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## POETICAL.

FROM THE TROT SENTINEL.

CONSTANCE.

In ancient times, when trees and flowers  
And fairies dwelt together,  
And in friendly chit-chat spent the hours  
Of peaceful summer weather.  
  
One day in June, the sun shone out  
On a garden all in bloom,  
Where the lovely children of Flora met  
In their gladiolas and perfume.  
  
On thy wing right merrily  
A lovely little fly,  
From blossom to blossom flitted about  
Like the morning hawk so gay.  
  
Saw the fairy to a full blown rose,  
And the clouds arise, and a storm comes on,  
Will you shelter and love me still?"  
  
An angry blush the rose o'erspread—  
"Can you doubt me?" she replied—  
But the fairy flew to another rose—  
"O fly fair!" she cried,  
"If the clouds arise and the storms come on,  
Will you shelter and love me still?"  
  
More pale with sorrow the fly grew—  
"Could I change, through good or ill?"  
  
"Will the tulip shelter and love me still?"  
Said the fly, "should a storm arise?"  
"You're the first that ever doubted me,"  
With a bow, the flower replies.  
  
Well pleased with the love of her blooming  
friends,  
The fairy onward flew—  
And reviled away in careless joy.  
"Fill she thought of the violet blue,  
Beneath the broad green leaves it lay  
Unseen and almost forgot,  
And but for its sweetness breathing out,  
The fairy had deemed it not.  
  
"Oh violet—would you shelter me,  
Should storm come on?" said the fly—  
"You've known me long," said the modest  
flower.  
  
I have sheltered you ere to-day,  
When fewer flowers were o'er the plain—  
You scarce remember me now;  
But let that pass—yet try my truth,  
Should the storm and tempest blow?"  
  
The fairy clapped her silvery wings—  
And off in a moment the sky grew black,  
With rainclouds over-spread.  
And the fairy flew to her friend the rose,  
"Now shelter and love me still;"  
"Alas!" said the rose, "I can scarce defend  
My own fair buds from ill—  
  
But the fly's cup is deep—and on  
The poor little fairy pressed,  
"O fair! the storm has wet my wings,  
Pray take me to your breast!"  
  
"If I open my cup, the rain will spoil  
My seeds; the fly cried,  
The tulip's leaves are broad and long;  
To the tulip the fairy fled:  
  
"I come both weary and sad, to claim  
Your promise, the fairy said;  
But the tulip frowned with taunts refus'd  
Her shelterless friend to aid.  
  
With drooping wing and fainting heart  
Upon her wand she leaned;  
And sought the humble violet,  
Neath clustering foliage screen'd.  
  
The violet opened her broad green leaves  
To the weary wandering fay,  
And led her gently and sheltered her  
Till the storm was over.

But ere she went, the violet said,  
"O fair!—love but one!"  
One faithful heart that will still be true,  
When the gay and the false are gone."  
And the fairy knew 'tis the flower spoke true,  
And the vase and the bower know,  
Beneath the constant violet's leaves,  
Ever since her favorite flower.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## LAURENCE TODD.

"Twas death—in haste,  
[We present our readers with an extract  
from Mr. Col's last novel. It possesses a  
degree of local interest from describing the state  
of the city during one of the visitations of the  
Yellow Fever, and forcibly reminds us of the  
powerful and extraordinary description of the  
Plague in London given by the same author  
in his fine novel of *Rothelan*.]—[The *Albion*,

Hitherto I may say that my lines  
had fallen in pleasant places—especially  
when, in the course of a few months  
after my marriage, my brother returned  
from Philadelphia, and became a  
clerk to one of the most respectable  
merchants in the city. This was a  
pleasant re-union, and all things went  
prosperous—my thirst was thriving,  
and the time when Rebecca expected  
to become a mother was drawing nigh.  
But a sentence against the city had  
gone forth, and the angel of the pesti-  
lence was on the threshold of Heaven,  
shaking his black wings for a flight to  
the earth. About the middle of July  
he alighted in New York, and with a  
phial in each hand, filled with the wrath  
of the yellow fever, he began to pour  
out the desolation.

On the 12th of August, a wail and  
lamentation spread throughout the  
town—Rachel weeping for her chil-  
dren; then there was a hurrying to and  
fro—the inhabitants flying from des-  
truction, followed by carts loaded with  
furniture, feather-beds, and tables, a  
universal fitting. The city was for-  
saken and silent, with weeping eyes,  
sat in the market-place.

We having no friends in the country  
to fly to, and not having money to sup-  
port us there in idleness, concluded  
that it was ordained for a purpose, that  
we should remain in the midst of the  
plague—and in this frame of mind,

I invited my brother and my wife's  
mother to join us in an offering to the  
Lord. We assembled in the evening;  
it was the Sabbath, and on that day  
there had been no worship, for the stern  
angel with his phials stood at the church  
door, and the worshippers dreaded to  
enter.

The air was fearfully warm, and our  
windows were open. The setting sun  
shone in upon us, and we all thought,  
as we prepared for the prayers, that  
there was a yellow drowsiness in his  
eye, as if the glory of the world was  
smitten with mortal disease—we con-  
templated the prodigies in silence, and  
when he disappeared, we knew but  
one thought upon our knees.—It was  
my intent to have spoken, but utter-  
ance was denied to me; we folded our  
hands and offered ourselves to the mer-  
cy of Providence with the voices of  
our hearts. After a season we arose  
and embraced one another, and cried  
aloud, "let the will of God be done." My  
brother then went home to his mas-  
ter, and sickened next day, but Re-  
becca's mother remained with us for  
the night—such a night!—such a night!

Next morning my employer remov-  
ed his wife, and having in a stock of  
iron and coals, desired me, as he bade  
me farewell, to make and sell the nails;  
and my employment was making and  
selling nails for coffins. Some days  
after, three young men of our acquain-  
tance, who assisted in sitting up and  
attending on my brother, sickened.  
The families where they resided had  
fled to the country, so that none were  
in the houses to give them a drink. I  
thought they had caught the fever from  
my brother, and I felt myself bound to  
attend them; which I did, going from  
house to house by day and by night;  
but it was not with them only that I  
fearlessly (trusting in the Lord) ha-  
zarded myself; I had many patients.

In one house lay three brothers—one  
after the other died, but I had time to  
attend the remains of the last only that I  
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sufficiently proved the crime; after the  
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GEORGE WILSON, THE CONVICTED MAIL ROBBER.

This unhappy young man, now confined  
within the gloomy enclosure of a  
solitary cell, has been convicted, by a  
jury of intelligent and conscientious  
men, of a crime which the laws of the  
United States declare to be punishable  
with DEATH. After an impartial trial,  
in which numerous witnesses were ex-  
amined, more as a matter of form than  
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GEORGE WILSON was born in the  
city of Trenton, N. J., of honest and  
reputable, though needy parents. He

had a brother, who was sent to school  
at Princeton, and was educated in the  
best schools of the country.

All the family had some days  
before gone into the country, leaving  
the house to a physician, who boarded  
with them, and to a young man his as-  
sistant. I know not what prompted  
me, but I suddenly knocked at the door  
to inquire how it was with them. No  
one obeyed the summons; I listened—I  
became alarmed; I knocked a little  
louder, but still no one answered—I  
listened again; I thought I heard the  
groans and heavy breathing of one dy-  
ing; I walked up stairs and my eyes  
were witnesses with a sight that no pen  
can describe.

On a cot in the middle of the room  
lay the physician; his eyes, already  
glazed with the varnish of death, were  
fixed, and without speculation, and his  
bosom was heaving with the last strug-  
gles of reluctant nature. I spoke—he  
took no notice. I called aloud for help,  
but there was no help. On a side-  
board stood a bottle with some wine,  
and beside it lay a table-spoon. I  
poured out a few drops, and applied  
the spoon to his lips; when it entered  
his mouth, he seized it so suddenly,  
and with such force between his teeth,  
that it rang through the solemn room—it  
was the knell of death, for in the  
same moment he expired.

For the space of several minutes I  
stood immovable, overwhelmed with  
horror; but the flies settling in clus-  
ters on the dead man's face, recalled  
me to myself, and I took a bunch of  
weeping willows, which was lying on  
the floor, and brushed them away. I  
then drew the sheet over the corpse,  
and kneeling down, prayed that the re-  
ception of his soul might be happy.

The woes, however, of that terrible  
pestilence were not confined to the  
guilty race of man; the sufferings of  
lower animals were manifest and af-  
fecting. In the numerous deserted  
houses the poor cats were left unpro-  
vided, and they became wild with hun-  
ger. Their cries were a grief to hear,

for they went about in bands waiting  
for food. I gave them what I could  
spare, but to relieve them all was be-  
yond my power; they died by hun-  
dreds in the street. And here, could  
I speak of it in adequate terms of com-

mendation, I would record the kind  
heartedness of two Long Island Irish  
milk-men, who for several weeks daily  
left a quart of milk at my door in char-  
ity to the starving cats; at the corner  
of John and Cliff-street lived a large,  
blithe-looking black woman, who was  
seen every morning in the street before  
her door, dividing the odds which she  
had collected from the market, among  
forty or fifty cats. Truly the sight of  
these catastrophes were sufficient to  
cause the pitiful eyes of gentle huma-  
nity to overflow.

But there were compunctionless men  
among us whom nothing at that feast  
had moved them to compassion.

One beautiful moonlight evening, in  
September, I walked up Broadway, musing for the de-  
lusion around. I stopped near the spot  
in Chamber-street where the man in  
other times used to fix his telescope to  
look at the moon; I felt as if I then  
stood on the line between the living  
and the dead. Below was the stillness  
of death, only interrupted now and  
then by the groans of the sick and dy-  
ing, and the rattling of the slow com-  
ing hearse. Above was the usual bustle  
of street-walkers; and the wind  
blowing gently from the north, I could  
plainly distinguish the blasphemous  
mirth of a crowd at the door of a circus.  
whose interior was filled with citizens  
who had lately fled from death.—  
The sound was to my ear as rottenness  
to the smell; it was the neighings of  
Gomorrah.

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## CONGRESS.

SATURDAY, MAY 15.  
In the Senate, the bill granting pensions to certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war was taken up and ordered to a third reading. The bill to reorganize the Navy of the United States, came up for a third reading, as amended, and was passed. The bill authorizing a subscription to the stock of the Washington, Maysville, Paris, and Lexington Turnpike Road Company, was passed. The Senate spent some time in the consideration of Executive business.

In the House of Representatives, the bill from the Senate authorizing a subscription to the stock of the Washington Turnpike Road Company, was, on motion of Mr. Hemphill, committed to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union. The bill to establish a port of entry at Delaware City, was read a third time and passed. The residue of the day was occupied in the consideration of the Indian removal bill, in a committee of the whole on the state of the Union. Mr. Wickliffe in the Chair, Mr. Gales & Seaton addressed the Committee until 4 o'clock, when Mr. Lumpkin took the floor, but at the solicitation of several members, he yielded to a motion to rise, and the House adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 17.  
The Senate repealed their resolution authorizing a subscription Gales & Seaton's proposal for re-printing the public documents.

The House of Representatives resumed the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Taliaferro, on the subject of a repeal of the duty on salt. Mr. Taliaferro modified his resolution, and then renewed his call for the previous question. Mr. Burges then demanded a call of the House, and asked for the Ayes and Noses, which were ordered. But the motion was refused.

Mr. Hoffman then moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was negatived, Ayes 88, Noses 97. The hour then expired. Mr. Martin moved to consider the bill reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, reducing and repealing duties on imports, in order to get at the duty on Salt. This was negative, Ayes 92, Noses 98.

The House then postponed the special orders, and took up, in committee of the whole, the Indian Bill, when Mr. Lumpkin, Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Foster, addressed the Committee on the subject of this bill.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.  
The Senate spent some time upon Executive business. A number of unexceptionable nominations were confirmed. The only contested one was rejected, being the nomination of Samuel McRoberts to be Attorney of the United States for the District of Illinois, in the place of S. Breeze, a popular and respected officer, removed. No other contested nominations were acted upon, though it is understood that there are several yet depending which will be the subject of contest.

In the House of Representatives, the resolution offered by Mr. Taliaferro to repeal the duty on Salt, was again taken up, when Mr. Reid moved an amendment, and addressed the House, when the subject was dropped. Mr. Taliaferro then withdrew his resolution; and thus the subject has, for the present, been removed from before the House.

**Removal of the Indians.**—The several special orders of the day were then on motion of Mr. Bell, further postponed, and the House again resolved itself into committee of the whole. Mr. Wickliffe in the Chair, on the bill to provide for an exchange of lands with the Indian tribes, and for their removal beyond the Mississippi. Mr. Evans, of Maine, addressed the committee upwards of three hours, in opposition to the bill and in reply to its advocates. Mr. Huntington, of Connecticut, followed in a speech of nearly the same length on the same side. Mr. John, of Delaware, succeeded, and addressed the committee at length, also against the bill. [Mr. J. was speaking at 9 o'clock; and the House had not adjourned at 10.]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.  
In the Senate, the vote taken on rejecting the bill creating the office of Solicitor of the Treasury, was reconsidered, and the bill was laid on the table. The bill to incorporate the Alexandria Canal Company, was taken up on motion of Mr. Chambers, and finally ordered to a third reading, yeas 25, nays 17. The bill from the House, for the more effectual collection of import duties, was next taken up, together with the amendments reported by the committee on commerce, and after a discussion, in which Messrs. Woodbury, Dickerson, Chambers, Tyler, Silsbee, Webster, King, Livingston, Johnston, Forsyth, Hayne, and Grunley, took part, was ordered to a third reading, yeas 23, nays 14. No other business of importance was transacted. The Senate spent a short time in Executive session.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. McDuffie, from the committee of ways and means, reported a bill concerning the duty on salt.

The bill was ordered to a second reading.

**Removal of the Indians.**—The bill providing for the removal of the Indians, was, after certain proceedings of last night, reported to the House.

The bill being taken up, certain amendments were offered by Mr. Storrs and Mr. Test, when the debate was resumed and continued to a late hour at night. Mr. Bates, of Massachusetts, addressed the Committee two hours, and Mr. Everett, of Massachusetts, four hours, against the bill. Mr. Test and Mr. Bradish also submitted the reasons which would induce them in voting against the bill. Messrs. Wilde and Lamar delivered their reasons at large in support of the bill. After negotiating during the evening, motions both for the previous question and for adjournment, about a quarter past 10 o'clock, a motion to adjourn prevailed, and after a session of 12 hours, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

In the Senate, the bill to provide for the appointment of a Solicitor of the Treasury, and the bill for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines of the U. States, schooner Wild Cat, were ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. A considerable time was spent in Executive business; and when the doors were opened, Mr. Foot's resolution relative to the Public Lands was again taken up.

The House of Representatives acted on several bills relating to the District of Columbia, which were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow, having refused to suspend the rule for the purpose of taking up the Indian bill. Having finished those bills, another motion was made to go into committee of the whole on the state of the Union, to take up the Indian bill, but a motion to adjourn prevailed.

**Salt Duties.**—The bill reported by Mr. McDuffie, from the Committee of Ways and Means, for the reduction of the duties on Salt, was taken up.

Mr. Ingall proposed the following amendment, and argued at some length in support of it:

**It is further enacted.** That, from and after the 30th of September, 1830, the duty on Molasses shall be five cents per gallon, and no more; and that, from and after that time, a drawback be allowed on all spirits distilled in this country of foreign molasses, on the exportation thereof to any foreign country, the same as was allowed before the tariff of the 10th of May, 1828.

Mr. Tucker shortly replied, adverting to his observations on a preceding day, upon a similar subject, and concluded by a call for the previous question.

The call was seconded by a vote of Ayes 92, nays 78.

Mr. Strong called for the yeas and nays upon putting the main question, and the call being sustained by a sufficient number, they were taken, and the question ordered to be taken by a vote of 98 to 86.

The main question, which was upon the engrossment of the bill for a third reading was then put.

On the call of Mr. Polk, the yeas and nays were ordered, and stood 103 to 88.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

In the Senate, the bill to provide for the appointment of a Solicitor of the Treasury, and the bill for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines of the U. States, schooner Wild Cat, were read a third time and passed. Mr. Foot's resolution was again taken up; and after some remarks by Mr. Bent, it was ordered to lie on the table.

**Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road.**—The bill authorizing a subscription of stock in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, was resumed in Committee of the whole, on motion of Mr. Chambers.

On motion by Mr. Chambers, the following proviso was added to the first section of the bill:

**And provided also.** That the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, shall file with the Secretary of the Treasury, an agreement giving their consent to the prosecution of the works of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, from the Point of Rocks to Harpers Ferry, or to such point as may be selected for a feeder to the Canal, near Harpers Ferry, in case the Commissioners appointed by the Chancellor of Maryland, shall decide that it is practicable to construct such Rail Road and Canal along the left bank of the river Potowmack, from the Point of Rocks to Harpers Ferry; in which event, the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, shall execute their respective works, under such arrangements as to practicability, expense, and mode of execution as the aforesaid Commissioners may agree upon, or in case of disagreement between them, as may be decided upon, by an umpire to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. And if the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company shall refuse or neglect, within thirty days after the passage of this act, to file with the Secretary of the Treasury an agreement giving their consent to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company to prosecute their works to Harpers Ferry, upon the same conditions with regard to the report of the Commissioners as above recited, then and in that case the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to make the subscription hereinbefore provided, and the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company are hereby released from any obligations growing out of the foregoing agreement.

In the House of Representatives, the resolution formerly proposed from the Committee on Agriculture by Mr. Spencer, of New York, to authorize the printing of ten thousand copies of the manual on the culture of silk, was called up and modified by that gentle-

man so as to provide for the printing of six thousand copies of the report of the Agricultural Committee, of the 13th of March last, on that subject, and the like number of copies of Duponceau's and Du Homergue's recent essays on American silk. Mr. Haynes moved to lay the resolution on the table, but the proposition was rejected by a vote of 92 to 73. The discussion was arrested by the expiration of the hour.

Mr. Bell moved to suspend the rule of the House, devoting Friday to the consideration of private business, in order to take up the Indian bills; but the motion was negatived, upon a division, by yeas and nays 107 to 88. The residue of the day was occupied in the consideration of private bills.

Amongst the business transacted by the Senate yesterday in Executive session, was the rejection, as we learn, of Wm. H. Riker, as Indian Agent.

[Nat. Intel. of May 21.]

## GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

### LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The Editors of the New York Journal of Commerce have received American news from Liverpool, March 21.

A Frankfort date of the 26th mentions the receipt of a letter from St. Petersburg, which states the proposition of the Porte to satisfy the indemnity to Russia by a cession of the Principalities, is objected to by one of the great Powers, in consequence of which a cession would probably be made in Asia. Many messengers were passing between the Russian Court and the Turkish Ambassador.

Accounts from Constantinople to March 2d, state that the late Reis Efendi (reformed out of office) has been succeeded by Mahmud Hamid Bey. Two persons have died of the plague in the Turkish Capital. Count Orlon, the Russian Ambassador, has received orders to remain there for the present.

Various experiments have been made before the Royal Institute, London, which appear to establish the fact, that ships may be preserved from founders at sea, by fixing in different parts of them tubes filled with air. By the exhibition of a model filled with the tubes, it was completely tested, that no matter in what way the vessel might be thrown, she would always right, and could not sink. The lecture was received with great applause, and several governments, it is stated, have the plan under consideration. In the course of the lecture, it was mentioned, that since 1793, 373 British vessels of war have been lost at sea—and 7700 seamen had perished.

The case being, perhaps, in its violence, equal to any on record, we have thought it important to state some of the particulars, as a matter of public interest.

There must have been a great accumulation of the electric fluid,

as, in entering his body, it tore his coat,

(made of linsey) vest and shirt into

rents the breadth of his shoulders, both

across and along his body. Burned his

ear, singed the hair on the side of his

head, and, descending in a stream of

4 to 5 inches broad, crossed his breast,

then descending to the loins, divided

and passed down both extremities, and

out through his shoes, perforating them

with holes as though buck-shot had

been forced through them. In some

places breaking the skin, and scorching

it in its whole course, so as to give

the appearance of an extensive burn.

We are happy to say, Mr. Seaton is

in a fair way of doing well, though still

feebly. No injury appears to have been

sustained by any of the senses, nor has

he suffered much pain—the only organs

evidently affected were the kidneys,

which have been unusually excited,

and there have been some slight dis-

charges of blood from the bladder and lungs.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY.—[Commentator.]

From the Harrodsburg (Ky.) Watchtower.

### A CURIOSITY.

A gentleman informs us a few days

since, that a day or two previous to

the accident, he was

driving his carriage to town.

His wagon, near Schellsburg, the horses

tore took flight and started rapidly

down the hill; the driver was on foot,

and in his effort to seize and arrest their

progress, he was thrown under the

wheel, which crushed him so severely

as to occasion his death the same evening.

[Batt. Post.]

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

On Friday last, while David W. Patterson, Esq., was returning about noon from his farm, which is not more than

two and a half miles from town, he was

stopped by a footpad, who seized the

bridle of his horse, presented a pistol,

and demanded his money. Mr. P. af-

ter some hesitation, doubtless whether

the person before him was really a rob-

ber, and after receiving a second de-

mand for his money, seized the barrel

of the pistol and turned it off from him

when the fellow letting go his hold

of the horse to assist the other hand,

Mr. P. made a grab at his face, which

was covered with a dirty cotton hand-

kerchief, leaving his eyes only exposed,

by which he deranged the handkerchief

so that the ruffian could not see, and

thus was enabled to break away from

him. During the contest, we under-

stand Mr. P. noticed that the cock of

the pistol was down, as if it had been

snapped—and had some thoughts of dis-

mounting to engage in personal combat

with the robber, but concluded the fel-

low might most probably prove an over-

match for him. The ruffian is describ-

ed by Mr. Patterson as but little under

six feet high, and as having hair on a

light blue jeans coat, white pantaloons,

and white hat. It is to be regretted

that no general alarm was given, as the

other exertion made to apprehend him

we believe was made by Mr. Patterson

himself, a few hours after the occur-

rence. [Spectator.]

ADVERTISING.—To advertise in a dai-

ly paper in London for one year, costs

# VIRGINIA FREE PRESS.

## THE FREE PRESS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1830.

We have seen letters from some of the negroes emancipated by the will of Major Robert Braden, late of Loudoun county, who have gone to Liberia. Those letters speak in high terms of the prosperity of the colony, and mention the arrival of a brig from Liberia with ninety-one recaptured Africans.

We have received the first and second numbers of a new semi-monthly periodical, published in New York by G. W. Bleeker, and edited by C. Dingley, entitled "The European," an album of music, poetry and prose. It is devoted principally to music, and will contain essays on this pleasing science, biographical sketches of celebrated musicians, reviews, critiques, &c. together with new or original music, arranged for the voice, piano forte or organ, and occasionally for the flute and other instruments. If we may judge from the numbers we have received, it promises to be a most interesting publication, to those who have any knowledge of this beautiful science. The editor has exhibited a correct taste in the selection of the music contained in the two numbers we have seen, as well as in the selection and general arrangement of the poetry and prose. The typographical execution of the work is beautiful, and we take pleasure in recommending it to our readers.

Amongst the innocent enjoyments of life we think that music holds a high rank, and should be more generally cultivated. Nothing can so lighten the care of life, or so soothe the harassed mind without leaving behind it some painful impression. Music in its moral and refining tendencies is almost proverbial. The learned Baron Montesquieu has said, that "it is the only one of the arts which does not corrupt the mind"—and the celebrated Martin Luther, the great Reformer, has said—We forget his words—but he has placed almost upon a level with the brutes, that man who cannot be moved by the "harmony of sweet sounds." We have long thought that too little attention is paid in this country, to this branch of polite education, and sincerely hope that the Enterprised may be generally patronized.

Subscriptions will be received at this office.—The price is three dollars per annum in advance.

**COLONIZATION MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary Colonization Society of Charles-town, Jefferson County, Virginia, was held at the Presbyterian Church, on Friday the 30th of April, 1830, the President, Dr. S. J. CRANE, in the chair.

The annual report of the Board of Managers was submitted to the Society, and presented an encouraging view to the friends of colonization.

Mr. JOHN DAYSPONT, offered the following resolution, with a few appropriate remarks, which, after some comments, and an amendment suggested by E. H. FRY, Esq., was adopted:

**Resolved,** That a committee of eight be appointed, by the President, to draft a motion to Congress, asking aid in behalf of the Colonization Society, and the protection of the government for the Colony at Liberia during its infancy; and that the said committee shall be authorized to call a meeting of the Society to be held in the month of June, to consider the propriety of sending a deputation to Liberia, to represent the views of the Society, and to ascertain that the coast of sixty miles of the Canal, being more than one third difficult of construction this city and Cumberland, such, if at all, exceed twenty dollars the mile; although dimensions should be throughout the whole extent of our Section. Those dimensions by one foot, in depth, the Lehigh, in Penn., and are designed to afford facilities of navigation as will enable the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to supply coal to the seaboard, with all the other of communication already likely to be so.

It is now making, by order of the State of Maryland, with the materials required to enable him to a final decision between the claims as far as the one hundred required by the Charter of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, completed within five years of the commencement of their work, at least as far as the

company required to render the part about 25 miles above Seneca, nearly finished, useful to the company, a source of revenue to the company.

I doubt not, will be, time, overcome, as others have been sufficiently vexed, cannot be permanent. Our go on, and I am confident in that its utility and production, in the quantity and value of what it will bring into and create a market for us in my opinion, said to amount to one per centum, which is gained by the construction in this canals generally."

It was also resolved unanimously—

That the members of this Society most deeply deplore the loss which the friends of Colonization, and the community generally, have sustained, in the death of the venerable and beloved President of the Parent Society, the Hon. Benjamin W. HARRISON.

It was also resolved unanimously—

That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Ladies of Jefferson County, for their liberality and zealous co-operation in the objects of Colonization.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; whereupon the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.:

Dr. SAMUEL J. CRANE, President;

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Charles Lowndes, Henry S. Turner, Bush C. Washington, Geo. W. Humphreys, J. T. A. Washington,

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. Alex. Jones, John S. Gallaher, Rev. Septimus Tunstall, John T. Daugherty, Thomas Griggs, sen. J. W. Washington, Andrew Woods, John Dryden, John H. Lewis, Andrew Keeney, James L. Hanson, Andrew Hunter, J. A. Washington,

Robert T. Brown, Secretary.

William Brown, Treasurer.

The members of the Society are reminded that the time for making the annual contribution has arrived. They will please call at the Bank, and pay the amount of their respective dues, in order that a further remittance may be made to the Parent Society.

May 26, 1830.

A Brunette Bride.—A daughter of Christopher, late President of Hayti, is shortly to be married to a Prussian colonel, now at Dresden; she is represented as a very accomplished young lady, and her complexion of the purest jet black.

## From the National Intelligencer.

We lay before our readers the following interesting comparison of the relative cost of transportation on the Rail-way and Canal of the Lehigh navigation company.

The economy of transportation on the forty-six miles of Canal and River navigation, but chiefly Canal, is to our selves surprising, though justly imputable to the great width and depth, or very enlarged volume of the Lehigh Canal, which is sixty feet wide and five feet deep. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal has the same width, with the greater depth of six feet.

The expense of transportation on the Mauch Chunk Railway, is, moreover, without any charge of interest on the capital expended in constructing the road, &c. The one cent per mile is being, as we understand, designed to defray the expense of repairing the Rail-way.

The cost of tolls on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal cannot exceed, for any commodity, two cents per ton per mile, and if the transportation (as is most certain) shall cost less, one cent per ton per mile will be the highest expense of carriage on this Canal; an expense chargeable to the cost of the various commodities which can best bear such cost. The cheaper products of lumber, coal, lime, &c. will of course pay less toll than merchandise of great value.

[*Balt. Pat. May 22.*]

## Overview of the COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

Washington, May 20th, 1830.

Within a few days past, very interesting despatches have been received from the Colony of Liberia. This Colony is evidently advancing with a sure, if not rapid progress, and the friends of Africa in our country have every reason to rejoice in the success of that great experiment, which they commenced, but a few years ago, with scanty resources, few advocates, and against the zealous opposition of multitudes; some condemning the scheme as mischievous, and others as impracticable. We have conversed very particularly with a gentleman, (who has just returned from Liberia, for which place he sailed in Autumn last, as Agent of Government in charge of certain recaptured Africans,) and his statements corroborate fully what we had before heard of the general improvement and prosperity of the Colony.

Mr. Francis Devany, High Sheriff of the Colony, and one of its most respectable citizens, is now in Washington, and the information which he has given us, could not fail to excite in every humane and benevolent mind, vigorous resolutions to engage with greater energy and increased liberality in the rights of the Southern States, so surely will the Intelligencer find that its art is false in inducing it to believe that attention to general duties on the part of our Representatives, is inconsistent with a keen remembrance of the wrongs of their constituents, and a settled determination to co-operate in removing them; or that, because no violent commotion has not only gone by, but is even now approaching, and, as surely as the majority continue their encroachments on the rights of the Southern States, so surely will the Intelligencer find that its art is false in inducing it to believe that attention to general duties on the part of our Representatives, is inconsistent with a keen remembrance of the wrongs of their constituents, and a settled determination to co-operate in removing them; or that, because no violent commotion has not

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## VARIETY.

For the lovers of shocking accidents.—We regret to state, that as the Hon. Tristis Butzweil, of this city, was on Thursday evening a goose for dinner, which happened to be a very tough one, and the knife uncommonly dull, he somehow or other mysteriously hit the butter-boat, and sent it with all its savory contents into the lap of Mrs. Duck, widow of the late Quahog Duck, Esq., who happened to be on a visit at the aforesaid honorable gentleman's.—We are not particularly informed as to the full extent of the damage incurred by Mrs. Duck; but understand that she suffered very deeply both in her temper and her dress, which unfortunately were neither of them insured. This should be a warning to all housekeepers, to see that their carving knives are in proper order, and that their geese were goslings in the spring.

[N.Y. Constitution.]

**IMPORTANT DISCOVERY**—or, how to kill Crows with New England Rum.—At length the ingenuity or good luck of this ingenious and lucky age has discovered one valuable use to which the spirits can be applied, viz: the clearing our cornfields of crows. The first experiments have proved quite successful, and are reported in the Wiscasset Citizen, as follows:

"Some lads in a neighboring town, within a week past, highly delighted with the new law giving a bounty of eight cents on crows, but thinking the bounty too low for powder and shot, took the following method of testing the law, as well as the profits, by killing crows with something more sure and deadly in its effects than powder and shot, viz: New England Rum! They soaked some corn in a quantity of rum until it was saturated therewith, and then spread it in a corn-field infested with crows. The boys were in ambuscade—the crows came on as usual by platoons, and commenced devouring the corn. In a few moments the young rogues had the satisfaction of seeing their associates so completely cornered, to use their own phrase, as to tumble about in high guffaw. They cautiously approached; but what was their surprise, as they drew nigh, to find them as drunk as David's sow, and in this situation they knocked fourteen of them in the head in one forenoon! It is said the boys are still driving their profitable game; and crow prodigies over their rapacious foes, who surrender to them without firing a gun."

**Rich and comfortable.**—One of the wealthiest farmers on the Connecticut, tells the following story:—When I first came here to settle, about forty years ago, I told my wife I meant to get rich—all she wanted was "enough to make her comfortable." I went to work and cleared up my land—I've worked hard ever since; and have got as rich as I want to be. Most of my children have settled about me, and they have all got farms. But my wife isn't comfortable yet.

A Frenchman being asked to sign a memorial for stopping the Sunday mail, exclaimed with great vehemence and indignation:—"Me stoppe de Man! you suppose me one robare? you propose me one robar!"

Be sure, you no find me in such business. Stoppe de mail and go to stat prison, where all le rascal ought to be who take such disgraceful means to rob de public? Na, la fait do no such thing!"—[Nat. Int.]

**A Tender Wife.**—Dr. Moosey, of Chelsea College, was apt to quarrel with his wife. Returning from Fulham, he was overtaken by a terrible storm; a return horse came up, going to Chelsea. "Any port in a storm?" The doctor crept in with the pall and plumes for his companions. The horse stopped at his door; his lady looked out: "Who have you got coachman?" "The Doctor, ma'am." "Thank heaven, says she, "he's safe at last." "Thank you my love," says the Doctor, (getting out of the horse,) "for your kind anxiety for my safety."

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## NEW SPRING GOODS.

I HAVE received, and am now opening, my supply of

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WILLIAM F. LOCKE,

April 7, 1830.

**NEW AND CHEAP SHOES, HATS, &c.**

"I hope don't intrude."

**NO. BUCKMASTER.**

WOULD, with all due deference to the public, inform them that he has just returned from Baltimore, with a most splendid assortment of LADIES' SHOES of every description, very cheap indeed: Gentlemen's Boots, Shoes, and Pumps, of all kinds, cheaper by far than any before offered; and the best stock of Children's Shoes ever brought to the place; Lasting, Leather, and Morocco, very cheap, and ready.

BROWN, DRAB, & BLACK HATS.

Of the newest fashion and best quality, from \$1.50 to \$3.00, and Boys' Hats of a good quality, Palm Leaf Hats, very good and cheap. Persons wishing to purchase any of the above articles, or whether or not, are earnestly solicited to call and examine for themselves, for I am sure, if they will but call, they will be very likely to be pleased. I have a large stock, and am very anxious to sell.

Charlestown, May 5, 1830.

**CLOTHES! CLOTHES!!**

WE have in store, a heavy stock of blue, black, and fancy colored Cloths, which were purchased at auction in Baltimore, last January, when they were unusually cheap. We are now determined to close them, provided we can get the cost; and will receive in payment, solvent paper, wool, or cash.

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