



BALTIMORE LOOK HOSPITAL. Dr. JOHN STODDARD, FOUNDER OF THIS CELEBRATED HOSPITAL.

The Founder of this celebrated Hospital, Dr. John Stoddard, died at his residence in New Haven, Conn., on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, 1856, at the age of 75 years.

Dr. Stoddard was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1781, and educated at Yale College, where he graduated in 1800.

He studied medicine at New Haven, and was admitted to the New Haven Medical Society in 1803.

He practiced medicine in New Haven, and in 1812 removed to New York, where he practiced for many years.

In 1825 he removed to Boston, and practiced there for several years.

In 1832 he removed to New Haven again, and practiced there until 1838.

In 1838 he removed to New Haven again, and practiced there until 1842.

In 1842 he removed to New Haven again, and practiced there until 1846.

In 1846 he removed to New Haven again, and practiced there until 1850.

In 1850 he removed to New Haven again, and practiced there until 1856.

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**Virginia Free Press.**

BY J. S. & H. N. GALLAHER.

THURSDAY MORNING.

DECEMBER 10, 1855.

## NEW ARRANGEMENT.

Moving disposed of no interest in the Free Press to my son Edward A. Gallaher all account of the present firm will be changed up to the 1st of January next. It is indispensable that the old accounts be closed and an entire new set of books opened. In all cases where advance payment has been made by the firm during that period, a proper credit will be given by the new concern. And every business will be kept in full accordance with the old. The new firm will make every effort to get the best service possible, and the earliest possible period, to put the paper in an entirely new dress.

Dec. 4, 1855. JOHN S. GALLAHER.

## CONGRESS LAST WEEK.

In both Houses the Presidents Message was the main subject of discussion, involving the themes of negro slavery. Amidst the sorrows incident to the discussion, there were many joyful scenes on both sides, and a perfect absence of excitement. The debate is not yet ended.

The Senate was not in session on Friday or Saturday, and the House on Friday made but little progress with private bills, though a large number were reported from committee.

On Monday, an important bill was considered in the Senate, with favorable indications, namely, a bill to provide for the settlement of the claims of Revolutionary officers under Regulations of the Continental Congress. A provision to include naval officers was only objected to as an amendment; and a disposition was manifested to provide for the latter in a separate bill.

In the House, the greater part of the sitting was occupied in the side-way discussions and adoption of resolutions condemning all propositions to revive the African slave trade. The vote on the resolution of Mr. Orr, declaring it unwise, and inexpedient to repeal the laws against the slave trade, was carried by a vote of 182 to 8. So that the agitators in the Southern Convention receive no countenance from the representatives of the people.

A resolution of Mr. W. Atkinson, of Maine, asking information as to the amount of expenditures in Kansas for the militia and territorial officers in support of the laws of that territory, was pending when the House adjourned.

On Tuesday, the Senate discussed a bill to amend the act providing for the Texas debt. The whole sitting was consumed without a vote.

In the House, several important applications bills were reported, and the Presidents Message under further discussion. Mr. McDowell, of Ohio, a former Democrat, quoted from Democratic platform in Ohio, Indiana, and elsewhere, to show that up to a very recent period the Democrats of that region had as strong anti-slavery ground as do the Republican party of the present day. Mr. Crawford, of Georgia, and Mr. Jones of Tennessee, argued that it was the purpose of the latter party to make war upon the institutions of the Southern States, and that the Democratic party was the only national organization.

This subject will probably engross attention for a week to come.

## SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.

This body, which met on the 8th, adjourned yesterday after adopting various resolutions and partaking of the social festivities of the good people of Savannah. We do not suppose any practical results are likely to grow out of the labors of this body.

The resolution introduced by an enthusiast for a revival of the African slave trade with but little favor, and we are glad to find that our townsmen, Andrew Hunter, Esq., was prompt in his opposition to the measure. The idea that in this age of civilization the vicious traffic could ever be revived was as absurd as scarcely to merit serious notice. We think, after the late exhibition at Savannah, it will be difficult to congregate a hundred intelligent men, unless it be when they feel in frolicsome mood, and desire to see parts hitherto unknown to them. We have no doubt the Southern folks were found quite companionable, and that the trip had been agreeable to all concerned, if not profitable.

## THE ARMORIES.

The Secretary of War states that the operations of the national armories, have been restricted to the completion of new models for small arms, the alteration of old models to long-range rifle arms, and to the preparation of the exclusive manufacture of carbines. We have been informed that the new models will be ready in time to meet the demand of the market. The new models will be of great value to the country, and will be well received.

ANOTHER FLORIDA WAR.

The Secretary of War, in his report, regrets the failure of all efforts to remove the Indians from Florida, most of whom have given repeated evidences of hostility. He has made arrangements for a vigorous campaign against them, having sent Gen. Harney, four companies of artillery, one regiment of infantry, and some volunteer militia against them.

## NEWSPAPER CHANGES.

John W. Sykes, Esq., of the Petersburg Daily Virginian, has become the purchaser of the Daily Virginian at Raleigh, N. C. and will continue its publication. Mr. Sykes is a young and graphic writer, and I hope he will succeed and sustain in his new location.

## AN HONORABLE TRIBUTE.

We find in a paper detailing the proceedings of the Southern Commercial Convention at Savannah a paragraph which will be read with more than the usual interest. The incident referred to is thus detailed:

The Virginia delegation assembled in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, on Wednesday afternoon the 16th instant, when ANDREW HUNTER, Esq., of Virginia, brought to memory Miss Tapscott of Staunton, who died of consumption, in Savannah, in 1832. The letter to the Executive reads as follows:

"The disease had fastened upon her, and in a very short time she became the despoiler of her life, when pale, wasted, emaciated, and prostrated, was placed in an open carriage, and driven along a desolate road, where gales winds along the river Savannah, raged and roared. Conscious of her mortal sickness, the South would soon be forever bereft of her, and when the gentle spirit departed, she left to her checks, the offering of the dead, to be stopped on one occasion and pointed out a spot near the banks of the river, where she had recently buried her mother, and where her remains had been laid to rest."

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## POETICAL.

### (SUMMER AND WINTER).

All these were very pleasant days.  
The day we spent together,  
Came through the bright summer days,  
On cheerful sunny weather,  
That I day dream I've saved at least  
Some fragments from life's scattered feast.

We've enjoyed past pleasures,  
And still have many more to have,  
But hours was like some glorious dream  
From Paradise lost.

The scent of roses on the air,  
Seemed part of life which was so fair.

Went round and round the thick green wood,  
Through the cool pleasant trees;

Ah! this world seemed very good,

With all its miseries,

I never saw the sun so bright,  
As though the bright thoughts summ'd right.

Now known the bitter taste,  
Swept from the happy scene,

As bloody, 'gainst the widow pane,

The withered leaves now driven;

Then fall and long the winter drives,

All like the ones who smil'd then,

That glist'no'w's uncertain light.

Fling up the gaunt bare trees—

The florish sere of the bright light.

The wither'd leaves now driven;

Then fall and long the winter drives,

And here, a pleasant, although brief,

Was made for Summer days,

Departing on the falling leaf,

Autumn's mellow rays;

Now does it seem as very strange,

That glist'no'w's all things else, should change.

Our dream has vanished as it came,

Some hours of ease it gave,

Perchance we may be dangersome,

But well the plowers matched!

Without reproach in either heart,

We clasp cold hands, and so we part.

(From the Louisville Journal.)

### A FANTASY.

"Tis told somewhere, 'In Eastern story  
That those who love once blazoned as flowers  
On the same stem, could the glories,  
Of Edon's green and purple bower,  
And that—those blazoned here by Fliss,'

Yet when the glow of life has ended,

Earth again shall fit it, mate,

And in death again is blended,

If this can now sweet the vision,

Which Faery sometimes weft for me,

That thou, still those bower sylvan,

My lovely flower mate will be,

And Oh! if ever, when time and distance,

Perchance, may part these from my side,

Will I, repit for the existence,

Where Faery e'er our lives divide.

J. W. M.

### VARIETY.

**E**VEN an elderly young lady, with a taste

so fastidious that she refused to have the

Christian Observer taken in the room—for

she said, it was often lying in the room

when she wanted to dress, and she would

not dress with an Observer in the room,

if it was a Christian—called at one of our

fashionable stores and inquired for silk hose,

The attentive clerk displayed the articles,

and the lady examined them closely, passed

her hand down them, and holding them up

as if to see their length, asked—

"How high do they rise?"

The clerk not thinking that she meant to

inquire the price, blushed, and stammered

out—

"Well, really, Miss—Madam—I don't

know, but I think they come up to about

the knee."

The young lady fainted, and we left the

store!

**E**VEN a handsome young widow applied to a physician to relieve her of three distressing complaints, with which she was afflicted.

"In the first place," said he, "I have little or no appetite. What would be best to take for that?"

"For that, madam, you should take air and exercise."

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"For that, madam, I can only recommend

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"I'm doctor, I am quite fidgety at night

and afraid to lie alone. What shall I take

for that?"

"For that, madam, I can only recommend

that you take—a husband!"

"I'm doctor, I have the blues terribly. What shall I take for that?"

"For that, madam, you have besides tak-

ing air, exercise, and a husband, to take a

newspaper."

Sensible Doctor, that!

**E**VEN a young and pretty girl stopped into a story where a spruce young man who had long been a widower had just spoken, stood behind the counter selling dry goods in order to remain as long as possible, she cheapened everything, and at last said—

"I believe you will think I'm cheating you."

"Oh, no," said the youngster, "to me you are always fair."

With a whisper the lady, blushing as she laid an emphasis on the word, "I would not stay so long bargaining, if you were not so dear."

YOUNG AMERICA.—On Saturday evening a little boy, not over four years of age, while going down Broadway, was stopped by a crowd of men, seated in front of the Broadway Hotel. One of the company who had during the evening made several attempts at wit, said to the boy:

"Say, sonny, does your mammy know you're out?"

The little fellow very coolly replied:

"Yes, sir, my ma gave me three cents to

buy a monkey—are you for sale?" and passed on, leaving the crowd confounded with laughter.

Two Dutchmen living opposite each other, who had been for many years in the habit of smoking by their doorsides in silence, at length broke forth in the following dialogue.

"What sort of wadda you think it will be to day, neighbor?"

"Well, I don't know what sort of wadda you think it will be."

"Don't think so, however, I think we've got to get out of this."

The other, quizzingly, "Well, I think so too."

"Sam, I got one ob de wort women for a wife da way niggas ob had."

"Why, Jim, don't she lub you?"

"Woman's lub is login rubber. It stretch the more, the more you lub her."

Yes, Jim—

"Woman's lub am like Scotch snuff. I got the pust, so dat's enough."

He concurred follow, in introducing his friend into company, said: "Gentlemen, I assure you he is not a great fool, as he seems."

The gentleman immediately replied,

"That is exactly the difference between my friend and myself."

An elephant once nearly killed an Irishman for an insult offered to his trunk.

The act was rank in the extreme: "but it was impossible," the Hibernian said, "to resist a nose you could pull with both hands."

The most dangerous kind of hat that flies at night is the brickbat.

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