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LETTER FROM MISSOURI. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 4th, 1869.

My Editor:—I will intrude upon your columns for the purpose of calling the attention of the patriotic and philanthropic people of the Valley to a matter which it seems to me is being overlooked.

THESE PLANS have all the latest improvements, including the AGRICULTURE, JURY FRONT, and the Improved French Auction, etc.

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1869. SPRING & SUMMER, 1869. WE have stocked our retail department with a full line of Mens', Boys' and Children's...

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Commission Merchants, 45 South Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.

VALUABLE RELIC.—Mr. James Fossitt has presented Mr. Harris Bell, the keeper of the Alexandria Museum, with a hatchet, which at one time belonged to Gen. Washington...

THE Philadelphia Bulletin declares that if Senator Ross undertakes to place himself in opposition to Grant and the republican party, with hope of winning honor in the party...

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PORTICAL

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John Phoenix

A friend recently related to us the following anecdote of Phoenix, which has never been published.

When Jefferson Davis was Secretary of War, he issued circulars to all the army oficers, asking of them specifications for a proposed new uniform.

Phoenix, who was an excellent draughtsman, set to work and produced a design.

He made no great change in the uniform, but he proposed revolutionizing the entire system of modern tactics by a new book.

This book was to be attached to the belt of every soldier's pack. It applied to every arm of the service, cavalry, infantry and artillery.

He illustrated its use by a series of well executed designs. He quoted high medical authority proving its advantages in a sanitary point of view.

The heavy trunk, he argued, induced a stooping position and contraction of the chest.

But hung on the back by a strap connecting with the shoulder, it would brace the back and expand the chest.

The cavalry thus to be rendered more secure in their seats, hooked to a ring in the saddle.

All the commissions officers were to carry a light twenty-foot pole, with a ring attached to the end.

This was to be used during an engagement in drawing the stragglers back into the ranks.

He illustrated a terrific battle, the generals and colonels being thus occupied, running about hauling strings of glass back to the rank.

In many other particulars he expatiated on the value and efficiency of his book.

Jefferson Davis was enraged. He instantly made out an order directing Phoenix to be court-martialed for contempt.

Marcy was made aware of Phoenix's transgression, as well as the cloud hanging over him.

He looked over the plates. He saw a regiment, their back toward him, drawing up in line knapsacks, blankets, pans and all manner of camp equipage, pendant from each soldier's pack.

Marcy broke down. Said he to Davis: "It's no use to court-martial this man. The matter will be made public; the laugh will settle entirely on us, and besides, a man who has the inventive ingenuity here displayed, as well as this faculty of design, is directed though it be, is too valuable to the service to be trifled with."

Phoenix's plan.—[Oakland Transcript.]

A Story for Swearers. A gentleman once heard a laboring man swear dreadfully in the presence of a number of his companions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Noble Beverage. The Mendip, Capt. Frobisher, was lying off Gravesend waiting for the arrival from London of the principal passenger, an attaché of the British Embassy in the Portuguese court.

Among the cargo were four barrels of powder. While the ship waited for this personage some of the cabin passengers, among whom were four military officers, went on shore, and remained there until the hour for sailing was announced, which was done by the captain in his own hand.

He entered the hold, and found the four officers engaged in drinking and gambling. One of them, Lieutenant Brown, inflamed by his losses and the wine he had swallowed, called upon Frobisher, in a bullying tone, to drink.

"Drink my boy, till your brains are on a blazing fire."

"I have not come to drink; a blazing brand is not for one like me, upon whom depends, under God's providence, the lives of so many. I have come to tell you that in an hour we will weigh anchor."

"Not drink?" shrieked the wine-mad man. "If you will not swallow the liquor, you shall take it somehow; and he flung the wine-filled glass at Frobisher, whom it happily missed."

"A challenge! a challenge!" shouted the companions of Brown. "Surely, Capt. Frobisher will not tamely suffer such an insult!"

"Nothing but a challenge will I fight," Brown, replied Frobisher; "I pity and I pardon him."

The officers laughed loudly and scornfully. "In an hour, gentlemen, we sail," said the Captain withdrew.

"The Mendip," was cleaving her way down the channel. It was the hour of dinner, and Frobisher, in his capacity of captain, presided. The gambling officers and their wives, by many insinuations, implied that "somebody" was a coward and paltrous.

After dinner was ended, and while the passengers walked the quarter-deck, which the Captain was also pacing, Lieut. Brown and the attaché, with a mock courtesy created by drink, spoke loud, asserting words against Frobisher, to his face, and turned laughingly to the others for approval.

"In insisting the strong arm of the Captain laid a heavy hand on the shoulder of Brown."

"Hark! Lieut. Brown, I am Captain of this ship, and if you persist any longer in trying to upset my authority, I shall place you in irons till you reach Lisbon."

The instance was never repeated. "The Mendip" was in the bay of Biscay. A storm had been raging for three days, during which the bravery of the Captain had been extolled by every one on board, but Lieut. Brown and the attaché.

The ship's boats were swept away, all but two, and these would barely contain the passengers and crew, should it be requisite to abandon the ship. On the fourth day the alarm of fire was raised. The hold was in flames. In a few minutes more the flames would reach the magazine. The time was midnight. The Captain was on deck, and gave his orders with calm self-composure.

"Lower the boats. Let the women and children go first; then every man according to his age."

"Ay, ay!" replied his brave men. The wives of the passengers and the children, were safely lowered into the boats.

"Now for as many as the boats have room to spare," shouted Frobisher. "Back!" shouted Frobisher, "years before position; Lieut. Brown, it is your turn first."

"Heaven bless you!" cried Brown, bursting into tears; "we are friends at last!" Frobisher shook him by the hand, exclaiming: "In the presence of death my should we not be so? I have never quarrelled with you."

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LOCAL MISCELLANY

Sad Catastrophe

On the morning of the 11th inst. Mr. Alexander Kelly, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Harper's Ferry, came to his death under the following painful circumstances...

DEATH OF A VIRGINIAN

The Winchester Times notices the death of Algeon S. Wood, Esq., which took place in the city of Baltimore on Sunday, the 9th inst. This man pays him the following tribute:

NEGO RELIGION

A Southern gentleman, who is curious in his observations as to the effect of freedom on the field-hand free men, says that in no way does Sambo "feel the oats" of liberty more than in his devotions...

DECLINATION

From the Sentinel, published at Liberty, Bedford county, Va., we copy the following notice of our former young man, Mr. WALTER C. DOUGLASS...

ASSAULT ON MRS. SULLIVAN

This affair, which occurred on the 19th of April, near DeWitt's Depot, has assumed an importance that is exciting much interest in our community...

HON. JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER

The Ledger Mirror says that this gentleman has left London and taken up his residence in Baltimore, where he purposes practicing his profession...

COMPLIMENTARY

The Washington county Agricultural Association have sent us a ticket to attend their exhibition, which is to take place at Hagerstown, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th days of May, 1869...

HANDSOMELY IMPROVED

The new paper, through cleansing and beautiful painting of the store room of Mr. Lewis Dickie, in this town, gives to his glittering display, most costly jewelry and useful wares...

THE DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES

Given on Friday and Saturday evenings last, by the young men of our town, fully sustained the high reputation hitherto established by this Troupe...

THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF HAITI

are highly indignant at the appointment of a negro to represent the government of the United States at that court. It appears that aristocratic negroes of Haiti look down with contempt upon their sable brethren in this country...

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

We learn from the Courier, that on Monday week Mr. James Butt, employed upon the new building of Mr. Ogden in Berryville, while walking across a joist in the second story, it broke, precipitating him to the floor below, a distance of about 11 feet, falling across the joist, bruising him badly on the head, arm and hip...

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