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CHARLESTOWN, VIRGINIA, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1853.

Poetry.

RHYME.

"I can scarcely hear," she murmured, "For my heart beats loud and fast, But surely, in the far, far distance, I can hear a sound at last."

"It is only the reapers singing, As they crumple their sheaves; And the rattle of the sickle, As they mow the waving leaves."

"Listen! there are voices talking, Calmly still the strove to speak, Yet her voice came faint and trembling, And the redness in her cheek."

"It is only the children playing, Below, now their work is done, And they laugh that their eyes are dazzled By the rays of the setting sun."

Painter gave her voice, and weaker, As with anxious eyes she cried, "Down the avenue of chestnuts, I can hear a horseman ride."

"It is only the deer that were feeding In a herd on the clover grass, They were startled and fled to the thicket, As they saw the reaper pass."

Now the night came in silence, Birds lay in their leafy nest, And the deer crouched in the forest, And the children were at rest."

There was only a sound of weeping From waters around a bed, But rest to the weary spirit, Peace to the quiet dead."

SONG FOR THINKERS.

Take the spade of perseverance, Dig the field of progress wide, Every rotten root of faction, Hunt and catch the weeds of pride."

Every stubborn weed of error, Every seed that hurts the soil; Dig the road to knowledge's door, Give the steam of education the toll."

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EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY FOR CALCULATION.

From the New Orleans Advertiser. We mentioned among our news items the other day the circumstance of a youth in Arkansas, of twenty years of age, who was an idiot, except in the extraordinary faculty he possessed for the computation of numbers...

He can give correct answers, instantaneously, to the most difficult questions propounded by the most able operators, for he has no calculation whatever.

It is a singular thing that this faculty has been seldom, if ever, found in persons of a well-cultivated or superior mind. Zerah Colburn, whose extraordinary powers may any of our readers well remember, entirely lost the faculty as he approached man's estate.

In the year 1788, Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, published an account of the existence of a calculating faculty in a negro man, a slave in Virginia, which, perhaps, one of the most interesting cases on record. This man was a farm slave on a poor Virginia farm near Alexandria, where he worked hard in the fields all his life. He could neither read nor write, and was, moreover, a native of Africa. He had no idea of the advantages of education, but rather prided himself upon his ignorance, "because," said he, "I may be learned but I shall be a fool."

For that was his name—was able to give some slight account of the faculty he possessed—the way he came by it—which none of his predecessors, equally gifted, had been able to do.

He showed that in his case at least it was a greater or less degree of the result of a laborious and natural effort—a sort of self-discipline by which his powers were slowly cultivated and perfected. He remembered when he could only count ten; and when, by dint of application, he could count a hundred, he thought, as he said, he was "a very clever fellow."

Having thus got an insight into the nature of numbers, he proceeded to try his powers.

The first thing he did, according to Dr. Rush, was to count the number of hairs on a cow's tail, which he found to be exactly 2,872—10,000 grains in a bushel of wheat, and in the same quantity of fax, &c. Thomas had quite a practical turn, and he made his talent useful to his mistress in a number of ways. How he acquired his faculty for more intricate calculations does not appear.

Messrs. Wm. Hartshorn and Samuel Coates, of Philadelphia, citizens of the highest respectability and integrity, visited Fuller. When they saw him he was seventy years of age—upon being brought to his arithmetic, he showed no evidence of decay of his powers. The first question asked him, was how many seconds there were in a year and a half; to which he gave a correct answer in two minutes.

To the similar but more difficult question—how many seconds a man has lived who is seventy years, seventeen days, and twelve hours old, he replied in a minute and a half, and the product of the numbers, which will be found to be the correct answer.

A curious circumstance occurred in connection with this answer, showing that whatever was Tom's mode of arriving at these results it was one of reason and thought. One of the gentlemen who questioned him had diphtheria and, and attracted the attention of Rhodomantus, who presided over the Supreme Court in that unexplored region. On enquiring the cause of this disturbance, he was informed that the great Julius Cæsar, Terentian, Nadir Schah, and Napoleon Bonaparte, as to which was the greatest hero and conqueror. The judge directed them all to be called before him, and ordered them to set forth their pretensions in as few words as possible.

"I," said Julius Cæsar, "conquered Gaul and Britain, and finally laid all Italy at my feet."

"And I," said Tamerlane, "conquered Asia, and shut up the representative of the Prophet in an iron cage."

"And I," said Nadir Schah, "conquered Persia, Armenia and Hindoostan."

"And I," said Napoleon, "conquered Germany and Prussia, laid Europe at my feet, and subjected France to my sway."

"And I," said Alexander, "conquered the world."

"Very well," said the judge. "You are all great conquerors, but I will show you a greater."

Accordingly he beckoned to a tall, majestic figure, standing apart, contemplating the scene with calm indifference, who advanced, and stood erect before the great judge of mankind.

"Here," exclaimed Rhodomantus—"He is the conqueror, greater than the desolators of nations, and the subjugators of Empires, who, after giving freedom to his country, and annihilating world, overcame his ambition and conquered himself!"—It was Washington.

[Pen and Pencil.]

ANECDOTE OF A FAT MAN. "Bridget," said a lady in the city of Gotham one morning, as she was reconnoitering in her kitchen, "what a quantity of soap grease you have got here. We can get plenty of soap for it, and we must change it for some."

"For the fat man, and when he comes along tell him I want to speak to him."

"Yes, mum," said Bridget.

All that morning, Bridget, between each whisk of her dish-cloth, kept a bright look out of the kitchen window, and no moving creature escaped her watchful gaze. At last her industry seemed about to be rewarded, for down the street came a large, portly gentleman, flourishing a cane, and looking the very picture of good humor. Sure, then, the fat man, thought Bridget—and when he was in front of the house, out she flew and informed him that his mistress wished to speak to him.

"Speak to me, my good girl?" replied the stout gentleman.

"Yes, sir, wants to speak to you, and says that you are good enough to walk in, if you are at home."

This request, as it is to be supposed, so in a state of some wonderment, up the steps went the gentleman, and up the stairs went Bridget, and knocking at the mistress's door, put her head in and exclaimed, "A fat gentleman is in the parlor, mum."

So saying, she instantly withdrew to the lower regions.

In the parlor, thought the lady. What can it mean? Bridget never misleads—she is down to the parlor she went, and up rose our friend, with his blandest smile and most graceful bow.

"Your servant informed me, madam, that you would like to speak to me—at your service, madam."

The mortified mistress saw the state of the case immediately, and a smile wreathed itself about her mouth, and she said to herself, "Will you pardon the terrible blunder of a raw Irish girl, my dear sir? I told her to call in the fat man to take away the soap mistake, you see, and she has made a mistake, you see."

The jolly fat gentleman leaned back in his chair, and laughed so heartily he had a ha ha ha never comes from any of your lean brethren.

No apologies needed, madam," said he—"It is, I think, the best joke of the season—'Ha ha ha!' she took me for the soap grease man, did she? It will keep me laughing for a month. Such a good joke!" And up he went, and round the corner was heard the merry ha ha ha of the old gentleman, as he brought down his cane, every now and then, and exclaimed, "such a joke!"

DESCRIPTION OF JEFFERSON.

In a series of pen and ink portraits by Edward William Johnson, of Virginia, we find the anecdotal sketch of Thomas Jefferson's personal appearance, and of his conversational power.

Dressed, within doors, as I saw him last, no longer in the red breeches which were once famous as the favorite and rather conspicuous attire of his youth, but in a simple, plain, and comfortable suit, he sat at his table, with a book open before him, and a quill pen in his hand.

He was seated in a high-backed chair, and his feet were on a stool. He was looking at the book, and his hand was on the quill pen.

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