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MRS. HALE AND MISS LESLIE.

THE LADY'S BOOK.

HAVING a larger circulation than any other monthly periodical in America.

COLOURED PLATE OF THE FASHIONS in every number.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

It was with sincere pleasure that the publishers

mentioned last season, the arrangement by which

THE LADY'S BOOK.

and the Stock has just returned from

Eastern markets, and has received

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

GOODS.

descriptions and fashion, and the

turns the markets can produce,

will be sold at auction in New

York, on credit to good and punctual

Buyers.

to call and examine his Stock be-

having elsewhere, as he assures

us, shall be waiting on his part to

His Stock consists in part of the

articles, viz.,

Cassimeres, &c.

blue, black, dahlia, brown, olive,

pink, and cinnamon CLOTHES

figured, and plain Satinets, of au-

other qualities,

and Pilot Cloths, of an excellent

Linen.

and Plain Linseys,

Ivory and Silk Vestings,

Ivory and Satin-faced do.

Swansdown, and Valenciennes.

Muslin, Shawls,

Linen, &c.

superior French, English, and

CALICOES, which, for beauty

is not surpassed by any,

figured, and plain super. Muslin,

and figured Bobbinets, and Book

Mullens, of various qualities,

worsted, mohair, and cotton Hoses,

Hoskin, Berlin, and Beaver Gloves,

Capes, Flannels, &c.

Italian Cravats,

Sokakai-kin Stocks, a new article,

Crapes, plain, and fig'd Elbow,

white, red, and green Flannels,

FANCY ARTICLES.

Blonde Vells, Green Brasazos do.

Scarfs, a new article of the latest

Belted, of extra quality and color,

of Footings and Edgings,

Edgings and Laces,

Web, and Buckskin Suspenders,

Muffles,

and a number of 8-4 Table Linens,

by Shirting,

Pensioners, Brash, and Weddins,

Domestic Cottons, of different fea-

7-8 super, and common bleached

Hoses, Linens, Bed Ticking & Checks,

Hose, for over-coats and cloaks, of a

quality,

Kid and Beaver Gloves,

ilk Hose and half Hose, of extra

Coat Laces and Braids,

of every description,

Blankets,

and other Blankets.

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

made Clothing, of all kinds and

BOOTS AND SHOES.

men's BOOTS and SHOES of all

sizes, do. do.

French, French Kid, Seal-skin,

Garter Boots, Seal-skin Morocco,

and other Boots,

and Children's Boots and Shoes of

kids.

HATS AND CAPES.

Silk and Fur Hats, of different qual-

and Boy's Caps, of different sizes.

CLOTHES, QUEENS-WARE &

HARD-WARE.

a full assortment of Groceries of all

qualities and sizes,

first-rate assortment of Hard-ware

such as &c. &c.

SAMUEL GIBSON,

Ferry, &c.

Dec. 7, 1837.

Cranberries.

just received a supply of CRAN-

BERRIES, which will be sold low for

JOSEPH G. HAYES,

Ferry, Dec. 7, 1837.

Lemons.

HOLE, Half, and Quarter boxes free

sales by

JOSEPH G. HAYES.

Ferry, Dec. 7, 1837.

Ermine-Salt.

article almost instantly removes

skins of ink, iron-mould, fruit, &c.

Muslin, Linen and Cotton goods,

the least injury to the finest most

texture—for by

JOSEPH G. HAYES,

Ferry, Dec. 7, 1837.

Lamp Oil.

a winter strain of a super-

quality, for sale by

JOSEPH G. HAYES.

Ferry, Dec. 7, 1837.

Corn and Pork.

THIS subscriber will be pleased to

balance CORN, and 50,000

POUNDS KEYS & EBY,

Charleston, Dec. 14, 1837.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1838.

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THE BRIDE'S RETURN.

FROM AN ENGLISH ALMANAC FOR 1838.

She bath her with—what in vain?

She plied in restless dreams—

Oh mother! is this home again?

Look as they did of yore!

But old the change that nature brings!

This is my home no more!

I left thee!—like the dove of old

I left thy breast—

Hot on life's waste of waters cold—

My soul longs home yet still!

And when the day is past, long

Its voice—like wandering swallows—

Never to the boughs to roost—

Yet this is home no more!

Oh mother! sing my childhood's song!

That fall like summer's rain—

On the soft grass that vanity longs—

To speak to me in secret—

Spent comfort to me, call me yet—

Those words could make me half forget—

That little home no more!

Sit down! O this home returns—

Long years since—since I left—

I left the world—left home—

My heart hasten'd—like a madman—

Mine eyes will tear us o'er!

Thought with my mother!—Oh! it seems—

Like home—our home, once more!

The home that I left—

FREE PRESS.

PUBLISHED, WEEKLY, AT
TWO DOLLARS & FIFTY CTS
PER ANNUM.

Payable half yearly; but Two Dollars will be paid in full, if paid entirely in advance. Whenever payment is deferred beyond the expiration of the year, interest will be charged.

Subscriptions for six months, \$1.25, to be paid invariably in advance.

ADVERTISING.

The terms of advertising are for a square or less, \$1, for three insertions, larger ones in the same proportion. Each continuous ad costs per square.

All advertisements not ordered for specific time, will be continued until furnished and charged accordingly.

VARIETY.

INNATE ANTIPATHY.—Several of the papers have stated that in Vermont there is, or lately was, a young man who could not speak to his father! Previous to his birth, some misunderstanding arose between his parents, under which the wife refused to speak to her husband. This child, born after their reconciliation, began to talk in due time, and without difficulty, excepting with his father—in whose presence it was entirely dumb. This continued till the fifth year of the child, the father using all his powers of persuasion, to induce the child to speak. At this time, he used threats and punishment to overcome what was supposed to be obstinacy; but the sighs and groans of the little sufferer plainly indicated that all attempts to speak were unavailing. Time produced no change; all attempts of the son, at years of maturity, to converse with his father, elicited nothing but bitter sighs and groans.

The New York Era relates a similar instance in a child about five years of age, who was thrown into an agony of terror at the sight of his father's sister. Previous to his birth, an altercation, accompanied by an assault, ensued between his mother and his father's sister, and this antipathy of the child has been exhibited ever since its birth.

The case of James L. England, is familiar to all. He was always thrown into an agony of terror by the appearance of a drawn sword. This was doubtless produced by the bloody assassination of David Rizley, in his mother's presence, a short time before his birth. Individuals have parasitism and antipathies in relation to various animals, articles of food or other things. Some cannot endure the presence of a cat, others are thrown into convulsions by the color of cheese, and others as Shakespeare says, cannot endure a haggis.—*Public Ledger.*

MARRIAGE OUTRIGHT.—Up in one of the upper counties in this State, (North Carolina,) a young fellow named Ben Sykes had courted a fair one for some years, but either was not ready or willing to put the question: She was full willing, perhaps too willing, but he never came to the scratch. At last she got mad, and swore she would marry Bill Patterson, if he ever courted her again. Bill, hearing of this, went once more put in his claim; but he was a scurvy fellow in some things, and neither man nor Dad was willing to it. So he secretly goes to R., gets a license, and that night they made off for a *Groton* Squire. In their road to happiness, however, who should they meet but Ben Syker? He had got an inkling of what was going on, and, when he met them, he understood how the "case lay." "Sally," says he, "I have fooled with you—that's a fact, and I am sorry for it. But if you still prefer me to Bill Patterson, just say so, and I will give him a thrashing, take his license, and make old Moody marry us to-night." The old love was too strong for the new. Ben gave Bill a thrashing, took his Gal (and (what he hated most) his license), which cost him 75 cents, and was off with his plunder to Moody's. The old Squier did not well understand how one man could be married in virtue of a license granted to another. Ben said he did not himself understand his qualmishness, but this he knew, that unless he did it he (the Squier) would "ketch it" too. This hint was enough for Moody, who, without much more to do, pronounced them man and wife. So says our Mountain Correspondent.

(Charles Waltham.)

Cousin.—There's nothing like a cousin; it is the sweetest relation in human nature. There is no excitement in loving your sister, and courting a lady in the face of a stranger requires the nerve of a martyr; but your dear familiar cousin, with her bewitching freedom and the romping frolics, and the stolen tenderness over the skein of silk, that will get tangled—and then the long *lal-lal-lal-* which are nobody's business, and then the long letters for which no body pays the postage—no, there is nothing like a cousin—a young, beautiful witch of a cousin!

GENERAL DEBILITY.—An old lady was lately posing over a quick advertisement, and, on being asked what news she found in the paper, answered that there was a great deal about General Debility; but she wondered who he could be. She had heard of General Harrison, General Washington and General Jackson, but as to this General Debility, she thought he must be a foreigner as she never heard of him before.—*N.Y. Star.*

Teddy, my boy, just guess how many cheese there is in this ere bag, an' I'll give ye the whole five.' Five, to be sure.

"Arrah, be me soul! bad luck to the man that tould ye!"

A hypochondriac patient insisting to Dr. Abernethy that he had swallowed a mouse, the doctor's advice to him was, to "go and swallow a cat."

A Boston paper says that a second edition of the "Young Wife" has just been issued from the press, and will be ready for sale in a few days. It will be sold at a price of \$1.00, and will be bound in cloth.

CARTER'S HOTEL.

THIS subscriber respectfully announces to his former customers and the public generally, that he has opened a

HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT.

at the Kebabtown Mills, they will in a few days be ready for the reception of all kinds of GRAIN, for which they are prepared to pay the highest market price. Farmers who prefer grinding their wheat, can get flour at the Mill, or delivered at the Depot, Charlestown, or at Harper's Ferry.

A constant supply of Plaster, Salt, Fish &c.

will be kept on hand of low prices. Saving, and Plaster grinding done in the best manner and at moderate prices.—Country work done in good order.

We hope, by strict attention and promptitude, that our friends and old customers will not pass us by. The Mill, will not pass us by.

JOHN EABLE, DAVID JOHNSTON.

Kebabtown, July 13, 1837.

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THE OPEQUON. WOOLLEN FACTORY

HAVING been repaired, is now ready for the spinning of FIBRE & SPINNING, commencing the first day of the present month, (July,) and aspire all those who are disposed to do business with them, that they are determined to pay the highest market prices for WOOL, and other kinds of GRAIN, delivered in their Mills, or delivered at any receiving point on the Rail Road, or at any convenient point on the River. From their experience as Millers, they can say with confidence to all who will deal with them, that it will be really lucrative to do business with them.

JOHN SCOTT.

July 15, 1837.

NOTICE to Particulars.

THE subscribers take this method of informing the customers of the FORD MICH & FARNERS generally, that they have entered into partnership in the

Keabtown Mills.

THE subscribers having entered into partnership for a term of years, in the large and commodious three-story building at the foot of the Court-House, two doors West of the Court-House, Charlestown, where he will be happy to receive a call from those who are disposed to patronize him.

1. N. CARTER, agent.

Nov. 9, 1837.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber has entered into partnership with his son-in-law, Charles Addy,

George T. Adams,

Thomas Likens,

John Lewis,

Adam Link,

James McDonald,

Wm. Morgan,

Wm. Moore,

Joseph McLean,

David Moore,

Jones Matheny,

Mary M. Myers,

Thomas Mathews,

Mary Ann Munson,

Wm. Miller,

Samuel Mather,

McCrory,

Thomas Mason,

Jon M. Maxwell,

John Mitchell,

John Morris,

John Mulligan,

John Nance,

John Nourse,

Hiram O'Bannon,

Col. Obadiah Oliff,

John Palmer,

John Pease,

John Pease,