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Mr. WHITFIELD TOWNSEND, S. E. Corner of Baltimore and South Streets, is an authorized Agent in the city of Baltimore, to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the "Free Press," and a copy of the paper, terms, &c., can be found on the title at his office.

VARIETY.

RAT OR MOUSE.

It is said that the famous Lapponian Dow and the fact that violent quarrels frequently occur between the parties, excited the most trivial incidents.

I knew, said he, an exceedingly happy and affectionate couple, who had recently commenced house keeping in the luxury of newly wedded love, and elegant plenty.

As they sat together in their parlor, exchanging the little tender nothings of re-enforced love, a sleek little mouse ran across the apartment.

"My dear," cried the lady, "did you see that mouse?"

"I saw it, my dear," replied the husband, "but it was a rat."

"Oh, no, love!" said the wife, "it was certainly a mouse!"

"Madam, I tell you it was a rat," thundered the husband.

"It was a mouse," asserted the lady. "I saw it myself."

I saw it also, madam, and my eyes are good as yours.

Your eyes may be as good, sir, but if they are, your judgment is not," retorted the lady. "And so said Dow, the quarrel progressed, until the couple so incensed each other they separated.

The mutual friends succeeded in effecting a reconciliation, and the harmony of affection seemed restored; but one evening as they sat chattering, toying, and saying how much they loved each other, the wife remarked—

"How foolish it was to have such a quarrel about that silly mouse."

"Mouse," cried the husband, "I say that was a rat!"

The quarrel was renewed, and the loving pair separated the second time.

Now reader, if you are quarreled, there is an example for you. You see that although the creature's being a rat or mouse was not of the least consequence to the parties, or anybody else, here or elsewhere, it was yet sufficient to excite two stubborn, unyielding spirits, so much as to destroy young love, and sever the holy bonds of conjugal affection.

GETTING INSURED.

The Troy Post related a "good one" of Jacob Barker, the Quaker, who, hearing of the loss of one of his vessels which he had omitted to get insured, wrote to a broker with whom he had spoken on the subject as follows:

"Dear friend—I then has not filled up the policy which I bespeak on Saturday, thee need not, as I have heard from the vessel."

The broker, in fact, had not filled up the policy, but presuming from the tenor of Jacob's note that his vessel was safe, and tempted by what seemed a good chance to clutch his per centage without risk, he filled it up forthwith and sent it to Jacob with the assurance that it had been made all ready for him on Saturday.

On Monday morning the first thing that met his eyes on opening the newspaper, was the loss of Jacob's vessel, which he had so wickedly insured on Sunday.

Then, also, he discovered the cunning ambiguity of Jacob's note—"he had heard from the vessel!"

A Good Hr.—During the Jenny Lind excitement in Boston, the machinist who drove her from the steamboat to the Revere House was ridiculed the insane admiration which his fellow citizens were exhibiting.

Mounting the steps of the hotel, he cried—"Here's the hand that lifted Jenny Lind out of the coach! Gentleman, you can any of you have the privilege of kissing it for five dollars—children half price!"

A GENTLE Hint from an Editor.—A Western editor requests those of his subscribers who are married for more than six years to send him a lock of their hair that he may know they are still living. To which the Lawrenceburg (La.) Register says—"If all our subscribers of that kind would do that, we could make money by carrying on the wig business."

A WOMAN in Jersey, standing over the corpse of her husband, exclaimed, in an agony of grief, "It's a pity he's dead, for his teeth are as good as they ever were!"

The ingenious Yankee who invented barn-doors and sheep-sheds.

AN IRISHMAN, travelling in a street that was paved, was accosted by a dog with a threatening growl. The traveller attempted to pull up one of the paving stones to throw at him but it was fast. "Arrah" said Paddy, "what a country is this, where stones are tied and dogs let loose!"

A wise man will speak well of his neighbor, love his wife, and pay for his news paper.

"I embrace the opportunity," as the fellow said when he kissed the girl in the dark; "but we are liable to derision," as he exclaimed when he discovered her to be black.

A mother having sold her little son never to say sat at the table, but gray, the next day he saw a large man going by and exclaimed, "Mother, there goes a gray man."

Isn't it decidedly aggravating, when you are about to impress the "sherry ripe" kiss upon your lady love to have some one peep in? Or, after it is did, to observe some one in a corner of the room?

"Illustrated with cuts," said a young urchin, as he drew his pocket knife across the leaves of his grammar.

"Illustrated with cuts," reiterated the schoolmaster, as he drew his cane across the back of the urchin.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.
ON Saturday the 26th day of November, 1850, I will offer at public sale, at the late residence of Dr. Thomas Hammond, in Shepherdstown, a large amount of hardware.

Household and Kitchen Furniture,
Antique and Extensive Library of Miscellaneous and Medical works, with a large assortment of Medicines, Surgical Instruments, &c., to which the particular attention of the Medical profession is invited.

Several valuable Servants;
An excellent Horse, accustomed to both saddle and harness;

Rockaway, 1 Buggy and Harness, with many other articles of utility and convenience.

Terms on Sale.—For all sums of \$5 and under the cash will be required. For all sums over \$5, a trial of six months will be given, (except the Slave,) to be sold for cash.) Payment will be required until approved security.

The principal attention will be given to all who may patronize him.

**MINTOSH'S
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CORNER OF HOWARD AND BALTIMORE STREETS
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THE undersigned, Proprietor of the above Hotel, having removed his establishment to the travelling public generally, that he has just completed his repairs and improvements on the Hotel. Having refurnished and painted, also enlarged it so as to make it in every way comfortable and pleasant. Be it known to the liberal entertainment provided, that he has now established himself to use his utmost efforts to please all who may patronize him.

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August 1, 1850.—6m.

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OCT. 18.—TATE & HOFF.

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