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SHANNONDALE SPRINGS.

DANCING.
E. C. BURDEN proposes opening
a Dancing School, at Stone's Hotel,
on Monday the 4th of June next.
May 24, 1838.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The following resolutions were adopted by a late Abolition Convention in New York. They were published in the Philadelphia papers last week, as the rule for the conduct of the abolitionists. The resolutions are as follows:

ABOLITIONISM.
On the first day, the Convention resolved to the political aims of the State. On the second day, the Committee on National Affairs, by their Chairman, J. W. GAZELLE, Esq., reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHIG CONVENTION OF OHIO.
The great State Whig Convention of Ohio met at Columbus, on the 31st ult. Thousands of Delegates, from every section of the State, were in attendance. Much of that proceeding had reference to the political aims of the State. On the second day, the Committee on National Affairs, by their Chairman, J. W. GAZELLE, Esq., reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

MISCELLANEOUS.
SKELETONS OF CHARACTERS.
The leading article in the Edinburgh Review for April is believed to be from the pen of Lord Brougham. The following extract gives a brief and probably accurate description of the characters of George III. and Queen Charlotte.

George III. was a man of great understanding, which no character had ever equalled, and greater than most. Now, in my old age, I feel a peculiar interest in guarding the memory of my countrymen from infamy. I have assumed vast personal dignity, so in this regard I have deserved the favor of the former in the highest degree.

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ROM WASHINGTON.

ER FIGHT (ALMOST) IN THE BE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The debate a few days since in relation to a short session took place fairly and nobly, and was creditable to all. The future having the most rather freely on the disgraces of the Administration in relation to him, the latter made a violent reply. He charged Mr. B. with malice for a long time against persons who were obnoxious to him, and of railing at him, as well as a secret mortal for his personal opportunity arrived for his session.

Mr. Dunning sprung from his seat, going towards Mr. B. in a moment, demanded whether he charged him blasphemy, and denied that it was in the advertising letter to say, "The de-charge as false."

It is evident from his demeanor that violence had been used, and those around him were shocked.

With perfect composure, Repre-

sentative said, "The implication of this was false. He appealed to the House whether he was not right, and he admitted that the delegate from

Massachusetts had been sent back.

The matter ended, saying that we must have a trial, and called for support in the House of Representa-

tives, and the Indiana delegation ad-

vanced.

He remained in the service for several years, and was one of the most active and efficient officers during the war with Great Britain and Congress.

Mr. Calhoun's speech was of

an exciting character.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania delegation, and was appointed to the Committee on Finance in advance of any great changes in parties, had held a number of offices, and was a man of all executive energy, and was appointed to the Senate. How Mr. Calhoun's speech was received by the British delegation has done all that could be expected of him.

The subject before the House was

one of the most difficult.

When Mr. Benton said,

"I am sorry to say that I

have no objection to the bill,"

Mr. Calhoun said,

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and so on.

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well received.

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From the New York Mirror.

THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

BY FREDERIC.

The Lord, the high and holy One,
Is present every where,
Go to the regions of the sun,
And thou wilt find him there!

Go to the secret ocean seas,
Where man hath never trod,
And there, beneath the flashing waves,
Will be thy Maker, Goo!

Fly swift on the morning's wing,
To distant realms afar,
Where birds, in jewelled plumage, sing
The advent of the day.

And where the lion seeks his lair,
And reindeer bounds alone—
God's presence makes the desert fair,
And chears the frozen zone.

All nature speaks of Him who made,
The land, the sea, and sky.
The fruits that fall, the leaves that fade,
The flowers that bloom, and die.

The lofty mount and lonely vale,
The lasting forest trees,
The rocks that bristle with the gale,
The ever-rolling sea.

All tell us Omnipotence Lord,
The God of boundless might;
In every age, in clime, in land,
Whose dwelling is the light!

A LEGEND OF THE SEVEN TOWERS.

ON THE DECLINING DAY OF WAR WITH RUSSIA, made by the Turks in 1856, Baron Bulhakoff, the Russian minister, despite his representation that the Imprisonment of the *Moscovite ambassador* was on such occasions had been abominated by treaty, was nevertheless sent to the Seven Towers, by order of Count Yousouf Pash, the grand vizier, with the assurance that treaties were very good things in time of peace, but were waste of paper in the event of war.

The discredited ambassador was, however, treated with great civility, and was even permitted to select such members of the legation as he desired should be his company during his captivity; strict orders being given to the commandant of the castle to accede to every request of his prisoner which did not tend to compromise his safety; and upon his complaining of the accommodations of the Tower, he was moreover permitted to erect a kiosk on the walls of the fortress whence he had a magnificent view of the Sea of Marmora and its glittering islands, and to construct a spacious and handsome apartment within the Tower itself.

The commandant was lodged beneath the same roof as his prisoner.—He had an only daughter, so young and so lovely—that she might have taken her stand between the two hours when wait at the portal of Paradise, to beckon the faithful across its threshold, without seeming less beautiful than they.—

Fifteen spring had, with their delicate breathings, opened the petals of the roses since the birth of Recheli Hanoun, and she had fair out-blowned the bright blossoms of the fairest of seasons.

Her voice, when it was pausing in song, came through the lattices of her casement like the tones of a distant mandolin sweeping over the waters of the still sea—when you looked upon her, it was as though you looked upon rose; and when you listened, you seemed to listen to the nightingale.

Recheli Hanoun had never yet poured the scented sherbet in the garden of flowers. Her young heart was as free as the breeze that came to her from the blue bosom of the Persian Gulf; and when she heard that a Moscovite Gauor was about to become an inmate of the Tower, she only trembled, for she knew that he was an enemy of her country.

Terror was, however, soon succeeded by curiosity. Only a few weeks after the compulsory domestication of the ambassador at the Seven Towers, his kiosk was completed, and, from her closed casements, the young Hanoun could see all that passed in the vast apartment of the prisoner.

Her first glance at the dreaded infidel was transient; but soon she took another, and a longer look, and curiosity was, in its turn, succeeded by sympathy. The Russian prisoner was the handsomest man on whom her eyes had rested, and it was not that she had pictured to herself the dread Moscovite, the cross-legged, despotical, inhuman, impudent, the puffed-up, florid, and impudent, but, like one who is pausing with a painful memory, and at times suddenly, with his head lowered to his hand, and his fingers wreathed amid the wavy hair which encircled his brow, looking sombrely, and, above all, so frowning, that the fair Recheli Hanoun began to weep, as she clung to her lattice, and her gaze riveted upon him, and to find more happiness in strange than in all the simple pleasures that had hitherto formed the charm of her existence.

Little did the young Hanoun suspect that the love of a man whom she had never dreamt of, passion, but with all the generous anxiety of innocence, unconscious that a man reflecting that of mere play urged her to the effort, she began to muse upon the means of diminishing the unkindness of a captivity which she was incapable of terminating. The first, the most natural impulse, led her to sweep her hands across the chords of her neck, and, as she remarked the start of agreement, and seemed to listen, but he came not there alone, one of her companions in captivity was beside him, and Recheli Hanoun, although she guessed not therefore, had suddenly become jealous of her mistress, and would not exhibit it before a third per-

son.

On the morrow, an equally graceful and equally successful effort whilst the prisoner was out from his sorrows. A cluster of roses, woven together with a tress of bright dark hair, was hung from the casement of the young beauty, at a moment when the back of the stranger was turned towards her. It fell at his feet, and was secured and pressed to his lips with a respectful courtesy, that quickened the pulse of the donor; but not a glimse of the fair girl accompanied the gift; and it seemed as though the Baron had suspected wherefore—for so long he was alone in his apartment; and, when he had dismissed his attendants, he once more advanced to the window, and glanced anxiously towards the jealous bairn by which it was overlooked.

There was a slight motion perceptible behind the screen, a white hand waved a greeting, and the impulsive noble bent forward to obtain a nearer view of its fair owner. For a moment he remained, his resolution not to quit the tower until the morrow, and then he shut himself into his chamber and passed through some of the most bitter hours of his captivity.

Once more twilight lay long upon the waters, the type of the travail was

young Hanoun was ever near her lover. She had long forgotten the possibility of his liberation; and when she thus thought chaster to the shadow of the tall cypress that had so often winged their meeting, her heart bounded like her step. But no fond smile welcomed her coming—no reproach, more dear than praise, murmured against her timidity. Bulhakoff was leaning his head against the tree beside which he stood, and the young beauty had clasped within her own the chill and listless hand that hung at his side, ere, with a painful start, he awoke from his reverie.

The interview was short; but brief as was its duration, it had taught the wretched girl, that for her there was no future save one of misery. She could not weep, for the drops of anguish would have dimmed the image of him whom she had loved, and was about to lose. She made no reply to the withering looks he had brought, for what had words to do with such a grief as hers? She was like one who dreamed a fearful dream, and when she turned away to regain her chamber, she walked with a firm step, for her heart was broken; and she had nothing now left to do but to veil from her lover the extent of her own anguish, lest she should add to the bitterness of his.

The morrow came. The baron turned a long, soul-centred look toward the lattices of his young love, and quitted her forever; and, ere many weeks were spent, the same group of expresses which had overshadowed the trying place of Recheli Hanoun, gloomed above her grave.

SOCIETY.

When neighbors dwell together in peace, visit in friendship, converse for useful improvement, or harmless amusement, take part in each other's prosperity and adversity, concord in the government of their families, are enabled to excuse and careful to conceal each other's casual or accidental failings; studios not to form real and dangerous faults, who abide in their calling, and quietly pursue their own business, and meddle not with the temporary concerns of others, a blessing will attend their labors, an success will smile upon their designs. Their intercourse will be easy, pleasant and virtuous; and a foundation will be laid for the happiness of succeeding generations.

But if each is bound up within himself and looks with indifference at all around him, or beholds his inferior with contempt, and his superior with envy, if every meeting is filled with impertinent and angry controversy, and every visit employed in taunting and backbiting, if neighbor despises neighbor, and each watches for advantage against the other—if an acquaintance receives you with feigned smiles of pleasure, and friendly greetings, and debases your character when your back is turned, if every brother will endeavor to supplant, and every

neighbor will endeavor to supersede him in the worthy eminence, and dwelt alone in the earth.

A worthy subscriber in Ohio, writing in relation to his account, assures us that so convincing is he that editors, generally, get the smallest compensation for the same amount of labor and trouble, as any class of men in the country, that he really would feel sorry to meet an editor in another world who had neglected to settle in this "O scic Oceas!—Hec, Gau."

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