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"RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION."

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EUROPEAN COLONIES IN AMERICA.

(Concluded.)

It has sometimes been thought, that the vicinity of one or more independent black states would be dangerous to the internal tranquillity of our country; but the experience of more than twenty years in the case of the republic of Hayti, affords a practical refutation of this opinion. There are even some positive advantages attending this circumstance, of no small consequence. A flourishing and prosperous community of this description, would naturally attract from amongst us the free blacks who are found in the slaveholding states to be troublesome members of society, and who would thus obtain abroad an open and inviting field of action. A natural drain of this kind would remove these persons from our territory much more rapidly and effectually than the laborious and expensive efforts of the Colonization Society, which, however well meant, can hardly produce any important results, counteracted as they are by all the motives that ordinarily affect the human mind. The society invites the free blacks to quit a country where they are comfortably situated, and migrate to another, where they are to encounter great hardships, with no certain prospects for the future. It is obvious that this must be from first to last forced proceeding; and the least difficulty about it, (though this is not a small one,) is, that the society is under the necessity of defraying all the expenses of this unnatural emigration. In the other case, the emigration, being voluntary and spontaneous, would of course be executed at the expense of the emigrants; and being the effect of powerful motives operating in the ordinary way, might be expected to be rapid and extensive. How far the aforesaid society is likely to accomplish the further object of removing the slave population itself from our soil, is with me a still more doubtful question, than that of its success with the free blacks. When we consider the natural increase that takes place among the slaves, amounting to not less than thirty or forty thousand a year, and that, the society have not yet made arrangements for transporting annually to Africa more than three or four hundred persons, it is easy, at least to see, that their arrangements must be very much extended before they will even begin to approach the accomplishment of their purpose. Add to this, that a moderate and regular emigration has in general little or no tendency to diminish the population of a country; and the case will be found to be still more desperate. Finally it may be questioned whether we ought to wish to remove from amongst us, if we could do it peacefully and easily, so large a portion of the working class. The political condition of the blacks is certainly far from being what we could wish it; but such as they are, they are nevertheless industrious and useful labourers, and the southern states would, I apprehend, suffer not a little from the loss of them. The expulsion of the Moors from Spain, and of the Protestants from France, for reasons not unlike those which are now urged for the removal of the blacks, have been commonly considered as among the most impolitic measures that ever were adopted, and a similar result obtained by a special operation ad hoc on the minds of the blacks, would be just as impolitic, though somewhat less violent and odious. It is needless, however, to argue against the impolicy of a scheme, of which the accomplishment is obviously and physically impossible. Our duty, as respects the blacks, appears to be in the first place, to make them as happy as we can in their present condition, and then to employ such means as may be most expedient for raising them by a slow and gradual process to a higher one. Of these means, one of the most important is to discourage in every possible way, the idea that any thing can be effected immediately and at once; and the Colonization Society, however respectable from the high character of its members and the purity of their intentions, produces thus far a great positive evil, inasmuch as it keeps up in the public mind an impression, that the situation of the slaves can be violently and suddenly altered for the better, by this expedient of emigration. This opinion engenders a morbid and mistaken sentiment in regard to the whole subject. Mr. King's proposition in the senate is liable to the same objection. In this as in every other project

for political improvement, we must assume and build upon the existing state of things. Improve the character of the blacks, and emancipation will come in due time without an effort; whereas, by a premature zeal for formal emancipation, you destroy the possibility of improvement, and thereby defeat your own object. The society may perhaps effect some good by founding a colony on the coast of Africa, although even in this particular its efforts are liable to the same objection which is made habitually with so much justice to those of our missionary institutions, that they employ upon a distant and uncertain object, a part of the time, funds, and good will of the public, for the whole of which there is an ample occupation at home. While therefore, we express our sincere admiration of the honest zeal and generous philanthropy of the members of this body, we may be allowed to wish that these most estimable qualities may receive a different direction, and be devoted to some of the numerous objects of great and undoubted utility which our country offers in such abundance.

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HISTORY OF SLAVERY.

(Continued.)

The most important feature of the Mosaic law, in relation to slavery, was its limited duration. No sanction is afforded by any precept of that law, to perpetual and hereditary servitude.

To set this subject in its proper light, I shall cite a part of the law, which bears most directly on this subject.

If thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bond-servant, and as a sojourner shall he be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee; and then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return: They shall not be sold as bondmen. Both thy bondmen and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you, of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, and they shall be your possession. And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen forever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule over one another with rigour. And if a sojourner or a stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto a stranger or sojourner: After he is sold he may be redeemed again, one of his brethren may redeem him: or, if he be able he may redeem himself. He shall reckon with him that bought him, from the year that he was sold unto him, unto the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. As a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. And if he be not redeemed in these years, then shall he go out in the year of jubilee; both he and his children with him. Levit. xxv. 39-54.

These passages, to be properly understood must be taken in connexion with other parts of the law. In the first place, we must observe, that these precepts are rather prohibitory than authoritative; that they serve to limit rather than to support the authority of masters over their purchased servants. No obligation to purchase a brother, or permit his sale to a stranger, can be implied. A sale is supposed to have occurred, and to that consequence, the rule is adapted.

In the second place, the expression *server* is frequently used in a limited sense. Thus, Joshua is said to have made a heap forever; and it was said there should not be an old man in Eli's house forever; also Jacob declared, "The work with her hands was about not forever." When Moses designed to establish a permanent ordinance, he usually added throughout your generations. If in this case a permission only was given, and a limit implied, which the text does not clearly define; let us look for an explanation to other positive precepts of the law. Yeshua hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout

all the land; to all the inhabitants thereof, it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man to his possession, and ye shall return every man to his family. (Levit. xxv. 10.) But in the case of an Hebrew servant, we have a still narrower limit, for in this case the service is limited to six years; and in the sabbatical year, the Hebrew servant was not only to go out free, but to be liberally supplied from the flock, the floor and the wine press of the master. (Deut. xv. 13; Ex. xxi. 2.)

If the servant brought a wife with him, she also was to be free in the sabbatical year. If he had been married, during his servitude, to a servant of his master who was not entitled to her liberty in the sabbatical year, the marriage gave her no title to her freedom. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that under a mild administration, with the privileges frequently enjoyed, the servant should sometimes prefer a continuance with the family in which he had been settled. Hence the provision, that upon such declaration being solemnly made, his ear should be bored,* in the presence of the judges, and his privilege of freedom in the sabbatical year be withheld. Still the general law, of liberty in the year of jubilee, would reach the bored servant in common with the other branches of his family. (Josephus Ant. Book iv. ch. 8, sect. 28.) It therefore appears, that the servants of their brethren, including proselytes as well as Hebrews slaves, to be treated rather as freemen than as slaves, and at furthest to be free in the year of jubilee; that such of them as should be sold to the strangers residing among them, were redeemable at any time between the time of sale and the year of jubilee. But that the strangers, whom the Israelites should purchase, were liable to be held, without the privilege of redemption, until the jubilee year.

It may be fairly inferred, not only from the unqualified injunction to proclaim a general emancipation in the year of jubilee, but from the text in relation to the heathen bondmen, that perpetual and hereditary bondage was not designed to be tolerated. For no intimation is here given of any right except what should be procured by purchase; those whom they should buy, not those whose parents had been bought, were to be held as a possession. Had an hereditary slavery been intended, the general precept must have been modified, and no doubt, the usual expression, throughout your generations, or some other equivalent phrase, have been appended to the grant. The term forever may be construed as indicative of the perpetuity of the practice, or that of such they should continue to buy, during their own national existence; but not that the servitude should be perpetuated in the person or descendants of the individual purchased.

[African Obs.]

* The practice of boring the ears of servants was not peculiar to the Israelites. I was an ancient custom in the east. To this Juvenal refers, when he makes a freedman say,

Though born a slave, (were bootless to deny
What these bored ears betray to every eye.)

An expression of Cleopatra is also noticed, in which he tells a Lybian who pretended he did not hear him, it was because his ears were not sufficiently bored. The meaning, if meaning it had, would seem to to indicate that the ears were to be always open or attentive to the directions of the master.

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[Correspondent from THE PATRIOT'S JOURNAL.] Our readers, who are acquainted with the character of the late enlightened Abolitionists of Philadelphia, and with his deep concern for his brethren of colour, will readily account for our publishing this effort of his, in defense of their character, and rights.

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A correspondent under the signature of Paul, who seems completely animated with the spirit that filled Saul when he was persecuting the poor Christians, writes to us, in favor of crowning "A Man of Colour," reasoning for believing that the interest which the white states have taken in that fact, is their own pecuniary, & commercial monopoly. It shall not be my purpose, for the present, to controvert the "A Man of Colour's" position; this I know, and of liberty, and love.

can give publicity to his sentiments, holding himself amenable to the laws. I think the article, is superfluous, as it is a mere recapitulation of what we have unitedly said, and honest zeal, no doubt, prompted his individual protest.

The long continuance of our wrongs, the shocking features that have characterized them, have become so familiar to some minds, naturally callous, and dead to sensibility, that they have brought themselves to believe that we have no rights to maintain in society, no interest apart from their opulence, and that as at first our ancestors were torn from their native land, for the gratification of avarice, that we, their descendants, may, with equal justice, be extirpated for expediency; that those virtuous men, whose system Franklin originated and Rush perfected, and which has ranked among its supporters all that is truly good or great in this country, are the dupes of mistaken humanity, and the factious aspirers after mischief. I thank my God that they are not to be driven from the true interest of this country by declamatory libels; but will combat with this monstrous infatuation, until the safety and happiness of these states are placed upon a secure basis.

With an overgrown black population, the frightful amount of which is studiously concealed, groaning under a cruel despotism, gradually advancing towards improvement, in spite of municipal regulation, and feverishly alive to a sense of those rights which God bestowed on them, in common on all mankind, the free black population have become a source of uneasiness to those who are determined to adhere to a ruinous system, to deface over the whole western part of this continent; the belief in the efficacy of slavery, a system which the united voice of reason and policy have proven to be inconsistent with the spirit of every free government. To prove my assertion, I refer to the laws of Virginia, which prevents any inhabitant from manumitting a slave; of the Carolinas, whose subject any assemblage of coloured people, either for religious or mental instruction, to be dispersed by flagellation, and the minister or instructor, punished at the common whipping post; and to top the climax of inconsistency, that recent act of Georgia, which among a dreadful catalogue of wrongs forbids, under pain of fine, imprisonment, and disgraceful stripes, any white or black teaching a person of colour to read, or write. If we search through the wide extended range of creation; we cannot find that its parallel, superstition, and Gothic darkness, would have startled at a measure like this, as too base even for their gloomy policy.

The man who can look at this long chain of barbarous laws, connected with whatever is bad in the ancient colonial policy, must be blind indeed, if he cannot see that the effort which is now making, and which originated with the slaveholding interest, to locate the free blacks in Africa, is to completely and effectually perpetuate slavery in the southern section of this country.

The people of colour have ever been the victims of misrepresentation—it was maintained, and in many a laborious treatise too, in justification of stealing them from Africa, that they were only a species, but to remove from the brute, with all the bad propensities of man, without one of his good qualities; that it was mercy to rescue them from massacre, to which, in their native land, they were exposed—their moral, and intellectual worth developed themselves in the course of every effort; they dispelled by one fatal error that avowed world wide, to prove in spite of prejudices, that the God of Nature, lives in all creatures, and in the human family, created them all alike, that brown, and white, and black, and yellow, the colors of the three great divisions of the globe, are formed alike, look at our own country, and consider the colored and mulatto population, how few are the educated and learned among them to have any claim to the rank of a man.

From THE UNION.

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FOR THE FEMALE JOURNAL.

FEMALE TENDERNESS.

Alas! when every thing delighted me; when every object was impressive; when my sorrows had destroyed all the energy and vigour of my soul; when grief had shut from my streaming eyes the beauties of nature; when frequent disappointments had vexed my soul, and rendered the whole universe a dreary tomb; when prejudice had barred the door of every honourable employment, ambition, and slander, too bold of her hideous terrors, when I wished that I had not been born, or that I could retire from a world of wrongs, and end my days far from the white world's scorn; the kind attentions of a woman were capable of conveying a secret charm, a silent consolation to my mind. Oh! nothing can render the bower of retirement so serene and comfortable, or can so sweetly solace all our woes, as a conviction that woman is not indifferent to our fate.

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Domestic Virtue.

AFRICAN LITERATURE.

D. J. Dyer's Poem, has been sent to us, which purports to have been pronounced before the Mayor's Lodge, by Mr. Hughes. It is written with a purity and nervousness of language, that would do credit to any writer. The sentiments are far less common-place, than we usually meet with in such discourses. The individual who wrote it cannot be other than an enlightened man, and those to whom it was addressed, if they were capable of understanding it, must be not a little advanced in moral acquirement. We regard it as a curiosity. [N. Y. Eng.]

Kidnapping.—On Thursday evening our town was in considerable commotion, in consequence of a bare-faced attempt having been made to arrest, secure and carry off a coloured man, born in this town and the offspring of free parents, under the pretext of his being a runaway southern slave. The principal in this business was arraigned before a magistrate yesterday morning to answer for his transgressions of the law, but by mistake or some other cause, was suffered to make his escape.—*Schuylkill Journal*.

The crops of grain, says the Pottstown Aurora, have been safely got in, in our neighbourhood; never have we seen such an abundant harvest.

Change of Tide.—A vessel sailed from Boston this week for Liverpool, with thirty-five steerage passengers.

The New-Berlin (Pa.) Telegraph gives notice that a good master shoemaker, with several hands, would find employment in that place.

From the *Savannah Republican*, July 12.

EXECUTION OF INDIAN CULPRITS.

We understand that four of the Indians who last winter committed the murder on the frontiers of Georgia, and to whom we a short time since alluded as having been in confinement in Florida, were tried in Thomasville, in Thomas county, on the 14th ult. and found guilty. Prior to the day of execution, which took place shortly after, one of them, the most hardened and abandoned of the number, made his escape from the guard in the night time by slipping his hands thro' the iron which confined him, and has not since been retaken. The other three, father and his two sons, were executed at the same time and on the same gallows, according to the sentence of the law. They were willing to be executed, but entreated most earnestly to be shot, believing that their condition in a future state would be meliorated by that mode of punishment. At the time of execution, the rope by which one of them was suspended broke, and he fell to the ground, believing that his punishment was complete, he immediately commenced a strain of the most violent abuse against his companions in iniquity who were suspended above him. The whole number arrested were seven, one of whom turned State's Evidence, and the remaining two are to be tried as soon as they recover from their present state of indisposition.

The Messrs. Stevens, of New-York, have built a new and splendid steam-boat, the North America, to run between New York and Albany. She is intended to run through in ten hours. She performed ten miles in 34 minutes on her first trial.

Death by Lightning.—A child of Mr. Adams, in Scarborough, N. C. was recently killed by lightning, during a violent thunder storm.

Earthquake.—Two slight shocks, with an interval between them of about half a minute, were noticed by many persons in Frankfort, Ky., on the morning of the 5th instant. The same shock was felt the same day at Cincinnati, Ohio.

A large tree.—There is now on the farm of Mr. Andrew Beggs, (painter), of the city of Pittsburgh, a sequoia tree, in which a family consisting of seven persons resided all winter, having been detained by the freezing over of the river while ascending it. In this tree they found a comfortable asylum from the storms of a severe winter, with room for all their necessary furniture and cooking utensils, having a fire in the centre Indian style, the smoke of which ascended through a hole in the trunk occasioned by the breaking off of a large limb from the tree. This giant of the forest is about four miles below Pittsburgh, and directly on the bank of the Ohio river.—*Pittsburg Daily Citizen*.

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In looking over the proof-sheets of Mr. Hughes' Oration, the following errors escaped our notice. Justice to the writer requires us publicly to acknowledge them.

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White Slave in Virginia.—The Whitchurch (Va.) Republican gives us the particulars of a strange proceeding in one of the neighbouring counties. A number of gentlemen wished to form an Anti-Slavery Society, and a notice for a public meeting was published as usual on such occasions. When the time arrived, it was found that the magistrate, in possession of the court-house, with constables stationed at every point, forbade the meeting, or any discussion of the subject of slavery, and ordered the people home, on pain of arrest and imprisonment. In vain did the gentlemen contend for their legal and constitutional rights at all times peaceably to assemble together, and deliberate upon public measures. The magistrates said they had searched the statutes of Virginia, and could find no law authorising such a meeting, or allowing them to discuss the subject of slavery, and consequently they would allow no meeting to be held. In reply to these, "Daniels," it was very properly maintained, that laws authorising such meetings were not necessary. The magistrates must show that such meetings were prohibited by law, otherwise they were lawful and proper. But all was in vain. The people were driven home, without being permitted to talk upon the subject of slavery, or to form a society to promote its extinction, or a mitigation of its horrors. Whither has fled the lofty and chivalrous character of Virginians, if they will submit to indignities like this? Had the government of Great Britain attempted so great an outrage upon the liberties of the people during our colonial vassalage, it would have kindled a flame of indignation from Georgia to New-Brunswick. It was not in the power of the British batallions in Boston, to prevent the people from meeting in the "Old South Church," or to deter the intrepid Warren from delivering his electrical oration. And will the freemen of Virginia submit to insults like this! If so, they are no longer freemen, and in proportion as they have more intelligence than their negroes, is their own bondage the most severe.—*N. Y. Spectator*.

deliverance of Athens. The naval expedition sailed on Monday evening, April 16th from Naples, and reached the port of Corfu on the 18th instant. The crews of the men-of-war, and transports, were 1,500 marines, commanded by Captain Lord Cochrane the King's admiral, and General Lord Cochrane the Commander-in-Chief, will command this expedition in person. The former by sea, the latter by land. Both sailed on the 16th to the Piræus.

WEST INDIES.

From Havana.—We learn by the French from Havana, that the Spanish squadron, under Com. Laborde, sailed the 2nd inst. on a cruise. Com. Porter was still at Key West, but the two brigs were put cruising.

A sloop of about eighty tons, with an complement of about 80 men, under command of a coloured person, sailed from Havana on the 1st inst. to protect the coast. She is rigg'd with three latitudinal sails, two jibs, three square topsails, three topgallant sails, and a square sail. [N. Y. Mer. Adv.]

SUMMARY.

A short cut to the Springs.—A mineral spring has been discovered in Jacob-street. Thousands of persons have visited the spot to taste the water.—A dog was thrown by a few boys into the rapids of Niagara river, just above the falls, and spite of his exertions, was precipitated over the immense precipice. A while after he was about to land, having experienced a slight injury in one of his legs.—The three Spaniards have been tried at Richmond, Va., and found guilty of the murder on board of the brig Crawford.—*Same fid.*—A widow lady of Providence, has been committed to jail, for a debt of thirty dollars. She had a large family of grandchildren dependent on her support.—Mr. Hale, a grocer of New-Haven, has determined to relinquish the sale of spirituous liquors in his store, from conscientious scruples.—A swimming school has been established in Boston, to teach that health-preserving art.—*Intemperance*.—A drunken Irishman killed himself by a fall on Monday last, at Schenectady.—Jacob Breitman was killed a few days since in New-Paltz, (N. Y.) by P. Murray in scuffle.—Several cattle have been bitten by mad dogs in the western part of Essex county, N. J.—*The Tables turned*.—A man advertised in a Mobile paper, that his wife, Mary Ann Ramsey, had turned him out of doors, without any just cause.—The trial of Harry McClone, charged with the murder of Horace St. John, began on Tuesday last. The trial lasted until A. M. o'clock when the jury brought in the verdict of acquittal.—Two Vermonters are digging at a wharf in New-London, for a box of money, which they say lies buried in 6 fathoms water.—On the 4th inst. Levi Williams, in a quarrel occasioned by ill temperance, killed his brother at Detroit, by stabbing him with a butcher knife.—*McJoseph Moore*, of Elsworth, Me. now in his 70th year, is stated to have made with his own hands, during the last year, 56,000 good shingles, which sold for \$168, besides attending to the work of a farm.

—Mr. J. Warren committed suicide at Montpelier, Vt. on the 20th June last. He took down his gun in presence of his family, on pretence of shooting a squirrel, retired from the house, plugging the nozzle of the gun against his head and blew out his brains. He has left a wife and ten children to feel the effects of intemperance.—*Value of Newspapers*.—Newspapers are used by the farmers in the western parts of this state to scare the crows; by suspending some dozen or so from a long pole by a string, and placed on their farms.—At the celebration of the 4th of July, in Milton, N. C. Isaac Thomas advertised that his wagon was engaged to carry home all who became intoxicated. He must have repented his bargain.—A fellow by the name of Burns, engaged in mowing grass became enraged with his employer, a Mr. Walker; when he made at him with a scythe, and nearly cut him in two. Walker died instantly, and in the confusion, that ensued, Burns made his escape, \$200 reward is offered for his apprehension.—A fire broke out on Sunday evening, about 10 o'clock at the corner of Lewis and Fourth streets, which destroyed six or seven frame buildings.

MARRIED.

On the 17th inst. by the Rev. Dr. Connery, Mr. John Lavanny to Eliza Cornelia, daughter of Mr. Abram Matthews, of this city.

On the 14th, by the Rev. Mr. Minot, Mr. Alexander Wilson to Mrs. Anna H. H. Hart.

In Philadelphia, on the 16th, by the Rev. Clayton Dunham, Mr. John Brightman, of Baltimore, to Miss Harriet Burton, of the former place.

DIED.—On the 13th inst. Doctor Joseph Allen aged 64.

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POETRY.

VARIETIES.

DR. THORP.

No. 16 Collected-street,

A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW.
By T. HODGKIN, Esq.
Oh when I was thy boy!
My days and nights were full of joy,
My mate's were blithe and kind;
No wonder that I sometimes sigh,
And dash the tear-drop from my eye,
To cast it o'er behind.

A hooy was a mortal round,
Of pleasure in those days I found
A top a joyous thing;
But now these past delights I drop,
My head, that is all my top,
And careless thoughts the string!

My matinies face my beg was stored,
Now I must play with Elgin's lord,
With Theseus for a law!
My playful boy has elipt his string,
Forgotten all his capering,
And harpooned to the law.

My kite! how fast and far it flew!
While I, a boy of Franklin, drew
My pleasure from the sky;
Twas paper'd o'er with studious themes,
The tasks I wrote—my present dreams
Will never soar so high.

My joys are wingless all and dead;
My dums are made of more than lead;
My flights soon find a full;
My fears prevail, my fancies droop,
Joy never cometh with a hoop,
And sadness with a cap.

My football's laid upon the shelf,
I am a shuttlecock myself
The world knocks to and fro;
My archery is all unlearn'd,
A grief against myself has turn'd
My arrows and my bow.

No more in nooptide sun I bask;
My authorship's an endless task,
My head's ne'er out of school;
My heart is pain'd with sorrows and slight,
I have too many foes to fight,
And friends grown strangely cool.

The very chum that shared my cake
Holds out so cool a hand to shake,
It makes me shrink and sigh,
On this I will not dwell and hang,
The chancing would not feel a pang
Though these should meet his eye.

No skies so blue, or so serene.
As then; no leaves look half so green
As cloth'd the playground tree!
All things I loved are alter'd so,
Nor does it ease my heart to know
That change rendes me!

Oh, for the garb that mark'd the boy,
The trowers made of cordury,
Well inked with black and red;
The crowldness hat, ne'er deceiv'd an ill—
It only lot the sunshine still
Repose upon my head!

Oh, for the ribbon round the neck!
The careless dog-ears apt to deck
My book and collar both!
How can this formal man be styled
Merely an Alexandrine child,
A boy of larger growth?

Oh, for that small, small boor anew!
And (heaven's own type) that mild sky-blue
That what'd my sweet sleek down;
The master even—and that small Turk
That ladd'd me—worse now my work—
A sag for all the town!

Oh, for the lessons learn'd by heart!
Ay, though the very birch's smart,
Should mark those hours again,
I'd "kiss the rod," and be roun'd
Beneath the stroke, and ev'n find
Some sugar in the cane!

The Arabian Nights rehearsed in bed,
The Fairy Tales in school-time read;
By stealth, "twixt verb and noun!
The angel form that always walk'd
In all my dreams, and look'd and talk'd
Exactly like Miss Brown!

The omme-bens—Christmas come
The gift of merit, won for home—
Merit had prizes then!
But now I write for days and days,
For fame—a deal of empty praise
Without the silver pen!

These home, sweet home! the crowded coach—
The joyous shout—the load approach—
The winding horn-like rancs!
The meeting sweet that made me thrill,
The sweet-sweet almost swoon still,
No "sail" to the "jam" Jane!

When that I was thy boy
My days and nights were full of joy,
My mate's were blithe and kind—
No wonder that I sometimes sigh,
And dash the tear-drop from my eye,
To cast it o'er behind.

POETRY.—YANKEE'S JOURNAL.
In youth, age, and manhood, three wives have
Whose qualities none have my wants all supplied
The first, wedded on the ardent of youth,
I could not then, nor now, be separated from
Her, however the talents and perfections
Of the successive ones, I wanted a worse
In her memory.

An Elegant Memorial.—Peter Ernest Count of Mansfield, consecrated a fountain to the memory of his wife, with this inscription—“Who art thou art that comest hither to quench thy thirst, heat or quench thy thirst, thou mayest be refreshed agreeably.” Disturbed? Take up the water with thy hand, wash thy mouth—but trouble it not with thy feet, nor pollute it with thy body; for these pure and gentle waters, are consecrated to the peaceful names of a beloved wife, and from her name, Mary, he called it, Mary's Fountain. He caused these limpid streams, the latest witness of his eternal love, to rush from under rocks, enclosed them in native stones, and bid them forever flow. Peace be to the ashes of Mary.

Bolleau was once visited by a noble and unprofessional person, who reproached him with not having returned his last visit. “You and I,” said the artist, “are upon different terms. I lose my time when I pay a visit; you only get rid of yours when you do so.”

A shoemaker who did not choose to tell absolute falsehoods, contrived as well as he could to evade such as his profession occasionally compelled him to use. When he had cut out the leather for a pair of shoes, he laid it down upon the floor and walked once or twice round it. If then asked by his customers whether he had done the shoes, he would truly answer, “No, but I have been about them.”

How to make a Vacancy.—Cardinal Mazarin, having been repeatedly teased by a clerical suitor for a benefice, one day when the young churchman had again been importuning him, turned to a sentinel who was standing by, and said, “My good friend, I wish you would take up your halberd, and go and shoot an Abbot or me, that I may have an Abby to give to this gentleman.”

EPICRAM.
Wit is a feather, Pope has said,
And quibbles never doubt it;
For those who've lost within the head,
Display the most without it.

A limner taking the portrait of a lady, perceive! when he was endeavouring to give a resemblance to her mouth, she was twisting her features in order to render it smaller, and put her lips in the most violent contraction. Impatient of this artifice, the painter at length said, “Don't hurt yourself, madam, in trying to make your mouth smaller, because if you chose, I will put none at all.”

An Irish drummer, whose round and rosy cheek gave notice that he now and then indulged in a noggan of right good potton, was accosted by the inspecting general. “What makes your face so red, sir?”—“Please your honour,” replied he of the drum, “I always blushes when I speaks to a general officer.”

CROSS READINGS.
Ran away from the subscriber, on Friday last—one hundred and thirty apple trees.

Wanted, five or six young ladies—labouring under consumption, asthma and pleurisy, for E. Houghton's ready made collins.

A poor man with a large family is in want of—a pair of double-barrelled pistols.

The Fourth of July will be celebrated by one pair of game-cocks—highly coloured.

The Kentucky Grand Jurors have indicted twenty hogheads of old Cognac brandy—for a breach of peace.

A horse ran away with—a forty two pounder—loaded with punch and strong beer.

A hog-head of molasses was taken down with hydrophobia, having bitten several others.

[N. Y. COURIER.]
I once heard a gentleman make a very witty reply to one who asserted that he did not believe there was a truly honest man in the whole world: “Sir,” said he, “it is quite impossible that any one man should know all the world, but it is quite possible that some one man may know himself.”

Setting.—As to jest, there be certain things that ought to be privileged from it, namely, religion, matters of state, and any present business of importance, and any case that deserves pity. And generally men ought to find the difference between mirth and bitterness. Certainly he that hath a mind to set up a man in his estimation, or to bring him down, he had need be very fond of his memory.

EDOM'S JOURNAL.

DR. THORP.

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By the Day, Week, Month, or longer.

He is furnished with every thing to enable him to keep a House of the first-rate kind ever opened in the City of Philadelphia; and will spare no pains to merit the public patronage.

July 25, 1827.

18—3m.

NICHOLAS PIERSON.

RESPECTFULLY informs the People of Colour, that his MEAD GARDEN, No. 13, Dolanoy-street, was opened on the evening of the first of June, for the accommodation of genteel and respectable persons of colour.

No admittance for unprotected females.

New-York, June 1st, 1827.

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CHEAP CLOTHING STORE.

No. 218, South Sixth-street, Philadelphia.

THE Subscriber respectfully returns his sincere thanks to his friends and the public in general, for their favor, and patronage. He informs them, that he continues to keep a large assortment of Gentlemen's READY-MADE WEARING APPAREL, of superior quality, both new and second-hand, where customers will be accommodated at the cheapest rate, and in handsome style. He also informs Families and private Gentlemen, who have second-hand Clothing for sale, that they will meet with a good price, and ready sale for their goods, by applying to

DANIEL PETERSON,

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N. B. Tailoring on in its various branches, and on the cheapest terms.

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172 William-street, New-York.

CONTINUES to cleanse and dress Coats, Pantaloons, Ladies' habits and Merino Shawls, in the neatest possible manner. He also makes, alters and repairs Gentlemen's Clothes, to their entire satisfaction, and upon the most reasonable terms.

His mode of dressing clothes is by steam sponging, which he has followed with much success for several years past. All kinds of spots or stains are extracted, and the cloth restored to the appearance of new; and this he engages to perform without any injury to the cloth, and at least equal to any thing of the kind done in this or any other city of the United States.

May 8.

9—3m.

BEAUTY AND ECONOMY.

UNITED STATES SCOURING, AND

STEAM SPONGING.

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N. B. J. S. constantly keeps on hand New and Second-hand Clothes of every description, which he assures the public will be sold as low, if not lower than at any other establishment in the United States for cash or barter. Gentlemen wishing to purchase will find it much to their interest to call as above, and examine for themselves.

The highest price given for Gentlemen's clothes.

TAILORING: WORK carried on, and Clothes repaired—New Cuffs, Collars and Buttons put on, &c. &c. &c. He keeps on hand, Cloth, Velvet, and Silk of all colours, for doing up same.

April 29, 1827.

22—3m.

LOTS WANTED.

TWO LOTS, of the year of two lots, where there is any convenient communication with the street, are wanted, for the erection of a Presbyterian Church. The location must be between Reed and Spring, Hudson and Orange streets.

One lot within the above bounds, 20 feet or more, to be owned by the subscriber, and the other to be owned by the subscriber.

Inquire of S. F. Coker, No. 5, Vandam-street, New-York, March 14.

ECONOMY IS NOT PARIMONY.

S. MOLLESTON & J. ROBINSON TAILORS and Clothes Dressers, respectfully announce that they have formed into partnership, and have opened an establishment at 31, Broad-street, three doors above Beaver-st, where they respectively solicit a continuance of that patronage which they have hitherto enjoyed, and which will be their study to confine by punctuality and superior workmanship.

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New-York, March 14.

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12—2m.

LAND FOR SALE.

THE subscriber is authorised to offer to his coloured brethren, 2,000 Acres of excellent Land, at less than one half its value, provided they will take measures to settle, or have it settled, by coloured farmers. The land is in the state of New-York, within 70 miles of the city. Its location is delightful, being on the banks of the Delaware river, with an open navigation to the city of Philadelphia. The canal leading from the Delaware to the Hudson river passes through the tract, opening a direct navigation to New-York city. A passage to either city may be made in one day or less. The land is of the best quality, and well timbered.

The subscriber hopes that some of his brethren, who are capitalists, will at least invest 500 or 1,000 dollars, in these lands. To whom he will give the liberty to say, this land can be purchased for 5 dollars the acre, (by coloured men,) though it has been selling for \$25. He also takes the liberty to observe that the purchase will be exceedingly advantageous, and he thinks such a settlement, formed by coloured families, would be conducive to much good. With this object in view he will invest 500 dollars in the purchase.

SAMUELIE CORNISH, New-York, March 20.

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