference to the torture of their enemies. From the well known virtues of this weed arose that peculiar expression, when you irritate another, that you 'put his pipe out.'

My father continued for some time to smoke his pipe, and my mother to pipe her eye, until at last my father, who was really a kind hearted man, rose from the chest upon which he was seated, went to the cupboard, poured out a teacupful of gin, and handed it to mother. It was kindly done of him, and my mother was to be won by kindness. It was a pure offering in the spirit, and taken in the spirit in which it was offered. After a few repetitions, which were rendered necessary from its potency being diluted with her tears, grief and recollection were drowned together, and disappeared like two lovers who sink down entwined in each other's arms. With this beautiful metaphor I shall wind up the episode of my unfortunate brother Joe.

It was about a year after the loss of my brother that I was ushered into the world, without any other assistants or spectators than my father and Dame Nature, who I believe to be a very clever midwife if not interested with. My father, who had some faint idea of Christianity, performed the baptismal rites, by crossing me on the forehead with the end of his pipe, and calling me Jacob; as for my mother being churched, she had never been to church in her life. In fact my father and mother never quitted the lighter, unless when the former was called out by the superintendent or proprietor at the delivery or shipment of a cargo or was to go a month for a few miles, or to make necessary.

I cannot recall any of my infancy; but I recollect the lighter was often very brilliant with red and red paint, and that my mother used to point it out to me as so pretty, to keep me quiet. I call these pass it over, and commence at the age of five years, at which early period I was of some little use to my father indeed, I was almost as forward as he was ten years old. This may appear strange, but the fact is, that my ideas, though hazy, were not contrariated. The lighter, its equipments, its destination, were the main concern of my infant imagination; and my ideas and thoughts were deeply impressed, and very easily understood. Up to the time that I quitted the lighter, at eleven years old, the banks of the river were the boundaries of my speculations. I even only comprehended the nature of trees and houses; but I do not think that I was aware that the former grew. From the time that I could recollect them on the banks of the river, they appeared to be exactly of the same size as they were when first I saw them, and I asked no questions. But by the time that I was ten years old I knew the name of every reach of the river, and every point—the depth of water, and the shallows, the drift of the current, and the ebb and flow of the tide itself. I was able to manage the lighter as it floated down with the tide; for what I lacked in strength I made up with the dexterity arising from constant practice.

It was at the age of 11 years that a catastrophe took place which changed my prospects in life, and I must therefore say a little more about my father and mother, bringing up their history to that period. The propensity of my mother to ardent spirits had, as always is the case, greatly increased upon her, and her corpulence had increased in the same ratio. She was now a most unwieldy, bloated, mountain of flesh, such a form as I have never seen before, altho' it too, once she did not appear to me to be dangerous, accustomed to witness me except her increase, and not seeing any other females except a distance. Four or five years she had almost quitted her bed—only she did not stay out of the cabin more than five minutes in the week—she left me, oblique and habitual intoxication rendered her incapable. My father went on shore for a quarter of an hour once a month, to purchase gin, tobacco, red herring, and decayed ship biscuit—the latter were my principal fare, except when I could catch a fish over the sides as we lay at anchor. I was therefore a great water-drinker, not altogether from choice, but from the salt nature of my food, and because my poor mother had sense enough left to discern that gin wasn't good for little boys. But a great change had taken place in my father.—I was now left almost altogether in charge of the deck, my father seldom coming up except to assist in shooting the bridges, or when it required more than my exertions to steer clear of the crowds of vessels which we encountered when between them. In fact, as I grew more capable, my father grew more incapable, and passed most of his time in the cabin, assisting my mother in emptying the great stone bottle. The woman had prevailed upon the man, and now both were guilty of partaking of the forbidden fruit of the juniper tree. Such was the state of affairs in our little kingdom when the catastrophe occurred which I am now about to relate.

One fine summer evening, we were floating up with the tide, deeply laden with coals, to be delivered at the proprietor's wharf, some distance from Putney-bridge; a strong breeze sprung up, and checked our progress, and we could not, as we expected, gain the wharf that night. We were about a mile and a half above the bridge when the tide turned against us, and we dropped our anchor. My father, who, expecting to arrive that evening, had remained sober, waited until the lighter had swung to the stream, and then saying to me, "Remember, Jacob, we must be at the

wharf early tomorrow morning, so keep a live," he went into the cabin to indulge in his potations, leaving me in possession of the deck, and also of my supper, which I never ate below, the little cabin below being so unpleasantly close. Indeed, I took all my meals *al fresco*, and unless the nights were intensely cold, slept on deck, in the large dog-kennel abaft, which had once been tenanted by the large mastiff, but he had been dead some years, had been thrown overboard, and in all probability had been converted into Epping sausages, at 1s. per lb. Some time after his decease, I had taken possession of his apartment, and had performed his duty. I had finished my supper, which I washed down with a considerable portion of Thames water, for I always drank more when above the bridges, having an idea that it tasted more pure and fresh. I had walked forward and looked at the cable, to see if all was right, and then having nothing more to do, I lay down on the deck, and indulged in the profound speculations of a boy of 11 years old. I was watching the stars above me, which twinkled faintly, and appeared to me ever and anon to be extinguished and then relighted—I was wondering what they could be made of, and how they came there, when of a sudden I was interrupted in my reveries by a loud shriek, and perceived a strong smell of something burning. The shrieks were renewed again and again, and I had hardly time to get upon my legs when my father burst up from the cabin, rushed over the side of the lighter, and disappeared under the water. I caught a glimpse of his features as he passed me, and observed bright and intoxicating blended together. I ran to the side where he had disappeared, but could see nothing but a few eddying circles as the tide rushed quickly past. For a few seconds, I remained staggered and stupefied at his sudden disappearance and evident death, but I was recalled to recollection by the smoke which encompassed me, and the shrieks of my mother, which were now fainter and fainter, and I hastened to her assistance.

A strong emphysematic thick smoke ascended from the hatchway of the cabin, and as it had now fallen calm, it mounted straight up in the air in a dense column. I attempted to go in, but as soon as I encountered the smoke, I found that it was impossible—it would have suffocated me in half a minute. I did what most children would have done in such a situation of excitement and distress—I sat down and cried bitterly. In about ten minutes I removed my hands, with which I had covered up my face, and looked at the cabin hatch. The smoke had disappeared, and all was silent. I went to the hatchway, and although the smell was still overpowering, I found that I could bear it. I descended the little ladder of three steps, and called "Mother," but there was no answer. The lamp fixed against the after bulk-head, with a glass before it, was still alight, and I could see plainly to every corner of the cabin. Nothing was burning—not even the curtains to my mother's bed appeared to be singed. I was astonished—breathless with fear, with a trembling voice, I again called out "Mother." I remained more than a minute panting for breath, and then ventured to draw back the curtains of the bed—my mother was not there; but there appeared to be a black mass in the centre of the bed. I put my hand fearfully upon it—it was a sort of unctuous pitchy cinder. I screamed with horror, my little senses reeled—I staggered from the cabin and fell down on the deck in a state amounting to almost insanity, it was followed by a sort of stupor, which lasted for many hours.

As the reader may be in some doubt as to the occasion of my mother's death, I must inform him that she perished in that very peculiar and dreadful manner, which does sometimes, although rarely occur, to those who indulge in an immoderate use of spirituous liquors. Cases of this kind do indeed present themselves but once in a century, but the occurrence of them is but too well authenticated. She perished from what is termed spontaneous combustion—an inflammation of the gasses generated from the spirits absorbed into the system. It is to be presumed that the flames issuing from my mother's body completely frightened out of his senses my father, who had been drinking freely, and thus did I lose both my parents, one by fire and the other by water, at one and at the same time.

From the Fredericksburg Arena.  
INTERESTING ANECDOTE.

We need hardly tell our readers, that we have been uniform and very decided in our opposition to Gen. Jackson; that we did what we could to prevent his election and re-election; that we have condemned many of the measures of his administration; and that we shall, probably, continue to say hard things of him as occasion offers. We take not the less pleasure, however, in giving publicity, for the first time, to an anecdote, which reflects signal honour upon Gen. Jackson, and indeed upon the American character. The authenticity of the story is unquestionable—We heard it from a gentleman, of distinguished literary eminence, whose writings have placed him among the first of living authors, and of whom any country might be, as his own is, justly proud. It was related in a company, of whom was another distinguished individual, now representing his country abroad, but, at the time to which the anecdote refers, holding a situation, near the person of his hero, which enabled him to bear testimony, from personal knowledge, to its truth.

In the year 1824, our informant met, at the table of General Sir George Airey, many distinguished Englishmen, then in Paris. The conversation turned on the pending Presidential election, and fears were expressed that, should General Jackson be elected, the amicable relations between the two countries might be endangered, in consequence of his implacable hostility to England, and his high

handed exercise of power, as evinced during his command at New Orleans. The necessity, on the part of our informant, of reporting to these observations, was superseded by the prompt and generous outbreak of one of the officers well known for his frank and gallant character, and whose regiment suffered severely in the attack of the 8th of January. He testified, in the handsomest terms, to the conduct of Gen. Jackson, as an able and faithful commander on that occasion, and declared that, had he not used the power confided to him in the high handed way alluded to, the British would infallibly have been captured. As to the charge of implacable hostility, Col. Thorntrow declared, that in the intercourse, by flag and otherwise, between the hostile commanders, Gen. Jackson had been peculiarly courteous and hospitable, to support this assertion, begged leave to mention one circumstance. He then proceeded to state, that, on the day after the attack, the British were permitted to bury their dead, lying beyond a certain line of dard or two yards in advance of Gen. Jackson's entrenchments—all within that line. As soon as this melancholy duty was performed, the British General was surprised at seeing a flag, with the swords, epaulets and watches of the officers who had fallen, and noted from Gen. Jackson, couched in the most courteous language, saying that one pair of epaulets was still missing, but that a search was making, and when found it would be sent in. These articles—always considered fair objects of plunder—were sent by Gen. Jackson, and thus handed over, at a request that they might be transmitted to the relatives of the gallant officers, to whom they had belonged.

This anecdote, and the frank and soldier-like style in which it was given, turned the whole current of feeling in favour of the general, and drew forth an expression of applause from all parts of the table. "From self-same," said our informant. "I felt a flush on my cheek, and a thrill of pride through my soul, and in my heart I thanked the old general for proving, by this chivalrous act, the defenders of our country were above sordid feelings of mercenary warfare."

### CONSTABLES' SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias, issued by Nathan Shipley, Esq., a justice of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, and directed, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of James Fisher, I have the execution all the right, title, claim and interest, of said Fisher, in and to a

### TRACT OF LAND.

containing about Fifty Acres, about five miles from Lisburn, in the London New Monthly Magazine, already regis

tered, a tract of land, to be sold at auction, on FRIDAY the 22d day of November next; I shall offer at public sale, on the premises above mentioned land. Sale to take place at 11 o'clock. Terms cash.

STEPHEN WRIGHT, Constable.

3 Oct. 31.

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PROPOSSES to issue from the office of the Saturday Evening Post, in the month of May, 1833, the 1st number of a monthly publication, entitled, The

BOOK OF NATURE,

Edited by an Association of Scientific Gentlemen of Philadelphia.

EACH NUMBER WILL CONTAIN  
FROM EIGHT TO TEN FINELY ENGRAVED  
QUARTO COPPER PLATES,

In the various departments of Natural History, each plate to contain from four to ten distinct figures, making from 50 to 100 figures in each number. With a view to diversify the publication as much as possible, a selection of one plate from each of the following subjects will illustrate each number:

1. QUADRUPEDS,
2. BIRDS,
3. AMPHIBIA,
4. FISHES,
5. CRUSTACEA,
6. INSECTS,
7. SHELLS,
8. VERMES & ZOO
- PHYTES,
9. BOTANY,
10. VEGETABLE A-
- NATOMY,
11. GEOLOGY,
12. MINERALOGY.

Each plate will be accompanied with a brief but satisfactory description of every subject or figure it may contain, so written as to convey a good idea of the subject, without being either of tiresome length, or so technically written, but that all may be read with pleasure. Every department of the great field of Natural History will be explored, its beauties and its sublimities unfolded, and the grand "charms which nature to her votary yields," by the power of the pen, the pencil, and the press, will be laid before the eye of the intelligent admirer of the great works of a Divine Architect. No collection of engravings more valuable, we may confidently promise, can for many years be offered to the public at so cheap a rate. More than one hundred of these fine engravings will be given annually; to the man of taste, they will furnish subjects which he can admire year after year, and present with pleasure to his friends the artist, and the student of Natural History, may confidently refer to them on all occasions of doubt while the juvenile portion of society will become acquainted with the inhabitants of the air, the ocean, and the earth. Geography can be learned only from maps or from travel; "The Book of Nature," without taking us further than the book-shelf in the closet, will unfold to us the congregated curiosities of the whole earth. The increased taste for this study, which the public have of late years evinced, induces the publisher to hope for extensive patronage for a work, which necessarily involves great expenditure, and which will combine great interest, accuracy and beauty.

As the subjects embrace the whole range of Natural History, in order to make it as complete as possible, several scientific gentlemen have been engaged at great expense to conduct the works their united researches, it is believed, will render this periodical extremely valuable.

One great source of the patronage anticipated by the proprietor is among schools and colleges, and as the figures represented will be models of elegance and correct drawing, it will form a work for consultation by the Painter, Engraver, Drawing Master and Student, and will be of inestimable advantage in the prosecution of their practice. In short, it will be adapted to the capacity and intel for the use of every class in the community, from the erudit naturalist in the early beginner—for the one a book of reference, and for all a source of pleasing study, amusement and instruction.

3. Varieties embracing literary anecdotes, curiosities in science and the arts, sketches of society and manners abroad, literary and general transactions, short notices of new books, and every species of information interesting to lovers of reading, with occasional specimens of the humorous departments of the London press, which are within the bounds of good taste, and are now published in no other journal in America.

4. A regular list of the new books published in progress in London and America.

5. Occasional original notices of new American publications, with extracts embracing their prominent features of excellence or defect.

6. No additional charge will be made for a greater increase of reading matter. It will be contained on the pages of the cover of the library, and therefore subject subscribers who care their numbers by mail to no additional expense of postage.

A. WALDIE.

Several applications having been made to secure the manner in which the original deposit of notices of new books will be conducted, we take the present early opportunity of stating that, at least they shall most undoubtedly be—UNBOUGHT. The presentation of a copy by the publisher shall not be a sufficient cause to praise, when the merits of the work do not warrant it so that our readers may be assured of two things: First—books shall not be noticed the next day after they are received; and, secondly, they shall not be reviewed before they have been read. We have no royal road to puffing, and will be the less likely, therefore, to fall into the error of an unlucky knight, who, in his anxiety to be the first to blow the bellows of criticism, read the preface only a duodecimo, and gravely entered his application of two chapters which, unfortunately, his critical acumen, had been omitted, while his prefatory reference to them had been, by mistake, retained! This predicament was worse than that of the London editor, who noticed some passages of Cooke's acting, and said when he rose next morning, and his paper was all over London, that the play had been postponed.

For the rest, time must develop our course and our capabilities in cases where the usual currency of the trade is not extended to this journal, unlike most of our contemporaries, we will buy what books we want, and give to such as deserve it a careful perusal.

The prospectus, and some technical difficulties always attending the first issue of a new journal, make the present number but a partial specimen of its future promise.

JULY 4.

SCANTLING AND PLANK,

to suit the demand, which he will sell at Baltimore prices and terms. His country friends will find it to their advantage to call on him or

Mr. DAVID S. CALDWELL, his agent, at the yard, and examine the lumber and prices—

being two good lumber yards now in the city, holds out an inducement to give our city a call, as there are boats running from this place to the different landings on the rivers, it may be always delivered at a moderate expense—Estimating for yourselves.

JAS. IGLEBART.

Aug. 29—10

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J. MURRAY.

Sept. 19.

LUMBER FOR SALE.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform his Friends and the public generally, that he has commenced a Lumber Yard on the N. E. side of the Dock, where he is now receiving a lot of superior Lumber, and intends keeping an assortment of

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JAS. IGLEBART.

Oct. 3

WANTED,

1. A lad, 16 or 17 years of age, who writes a fair hand, well versed in Arithmetic, of good morals and respectable connections, as an apprentice to the Mercantile business in a Country State, where an extensive business has been done for a number of years. For further information application can be made to the editor, or Thomas G. Waters, Esq., Annapolis, with him at

HOOPER.

Oct. 17.

ANNAPOLEIS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1833.

NO. 47.

SAMUEL C. ATKINSON  
BASIL SHEPARD,  
MERCHANT TAILOR.

OFFERS to the citizens of Annapolis and the public generally, a selection of new and fashionable FALL GOODS, from the New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets, consisting of

Black, Blue, Dutch, Rife, Dahila, Invisible Green, Brown, Drab, Olive, and Gray

CLOTHS.

CAMBLET, for Over Coats.

Diagonal, Zigzag, Polish Mixed and Printed, Mixed, Ribbed and Plain CASSIMERES, and Printed CASSIMERES.

Merinos, Matelasse Silk, Satins, plain and twilled Silk, Florentine, Medley Silks, and Cassimera.

VESTINGS.

White, Black and Fairy Silk HANDKERCHIEFS, HOSES, GLOVES, SUSPENDERS, SHIRT SHAMS, STOCKS and COLLARS.

All of which he respectfully invites the public to call and examine.

Oct. 17, 1833. 6.

FOR RENT.

THAT part of Belmont containing 400 Acres of Land, belonging to the Representatives of the late Mrs. Madela Chase.

RICHARD M. CHASE and GUARDIANS.

RICHARD I. CHABB Sept. 19.

STATE OF MARYLAND, SC.

Jane Arundel County Orphans Court.

October 13th, 1833.

ON application by petition of James F. Brice, Executor of the last will and testament of Ruth Davis, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in Annapolis.

SAMPLE BROWN, Junr.

Reg. Wills, A. A. County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

THAT the subscriber of Anne Arundel county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Ruth Davis, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereto, to the subscriber, at or before the 15th day of April next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1833.

JAMES F. BRICE Exr.

Oct. 15. 6.

FOR ANNAPOLIS CAMBRIDGE AND EASTON.

The Steam Boat MARYLAND, commenced her route on TUESDAY the 9th inst, leaving the lower end of Dogan's Wharf, at 7 o'clock, A. M. for Annapolis, Cambridge, by Castle Haven, and Easton, and return from the Eastern Shore on every Wednesday and Saturday, leaving Easton at 7 A. M. by Castle Haven and Annapolis. She will commence her Chestertown Trip on Monday, 22d April, leaving Baltimore at 6 o'clock, and return the same day, leaving Chestertown at 1 o'clock, calling at Corsica wharf, for the Centreville passengers.

N. B. All baggage at the owners risk.

Passage to or from Easton or Cambridge, \$2.50

Passage to or from Annapolis, 1.50

Passage to Chestertown or Corsica, 2.00

Children under 12 years of age half price.

LEM'L G. TAYLOR, Master.

May 9.

\$100 REWARD.

RAN AWAY on the 8th inst. from the subscriber, residing at the head of South River, in Anne Arundel county, state of Maryland, about eight miles from the city of Annapolis, a young Negro Man, twenty two years of age, of dark complexion, about 3 feet 4 or 5 inches in height, of stout frame, who calls himself

Horace Gibson.

I will give Fifty Dollars to any person who will apprehend said Negro so that I get him a gain.

If he is taken out of the District of Columbia, or state of Maryland, I will pay One Hundred Dollars, if he is secured so that I get him, and will pay all reasonable travelling expenses if brought home to me.

THOMAS SNOWDEN.

The editors of the Examiner, in Frederick Town, and Whig, Bayon, will insert the above advertisement at their times and forward their accounts to this office for payment.

July 23. 6w.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

THAT the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Anne Arundel county, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Samuel Owings, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are desired to present them, legally authenticated, and those indebted thereto are requested to make payment.

WILLIAM OWINGS, Exr.

HUMPHREY DORMEY.

Oct. 24. 3w.

To be published once a week for three

successive weeks, in the Maryland Republican

and Gazette, Annapolis; the Patriot, Chronicle

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Oct. 3.

ONLY ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

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THE MIRROR OF MIRTH.

"With that wrinkled care derides,  
And laughter holds both its sides."

THE subscriber, fully aware himself, that innocent mirth, tends more to blunt the arrows of adversity, and promote health and happiness among mankind, than almost any other means which can be used, is induced to try the experiment of starting a publication which will bear the above title. It is unnecessary, perhaps, to state, that he will expect, before he commences the publication, the names of a sufficient number of persons to pay all the expenses which will be incurred, and when he assures his friends that his calculations on the score of expense are not very extravagant, he hopes the public may be the more inclined to favour the contemplated publication.

The pages of the Mirror of Mirth will be perfectly free from all party spirit, whether in religion or politics. And while the most zealous devot will find nothing to condemn, those who make no profession of religion will find in every line something to please, to amuse, and delight.

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BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued by

Robert Bond, Esq., a Justice of the peace

for Anne Arundel county, I have seized and

taken in execution, the following property of

John Chase, to wit:

One Horse, one Cow and Calf, Fodder

House, Household and Kitchen Fur-

niture, as also all

# Maryland Gazette.

ANNAPOLIS:  
Thursday, November 21, 1833.

"Mudicus G." was received at too late a period for insertion in the Gazette to-day.

The Managers of the Female Orphan Society of the city of Annapolis, contemplate holding a FAIR, sometime in the month of January next ensuing, for the benefit of their Institution. They calculate on receiving, as heretofore, the patronage of a generous community. Any persons who are willing to aid the society by working up materials prepared for that purpose, can be supplied by application to either of the Managers. The Ladies of this city are particularly requested to continue their exertions in favour of this interesting charity, by contributing, in any way they may think proper, to render the Fair agreeable and profitable.

COURT OF APPEALS. Adjourned June Term, 1833.

Thursday, Nov. 14th.—Present as yesterday.

The argument of the cases of Jay vs. Thompson, and Thompson vs. Jay, Nos. 60 and 61, (cross appeals from Charlestown) was concluded by Bruce for Jay, and Glenn and Johnson for Thompson.

Friday Nov. 15th.—Present as yesterday, and the Hon. John Stephen Judge.

No. 62, Even T. Ellicott and Andrew Ellicott vs. Thomas Ellicott. This case was argued by Alexander for the Appellants, and Jenkins and Johnson for the Appellees.

Saturday, Nov. 16th.—Present as yesterday.

No. 63, Dennis Dorsey vs. Nathan Dorsey et al. This case was argued by T. P. Scott for the Appellant, and submitted on notes by Marriott for the Appellee.

No. 63, Lyde Griffith vs. The Frederick County Bank, et al. The argument of this case was commenced by Alexander for the Appellants.

Monday, Nov. 18th.—Present as on Saturday.

No. 55, Robert Armstrong vs. Robert and Thomas Robinson. The argument of this case was commenced by Campbell and Gill for the Appellant, and McMahon and Johnson for the Appellees.

Tuesday, Nov. 19th.—Present as yesterday.

The argument of the above case was concluded by Gill for the Appellant.

The argument of No. 58, Griffith vs. The Frederick County Bank, et al, was concluded by Alexander for the Appellant, and Johnson for the Appellees.

Wednesday, Nov. 20th.—Present as yesterday.

No. 69, Jacob H. Slemaker vs. Bushrod W. Marriott. This case was argued by Brewer for the Appellant, and Alexander for the Appellee.

No. 74, George Trumbo, Esq., of Henry Noff vs. Blizzard and Jacobs. No. 77, Charles D. W. Johnson vs. Clemons and Way. These cases were argued by Gill for the Appellants. No counsel argued for the Appellees.

No. 18, Eleanor Dougherty et al, heirs and representatives of Michael Dougherty, vs. Isaac Monett's Lessee. This case was opened by Gill for the Appellants.

No. 16, Grahame and Partners, Esqrs., of Grahame, vs. Harris Pease, & Co, of Harris. The argument of this case was commenced by Brewer for the Appellants.

From the N. O. Bee.

It is with a feeling of pain that we give the melancholy details of the late dreadful catastrophe on board of the steamboat St. Martin, as furnished us by a young man a passenger on board. He says that while reading in his birth on the 31st ult. at about 11 o'clock in the morning, information was brought him that the boat had taken fire, but he immediately resolved to throw himself into the river, and used every means to induce Mrs. Willis, the lady of Doctor Willis to commit herself to his care; but that she absolutely refused, not having the courage, and that she fell a victim, together with her husband, to the devouring element.

Our informant cites a remarkable trait of heroic courageousness in Madame Meramond. That lady not being able to induce her husband to follow her into the river, which afforded the only safe alternative from a shocking death, seized hold and threw herself overboard with him. Both would inevitably have perished had not fortune thrown in their way a chicken-coop that was floating down with the current; by its assistance after great and desperate exertion, they succeeded in reaching the land, drenched with water and more dead than alive. Madame Meramond arrived in this city yesterday perfectly re-established.

Mr. F. J. Miller, who himself escaped most miraculously, offered two thousand dollars to any one who would save a young slave whom he had with him; but seeing the impossibility of any such attempt, the flames having progressed to an alarming extent, no one could be found who would accept the offer. The slave perished in the river, having thrown himself overboard, after extending his hands towards heaven as if in supplication.

It is estimated that there were sixty passengers on board—of whom it is supposed more than one-half perished.

The fire, he states, was communicated to some bales of cotton placed near the furnace. It would appear that the progress of the flames were very rapid, as the pilot had not time to run the boat ashore, although he made every possible exertion.

The boat seemed once about to have gone to the shore, which caused the desperation of many persons who in their eagerness to

escape thought they could reach land, which appeared not so far as it actually was.

Among the victims, as far as ascertained, is Capt. Bengtzen; N. Morse, Esq. recorder of our city, and servants Mr. Whiting, of Franklin, (Esq.) Mr. Easton, of Epelous, and servant; Mr. Allen, Dr. Willis and lady, of Bayos Sarah; a lady whose name is unknown and three servants; P. Stine, of New Iberia; L. Renoir, do. Mr. Miller, our fellow-townsman was only slightly burned.

Several passengers affirm that \$50,000, in bills of the different city banks, were lost.

Should there come to our knowledge further particulars of the deplorable accident we shall lay them before our readers.

## MAIL ROBBERY.

A daring Mail Robbery, was committed at Union Town, Pa. on the morning of the 12th inst. The circumstances are thus stated in the *Genius of Liberty*, published at that place. Just before day the Mail drove up to the post office, the driver blowing his horn. The Post Master stepped to the window and gave a wrap to let him know that he was heard. The driver then threw down the bag which contained the way mail between Cumberland and Union Town and drove off. In a minute or so after Mr. Campbell stepped out to get the bag, and lo! it was gone. Search was made in vain. And it was no where to be found until day light revealed it about 100 yards from the Post office, by the side of the main street. A hole nearly a foot long was cut in one side and pillaged of its entire contents. It is supposed that the mail contained very little besides newspapers.

## VAGRANT IMPOSTERS.

The public have lately been cautioned against vagrant imposters, who are going about the country imploring charity, "and all that sort of thing." A contemporary says:

"They have printed petitions pasted on muslin; which state they have been wrecked and lost their all, on a voyage from Europe to this country; others that they have been wrecked among the Turks, and their families at this time held in slavery, and they wish to raise funds to purchase their liberty. They generally have the name of the Captain with whom they were wrecked signed to the petition, and sometimes certified by a notary public to be true. They usually pretend to be ignorant of our language; although they will to some speak it well."

Why there is nothing new in all this. We have been in the habit of meeting the cunning vagabonds in every section of the country, for the last five years. In 1820 we witnessed an amusing scene with one of them in Charleston, S. C. Its relation may afford others a lesson how to mangers matters.

While at the house of a friend—a plain and blunt as Humphrey Dobbin—a poor shipwrecked devil (so he pretended to be) presented himself and his printed petition, with all the piteous grimace of an Italian music grinder; when something like the following dialogue ensued:

"Well what's all this about?" inquired our friend, hastily running over the petition, which set forth that a large family had been shipwrecked on a voyage from New Orleans—that they were in the greatest distress; that three or four of them were then suffering with the fever, &c. It was authenticated by the captain, and by an M. D. too; every thing was as snug as a toad in the middle of an oak stump. But alas! the world's incredulous! The ears of the foreign stranger were startled with the exclamation, 'I don't believe one word of it!'

"Jam petite de kong ke ong."  
"O jam the devil! why don't you speak English?"

"A la, you see—  
"Yes I do see—great lazy booby, that deserves cow-skinning!"

"Aqua my lor, retourdenes—I no speake d'Anglais!"

"Poh! don't tell me! you can speak as good English as I can; and you shall too. Why you don't go to work, if you've got a family?"

"Eh—bien—I no understand you."

"You don't, eh? Well, I'll get an interpreter.—(Exit, and returns immediately with a cowhide.) "Now, then you blackguard, why don't you go to work?"

"Aloans!—I—1—1—

"None of your stammering; answer me at once. Why don't you go to work?"

"I—I—I can't afford it!"

"You what? you can't afford it? So, then, you can make more by your rascality than an honest man by his industry! How much have you collected to day?"

"Only four dollars and better."

"Only four dollars! Only four dollars! Curse your impertinence! If you're not out of that door in less than five seconds, I'll break every bone in your worthless body."

"But ant you going to give me back—"

"Yes, you scoundrel, I'll give your back! And whack—whack sans ceremonie, went the cowhide over the shoulders of the fellow, who was glad even with the loss of his petition, to escape from the presence of his enraged assailant."

A few such examples would produce more salutary effects than all the cautions to the public, that ever was written. Spy.

## ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMON.

The late atmospheric phenomenon was observed at Lynchburg, Va. by a scientific gentleman, who describes it as follows:

To the Editors of the *Lynchburg Virginian*.

Gentlemen.—On this morning (Nov. 18) between 2 o'clock and daybreak, we were presented with a most beautiful display of electrical excitement in the upper regions of the atmosphere, probably not excelled in interest by the similar meteoric phenomena of Nov. 1802.

At 10 o'clock last night, I was struck with the uncommon transparency of the atmosphere, and brilliancy of the stars. Soon after has

engaged my attention thus called to the peculiar state of the air, I felt a slight repetition of the tremulous motion of the earth, which has repeatedly been observed in this vicinity of late.

The *Shooting Stars*, of which we had so impressive an exhibition this morning, made their first appearance in our hemisphere between 2 and 3 o'clock, but I did not notice them until about 5 o'clock. From the vast number and brightness of the meteors, the sight was, at that time, indescribably beautiful. Their general course was from the southeast to the northwest, the most of them appearing to the southwest of our zenith. They first came into view 20 or 30 degrees to the east of our celestial meridian, and extended their flight 40 or 60 degrees to the west of it. Their general motion was probably horizontal, although, from the position of the observer, they seemed to fall. Their path was marked by a train of light which was most brilliant near the point of their disappearance, continuing from 3 to 7 or 8 seconds, and sprinkling the heavens with long bright dashes of light, resembling in their form the marks made on the window, by the first drops of a shower driven against the glass. The colour of the light was generally a pure white, but sometimes tinged with a reddish hue; and so great was the number and frequency of the meteors, as to illuminate the night sensibly, tho' slightly. The average flight of each ball was over an arc of about 50 degrees. The phenomenon was most brilliant to the south and west of Lynchburg, at an elevation of from 50 to 60 degrees. The meteors vanished from sight without a visible or audible explosion, and for the most part without scintillation.

No appearance of the Aurora Borealis was observed, nor the slightest vapour of any kind. The air continued, as on the evening before, entirely placid.

At half past 6 o'clock the thermometer stood at 51 degrees. Far, the barometer was at 29 inches and 4 tenths and the hygrometer at about 23 degrees. No change was noticeable in the magnetic dip, variation or intensity. Gold heat electrometers were excited by a touch; Bennet's, placed on the prime conductor, with the cushion insulated, rose on a slight motion of the machine. The pendulum of D. Lee's dry pile was accelerated.

You must ob't serv't. F. G. SMITH.

Lynchburg, Nov. 13.

The atmospheric phenomenon was likewise seen in Boston.

The following is Professor Olmsted's account of it, published in the *New Haven Herald*:

## THE METEORS.

About day-break this morning, our sky presented a remarkable exhibition of Fire Balls, commonly called *Shooting Stars*. The attention of the writer was first called to the phenomenon about half past five o'clock, from which time until sunrise, the appearance of these meteors was striking and splendid, beyond any thing of the kind he ever witnessed or heard of.

To form some idea of the phenomenon, the reader may imagine a constant succession of fire balls, resembling sky rockets, radiating in all directions from a point in the heavens near the zenith, and following the arch of the sky towards the horizon. They proceeded to various distances from the radiating point, leaving after them a vivid streak of light, and usually exploding before they disappeared.

The balls were of various sizes, and degrees of splendour; some were mere points, but others were larger and brighter than Jupiter or Venus; and one, seen by a credible witness, before the writer was called, was judged to be nearly as large as the moon. The flashes of light, though less intense than lightning, were so bright as to awaken people in their beds.

One ball that shot in a northwest direction, and exploded near the star Capella, left, just behind the place of explosion, a phosphorescent train, of peculiar beauty. This line was at first nearly straight, but it shortly began to contract in length, and dilate in breadth, and assume the figure of a serpent folding itself up; until it appeared like a small luminous cloud of vapour. This cloud was borne eastward by the wind, opposite to the direction in which the meteor had proceeded, remaining in sight several minutes. The light was usually white, but was occasionally prismatic, with a predominance of blue.

A little before six o'clock, it appeared to the company that the point of radiation was moving eastward from the zenith, when it occurred to the writer to mark its place, accurately, among the fixed stars.

The point was then seen to be in the constellation Leo, within the bend of the sickle, a little to the westward of Gamma Leonis, and not far from Regulus. During the hour following, the radiant point remained stationary in the same part of Leo, although the constellation in the mean time, by the diurnal revolution, moved westward to the meridian 15 degrees. By referring to a Celestial Globe, it will be seen, that this point has a right ascension of 150 degrees, and a declination of about 20 degrees.

Consequently it was 20 degrees 18 minutes south of our zenith.

The weather had sustained a recent change. On the evening of the 11th, a very copious southerly rain fell, and on the 12th, a high westerly wind prevailed, by gusts. Last evening the sky was very serene; a few falling stars were observed, but not so numerous as to excite particular attention.

The writings of Humboldt contain a description of a singular phenomenon observed by Hoopland, at Cumana. It is worthy of remark that this phenomenon was seen nearly at the same hour of the morning, and on the 12th of November.

As the cause of "Falling Stars" is not well understood by meteorologists, it is desirable to collect all the facts attending this phenomenon, stated with as much precision as possible.

The boat seemed once about to have gone to the shore, which caused the desperation of many persons who in their eagerness to

be informed of any particulars which were observed by others, respecting the time when it was first discovered, the position of the radiant point above mentioned, whether progressive or stationary, and of any other facts relating to the meteors.

DANIVON OLIMSTED.  
Fale College, Nov. 12, 1833.

From the *Delaware Gazette* and *Watchman*.

Sir:—On the morning of the 13th inst. I am informed, we had a singular appearance, or phenomenon, in our region of latitude. It is said to have represented what is vulgarly called stars shooting, and that the combustible materials which, no doubt are held in solution in the atmosphere, contracted and expanded—or to use a more proper expression condensed, and developed themselves again, and resembled the precipitation of snow.

If it will be remembered, on that day, we had a severe wind from S. E. which generally causes considerable vapour to rise, and in consequence of the day being warm, no doubt much electric fluid was also excited,

and sustained in our atmosphere. Those two particles of matter, coming in contact

in a region of air of higher temperature, would cause the electric fluid to come in contact with the hydrogen, (which is a good conductor for electricity) and cause an explosion,

as also a reciprocal condensation, and consequently precipitated for some distance, when they met a much colder region of air, and cause the appearance of snow falling. I have not time at present, nor do I wish to occupy too much room to adduce all the arguments in support of the above, but leave the phenomenon open for discussion.

I did witness a similar phenomenon in 1818, in the North Sea, nearly the same season of the year, in a heavy gale of wind, and would give a much more minute description of it, if I had the notes at hand, I made at that time, than I can do from memory. It was the Captain's watch on deck, about 1 o'clock A. M. when all the passengers, four in number, were all called up to witness the grand and magnificent production of nature. I can compare it to nothing that my imagination will allow, only that, all the surrounding Atmosphere was enveloped in one expansive sea of fire and the appearance of another Moscow being in flames. When the gale of wind subsided, and fire disappeared, the Captain of the ship directed our attention to a ball of fire on the top of the main mast, about the size of a thirteen inch bomb shell, which gradually diminished until it totally disappeared.

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\* This explosion may have taken place at such distance as not to be heard by those persons who witnessed the light.

\* Witness the beautiful experiment of electricity upon a plain surface, upon which a resinous dust has been spread; it gives it every appearance of crystallization it aqueous vapour, in consequence of heat.

To the Editors of the *Commercial Advertiser*.

The Meteoric Shower of the 13th instant was a rare phenomenon.

At half past 4 o'clock, A. M. I first observed it, and continued to notice it until its termination at 6 o'clock, A. M.

From a point in the heavens, about fifteen degrees south easterly from our Zenith, the meteors darted to the horizon in every point of the compass. Their paths were described in curved lines, similar to those of the parallels of longitude on an artificial globe.

They were generally short in their course,

resembling much an interrupted line, thus

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at the middle of February, we anchor'd at the head of the Gulf of Siam. A bar flat, which extends some distance out from the coast, did not permit us to approach within ten miles. The country is undulating, and covered with trees. A boat went to Packham, a village at the mouth of the Menam River, to acquaint its Governor with the arrival of the ship, and to make proper arrangements for a visit to the capital.

28th. Capt. Beisinger, Mr. Roberts, & a number of officers, went up in large boats down for our accommodation by government. We staid at Packham the night, and were hospitably entertained by the Governor. He is an old man, with a somewhat disengaged face. We were at first very disgusted at the abject cringing behavior of all who approached him. He was on his divan, which somewhat resembled a bedstead. The natives on entering him, would squat down like dogs, and about, not daring to stand in the presence of a superior. Early in the morning we left our host, and proceeded up river, which is generally about a quarter mile broad. The country is low and goes with trees. We passed an extensive plantation, constructed after the European fashion.

After dark we arrived in the midst of Bangkok, the capital of Siam, and our quarters in the house assigned for accommodation. It is a large building

built by the Government for a foreign fact-

I remained in the city about three days.

The situation is low. The most re-

markable feature of Bangkok is the floating houses, which are constructed on bamboo rafts

on both sides of the river, and perhaps con-

stitutes the largest proportion of three or four thousand inhabitants.

Soon after our arrival, the whole party were housed in being per-

mitted to pay our respects to the Praklang,

Minister. Seats were provided for

all his officers and a large crowd of

were squatting before him, in the pos-

ture of dogs, or crawling about on all fours.

A corpulent man, and was, according

to the report of the Queen, almost naked, and

sat on a raised platform, ornamented with

ts and cushions.

our boss made a slight inclination of

head. After some conversation with Mr.

we took our leave. A few days be-

fore we left, we were admitted to an audience

of the King. Boats were provided by the

King, and we were paddled the distance

out half a mile on landing, we mounted

the horses prepared for us, and rode about

a mile in a round about direction to the

door of the walls around the palace. After

weing until our patience was nearly exhausted

we were conducted to the presence of his

Majesty. On each side of the road

walked were drawn up a long line of sol-

iers, and a number of elephants richly cloth-

ed. At length we were shown into a large

and found ourselves looking down upon

thousand prostrate figures, on their knees,

their faces to the floor.

According to our arrangements, we made the required

bow, &c. to his Majesty, and sat

down on a carpet in the place assign-

ed to us.

A perfect silence which was observed,

attitude of the courtiers, and

appearance of the King on a throne oppo-

site to us, really most imposing, and produced

a feeling of awe. The room was very

highly decorated; the throne was

adorned with gold and silver, and

was set with diamonds and pearls.

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ed to us.

To the friends of the constitutional cause

in Spain, the appointment of Mr. M. Zia Bermudez has given great offence. With the

greatest respect for their principles, we think

the appointment, if he be any thing but an

out-and-out partisan of Don Carlos, a wise step.

Of much of his influence no removal

from the Council could deprive him. By re-

taining him, there is a chance of enlisting

that influence, as well as his talents for busi-

ness, in the service of the Queen. By re-

taining him, his guarantee is also given to all

parties, that the present system of Govern-

ment will not be abruptly departed from—a

guarantee which, in such times, we hold to

be of great importance, as the apprehension

of sudden change would excite more alarm

throughout the country, and make the Queen

more enemies, than any changes which may

be actually and gradually effected. We think

such an appointment, if the services of M.

Zia Bermudez can be secured for the cause

of the Queen, a wise one, as tending to allay

general alarm.

The influence of the Constitutionalists

must tell for what it is worth. They have

acquired wisdom, we believe, and moderation,

we hope, in the school of adversity; and no-

thing can prevent a contest for the throne of

Spain, between two branches of the reigning

family.—Dividing as that will, betwixt them,

many of the adherents of the Absolute fac-

tion—from being advantageous to the Con-

stitutional cause, and the cause of the people—but an over eagerness fit the friends of liberty

in Spain to seize upon power before they have

overcome the prejudices of their countrymen.

The French Government has sent an agent

to Madrid with instructions to its Ambas-

sador, and its means probably to recognise

the infant Queen immediately. Were any other

country but Spain in question, we should say

that the immediate recognition of Ferdinand's

daughter might have a considerable influence

in her favour, but the jealousy which there

prevails of foreign interference might make

such a recognition a handle for her enemies

to overthrow her throne. The conflict between

the parties, which seems to be inevitable, will

be one more of principles than of persons, in

which each man and each shade of opinion

will come in for its share of influence. Such

a conflict is an appeal to the nation.—Old bar-

riers will be thrown down and the people again invited to assume that political power

Roberts, the acting Consul, and other Ameri-

can gentlemen.

We expect to sail in a few days in conti-

nuation of our cruise, and will visit the Red

Sea and Persian Gulf.

ASCENS, IN THE STRAIT OF SUSA,

July 24th

I have nothing to add under this date, ex-

cept that we left Batavia two days ago, and

are now at anchor here, with the Boxer. We

expect to sail in a few days for Muscat, in the

Persian Gulf.

## FOREIGN.

ONE DAY LATER FROM EUROPE.

The packet ship Surquachan, Captain C.

Dixey, arrived at this port from Liverpool,

whence she sailed Oct. 8th. this morning. A

copy of the London Courier of Oct. 7th, has

been furnished Mr. Sanderson, of the Mer-

chants' Coffee House by this arrival, from

which we make the following extracts. It

will be seen that the report of the death of

the King of Spain is fully confirmed.

From the London Courier, Oct. 7.

The news of the King of Spain's death,

which we published on Saturday is fully con-

firmed, and all the information on the subject

which we have been able to collect will

be found in another column. That event

will probably expose Spain to all the horrors

of a disputed succession. It would be hazardous,

if such an occurrence were to take

place even in our own country, to offer a conjecture as to its immediate or ultimate results.

How much more hazardous then, must such

conjecture be, in relation to a country, of the

political parties of which had the chief actors in them we know little?

It will be seen by our extracts, that the Queen, assisted by

a Council of five persons, has quietly assumed

the Regency on behalf of her daughter.

Of this lady, the head of Government, we only

know that she is a daughter of the House of

Naples, and an affable woman. From the

acknowledged influence which she obtained over Ferdinand, she appears to be ambitious,

and we suspect is not destitute of those mas-

cule talents which give her a chance of suc-

cess. Much, it is obvious, will depend

on her, and, being yet a young and untried

person, she may possess energies which will

ensure her a decided advantage. Her near

relative, the Duchess de Berri, is an example

of powerful aid, lent to a bad cause, by a

woman. The competitor of the Queen and of

her daughter, Don Carlos, has been tried

and found wanting. He is the mere tool, we

believe, of that party, the priests, by whose

means he seeks to gratify his ambition.

The late prime Minister, M. Zia Bermudez,

is a Member of the Council of the Re-

gency, and will be, if he remain in it, we

presume, the Leader of the Council. The

talents which raised him to his high station

under Ferdinand, must either secure him

commanding influence in the Queen's Cab-

inet, or his disappointed ambition will lead

him to break down that throne, which his late

master confided to his protection. He is sus-

## MISCELLANEOUS.

From the *Montreal Gazette*.

### BELISARIUS.

A ringing sound of war,  
A breath of woe and fear,  
The steady march of mailed hosts  
Swells tide-like on the ear.  
The distant banners float  
In many a glorious line,  
The dazzling gleam of battle spears  
Sends back the clear sunshine.  
The lovely morning hour—  
The blue, majestic day—  
The star illuminated night—  
Have haled them on their way!  
Colossal trees are rent—  
As by a tempest's wrath,  
The noblest things are mark'd for death,  
That bar their onward path!  
Hark to the burst of war!—  
The rival armies meet!—  
Bright swords are flashing far,  
Sharp arrows hissing fleet!—  
Hark to the burst of war!—  
To the wild, earthy cheer,  
To the rush of mailed feet  
To the iron clang of arms!—  
On flash the Vandal swords,  
Against the sun's bright bower,  
The Mass get bound—  
Like it regards to the charge!—  
They faint—they yield—they flee!—  
The Vandals reign is over!—  
Its star of fame has set—  
In a mid-gulf sea of gore!—  
Open thine ancient steeds—  
Proud Carriage, open free!—  
Sing for freedom won!—  
Sound—sound for victory!—  
The soldiers seize the soil—  
The women—tearful ladies!—  
The past—the...—bright!—  
And thousands cause to speak.

An interesting account of the visit of the officers of the U. S. ship Delaware to the palace of the Tuilleries, and of the dinner with the King and Royal Family at St. Cloud, is furnished in the annexed letter from one of the officers of the ship, published in the New York Journal of Commerce:

*Extract of a letter from an officer of the U. S. ship Delaware.*

Paris, Septem.—28th, 1833.

I have a picture in my eye, & in D—, the image of which I should be happy to transmit to you by letter, were it in my power—that of the family of the King of the French as seen at St. Cloud.

In the hasty scrawl of the 25th instant, I mentioned the cordial and flattering reception given to Captain Ballard and his officers by Louis Philippe 1st, on that day at the Tuilleries. It was not without good reason that in reference both to ourselves and our country, we were delighted with it. The palace of the Tuilleries is, at present, entirely inaccessible to citizens or strangers, save in improvement and repairs making previous to the return to it of the royal family in the winter. And aware that we could only have seen the rooms through which we were conducted to the King, we, before leaving the throne room, directed General Bernard and Count St. Maurice to exhibit the entire building in its principal parts to us.

I had no idea, till my visit to Paris, that a legal residence here could so far exceed in magnificence and splendour that of England, as those of France and Italy. We were display they fully exert the imagination of the luxury and grandeur of the highest "Empire of the world." The Louvre is what we had approached from the grand staircase to the pavilion, and through a guard-room, the Gallery of Painting and ante-room—communicates on the right with the Hall of Peace, a long gallery of apartment in white and gold, having at one end the bust figure, in silver, of Peace represented in a sitting attitude, holding a globe cornucopia by one hand, and an olive branch of the same material in the other. This magnificent and beautiful piece of art was presented by the city of Paris to Bonaparte after the splendid victories of his early career. But I cannot now attempt a detail of any one of the rooms of the successively suites through which we passed—the saloon of Mars, the hall of the Marshals of France, the theatre and chapel, with their vestibules, &c. &c.

A suite on the garden front is interesting, as that is usually occupied as the family apartments. In it is the bed room of Bonaparte on taking possession of the palace—the same in which Louis the 18th died, and now elegantly fitted in blue and gold,—that in which her present Majesty receives evening company on ordinary occasions during the winter. Adjoining it is a writing room, library, and the King's Council room, communicating with the grand room through which we entered the Hall of Diana.

On returning to the room of the Aides de Camp we met Gen. Rumigny, who is also an aid of the King and while waiting some half hour for arrangements in reference to keys, &c. for a further view of the pile in its connexion with the Louvre, had much interesting conversation with him. He is one of the finest looking and handsomest men I have ever seen—speaks English fluently, and appears full of intelligence and character.

A description of the Gallery of the Louvre, which we entered from the palace under the guide of Gen. Ballard, is not needed by you. We had spent a morning in view of its treasures before, and we only walked through it to a set of apartments lying directly the King beyond it—but until passing through it in manner at a rapid step, with the eyes of hundreds of spectators fixed upon us in full dress, I had no conception of its immense length, or the sublimity of perspective it exhibits when looked upon without having the attention fixed on any one of its numberless paintings.

The apartments of the Louvre, which are being renovated and filled with the treasures of the arts in Antiquity—the Egyptian Hall, the Grecian Hall, &c. &c., and the Naval Museum, when thrown open to the public, will

add doubly to the interest and celebrity with which it is now invested; and will constitute a monument of honour and lasting remembrance to Louis Philippe, at whose private expense they are being completed, which will be worthy the character which it is hoped will be traced for him in history.

The view of them made a fatiguing morning to Gen. Ballard, but one in which we are happy to see him take pleasure in showing kindness to us; and it was near five o'clock when we again joined our carriages to complete the incidents of the morning by an interview with Marshal Soult, the Duke of Dalmatia, who as President of the Council is Prime Minister to the King, a call on the Duke de Broglie, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and our friend Mr. Livingston and the ladies of his family.

When I took my seat, I thought only of giving you some little account of our dinner at St. Cloud; and must now hasten to do it, or lose the opportunity of sending my letter by the present packet.

We had scarcely reached our hotel on the day of our presentation, before the verbal invitation to dinner received from the King was followed by official note to each of our party from the Aid de Camp in waiting, according to the etiquette of the Court on such occasions, stating that he had the honour to inform us that we were invited to dine at the Palace of St. Cloud on the 27th inst. at 6 o'clock. A quarter to 6, therefore, last evening found us alighting at that favourite residence of Monarchs of France, beautifully situated on the Seine some four or five miles west of Paris, beyond the woods of Boulogne. Mr. Harris was of the party and led the way from Paris in his chariot with Capt. Ballard.

There is nothing very imposing in the exterior of St. Cloud, and it is a favourite more from the beauty of its situation, its galleries, cascades and Parks, and the convenience of its interior accommodations, than from any architectural splendour. The evening was damp and chilly too, and our carriages being closed we had little opportunity in the approach of the night to observe much that was around us till we drew up at the entrance. This is a vestibule paved with marble and ornamented by a magnificent stair case leading to the state apartments on the second floor, with an exposure in the direction of Paris.

Servants of the household in full livery were stationed in the vestibule, stair case, and landing above, the last of whom ushered us into an ante room of great magnificence and beauty in the painting of its ceiling, the walls and furniture; at the farther door of which we were received by General Bernard and Rumigny, and by them led into the principal saloon or drawing room, in which we were not sorry to perceive a bright fire blazing; Admiral de Rigny, the Count St. Maurice, and three or four Aides of the Generals, were the only persons in the apartment. The central window commands an extensive and beautiful view, in the midst of which the domes and towers of the principal buildings of Paris are seen to fine effect, and while admiring it we were told that in the revolution of July 1830, Charles the Xth was amusing himself with cards on the spot in which we were standing, during the hottest of the fight, little believing as soon he would be in flight from his palace to his throne.

At the end of a few minutes, while clustered near one of the windows, footsteps were heard in an ante-room, and "Au Roi—to the King," in an undertone, was pronounced by the Aide of his Majesty, and the Count St. Maurice, and in turning in the direction accordingly to this intimation, we perceived him approaching, unattended, in the full dress of a Major-General—scarlet pantaloons, and a coat richly embroidered in gold with the decorations of his rank—having his sister the Princess Adelaide upon his arm. Our salutations were received by him with the simplicity of a private gentleman, and with all the affability, vivacity and kindness, which we had so much admired on the preceding day, and after presenting each to the Princess, who speaks English with equal fluency, entered indiscriminately into conversation with those who happened nearest to him.

In a few moments afterwards, the Queen entered from the same direction, accompanied by the Marchioness of Chauteret, the principal lady of the Court, followed at a short distance by the eldest daughter the Princess Mary, and Madame Malet a Maid of Honour, while the youngest daughter, the Princess Clementina, entered from the opposite door, attended by the lady of the household who is her governess and guardian, and followed by the third son of the King, the Prince Joinville, a midshipman in the navy of sixteen or seventeen. Thus completing the party.

The dress of the ladies is always a point of some importance on such occasions, especially to those of your sex and age, dear D—, and I may as well make mention of that of the principal personages at this place as at any other. It did not differ from that of ladies of rank in wealth on any occasion of ceremony in private life. The Queen, Princess Adelaide, and Madame Malet, wore hats of white cloth ornamented with plumes—those of the Majesty being pink, that of the sister a bird of Paradise, and those of the ladies of straw colour, of light material, sprinkled with gold; the Princess Mary in a silk of a similar hue and pelting of black lace beneath her eauette like her dress; and the Princess Clementina in simple white muslin, with blue trimming, and scarf of gauze. The hair of both was arrayed with great simplicity and neatness, and neither wore jewelry except a small chain of gold round the head of the elder, with a pearl drop pendant from an emerald attached in the centre of the forehead.

Is this being sufficiently particular to gratify your curiosity? It must at all events answer; for I was much interested in the a-

miable and kind manners, intelligence and conversation of the whole household, and with the youthful beauty, loveliness and noisiness of the daughters, to make any note to my memory that will allow me to be more minute. The elevation of high rank and princely birth generally add fresh charms to every gift of nature, and throw an "aerial perspective," if I may be allowed the expression, around those possessing it, that tend greatly to an illusion of the imagination; but aside from this, I think the Princesses of the French Court, would be conspicuous for beauty and loveliness in any place of life.

The benevolence and amiable affections of the Queen are well known, and she rendered herself to all our party quite as interesting as her Majesty. The Princess Adelaide too is perfectly accessible, and contributed equally with others to make the entertainment one long to be remembered with pleasure.

All remained standing in a kind of circle around the most illustrious of the group, till the distant breathings of the sweet music announced the dinner in readiness; and Capt. Ballard, conducted by the King to the Queen, led her Majesty through a saloon furnished as a billiard room into the dinner hall—the King following with his eldest daughter, and Mr. Harris leading the Princess Adelaide, succeeded by the Prince de Joinville and the Princess Clementina.—Every thing was so admirably ranged, that not the slightest confusion or embarrassment in being seated occurred, and notwithstanding the number of officers in our party, each I believe received a chair according to his rank. The Queen occupied the centre of the table on one side, with Captain Ballard, the Princess Clementina and the Prince de Joinville, one of the Ladies of the Household and Lieutenant Macomb of Marines, on the right; and Admiral de Rigny, the Marchioness Chauteret, and Lieutenants Seton and Lee on the left. The King immediately opposite, with the Princess de Clémire, Mrs. Buchanan, Madame Malet, and myself on the right; and the Princess Adelaide, Mr. Harris, one of the Muids of Honour, and Lieutenant Magruder on the left. While General Rumigny and his Aid, and the Count St. Maurice, were at the head, and the Count St. Maurice and his suite at the foot, making about forty plates.

The dining room is a magnificently painted and lofty hall, with an admirable representation of Bonaparte on horseback crossing the Alps as a chief ornament at one end, and the table in its plateaus of gold, its vases, varied figures of the same material holding baskets and bouquets of flowers, its lofty candelabra and entire display, all that could be anticipated in the festal board of the Mourah of a nation yielding precedence to scarce any other in the world. There was a servant at each chair—one half in full livery of scarlet and lace, with powdered head, small clothes, stockings and shoes; and the others in plain dress, in the same style of full black, each wearing white gloves and holding a napkin in his hand, and all uncommonly fine looking men.

I will mention one dish only of the hundreds passed round during the two hours we were at the table—and that expressly ordered by the King, in compliment to his guests, and in remembrance of fare which he had met with in our own country. It was a preparation of Indian meal, very excellent in its taste, but differing from any of which I had before partaken.

The music formed one of the most delightful parts of the entertainment. It was the most perfect performance of some of the finest composition of masters in the art, by a band stationed at the extreme end from the table of a magnificent gallery or ball room—adding to the 24 hours it might be when they set their hour glass. On the 7th Dec. they went on board their ship for some coals, and made up a good fire in the evening, which gave them much comfort. They had a narrow escape, however, from the vapours for closing every aperture of the hut to keep in the heat as much as possible, a seaman who was indisposed, first complained of not being able to bear it, and then they were all attacked with vertigo, and could scarcely stand, until the door was opened, when the first who reached it fell down faint on the snow. On the 19th of December the seamen's shoes were frozen so hard that they could not be worn, and they made themselves slippers of skins, and put on several pair of socks together to keep their feet in heat. The ice was an inch thick on the sides of their hut, and when they went out in clear weather their clothes became white with frost and ice.

They had stormy weather till about the 15th of January, during which time they confined themselves to their hut. They heard the foxes running over their heads, but could not catch them, which they regretted, as their provisions were beginning to run short. The intense cold absorbed every other sensation.

They applied hot stones to their feet and bodies to keep them warm, comforting themselves that now the sun was about returning to them, with a little patience he would warm and gladden them again with his beams. Even sitting before their fire their backs would become white with frost, while their stockings would be burned before they could feel the heat to their feet.

Both the Queen and her daughters expressed equal regret with the King, that the Delaware had not arrived at Cherbourg while they were there.

It is customary, I believe, for the King to receive his Cabinet Ministers every evening after dinner, with each of their ladies as may have it in their power or feel at liberty to visit the Queen; and about half past nine the Duke and Duchess of Dalmatia, the Duke de Broglie and others, came in. The interchange of salutations, as we followed Mr. Harris and Captain Ballard through the circle from the Queen to the ladies of the Court in taking leave did not differ from those in private life—both their Majesties and the Princess Adelaide saying it would give them pleasure to see us on any future visit we might make to Paris.

### SUFFERINGS OF A SHIPWRECKED PARTY IN NOVA ZEMBLA.

Snow storm soon blocked up their hut, and the cold became so intense they could hardly endure it. Linen froze in an instant when taken out of warm water. The closeness of the hut nearly suffocated them from the smoke; and if the fire became low the walls were soon covered with the ice; even the beds were lined with it. Except when employed in cooking, they lay constantly in their beds. Oftentimes they heard tremendous noises like thunder break the fearful stillness of the unbounded frozen waste around them—it seemed like the bursting asunder of mountains and the dashing them into atoms. This sound was probably caused by the fracture of ice at sea. Their clock stopped in consequence of the cold, but they managed to know how the time went by a twelve hour-glass. On the 6th of December they found the cold so intense they had no expectation of surviving it. They could keep themselves warm by no resources they could command. Their wine froze, and they were obliged to melt it every two days, when a half pint was served out to each man. They knew not day from night, the moon shining brightly; there was no distinction at the time their clock stopped and they were perplexed to know what time of the 24 hours it might be when they set their hour glass. On the 7th Dec. they went on board their ship for some coals, and made up a good fire in the evening, which gave them much comfort. They had a narrow escape, however, from the vapours for closing every aperture of the hut to keep in the heat as much as possible, a seaman who was indisposed, first complained of not being able to bear it, and then they were all attacked with vertigo, and could scarcely stand, until the door was opened, when the first who reached it fell down faint on the snow. On the 19th of December the seamen's shoes were frozen so hard that they could not be worn, and they made themselves slippers of skins, and put on several pair of socks together to keep their feet in heat. The ice was an inch thick on the sides of their hut, and when they went out in clear weather their clothes became white with frost and ice.

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Shipwrecks and Disasters at Sea.

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OFFERS to the citizens of Annapolis and the public generally, a selection of new and fashionable FALL GOODS, from the New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets, consisting of:

Black, Blue, Dutch, Dahlia, Invisible Green, Brown, Drab, Olive, and Gray CLOTHS.

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Diagonal, Zigzag, Polka Mixed and Printed, Mixed, Ribbed and Plain CASSIMERES, and Printed CASSINETTS.

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White, Black and Fancy Silk HANKER-CHIEFS, HOSE, GLOVES, SUSPENDERS, SHIRT STAINS, STOCKS and COLLARS.

All of which he respectfully invites the public to call and examine.

Oct. 17, 1833. 6t.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans court of St. Mary's county, in Maryland, letters of administration D. B. N. on the personal estate of Anastasia Thompson, late of said county deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 4th day of June next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 13th day of November 1833.

W. J. HERBERT, Adm'r. D. B. N. Nov. 21. 4w.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans court of Saint Mary's county, in Maryland, letters of administration D. B. N. on the personal estate of Jesse Thompson, late of said county deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 9th day of October next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of November 1833.

WILLIAM SCOTT, Adm'r. D. B. N. Nov. 21. 4w.

**STATE OF MARYLAND, SO.**  
*Anne Arundel County Orphans Court,*  
October 15th, 1833.

ON application by petition of James F. Brice, Executor of the last will and testament of Ruth Davis, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in Annapolis.

SAM'L BROWN, Junr.  
Reg. Wills. A. A. County.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Ruth Davis, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 15th day of April next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1833.

JAMES F. BRICE, Esq.  
Oct. 17. 3 6w.

**FOR ANNEAPOLIS CAMBRIDGE AND EASTON.**

The Steam Boat MA-

RYLAND, commenced her route on TUESDAY

the 9th inst. leaving the lower end of Dugan's

Wharf, at 7 o'clock, A. M. for Annapolis, (Cambridge by Castle Haven,) and Easton, and return from the Eastern Shore on every Wed-

nnesday and Saturday, leaving Easton at 7 A. M. by Castle Haven and Annapolis. She will commence her Chestertown Trip on Monday, 22d April, leaving Baltimore at 6 o'clock, and return the same day, leaving Chestertown at 1 o'clock, calling at Corsica wharf, for the Centreville passengers.

N. B. All baggage at the owners risk.

Passage to or from Easton or Cambridge, 2.50

Passage to or from Annapolis, 1.50

Passage to Chestertown or Corsica, 2.00

Children under 12 years of age half price,

LEM'L G. TAYLOR, Master.

May 2

**CASH IN MARKET.**

THE subscriber wishes to

purchase a number of Slaves

of both sexes, for which he will

pay in Cash a higher price than

any other purchaser in the mar-

ket. Persons having them to

dispose of will communicate with him at Mr.

James Hunter's Tavern.

WILLIAM HOOPER.

Annapolis Oct. 24—(c).

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Specimen in the hand writing of the applicant

1. LAD, 16 or 17 years of age, who writes a

fair hand, well versed in Arithmetic, of

good morals and respectable connections, as an

apprentice to the Mercantile business in a

Country Store, where an extensive business has

been done for a number of years. For further

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# Maryland Gazette.

ANAPOLIS:  
Thursday, November 28, 1833.

The Managers of the Female Orphan Society of the city of Annapolis, contemplate holding a FAIR, sometime in the month of January next ensuing, for the benefit of their Institution. They calculate on receiving, as heretofore, the patronage of a generous community. Any persons who are willing to aid the society by working up materials prepared for that purpose, can be supplied by application to either of the Managers. The Ladies of this city are particularly requested to continue their exertions in favor of this interesting charity, by contributing, in any way they may think proper, to render the Fair agreeable and profitable.

## For the Maryland Gazette.

The beautiful and singular phenomenon which appeared on the night of the 12th inst., having excited a variety of superstitious apprehensions, and elicited many speculations calculated to increase the wonder without elucidating the cause, and as the subject is within the legitimate sphere of philosophical investigation, I have embodied my reminiscences for the amusement of the readers of the Gazette.

The state of the weather on the morning preceding that of the luminous aspect of the atmosphere, was unusually warm, and during the process of vaporization evolved an excess of phosphuretted hydrogen gas, with its concomitants, caloric and the electric fluid. These distinct entities or modifications of matter, when separated and combined, are permanently elastic fluids, occupying the more elevated regions of space, by virtue of their great volatility and extreme tenacity; but from the great and sudden reduction of the temperature of the atmosphere, tempest wrought by

## Chill November's sultry blast.

thereby losing their passivity by increasing their ponderosity, and being subservient to the impulse of the law of affinity, formed a compound substance, the phospho-electro calorific phenomenon, which in obedience to the laws of gravitation descended towards the centre of attraction.

Anterior to the dawn of day the nebulous light seemed to approach the earth in every direction, but when the blush of morn faintly tinged the eastern horizon, the feeble rays of the sun became slightly refracted by the peculiar density of the atmosphere, and hence the apparent westward proclivity of the lucid scintillations.

If (in chemical technology) there had been a different series of affinities and combinations, and the disengaged hydrogen had united with a portion of redundant oxygen, we then, most probably, should have experienced a gust of thunder and lightning with rain, or a few meteoric corruscations with a fall of snow.

## MEDICUS G.

### COURT OF APPEALS. Adjourned June Term, 1833.

Thursday Nov. 21.—On application, William H. Woodward, Esq. of the city of Annapolis, was admitted as an attorney at this court.

The argument of No. 76, Grahame and Parratt Esq's of Graham & Harris, Parratt, & Co., in the use of Harris, was concluded by Brewster for the Appellants, and Gill for the Appellees.

Friday Nov. 22d.—No. 55, Ducatel et al. Exrs. of Messinger, vs. Robert Oliver, survivor of John. The argument of this case was commenced by Mayer for the Appellants, and G. H. Stewart for the Appellees.

Saturday Nov. 23d.—The argument of the above case was concluded by Wirt for the Appellants, and Johnson for the Appellees.

Dorsey J. delivered the opinion of the court in Nos. 57, 58, Cumberland Dugan vs. the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the Mayor, &c. of Baltimore vs. Cumberland Dugan, (cross appeals from chancery) reversing the decree of the Chancellor, on the appeal of the City, with costs in both courts.

The court having passed through the trial dockets of June Term 1833, adjourned until the first Monday in December next.

The Legislature of North Carolina assembled at Raleigh on the 18th instant for its annual session. William D. Mosley was elected speaker of the senate, and Samuel T. Patterson clerk. In the house of commons, W. J. Alexander was elected speaker, and Chas. Manly, clerk.

## THE POST OFFICE.

The Washington Globe, gives the following exposition in reply to sundry unfavourable rumors in circulation respecting the pecuniary condition of the General Post office.

We observed an article in Saturday's Intelligencer in which notice is taken of a rumour of deficiency in the funds of the Post Office Department.

The administration of the affairs of that Department, by its present chief, has been distinguished by a rapid extension of mail routes to every quarter of the Union, and by such improvements upon the great arteries of communication as have secured to the principal cities opportunities of more frequent and rapid correspondence with each other.

By the last Congress an act establishing an unusually large number of post roads was passed. This threw upon the Department a load which with the unexpected increase in the price of the contracts for the Eastern Section of the Union was shewn in the last annual report of the Postmaster General, to amount to heavy sum, the cost of which was exclusively for the new roads, which were always unproductive at the beginning.

This heavy and unavoidable expenditure, with the cost of the great improvements before made, the productiveness of some of which has not answered the expectations of the Postmaster General, were found during the present year to have carried the expenses of the Department beyond its receipts, though it is believed not much beyond its actual credits, if the sums due to it could be promptly collected. Yet, as this cannot be done, the Postmaster General has applied himself with energy to the business of curtailing his expenses in a way, which, together with the great saving effected in the contracts just let in the South, will soon bring them within the current revenues of the Department.

In the mean time the credit of the Department is unshaken; and the annual report which the Postmaster General is shortly to submit to the President, will fully exhibit its condition, and we believe, will fully satisfy the public of the faithful and correct administration of its concerns.

## Disastrous Fire—Three Lives Lost.

On Wednesday night last at 10 o'clock P. M. the house of Mr. Wm. Irvine, at Degriffs Landing in the town of Eropus, Ulster county, was entirely destroyed by fire, and shocking to relate, three children perished in the flames. Their ages are from eight to twelve years—One boy escaped by jumping from an upper window. The family were all in bed at the time, and the progress of the flames were so rapid that the children, who were in an upper room could not be saved. The survivors only escaped in their night dresses. One of the daughters, a young woman, who was ill at the time, was rescued with difficulty, and in consequence of her being exposed to the cold night air for nearly an hour, with no covering but a blanket, her recovery is considered doubtful. The family have lost their all, as none of the furniture was saved, and their situation is represented as distressing in the extreme.—*Poughkeepsie Journal*.

## From the Cincinnati Advertiser, Nov. 19. ANOTHER STEAM BOAT DISASTER, AND LOSS OF LIVES.

We learn from gentlemen who arrived here yesterday, who were on board at the time the accident happened, that the steamboat Illinois, on her way from St. Louis to Louisville, on Friday, 8th inst., in the Mississippi river, about five miles above the mouth of the Ohio, collapsed one of her boilers, and that from 35 to 40 persons were either lost or injured. The 2d engineer and steward were among those dead; the others were passengers. Nine were buried at the mouth of the Ohio, and four a few miles above; about 10 were left at the Smithland hospital. We understand one of the gentlemen to say, that nine persons were seen to sink. The boat has arrived at Louisville.

## Louisville, Nov. 15.

### Another Steam Boat Accident.

We learn from Capt. Bogg, of the Free Trader, from Florence, that the steamboat Illinois, Capt. Bell, on her way from St. Louis to this place, has met with one of those fatal accidents so common to our steamboats. A few days since, the day not precisely known—one of her boilers collapsed, and an explosion took place, by which 23 persons were scalded, of whom number 13 were scalded to death and lost overboard. Captain Bogg has furnished us with the following list of the killed and wounded. The accident took place in the Mississippi, about five miles above the mouth of the Ohio.

Jones Tutt, cabin passenger, dead.

Mr. Jones, deck do, badly scalded.

S. Somerville deck do, slightly do

L. D. Garrison, deck do, du do

S. M. Gray, deck do, badly do

P. Hendrickson, deck do, do do

J. McKnight, cabin do, do do

D. A. Fullerton, deck do, do do

Wm. Harrington, do, do slightly do

Mr. Harrington and child, deck, badly do

Mrs. Hendrickson, lost overboard.

Mrs. Hendrickson and three children, dead.

H. Patterson, badly scalded.

James Emerson, dead.

Mrs. Walford, scalded.

Thos. Archer, do

D. Decker, a girl, lost overboard.

J. Gibson, badly scalded.

Thos. Alexander, do, do

Ambrose Garrett, dead.

Mr. McGraw's three children, dead.

Two other men lost overboard.

It is reported that the steamboat Bonnets O'Blue, on her way from New Orleans to Nashville, has been snagged and sunk.

*Herald.*

## From the Philadelphia Intelligencer.

### HORRIBLE

It is not, we believe, generally known, that rats particularly when rendered ravenous by protracted hunger, will attack the sleeping, and feed upon human flesh. Yet such is the fact; There are many instances on record of prisoners, when chained to the floor of their dungeons, and of the sick in hospitals, who have had their feet and hands gnawed off by these ferocious animals. Children are particularly liable to be attacked when asleep, and there are frequent instances of being mauled for life, or even killed by rats.

The following occurred a few nights since.

A poor woman who lives in Water street, above Callowhill, in a kitchen cellar, much infested by rats, (such is the lot of the poor) heard her infant in the course of the night wailing with a faint and interrupted cry. Wornied with the toil of the day, and supposing it merely the fretfulness of infancy, she addressed herself again to sleep. Again she was awakened, and hearing the rats at their infernal revel, she light a candle and hastened to the cradle. The sight that met her eyes was most frightful. A number of large rats were feeding upon her infant. The child was already bathed in its blood, and its face and limbs horribly gnawed by the animals.

With some difficulty she drove off the rats, and rescued her infant. An examination of its wounds, which were numerous and severe, left little hopes of recovery. The physician, however, is of opinion, that though the amputation of the arm may be necessary, the life of the little sufferer may be saved.

## From the Ballston Spa Gazette.

### AWFUL MURDER.

It becomes our painful duty to record a murder, of a most horrid kind, which took place almost under our own eye, in this place, on Thursday morning last. A black fellow calling himself John Wadkins, came to our village about two months since—and after a few weeks, opened a Barber's shop. On the morning of the day above mentioned, he deliberately stabbed and killed one of our citizens, named Aaron Case.

The facts attending this horrid affair, are as follows: Early on that morning this black fellow called at the tavern of Mr. Latlow, to 'ake his 'morning dram' as was his custom—and after he had drank two glasses—he being somewhat sleepy, without permission went into the baggage room to lay down, the boy who tended the bar, (Mr. L. being absent from home) requested Mr. Case and some other person to take him out of the room, as he did not want a drunken negro there: accordingly they took the fellow by the arm carefully led him to the door,—in doing which, the black fellow struck Mr. Case in the face with his fist.

Mr. C. then left the house, and the black fellow in close pursuit, took a knife from his pocket, opened it, and as Mr. Case was stepping from the stoop to the ground, stabbed him in the breast, the knife entering the main artery. Mr. C. went a few feet further, and placing both hands to his breast, exclaimed—'Oh God! he has stabbed me, and I shall die.' He was then led into the tavern, placed on a chair, and in a few moments his soul was in eternity. The murderer fled, uttering oaths and imprecations against his victim—but was soon overtaken, seized and bound fast, and conveyed to prison—where we trust he will securely remain until the sitting of the court, which takes place on Tuesday next.

A jury of inquest was called to sit on the body of the deceased—who after a patient investigation—the facts of guilt being almost as clear as the sun at noon day,—rendered a verdict of WILFUL MURDER by a person calling himself John Wadkins.

## From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Nov. 10.

### MARINACIOUS MATTER.

The Somnambulist in this town, of whose extraordinary character mention has lately been made, continues to attract the attention of our citizens by acts unexampled in the history of such persons. The girl lives in one of the most respectable families in town, and incredible as some of her acts appear, they can be attested by many of our respectable citizens who have witnessed them. The most astonishing of her acts when asleep, and which is contrary to the philosophy of nature, is that of reading with her eyes shut and bandaged!

To prove this, a gentleman on Wednesday evening, took with him a new book, wrote her name with a pencil on the first blank leaf, and then gave her the book in a room so dark that he could not read. She opened it at the first leaf, and immediately asked why her name was written in that book, as it was not hers. Another gentleman presented a card, with his hand directly before it, which she read at once. It is too much perhaps, to believe that she reads by supernatural powers, or with the organs of vision entirely obstructed—it is more rational to believe that the same cause (a determination of blood to the head,) which physicians say produces her disease and sharpens the other organs of her brain, memory, wit, &c. may also render her sight much more acute and penetrating than we can conceive of. A few nights since, she threaded a needle twice, and made a bag, with her eyes apparently shut, and where there was not sufficient light to see to thread a needle. It is a very common thing for her when asleep to talk, sing, and to do her household work, as regular and correct and follow directions as well as when awake. The paroxysm increases upon her, both in frequency and duration.

## SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

The dreadful conflagration at the Custom House Stores in Ireland, has led to a thorough examination of this curious and dangerous phenomenon, partly by means of judicial investigation, and partly by means of newspaper discussion. The subject has been taken up by Mr. Edward Stephens, in a correspondence with the Editor of Saunders' New Letter, and treated with considerable ability; and with an array of evidence that puts the reality of such combustion beyond controversy, although he has failed to put an end to all scepticism, as to its being the cause of the fire in question. The evidence produced, as well by Mr. Stephens, as in the course of the judicial inquiry, is sufficient to satisfy us, that many a conflagration which is ascribed to some secret incendiary, is in fact due to the mysterious agency of nature. It may perhaps prove both useful and interesting to place before our readers, in a condensed shape, some of the information that we have gleaned on the subject, from the sources above referred to.

THE FIXED OILS play a principal part in spontaneous combustion. Philosophers ascribe the phenomenon to an absorption of oxygen, which increases the temperature, and ultimately produces combustion.

Linseed oil mixed with lamp-black, or with any light kind of charcoal, and with wool, cotton, flax, hemp, or other vegetable substances, after some time, burns spontaneously, and at length bursts into flame. Waste cotton used to wipe oil from machinery, has been observed to take fire, after having been thrown aside for a few hours, and many calamitous fires in cotton mills, may doubtless be traced to such an origin.

Rags, impregnated with oil, or even laid by in a damp state, are a prolific source of spontaneous combustion, and occasion a danger to be vigilantly guarded against, both in private houses and paper mills. Moisture, without oil, is also an agent of such combustion in vegetable substances, and hay-stacks, as well as rags, are said to have taken fire from this source.

The Russian Government, in consequence of the destruction by fire of a frigate in the harbour of Cronstadt, in the year 1781, and of a large Hemp Magazine, in the same year, and of a slight fire in another Frigate, the following year, instituted a very strict examination of the subject. On the occasion of the last accident, it was ascertained that several parcels of matting, tied with pack thread, in which the soot of burnt fir-wood had been mixed with oil, for painting the ship, had been lying for a considerable time on the floor of the cabin whence the fire issued. An experiment was immediately made to test the sufficiency of such a cause of the conflagration. Forty pounds of fir-wood soot were well soaked in about thirty-five pounds of hemp oil varnish, and the whole wrapped in a mat, and put in a close cabin. In about 16 hours it gave out smoke, and when the air was admitted, the whole burst into a flame. The experiment was repeated with linen, and smaller quantities of soot and varnish, with like success. In both instances, the soot or rags struck Mr. Case in the face with his fist.

The presence of lamp black or any other spontaneous matter is not necessary, although it promotes the inflammability of rags or cotton, soaked in any farina, rags or linseed oil will take fire, in hot weather or when closely shut up.

In Lancashire, in July, 1794, a bale of yarn of 120 pounds, accidentally soaked in rape oil, remaining in a warehouse, spontaneously burst into a violent flame.—Wool, or woolen yarn, dressed with oil, (which is generally rape oil) is subject to like combustion. This species of combustion is generally preceded by the emission of smoke and of a nauseous smell.

Farinaceous matter of other kind has been known to produce combustion. Rye flour, parched till of the colour of coffee, wrapped up in a linen cloth, has been found to heat violently and destroy the cloth. Wheat flour, when heated in large quantities, and highly dried, has been known to take fire in powder mills. Roasted coffee, chocolate nuts, French beans, lentils, &c. also have the property of inflammation spontaneously.

Moisture without oil, will ignite wool, and inflame cotton. Several tons of wool, collected for export to England in St. John's (Newfoundland,) on which snow had fallen, and into the body of which it had penetrated on melting, gave out smoke, and upon removing the surface to the depth of about two feet, a mass of red fire was discovered. Like instances in cotton, rags are numerous.—Mr. Stephens concluded one of his letters thus:

"Keeping in view the well known tendency of old damp and unsoiled high or cotton rags to heat, scorch, and finally ignite, perhaps the public may arrive without much difficulty at the true cause of fire in the Custom House stores. High Sheriff Lynden, who was actually in the free store during the conflagration, declares his belief, and in this he is supported by the police, sub-constables, and the mate of the Thames (who first saw the fire) that it broke out in the first loft, on the spot where it has been ascertained, that a number of bales of linseed oil from Hamburg were stored. These had been lying in other parts of the bonded store since 1829, during the last four years, their wrappers had decayed, and the store porters and others wiped their hands unconcernedly on the protruding rags, till at last the manager, very properly, had them removed for safety, into the place called the 'Sacuum sanctorum,' where the fire found them. If one of them by exposure at a broken window, or otherwise, happened to absorb as much moisture as would at length suffice to promote the destructive heating of the contents, the consequences can easily be calculated without having recourse to the supposition of the hand of an incendiary, wilfully applying the torch."

It is somewhat remarkable, that Sir Edmund Davy, Professor of Chemistry to the Royal Dublin Society, who was examined in reply to Mr. Oldham, of the Bank of Ireland, (who testified to several instances of spontaneous inflammation, within his personal knowledge, of cotton rags employed in wiping the plates from which the Bank notes were printed,) carried his scepticism so far, as to cast doubt on the whole theory of spontaneous combustion.

Public opinion seems not to have been satisfied on the natural origin of the fire, as Mr. Stephens alludes to a large reward just offered for the discovery of the incendiary.

## Charleston Courier.

### THE LOST FOUND.

It will be recollectcd that we mentioned in our paper of the 29th ult. that a Mrs. Green and child had been lost a number of days in the woods near Fort Covington, and that a search was about to be made for them. This search resulted in their discovery, but in the most heart-rending and distressed condition imaginable. The poor woman wandered about from place to place, distracted by the piteous cries of her infant, and the distressing demands of hunger, for six days without food, without shelter, without clothes sufficient to protect her from the autumnal frost, until exhausted nature sunk beneath the complicated miseries she was called to suffer.

ember too, a phenomenon of this kind place near Constantinople, when, as apophanes and others relate, 'the sky appeared to be on fire.' A black dust was detected. A fall, exactly similar, took place, Canada, between the 2nd and 4th of July, 1810. In 1810, 'inflamed substances' fell around lake Van, in America, which cleft the water of a blood colour, and cleft earth in various places. On the 5th of October, 1819, a like phenomenon was seen in Monroe; and history furnishes many more. In all these cases a deposit was in most instances so plentiful as to admit of chemical analysis. Since the account was written we met with the following account of a phenomenon which was seen in China, on the 19th of November, 1799, with various accounts, we are inclined to class that of Wednesday, though some of the accounts which we have heard do not authorize this classification.

On the 12th of November, 1799, there was a very remarkable exhibition of shooting stars at Cumana, in South America, and over the West India Islands. The following account of it is from the pen of a gentleman who witnessed it. He says, 'I was called up about three o'clock in the morning, to see the shooting stars, as it is called. The morning was grand and awful. The whole heavens appeared as if illuminated with sky lights, which disappeared only by the light of the sun after day-break. These meteors were as numerous as the stars, flying in every direction except from the earth, and which they all inclined more or less, towards the vessel we were in, so that I was in actual expectation of their falling on us.' A correspondent of the same paper thus morally moralizes on the subject: 'After having enjoyed for some consideration this magnificent scene, I fell into a singular train of thought. I saw in the Heaven a happy illustration of the world of mankind. Some of these shooting stars were clearly perceptible, and consequently their way could with difficulty be marked by eye; others started with great brilliancy, gradually sunk away into obscurity; and others again started in comparative obscurity, exhibited a magnificent trail, and disappeared in a halo of glory. Thus, I thought, with men. Some pass through life without building around them one ray of intellectual, or moral, or religious light; their whole way is one of obscurity, and in darkness disappear; others start with brilliancy, in their progress they become more obscure, until at last their course is no longer to be traced, and unknown they expire; others gain power in gathering strength and scatter light around them as they advance, and give the world amidst.'

'An unclouded blaze of living light.'

The contemplation of this morning's scene instigated another truth. There are powers of intellect and sources of feeling reposing in man, of which he is perfectly unconscious; these will continue to sleep in the unexplored recesses of his nature, until some powerful object shall call them forth. Many a man has wondered at the sudden springing up of the new feelings of his bosom, while contemplating the sublime in nature or beautiful in art. The phenomenon of this morning called into activity admiration that reached the sublimity of the scene, and produced emotions that filled the bosom with the best enjoyment.

There is a force of thought and a power of logic connected with the spirit of man which the world of spirits alone will be found adequate to exhaust; and when man shall have entered the world beyond the grave, he will find that he is in possession of powers adequate to the admiration of the grandeur of God, and of feelings capable of receiving the rewards of heaven.'

#### COLUMBIA, (Md.) Nov. 9. RETURN OF THE SANTA FE TRADERS.

About one hundred of our fellow-citizens have, within a few days past returned to their homes in this and the adjacent counties, from Santa Fe, in New Mexico. They have brought with them, we understand, from eighty to one hundred thousand dollars in specie, besides a large quantity of furs, mules, &c. the value of which we have not heard stated, but will, undoubtedly, produce a large sum. We are pleased to learn that the traders met with no molestation from the Indians on the route, and that they have generally made profitable adventures.

This trade which is principally carried on by the citizens of the Western part of Missouri, has now become of considerable importance. Specie, furs, mules, &c. are annually brought from that country to a very large amount.

#### HPDROPHOBIA.

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The German papers continue to declare, that the Emperor of Austria is to assume the title of Emperor of Germany, and is to have an interview with the German Princess at Lintz or Vienna, and that a Congress of Ministers is to be held in the Austrian capital, as was stated in our former advices. A conflict in which some blood was shed, took place between the military and the inhabitants of Durchein in Bavaria, on the 28th of September.

On the arrival of the Emperor of Russia at Modlin, a deputation from Warsaw waited upon him, but he refused to receive them; declaring that he came merely to see his army, but would not return to Warsaw, until the inhabitants had re-established themselves in his good opinion.

There is nothing of interest from France. The King and Queen of Belgium were to visit Paris on the 16th of October, and were to remain a month in that capital.

Madrid, Sunday, Sept. 29. Bulletin of the 29th, in the afternoon, transmitted to the Secretary of State.

My Lord,—I enclose to your excellency the official part of the bulletin which was forwarded to me by the physicians of the King's Household, announcing to me the decease of the King our Sovereign; and as that fatal and painful event must be announced to the public I beg your Excellency to have it inserted in the Gazette. May God preserve you many years:

'At the palace, Sept. 29.

'To his excellency the Duke of Hijar.'

The official part of said despatch is to the following effect:

My Lord at the moment we announced, yesterday, to your excellency, the situation of the king our master, no material alteration was observed, but his state of debility continued. This morning we found his majesty's right hand paralysed; and although that symptom appeared to be confined to the arm, we nevertheless remarked a fatal obstruction in the lungs. We then applied blisters to his breast, and two others to his lower extremities, in addition to those which had been several days previously applied to those parts, and to the back of his neck. We remained for some time by his majesty's bedside, and saw him eat as on the preceding days. We left him in the company of her majesty, the Queen in order to allow him to take a little rest, according to his habit; but within a quarter to three o'clock his majesty experienced an attack of apoplexy which, in less than five minutes terminated so precious an existence. God may keep you, &c.

JAMES S. OWENS, Ex'r.

Sept. 29.

ROYAL DECREES.

'Within a quarter to three, on this day, it hath pleased God to call him the soul of our dear and beloved husband, King Ferdinand who now enjoys celestial bliss; and a Queen Regent (*Gobernadora*) during the minority of my august daughter, Donna Isabella II., I advise the Council of it, with the grief I naturally feel for so sad an event, in order that the necessary measures, under existing circumstances, may be taken.'

(Signed with my Royal hand.)

'At the palace, Sept. 29.

'To the Duke President of the Royal Council.'

OTHER DECREES.

'As Queen Regent of these Relms during the minority of my beloved daughter, Queen Donna Isabella II., and in order that the affairs of the state may not suffer from the death of my dear and beloved husband, my Lord King Ferdinand, who now enjoys celestial bliss, I do, as Queen Regent, and in the name of my dear daughter Queen Donna Isabella II., confirm all and every one of them in their respective functions, and order them to continue therein, giving peace and ministering justice to my people, over whom they exercise power. My will is that it should be so, and that you communicate it to those whom it may concern.'

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To Don Francisco de Zera Bermudez.'

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

## LINES BY THE LAKE SIDE.

BY BISHOP DOANE.

This placid lake, my gentle girl,  
Be emblem of thy life,  
As full of peace and purity,  
As free from storm and strife,  
No ripple on its tranquil breast  
That dies not with the day;  
No pebble in its darkest depths,  
But quivers in its ray.  
And see, how every glorious form  
And pageant of the skies,  
Reflected from its glistening face,  
A mirror's image lies,  
So be thy spirit ever pure,  
To God, to virtue given!  
And thought, and word and action, bear  
The imagery of heaven!

*From the New England Magazine.*

## THE SHETLAND WIDOW.

In consequence of the gale which, in the autumn of 1812, wrecked so many unfortunate Shetland fishermen, their widows were obliged to supply their places in the boats to save their families from famine.

'Aye, lend thine hand, my son, to push  
The skiff from the shore;  
For I must risk thy father's place  
To fly the feathered nest;  
An' out upon the faultless sea  
Must thou my little stricken be,  
And then wilt trim the sail, and steer  
Head land and low reef by;  
And mark where sunken rocks beneath  
The deeper water lie.  
Small skill, I know, my son is thine—  
But yet, alas! still less is mine.  
My weak heart trembles, thus to see  
Our cot no longer stand,  
And view the lessening winding shore,  
Like a faint line afar.  
My bairns shall I e'er see you more,  
Or tread again that flying shore?  
Mother, then we'll see blue waves break  
An' sparkle in the sun!  
And we'll take bark shall moor  
Ere yet the day is done.  
So smiled the sea, very day,  
That last, thy father went away.  
But inland, ere the sun-mews veer—  
I fear I burry'n night!  
Glad I could sleep beneath its waves,  
But could not see them die.  
How near these wailing storm birds keep,  
And o'er the rough heaving billows sweep!  
'Nay, courage, mother, never before  
Wast thou morn'd in thy bairns,  
For often thine eyes teared to stern,  
The stormy sea to play.  
And rest thee on thine auld—the gale  
With gentle breathing fills the sail,  
And o'er the crested ocean waves  
O'er shall easily ride,  
As o'er the breakers and the surf  
We see you sea-taught glide.  
And he who guides the sea-bird thus  
Will surely mother think on us.'  
'God bless thee, boy thou art my stay,  
While I shud comfort thee!  
The widow and the orphan's God,  
Is he who rules the sea.  
And I will trust his power to guide  
Our shipward o'er the tide.'

## THE POST MORTEM COGITATIONS OF THE LATE POPULAR MR. SMITH.

I died on the 1st of April 1823, and if the reader will go to the parish church of Smithton, ask the sexton for the key, and, having gained admission, if he will walk up the left-hand side aisle, he will perceive my family pew, beneath which is my family vault, where my mortal remains are now reposing; and against the wall, over the very spot where I used to sit every Sunday, he will see a very handsome white marble monument; female figure is represented in an attitude of despair, weeping over an urn, and on that urn is the following inscription:

"Sacred  
to the memory  
of  
ANTHONY SMITH, Esq.,  
of Smithton Hall,  
who departed this life  
on the 1st of April, 1823.

The integrity of his conduct and the amiability of his temper endeared him to a wide circle of friends; he has left an inconsolable Widow, and by her this Monument is erected."

The gentle reader may now pretty well understand my position when alive; popularity had always been my sin, and my wealth and situation in society enabled me to attain what I so ardently desired. At county meetings—at the head of my own table—among the poor of the parish—I was decidedly popular, and the name of Smith was always breathed with a blessing or commendation. My wife adored me; no wonder therefore, that at my demise she erected a monument to my memory, and designated herself in all the lasting durability of marble, a worthy soliloquial Widow. I had a presentiment that I should not be long lived; but this rather increased my thirst for popularity; and feeling the improbability of my living very long in the sight of Mrs. Smith, and my many dear friends, I was the more anxious to live in their hearts. Nothing could exceed my anxiety; my life was one smile, my sayings were consolatory, my doings benevolent, my questions cheerful, my answers affirmative. I was determined that my will, unlike most wills, should be satisfactory to every body. I silently studied the wants and wishes of those around me, and endeavoured to arrange my leavings so that each legatee should hereafter breathe my name with a blessing, and talk of 'that dear good fellow Smith,' always, at the same time bearing recourse to a pocket handkerchief. I perpetually sat for my picture, and I gave my resemblance to all the dear friends who were hereafter to receive the benefit of my dying gift.

So far I have confined my narrative to the probabilities of every-day life; what I have now to relate may strike some of my readers as less probable, but nevertheless, it is not less true. I wish however not only to attain a degree of popularity

which should survive my brief existence, I panting, though rather softened evidences of my popularity.

TAX TRAIL. What a brief period to look back upon! What an age in perspective!

How little do we dream that which is certain

not to befall us for ten years! Yet how swift

ly to all of us will ten years seem to fly!

What changes, too, will ten years bring to all!

You schoolboy of ten, with his toys and his noise, will be the lover of twenty!

The man now in the prime of life will, in ten years,

see Time's snow mingling with his dark and

glossy curls! And they who now are old—

the kind, the cheerful, looking as we say, so

much younger than they really are—will ten years bring to them?

The ten years of my sepulchral slumber

passed away, and the day arrived for my second and last peep at my disconsolate widow

and wide circle of affectionate friends.

The monument already mentioned opened

its ponderous and marble jaws for the last

time, and invisibly I glided to the gates of my old domain.

The old Doric lodge had been pulled down, and a Gothic one, all thatch

and rough poles, little windows and creepers,

(a sort of cottage gone mad,) had been erected in its stead.

I entered, and could not find

my way to my own house; the road had been turned, old trees had been felled, and new

plantations made; roads had been filled up,

and lakes had been dug; my own little 'Tem-

ple to Friendship,' was not to be found, but a

temple dedicated to the blind god had been

erected in a conspicuous situation.—'Ah!' thought I, 'her love is a buried love, but not the less dear.' To me—to her dear departed

—to her 'sainted Anthony,'—this temple has been dedicated!

So entirely was the park changed that I did

not arrive at the mansion until the hour of dinner.

There was a bustle at the hall door,

servants were assembled in gay liveries, car-

riages were driving up and setting down, and

lights gleamed from the interior.—'A dinner

party—no harm in that, on the contrary I

desire it fortunate. Doubtless my widow,

in the sober grey of ameliorated mourn-

ing, had summoned round her the best and

the dearest of my friends, and though their

griefs were naturally somewhat mellowed by

time, they remembered me in their calm yet

cheerful circle, and I only breathed my name!

Unseen I passed into the dining room—all

that I beheld was new to me—the house had

been new built on a grander scale—and the

furniture was magnificent! I cast my eyes

round the table, where the guests were now

assembled. Oh! what bliss was mine! At

the head sat my widowed wife, all smiles, all

loveliness, all pink silk and flowers—not so

young as when I last beheld her, but very

handsome, and considerably fatter. At the

foot (oh! what a touching compliment to me!) sat one of my oldest, dearest, best of friends,

Mr. Mitts, the son of a baronet who resided

in my neighbourhood: his father too was there,

with his antiquated lady, and the whole circle

was formed by persons whom, living, I had

known and loved. My friend at the bottom

of the table did the honours well, (though he

omitted to do what I think he ought to have

done—drink to my memory,) and the only

thing that occurred to startle me before the

removal of dinner was my widow's calling

him 'my dear.' But there was something

gratifying even in that, for it must have been

of me she was thinking; it was a slip of the

tongue, that plainly showed the fond yearning

of the widowed heart.

When the dessert had been arranged on the

table, she called to one of the servants, saying,

'John, tell Muggins to bring the children.'

What could she mean? who was Mug-

gins? and what children did she wish to be

brought? I never had any children! Presently

the door flew open, and in ran eight noisy,

healthy, beautiful brats. The younger ones

congregated round the hostess; but the two

eldest, both fine boys, ran to Mr. Mitts, at

the bottom of the table, and each took posse-

sion of a knee. They both strongly resem-

bled Mitts; and what was my astonishment

when he exclaimed, addressing my widow,

'Mary, my love, may I give them some o-

ranges?' What could he mean by 'Mary, my love?' a singular mode of addressing a deceased friend's relish! But the mystery was soon ex-

plained. Sir Marmaduke Mitts filled his glass,

and after insisting that all the company should

follow his example, he said to his son, 'This

is your birthday, Jack; here's your health,

my boy, and may you and Mary long live hap-

py together! Come, my friends, the health of

Mr. and Mrs. Mitts.'

So then, after all, I had come out on an ex-

ceeding cold day to see my widow doing the

honours as Mrs. Mitts.'

'When is your birth-day?' said Sir Mar-

maduke to his daughter-in-law.

'In June,' she replied; but I have not been

in the habit of keeping birthdays till lately;

I did not the less appreciate my widow's sen-

sibility.

On the village green the idle boys played

cricket; they moun't me not—but what of that

a boy will skip in the rear of his grandmother's funeral.

The village butcher stood dis-

sconsolately at the door of his shop, and said

to the village baker, who was despondingly

passing by. 'Dull times these, neighbour Bonebread! dull times.' Ah! we miss the good

old days! We cannot always command perfection; poor Mr. Smith meant well, but every man

cannot be a Mitts.' She smiled and nodded

down the table; Mr. Mitts looked, as well he

might, particularly pleased; and then the la-

dies left the room.

'Talking of Smith,' said Sir Marmaduke,

'what aretched fate he had, poor man!

This place was quite thrown away upon him,

he had no idea of its capabilities.'

'No,' replied a gentleman to whom I had

bequeathed a legacy—with the best inten-

tions in the world, Smith was really a very

odd man.'

'His house,' added another, who used to

dine with me three times a week, 'was never

so thoroughly agreeable—it was not his fault,

poor fellow!'

'No, no,' said a very old friend of mine,

at the same time taking snuff from a gold box which had been my gift, he did every thing for the best; but between ourselves, Smith was a bore.

'It is well,' said Mr. Mitts, 'that talking of him has not the effect which is attributed to talking of another invisible personage! Let him rest in peace for, if it were possible that he could be reanimated, his re-appearance here to claim his goods and chattels, and above all, his wife, would be attended with rather awkward consequences.'