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SPRIT OF JEFFERSON.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY JAMES W. BELLER, OFFICE ON MAIN STREET, A FEW DOORS ABOVE THE VALLEY BANK.

THE late Partnership of Lucas & Bedinger has been dissolved by mutual consent.

HENRY BEDINGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, WILL practice in the Courts of Jefferson, Clarke, Frederick, and Berkeley counties.

B. F. WASHINGTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON CO., VA., PRACTISES in the Courts of Jefferson and adjoining counties.

D. ALEXANDER offers his professional services to the citizens of Charlestown and the vicinity.

GEORGE W. SAPPINGTON, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW, WILL attend the Superior and Interior Courts of Jefferson, Berkeley, Frederick and Clarke counties.

TRILUMINE LODGE, NO. 117, will celebrate the approaching anniversary of St. John the Baptist at Smithfield on the 24th of June next.

Geo. D. Wiltshire, Vance Bell, S. L. Mingham, J. W. Grantam, Richard McClure, George Murphy, John F. Smith, Com. of Arrangements, Smithfield, April 26, 1845.

GARTER'S HOTEL, WHITE-HOUSE, THE very liberal encouragement which the Proprietor has extended to this Establishment induces the Proprietor to hope that he may continue to receive and receive a continuation of that patronage.

ISAAC N. CARTER, Proprietor, CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, VA., April 11, 1845.

PERSONS that may be in want of the above named Stoves, are respectfully informed that the subscriber has become the purchaser of the right for selling them in Jefferson county, Virginia.

FOR SALE, A FEMALE SERVANT, who has been accustomed to the duties of the household.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!! To be had at JAMES CLOTHIER'S Tailoring Shop, for Cash, or on a short credit.

Spring and Summer Goods, suitable to all classes, consisting of Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings, of a very superior quality.

New Spring and Summer Goods, We would call the attention of our friends and the public generally to one stock of Spring and Summer Goods, which is much larger than usual.

General Intelligence.

A New Process of Tanning. A respectable gentleman of Ohio has a few days since described to us a new method of tanning leather.

The invention consists in perforating the hide or skin to be tanned. This is done (after the skin is cleaned and ready to be put in the tan-ooze) with fine steel points.

Discovery of Crime by a Bird. A woman named Leclerc, has lately been tried before the Court of Assizes at Aisne, in France, for several attempts to "disembarrass herself of her husband."

Discovery of a Half Alligator and Half Whale. A creature which must have been half alligator and half whale. It was discovered embedded in a chalk formation on the banks of the Alabama River.

Albany Citizen says, one of the wonders of the animal kingdom may be seen in the State Geological Hall. It is the petrified vertebrae of a monster called by Naturalists the Zyngulocera.

Gallinacci's Messenger announced not long since the marriage of a fair American to a descendant of the late General Washington.

Truly, says the Louisville Journal, Cincinnati is a wonderful city. In forty-five years her population has increased from a hundred to seventy thousand souls.

The Jews.—We find in one of our exchanges, the following statistics in regard to the Jews.—There are—

In America.—In the United States 35,000; in other parts of America 40,000. Total 75,000. In Europe.—Russia and Rumania 1,700,000; Sweden, 1,250; Denmark, 6,000; Prussia, 194,988; Germany, 145,000; Holland and Belgium, 80,000; Great Britain and Ireland, 30,000; France, 80,000; Austria 468,224; Switzerland, 2,000; Italy, 200,000; Turkey, 325,000; Gibraltar, 2,000; Portugal, 1,000; Ionian Islands, 8,000. Total 3,228,362.

From the Washington Union.

"STAND BY YOUR COUNTRY." LEAVE YOUR FRIENDS AND STAND BY YOUR COUNTRY!"

"STAND BY YOUR COUNTRY!" Sink to the soul like living flame; From a Patriot's heart they strike great! And from a Patriot's lips they came;

"STAND BY YOUR COUNTRY!" Never sleep, With bitter room and barred deep Of all a freedom holds most dear!

"STAND BY YOUR COUNTRY!" To the sky Let her proud banner be unroll'd; Nor to one honest heart deny The shelter of its airy fold!

"STAND BY YOUR COUNTRY!" Right or wrong, Be ready, in the hour of need— Though countless its the hand and throng, And honor be wreck'd and bones bleed— To plead her cause, and wield the brand For Freedom and your Native land! E. M. H.

Miscellaneous.

SOLOMON SWALLOW, THE WOMAN TAMER.

"Rule a Wife and have a Wife." Solomon Swallow was a bachelor, and a rusty one too;

"What a dreadful dream," ejaculated Mrs. Swallow, pressing her left hand on her wounded arm. "What a dreadful reality," shouted Mr. Swallow, contemplating the fragile ruins of his demolished time-piece.

"To be sure I do," responded the spouse. "Then you'll be sadly disappointed, for I'll do no such thing."

"No!" "No!" "I've a way to make you!" "You're a brute!" and Mrs. Swallow threw herself back and looked desparately.

"Now this was a climax. Mr. Swallow was called a brute at his own fire side, and by his own wife, which was the worst of all. He, Solomon Swallow, was celebrating the fourteenth of August.

"How do you like that, Mrs. Swallow?" "I did, Mr. Swallow."

"Yes, said the lady, 'it is my turn, and jumping up, she sent the slip bowl to keep company with his tea table companions."

"Breakfast and toast," said Mrs. Swallow, "why what do you mean?" "Why, my dear, I mean madam, that I have begun my system."

"And won't you get up too?" "Yes, when breakfast is ready, and my stockings aired!" Mrs. Swallow was about to reply, but she checked herself.

The servant hasn't been here this morning; "Servant," returned Solomon, "I discharged her yesterday. You don't think I can afford to keep a servant and a wife too!"

The next morning at six o'clock, Mr. Swallow again informed his wife that it was time to get up, compelling the remark with the suggestion that in future she must save him the trouble of reminding her of so necessary a duty.

"Don't you hear, Mrs. Swallow?" quoth Solomon. "But alas! a slightly conscious snore was the only response from Mrs. Swallow."

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The turning of the key made her aware of his intention, when she rushed to the door but it was too late.

"Not until I have kept you here seven days upon bread and water, returned the victorious Solomon, and he went his way rejoicing.

"But alas! how feeling is human greatness; in about half an hour he returned to see how matters were going, but he had scarcely put his eyes to the keyhole when he began roaring like a bull, for Mrs. Swallow had torn every one of his fine linen shirts that on his back excepted into pieces, to make a rope to let herself down from the window; nor was this all, for upon further examination, he discovered that she had also thrown a variety of chair cushions, bed linen, &c., into the dirty yard to make her descent safe and commodious.

"O chop fallen Solomon Swallow! The archievers of the Swallows are silent as to the remaining occurrences of this eventful day; but on the very next morning about seven o'clock, Mr. Swallow popped his head from under the blanket and said, 'Mrs. Swallow, dear, isn't it time to get up?'"

"Yes," returned the lady, "and you may call me when you have lit the fire and put on the kettle." "Poor Solomon! There was no alternative, so he set about his work with an alacrity which showed that he had the terror of a broken head and demolished body linen, running strongly in his memory."

"That day he had to prepare breakfast, sweep the room, &c. The next his assistance was required in the rubbing of furniture and the making of beds, and before the week was out he was initiated into the mystery of washing coarse towels.

"Degenerate Solomon Swallow! Nay, in after times when the little Swallows began to gather around him, it is whispered that his better half (and she was his better half) used to employ him at yet more congenial offices.

"But for this we have no proof other than the fact he was the only nurse that Mrs. Swallow would trust with the children.

"About five years after the celebration of his nuptials a friend called to see him. "You must go with me to the theatre Mr. Swallow," said the friend.

"He must," returned the friend, "and so must you." "I may, but he can't," replied the dame, for he must stay at home with the children."

"And Mrs. Swallow did go to the play, and Solomon stopped at home.

"Oh, hen-pecked Solomon Swallow! The moral of this anti-solomon tale is that 'bachelors' wives and old maids children are always excellent in theory but as bad as can be in practice."

"That a managed wife is better than no wife at all. Had Solomon only treated his better half decently in the beginning, things might have gone on smoothly to the end; but as he, he compelled her to be a Tartar in her own defence, and had to take the consequences.

Philosophical Effects of Stimulants. A love of temporary excitement, as has been said, is the prime cause of indulgence in intoxicating liquors; and as this excitement promotes a flow of friendly feelings, the practice of drinking has become engrafted for ages on the social usages of the country.

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WOMAN.

BY FITCH W. WILCOX. "Oh how bright is woman in her beauty—the sublime All charms possessed of nature; the light cloud wreathing his folds across the smiling blue, In not more graceful than her gliding step. The gem is not more brilliant than her eye, The bird's note more melodious than her voice. She is a shrine where man should bow himself down. Forget his petty mean-soul'd love of self. And in the sunlight of her purity See the dark shadows of his own vile heart!"

Conversation is the source of the greatest happiness of a social and rational being, and there can be few pleasures more unalloyed than those derived from the conversation of an intelligent woman. And there is nothing that sooner disgusts the virtuous mind than to listen to the cant that often prevails among some circles of the other sex, or the disparagement of the female character. When I hear it I stay not to argue as to the elements of the character of the creature that will offer it, or the qualities of that heart that can be pleased with the trifling and disparaging remark, as associated with the female sex; to the wreathing of the lip with a smile of satisfaction. It is to woman society owes its highest refinements and softest civilities. The virtuous, and honorable and high-minded bearing, of every community, is measured by the tone of sentiment with which woman is regarded. The chivalric age, when man would peril life for woman as freely as courses the blood of his veins, and when her defence was a profession, was a virtuous age. And the nations of the world are characterized by their civilization, general intelligence, delicacy of feeling, liberty, and perhaps prowess, in proportion as they are observed to treat the female sex with deference, hold their personal rights in consideration, and accord to them freedom in action, and unrestrained intercourse in social life. And there is nothing that speaks more in compliment of the American people, and assuredly declares their advance in the dignity and moral worth of a mighty nation, than the deferential respect with which they regard the female sex. And he has been but a slight observer of mankind who does not consider them, the weaker, the better half of the world, in all that is kind, benevolent, refined and holy.

It is a beautiful paragraph in the works of Lecky, the indefatigable, and, to fancy in martial trapper, in which he speaks of woman as he has seen her in all quarters of the globe. It makes one love his memory, saying every thing it does for the excellency of his heart; and to the critic in literature, presents a specimen of almost the perfect in style. He says— "I have observed, among all nations, that the women ornament themselves more than the men; that everywhere, for they are the same kind, civil, obliging, humane, tender beings; that they are ever inclined to be gay and cheerful, timorous and modest. They do not hesitate like men, to perform a hospitable or generous action; not haughty, nor arrogant, nor superstitious; industrious, economical, ingenious; more liable, in general, to err than man, but in general, also, more virtuous, and performing more good actions than he. I never addressed myself in the language of decency and friendship to a woman, whether civilized or savage, without receiving a decent and friendly answer— with men it has often been otherwise."

In walking over the barren plains of frozen Lapland, rude and cheerful Finland, unprincipled Russia, and the wide-spread regions of the wandering Tartar, if hungry, dry, cold, wet, or sick, woman has ever been friendly to me, and uniformly so; and to add to this virtue so worthy of the appellation of benevolence, these actions have been performed in so free and so kind a manner, that if I was dry I drank the sweet draught, and if hungry ate the sweet morsel with a double relish."

For.—A writer in the Providence Gazette discourses of them in this wise. There is a good deal of truth in what he says. A top is physically a man dressed in the extreme of decency and modesty; that they are ever inclined to be gay and cheerful, timorous and modest. They do not hesitate like men, to perform a hospitable or generous action; not haughty, nor arrogant, nor superstitious; industrious, economical, ingenious; more liable, in general, to err than man, but in general, also, more virtuous, and performing more good actions than he. I never addressed myself in the language of decency and friendship to a woman, whether civilized or savage, without receiving a decent and friendly answer— with men it has often been otherwise."

That man thinks meanly of women (I mean of those who deserve the name) who thinks that they can be brought to admire a top, much more to marry the witless thing. Bachelors of common cloth and plain manners, in this flattering union to your souls—no woman that is worth having, loves the gratification of her vanity or the mere purpose of engrossing a lover's admiration and affection, more than she loves the wisdom, virtue and honor of the man she would naturally prefer. He that serves the cause of truth and devotion need not plead his cause with the common-place art of romantic passion. The woman who is honored with his love becomes his debtor, and her affection is at once engaged to repay his honorable exertion.

WORTH MAKES THE MAN.—Worth makes the man! not dress, nor parade! You will find more real manliness, more sound sense, more loveliness of character, in the humble walks of life, than was ever dreamed of in the circles of fashion, of pride of wealth, of Chesterfieldian rattle of politeness.—When a man of sense, no matter how humble his origin, or lowly his occupation, may appear in the eyes of the vain and foppish—is treated with contempt, he will not soon forget it: but will put forth all the energies of his mind to rise above those who thus look down in scorn upon him. By shunning the mechanic, we exert an influence derogatory to honest labor and make it un fashionable for young men to learn trades, or labor for a support. Did our young women realize that for all their parents possess, and that for all they are indebted to the mechanic, it would be their desire to elevate him and encourage his visits to their society, while they would treat with scorn the lazy, the sponger, and the well dressed pauper. On looking back, a very few years, our most fastidious ladies can trace their genealogy from some humble mechanics, who perished in their day were sneered at by the proud and foolish while their grand mothers gladly received them to their bosoms. [Joseph C. Neal.]

PARSING.—Jenny, what is a member of Congress? "A member of Congress is a common substantive, agreeing with self-interest, and is governed by eight dollars a day, understood."





