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THE OLD FAMILY JOURNAL.

As we design placing the "Old Family Companion" in a new dress on the first of January, next, we make all upon our partners to aid us in the enterprise. "We ask no gratuity from any one—all we ask, and must claim, is our due, and this we mean to have. The white paper upon which we print, costs us one cent per sheet, so that it will be seen that the doting subscriber is not a *bucolic* but a *cure*. There is not a man in our midst who cannot save five cents a week to pay for his paper—and there are none too poor to take it. It is the cheapest reading that can be placed in a family, and the man who will not place in the possession of his wife and children the means of intelligence, ought to be classed and placed amongst the quadrupeds of the age.

All subscriptions will be made out to the *Old Family Journal*, and bills will be presented to all at the same time and date—date set on the subscription, after the expiration of each year, is £1. rents, which will be charged.

Now seek the co-operation of our friends in our design to dress up the "Old Family Journal" in a new suit on the advent of a glorious victory of right over wrong.

We don't intend in future to send our paper to any one who does not pay us. We can't live on any such *patronage*—and we will hand them over to any of our contemporaries who may be more fortunate than ourselves, to buy, pay hands, &c., upon empty nothing.

Now, who will be the first to respond to our call? We shall see.

FREDERICK COUNTY CLERK.

The death of JAMES P. RILEY, Esq., having created a vacancy in the County Clerkship of Frederick, an effort is being made by the bogus Democracy to get up a Convention for the benefit of a few disinterested (?) individuals who have an especial eye to the spoils. The Virginian favours it, and two communications appear in that print of last week, urging a Convention. Although they *profess* to come from different sections of the county, they favour very much as if they were "ships from the same stock."

Now, although it may not be our business to object to the mode of selecting a Clerk for Frederick county, yet we cannot avoid calling attention to the thirst after office by the party who profess to go alone for principles. They have been so long accustomed to the spoils that they scrabble for every office that is approachable.

Now, we ask, what interests have the Democracy—as they call themselves—separate from those of the Opposition? We venture the assertion they have not as much. And yet, a few leaders, political tricksters and interested persons, are to meet and dictate to the dear people for whom they shall vote! And,

With passionate oaths and protestations, With eight, nine glances, and vicious terms, Spread artificial misse before the eyes Of credulous simpletons.

INDEPENDENT DEMOCRAT.

Our friend D. S. Eichelberger, having received his press and type, will in about two weeks issue his first number. We learn that it will be published on Tuesday of each week.

Our readers have seen his views published in his prospectus, and are therefore enabled to judge of the principles which will regulate his course.

For his pecuniary success in his new enterprise, he has our best wishes. His political heresies we will note as they occur.

## APOLOGY.

For the last week we have been on the invalid list—consequently the "Press," as well as other matters claiming our attention, have been neglected. We trust, however, that a little time will place us right side up, with ease.

## ARMORY DAM.

We were pleased to observe the other day that the Armory Dam above Harper's Ferry, is rapidly progressing. Mr. SNOWELL, the Contractor, has had a favorable season for his work, and it behoves him to take advantage of it. The dry season has been of great service, not only to the workmen but the contractor.

Although we published the obituary of Mr. SINGLETON CHAMBERS last week—a most estimable gentleman and Christian—we again insert a notice by request of the same person, who desires that it shall be given "without mutilation." We therefore comply.

## COUNTY-CLERKSHIP.

Yester day, the County Court composed of Justices Wood, Kaufman and Dean, ordered an election to be held the fourth Thursday in October, to fill the vacancy in the County Clerkship caused by the death of Col Jas P. Riley. Resolutions of condolence and respect in reference to Col. R. were offered by J. Randolph Tucker, Attorney General of Virginia, and were unanimously adopted. J. Chap. Riley was appointed Clerk temporarily, and Jas P. Riley, Jr., qualified as a deputy. The election in October will be for Col Riley's unexpired term, which commenced July 16, 1860. For the regular period of six years, the November court, he will have the remaining four years and eight months to serve. There are already several candidates in the field, and "the cry is still thy come"—Win Rep.

## STOLEN.

Mr. John W. Hurst had his mare taken from the Harper's Ferry Camp Ground in August last. He offers a reward of \$15 for her recovery. See advertisement.

A FARM SOLD.—Joe P. Fleming, Esq., has disposed of his farm, containing 134 acres, lying two miles west of Frederick, Md., to Col James C. Clarke at \$90 per acre.

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## POETICAL.

*FORGOTTEN ME NOT.*

By E. J. PERKINS.

There's little fragile flower  
That bends to every passing breeze;  
And lifts the shade of simple trees.  
No sandy bank or rocky shore,  
Or hill abides its humble bed;  
No where will the forest shine,  
By its expanding blossoms shed;  
Yet dearest is that gentle stem,  
And sun of blight that grace the bower,  
Than many a wily orient gem.  
The glass in the crown of power:  
Foft and fond friends, when doomed to part,  
Its lovely resting place he sought,  
And left his bosom to the world,  
Look on and long for me,  
Accept, that mortal's voice can be,  
This token of my love here,  
And gazing on it, think on me—  
Forget me not, my dear.

**INTERNAL EVIDENCE.**

A man of subtle reasoning sick'd  
A peasant I know,  
What is the internal evidence  
That proves his blemish'd heart?  
The terms of his contract  
Are not to be easily seen,  
But his hand upon his heart,  
And kindly answer'd, "Heart!"

## VARIETY.

A YANKEE AT COURT IN THE LOWER REGIONS.

The court was sitting, and business commenced to be carried on with a dispatch quite unknown to the oldest inhabitants of even our upper tribunals, particularly the English Court of Chancery. Presently one of the constables howled out—

"Virgil Hoskins! Virgil Hoskins!"

"Here!" answered a Yankoo pedler, quick ing up to the bar.

Rhadamanthus was astated with a great number of huge account books before him. "Virgil Hoskins is your name, is it?" said he; "here it is among 'em," p. 49,358. "Ah! Virgil there is a terrible long account against you. Let's see what's on the face of the charges."

"Virgil Hoskins," Dr.—"June 27, 18—. To selling, in the course of one peddling expedition, 107,367 pounds of tobacco, 2000 Spanish cigars, made of oak leaves, and 647 wooden clocks."

"What do you say to that charge, Hoskins?"

Hoskins—"Say to it!" Wrigg, that was accounted, in our plain, about the greatest peddlin' trip that was ever made over the Potomac."

The Judge reads again—June 29, 18—. To stealing an old grindstone, covering it with cotton cloth, smearing it over with butter, and selling it as cheese."

Hoskins, (quite surprised)—"Jimmies! you wouldn't punish a man for that, would ye?"

Judge reads—December 13, 1870. To making a counterfeit dollar out of powder, when you were six years old, and cheating your own father with it."

Hoskins—"My father was real glad when he saw it though. He said it showed that I had a genius."

Judge again—To taking a worn-out pair of shoes which you found in the road and selling them to an old lady, as being the actual shoes of St. Paul!"

Hoskins (with exultation)—"Yes, I made four dollars and ten cents by that job!"

The Judge—July 2, 18—. To taking an old watch case, putting a live cricket into it and then selling it to an old lady, as being a perfect jewel in a perfect case!"

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Judge—January 2, 1871. To getting into a boat with a crew of New Englanders, for it gives me more trouble than all the rest of the world put together. You are sentenced to be thrown into a lake of boiling molasses, where nearly all your countrymen already are, with the same old grindstone tied to your neck!"

**WHAT NEXT?**

It appears that the present intensely Democratic Administration has a great affection for free negroes. We learn from the Cincinnati *Gazette* that Prof. Alexander Dimity, whom Mr. Buchanan has recently appointed Minister to Nicaragua "is reported to be of African descent." The President probably wanted to spite the Democracy of the Southern States by making this "offensive" appointment.

It thus seems that the Democracy, while revolting at the thoughts of receiving free negroes, prefer free negroes as the representatives of the country abroad. What next?—*Richmond Whig.*

1872 During the retreat of the British troops in Holland, while they were floundering thro' the mud in a part of the road unmercifully bad, a corps of the guards were much scattered, when the commanding officer called out two men to form two deep.

"Blot me, 's a grandeur between two mountains of mud, 'I am too deep al ready—I am up to my neck!"

**Newspaper Furor.**—The local of one of our country exchanges gives the following schedule of tolls for the benefit of those who need and seek after "puff's":

For a modest puff, 3 juleps;  
A tolerably good one, 1 cup cigar;  
A good one, 1 pair boots;  
A very good one, 1 vest and 2 shirts;  
A 'splendid' one, 1 cloth coat;  
A perfect soddler, a whole suit.

1872 It is true, said I, that I sit in my study and shod two pairs of shoes at once; I wear over a nose, I weep over a tale of woe. But do I ever relieve the distress? Have I ever lightened the load of affliction? My cheeks reddened at the question; a cloud of sorrow burst from my mind. I found that virtue did not consist in feeling, but in acting from a sense of duty."

Yours Respectfully, JAS. H. WELCH.

Harper's Ferry, Va. April 11, 1870.

**WASHING MACHINES.**

The undersigned having purchased the Patent of RICHARD & DAVIS' Washing Machine, for their use, have now got it in manufacture and will be able to supply it to suit all houses in Washington.

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A perfect soddler, a whole suit.

1872 There is in the important act which unites two being together, increase, math, and which destines them to live for each other, a religious solemnity which affects every heart.

"Blot me, 's a grandeur between two mountains of mud, 'I am too deep al ready—I am up to my neck!"

**Scenes.**—Grocery store, lady purchasing cod-fish—a young limb of the law standing near.

Lady—Do you like cod-fish balls, Mr. II?

Mr. H.—Honest—really don't know, madam—I never recollect attending any.

1872 A word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain. It is a seed which, even when dropped by chance sprouts up a bower.

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