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From the New York Mirror. They tell me she's no longer fair, That time has swept aside The tints of her youthful brow, Her beauty's blooming pride— But if her heart is still the same, Still gentle as of yore, Then is she beautiful to me— More lovely than before.

## REGULAR LANKY.

"NO! NO! NO! I WON'T!" HENRY HARTWELL gave utterance to these monosyllables in his loudest tone of voice. Henry Hartwell was a man or he would never have dared to have said so many hard words to his pretty wife, though she had been teasing him.

## Mrs. Hartwell, I should be happy to oblige you in any thing reasonable, but at present I cannot afford to pay two thousand dollars for a coach and span of greys—

How much nicer people are in their person than their minds. How anxious are they to wear the appearance of wealth and taste in the things of outward show, while their intellects are poverty and meanness. See one of the apes of fashion with his cockcombs and ostentation of luxury. His clothes must be made by the best tailor, his horse must be of the best blood, his wines of the finest flavor, his cookery of the highest zest; but his reading is of the poorest frivolities, or of the lowest trash.

## EXTRACT.

Few men suspect, perhaps no man comprehends, the extent of the supports given by religion to every virtue. No man perhaps is aware, how much our moral and social sentiments are fed from this fountain; how powerless conscience would become without the belief of God; how paralyzed would be human benevolence; how the whole social fabric would quake, and with what a fearful crash it would sink into hopeless ruin, were the ideas of a Supreme Being, of accountability, and of a future life, to be utterly erased from every mind.

## HIGH LIVING AND MEAN THINKING.

In the enjoyment of the animal senses is an appetite, but a pig is a clean feeder compared with a man, and a pig would eat good and bad, sweet and foul alike, but his mind has no taste except for the most worthless garbage. The pig has no discrimination and a great appetite; the mind which we describe has not the apology of voracity; it is satisfied with but little, but that must be of the worst sort, and every thing of a better quality is rejected by it with disgust.

## EARLY FRUGALITY.

In early childhood you lay the foundation of poverty or riches, in the habit you give your children. Teach them to save very early, but for some use. Teach them to share every thing with their playmates; but never allow them to destroy anything. I once visited a family where the most exact economy was observed; yet nothing was mean or uncomfortable. It is the character of the true economist to be as comfortable as possible.

## GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

SWEDISH LAWS. WITH RESPECT TO DRIBBERATION. The laws against intoxication are enforced with great rigor in Sweden. Whoever is seen drunk is fined, for the first offence, three dollars; for the second six; for the third and fourth a still larger sum, and is also deprived of the right of voting at elections, and of being appointed a representative. He is, besides, publicly exposed in the parish church on the following Sunday.

## THE TRAVELLING FACILITIES ARE NOW SO NUMEROUS AND PLEASANT, THAT THEY HOLD OUT GREAT TEMPTATIONS TO LEAVE HOME AND BUSINESS.

Indeed, it is to be feared that home will soon be known only in connection with the locomotive or the steamboat. No people on earth travel more than the Americans of the present day. We hope the mania may not increase to so great an extent as to be deemed an absolute evil. Witness what a grave writer of the 17th century thought of the inducements held out even by a common stage-coach in his day.

## PUBLIC LANDS.

The United States owns, at present, 4,100,492 acres; in Indiana, 1,469,156 acres; in Illinois, 1,734,014 acres; in Missouri, 1,743,420 acres; in Alabama, 22,088,058 acres; in Mississippi, 13,924,301 acres; in Louisiana, 9,683,526 acres; in Arkansas, 14,923,175 acres; in Michigan, east of the lake, 9,103,607 acres; in Michigan, west of the lake, 4,924,220 acres; and in Florida, 6,692,909 acres; making a total of (in round numbers) about 132 millions of acres.

## THE DECLINE OF LYNCH LAW.

We are glad to observe the wholesome tone which pervades the New Orleans papers on the subject of the recent assault on Judge Bernudez, of that city. There is no ill-timed sympathy for the fate of the young men who were the victims of their own rashness. Their fate, fearful as it was, may well cause the most poignant anguish to their friends; but none, except those bound to them by the closest ties, regret that the attempt to commit outrage on those who made it. This may seem strong language, and the immediate friends of the deceased may regret the article and even the public acknowledgment of the crime; but it will be justified by all disinterested persons who have at heart the preservation of the laws, and the order and well-being of society. The decision of Judge Bernudez was unpopular in New Orleans, but, judging from the tone of the papers in that city, his

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FROM THE SOUTH.

MEXICO AND TEXAS. The New Orleans Bulletin of the 10th ult. says:—By the arrival of the schooner...

PROCLAMATION.

From the Texas Herald, 5th Sept. 1836. From General Samuel Houston. Nacooches, Texas, 29th Aug. 1836.

INDIAN BUTCHERIES.

The Jacksonville Courier Extra is filled with the details of an inroad made by the Indians...

of his voyage to Brazoria, on the American schooner Passaic, but to listen to what he may have to state respecting the affairs of Texas...

FRAN. PIZARRA MARTINEZ. Such in substance are the contents of the passport. Upon this evidence, joined to the suspicious circumstances...

except that the Indians had put one foot upon the edge of a table. The house was on fire—she made her way out of it, fainting every few minutes...

take the murdering Indians. They expected to do so at the next house (Mr. Lowder's), 7 miles ahead. On arriving there they found the house abandoned by the two females...

MEMPHIS, Aug. 25.—The Harvest.—Never was earth more bounteous in her gifts throughout West Tennessee than at the present season.

Three-fourths of the inhabitants of Castville, Wisconsin Territory, are males; the other fourth are married. Some merchants there offer to pay the freight of a cargo of girls...

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THE DEPOSED KING OF FRANCE.—Charles X of France, now at Brudweis in Bohemia, where he has been with his family since the 6th of July.

THE WILLIAMSPORT BANNER states that the water will be drawn from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on the 12th October, for the purpose of making the necessary repairs of the Catocton Aqueduct...

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LET THE PEOPLE DISCRIMINATE. Though it is amusing, it is not the less disgusting to see with what brazen-faced impudence some of the partisans of Van Buren attempt to detract from the merits of Gen. Harrison.

THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN of Tuesday. THE ELECTION. For Delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, and for a Sheriff for each county in the State, took place yesterday.

WHIG MEETING. Pursuant to a notice given in the Free Press by a committee appointed at a respectable meeting of the Whig Voters of Jefferson County...

THE NULLIFIERS DEFEATED. CARLETON, PENNSYLVANIA, EXPOSURE EXTRA. September 30, 1836. Carleton Regenerated—Disfranchised.

Count Surveillors (Joseph Bonaparte) it is stated, will return to the U. States in the course of a year, perhaps early next spring.

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