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Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co., Va.
WILL practice in the Courts of Jefferson and the adjoining Counties.
July 29, 1843.—

SECOND SUPPLY!

Miller & Tate,
SHEPHERDSTOWN, VA.
RESPECTFULLY inform the public generally that they have just returned from the Eastern Cities, with they have received and opened their

Second Supply of WINTER GOODS;

Embracing many styles of goods entirely new, and which cannot be found in any house in the State. They are most carefully examined, and are generally of the best quality. They are cheaply and liberally sold. Call and look through the stock.
Dec 29, 1843.

AUCTIONEERS FOR Jefferson County, Virginia.

THE subscribers having taken out Auctioneers License for Jefferson county, respectfully announce to their friends and the public generally, that they will receive all kinds of Merchandise, Furniture, and other goods for sale, at their Auction Room, at Harpers-Ferry, Va. They will also attend to all public sales throughout the county.

Persons who are sold without license, would do well to observe this notice, and not infringe on the rights of the subscribers.
Our terms will be moderate—such as will suit the times.
Refer to G. B. Wager and Isaac Finkle, Esq's, Harpers-Ferry; Geo. W. Sappington and Wm. B. Thompson, Esq's, Charlestown.

Y. M. CLARK,
Harpers-Ferry, Nov. 20—6m.

WHEAT WANTED.

THE subscribers are desirous of purchasing a large quantity of wheat, for which they will pay the highest cash price on delivery at the Old Furnace—should farmers prefer it, we will load it from their barns, as we keep a team for that purpose.
We will also transport Flour, Wheat, and other produce, by way of the Canal, to the District, at the lowest price.
On hand and for sale, or exchange for country produce,
Plaster, Salt, Groceries, &c. &c.
Farmers are desired to give us a call before disposing of their grain, as we will give the highest cash price on delivery.
M. H. & V. W. MOORE,
Old Furnace, July 27, 1843.

THE FLOWING SPRING MILLS.

THIS ancient and well known establishment is now in better repair than ever. Flour than it has ever been since it was first built, when it almost certainly—having one of the best Rubbers to clean Wheat from mill that is in the State of Virginia, made by one of the owners of the Mill, HENRY S. SNYDER. Being thus prepared to grind all kinds of grain, and wishing to be constantly employed, we would solicit all those who have grain to grind to give us a call and see whether we will not do as well for them as any other Mill in the county.
For every hundred bushels of Merchandise, we will give 25 cents to the miller, and we will give 25 cents for the miller's share of the flour, when they get the return for their flour. We will also give 1250 pounds of meal for every hundred bushels of wheat. We would rather the farmer would grind his wheat with us for toll, than for us to buy, yet if any prefer selling, we will buy at a fair market price, and cash on delivery.
The public's humble servants,
ABRAHAM SNYDER,
JOSHUA S. SNYDER,
Flouring Spring, Aug. 3, 1843.—9m.

Our Saw Mill and Plaster Mill are in good order, and Corn Grinding in the Cob is regularly attended to.

A. & S. SNYDER,
Aug. 3, 1843.

50,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT!

THIS subscriber is authorized to purchase 50,000 bushels of Merchandise (Wheat, Also, Rice, Corn, and Oats, for which the highest market price will be paid in cash on delivery. He will also furnish farmers delivering Wheat to his Depot with a settlement of such as the wheat is delivered.
RICHARD DUFFIELD,
July 27, 1843.

Fashionable Tailoring.

James H. Kittingham,
RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Charlestown and the adjacent country that he has opened a TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT a few doors East of Mr. David Humphrey's Store, and nearly opposite the Store of Mr. C. W. Aspinwall. In the Shop he is personally occupied by Mr. Thomas D. Webster, where he is prepared to execute in the newest and most fashionable style, all articles in his line of business, and at prices to suit the times. From long experience in business, and the general satisfaction he has rendered so far, he can with safety assure a neat fit, and perfect satisfaction to those who may be pleased to patronize him.
Having made ample arrangements to be provided with the FASHIONS as they are regularly issued, he can promise the very "tip of the fashion" to those desiring their garments so made, and are thus enabled to say that the most fashionable will be served to order by giving him a call.
As none but the very best workmen will be employed, the public may rest assured that his work will be both neat and durable.
He hopes, by strict attention to business, and punctuality in engagements, to receive a liberal patronage of a discerning public patronage.
Charlestown, Nov. 2, 1843.—6m.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having open accounts on our books, or the books of J. M. Robinson, are hereby notified that a settlement of such accounts by note or cash, is positively required, respectively, on or before the 1st of January, 1844. Should such settlements not be made, we will be compelled to use some other means to obtain a settlement. Persons who claim against us are requested to send us by that time, and they will be paid through J. M. HOLLAND.
Harpers-Ferry, Dec 7, 1843.

NOTICE.

THE Governor and Council of Massachusetts having appointed the voter list at the last election for members of the State Senate, and that seventeen Senators only have received the requisite majority of votes, of whom eleven are Whigs. The vacancies are twenty-three in number, and on the meeting of the Legislature will of course be filled with Whigs.

LIFE.

The last leaf that falls in Autumn's hour,
The rose that has its fragrance lost,
Are emblems of the silent power
Of time and change o'er us and them,
Yet happier in the silent fate,
For spring will bring the flowers restore,
And summer will new flowers create,
As bright as those which bloomed before.
But when life's morning dream departs,
And grief succeeds the fancied bliss,
Oft what shall cheer the lonely heart,
Or solace sorrow's agonizing stress?
Years will roll on—and time will bring
Its various changes but in vain—
There is in life but one short spring,
And it can never return again.

The Peter Penns.

MENNON GALLAGHER.
Sirs—You will confer a favor upon many of your countrymen, should you be so good as to forward to the following extracts from the "charge" to the congregation of the first Presbyterian Church, at Washington City, delivered at the installation of Rev. W. H. Spry, as the Bishop thereof, Nov. 27th, 1843, by the Rev. J. N. Danforth.

After speaking of our (Presbyterian) form of government, and laying two fundamental principles, viz: "1. That the people are capable of self-government. 2. That they do in fact govern, or are the sovereign." he proceeds to describe their whole mind to their people. So far as I have observed, they have in general proved themselves worthy of the privileges and rights of the sacred trust.

The pastor has a right to the time which he sets apart for study. Study he must, if he would obey his Master, and profit you. One plain precept is, that a minister ought to be a teacher of the people, literally, didactically, and in the history of one poor heart that has sinned and suffered, and represent to myself the struggles and temptations it has passed through; the feverish inquietude of hope and fear; the pressure of want; the desertion of friends; the scorn of the world that has little charity; the desolation of the soul's sanctuary, and threatening vices within—health gone—happiness gone—even hope, that remains longest, gone—I would fain leave the erring soul of man with him from whose hands it came."

THE TRUE SPIRIT.—Prof. Longfellow, in one of his beautiful compositions, in speaking of the human heart, says—
"What I have seen of the world, and known of the history of mankind, teaches me to look upon the errors of others, in sorrow, not in anger. When I take the history of one poor heart that has sinned and suffered, and represent to myself the struggles and temptations it has passed through; the feverish inquietude of hope and fear; the pressure of want; the desertion of friends; the scorn of the world that has little charity; the desolation of the soul's sanctuary, and threatening vices within—health gone—happiness gone—even hope, that remains longest, gone—I would fain leave the erring soul of man with him from whose hands it came."

FEMALE INFLUENCE.—"Every where through the circle of her intercourse, her influence is felt like the dew of heaven, gentle, silent, and unseen, yet pervading and efficient. But in the domestic circle its power is concentrated, and is like the life-giving beams of the sun, awakening, illustrating, and almost creating the moral aspect of the scene. To speak first of the filial relation—none can conceive how much a daughter may promote the comfort, and the moral benefit of her parents, but those who have seen the female character exhibited under the influence of an enlightened understanding and an improved heart; which by their natural action, have produced the most extended views of duty with the strongest may exert a most important influence. With no strong countervailing circumstances, she may give what feature she pleases to the moral and intellectual character of those with whom she is connected in this relation. All the sweet endearments of mutual affection and confidence will give weight to her influence. But it is a Mother, that woman has all the powers which which the munificence of her divine Best-father has endowed her, matured the highest protection, and exercised in the greatest strength.

MARRIAGE.—I never knew a marriage expressly for money, that did not end unhappily. Yet managing mothers and headless daughters are continually playing the same unlucky game. I believe the first man more frequently marry for love than women, because they have a free choice. I am afraid to conjecture how large a portion of women marry, because they think they will not have a better chance, and dread being dependent. Such marriages, no doubt, sometimes prove tolerably comfortable, but a greater number would have been far happier single. We may judge by my observations of such matters, marrying for a home is a most tiresome way of getting a living—Mrs. Child.

THEORY OF MARRIAGE.—There was a merry fellow who supped with Plato three thousand years ago, and the conversation turned upon love and the choice of wives. He said, "He had learned from very early tradition that man was created male and female, with a duplicate set of limbs, and performed his economic functions with a kind of rotary movement as if a wheel; that he became, in consequence, so excessively impatient, that Jupiter, indignant, split him in two; that since that time each runs through the world in quest of the other half; if the two original halves meet, they are a very loving couple; otherwise they are subject to miserable scolding, peevishness, and unangelical matrimony." The search (he said) was rendered difficult for the reason that one man, alighted upon a half that did not belong to him, another did necessarily the same, till the whole affair was thrown into irretrievable confusion."

SHORT SERMON.—If you can do a favor for a neighbor, don't hesitate.—(Mt. 5.) Because his own happiness by contributing to that of others.

IT is a great mercy to be preserved in health, before delivered from sickness.

EXERCISES.

THE JOSS OF PRAYER.
Even in those parts of prayer that might seem only painful, there is a pleasure that would be ill exchanged for this world's boasted bliss. If the bitterness of repentance sorrow for sin, there is a sweetness in the agony of fervent supplication for pardon, there is a joy, as much superior to the bliss the world can boast, as the heavens are better than the earth—
The broadest smile an angel fully wears,
Less pleasing far than prayer's repeated tears.
How calm might they be in the midst of the wildest storm. How joyful in the deepest tribulations. How composed and cheerful while all around was agitation, alarm—the smiles of heaven sparkling a-jawing in their path, the peace of heaven dwelling within their hearts.
They say that travelers in Alpine regions are encompassed with a clear atmosphere, and cloudless sunshine, while traversing the summits of those lofty mountains, at the very time that the world below them is all wrapt in mists and darkness, and thunder and clouds are bursting at their feet. Even thus does prayer lift the believer to a loftier and serene region, far far above the clouds and storms that darken and distract the world below. In that region of purity and peace the atmosphere is clear and calm; and the light of God's countenance shines brightly on the believer's soul while he sees the thunder clouds of earthly care and sorrow rolling beneath his feet; thus realizing the beautiful illustration of the poet—
As some tall cliff, that lifts in awful form,
Stretches from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its base the raging clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on his head.
Rev. H. WARR.

ADVICE TO A DAUGHTER.

BY THE REV. WM. E. BRIDGE.
LADIE! be counsel you, then, never to utter an expression, or do an act, which even looks like soliciting any gentleman's attention. Every expression of civility to his of any value, must be perfectly voluntary; and any wish on your part, whether directly or indirectly expressed, to make yourself a favorite, will be certain to awaken the disgust of all who know it. I would not recommend to you any thing like a prudish or affected reserve; but even this is not so unbecomingly extreme, as an excessive forwardness. While you so modestly accept any attentions which modestly warrants, let there be no attempt at insidious insinuation on one hand, or at taking a man's heart by storm on the other.
Be not ambitious to be considered a belle. Indeed, I had rather you would be helped any thing else, which does not involve your moral obligation, and which is the fate of most belles that they become foolishly vain, think of nothing, and care for nothing beyond personal display; and not unobtrusively sacrifice themselves in a mad bargain, which involves their destinies for life. The more of solid and enduring esteem you enjoy, the better; and you ought to gain whatever of this you can by honorable means, but to be admitted, earnest, and fettered, for mere accidental qualities, which involve nothing of intellectual or moral worth, ought to render any girl, who is the subject of it, an object of pity. You are at liberty to desire the good opinion of every gentleman of your acquaintance, but it would be worse than folly in you to be ambitious of blind admiration.
I will only add, that you ought to be your guard against the influence of flattery. Rely on it, the man who flatters you, whatever he may profess, is not your friend.

IT was a much kinder office, and a real mark of friendship, to admonish you gently yet honestly, of your faults. If you yield a little to flattery, you have laid yourself on dangerous ground; if you continue to yield you are not improbably undone.

FASHION.—Our young men and maidens indulge in funny freaks in dress. The maidens take shapes which God never gave them, and young men airs, which gave their origin in no civilized community. Bustles are the invention of modern days, and gentlemen's corsets, and other strange contrivances, for mere display. What all this folly will do, it is hard to say. It is to be feared that where so much time is wasted in adorning the body, but little will be left for the cultivation of mind. Appropr—do these ladies, male and female, know what this means?—Wich.

Eloquent Extract.—"Generation after generation," says an eloquent writer, "have felt as we feel, and their fellows have been active in life as ours now. They passed away like vapor, while nature wrote the same aspect of beauty as when the Creator commanded her to be. The grave-diggers shall be as bright over our graves as they are now around our paths; the world will have the same attractions for our offspring yet unborn that she had once for ourselves, and that she has now for our children. Yet a little while and all this will have happened. The throbbing heart will be stilled, and we shall be at rest. Our funeral will wind on its way, and the prayers will be said, and the grave-diggers will be thrown in, and our friends will all return, and we shall be left behind in darkness and the worm. And it may be for some short time that we shall be spoken of, but the things of life will creep in, and our names will soon be forgotten. Days will continue to move on, and laughter and song will be heard in the place in which we died; and the eye that mourned for us will be dried and glisten again with joy; and even our children will cease to think of us, and will not remember to kiss our names. Then shall we have become in the touching language of the Psalmist, 'forgotten and clean out of mind.'—Aylmer Jour.

FORBEAR.—Don't be so harsh with your friend—be tender and forbearing. What has he examined a slight fault?—perhaps he may not do the like again. Have you never erred? When you had less experience, were you not apt to be hasty? Then remember him and do not be harsh. Mildness will convince and win to duty, when other means fail. We are men to be borne with. There are times when we speak and act from the impulse of the moment; we say what we did not intend, and do our sober moments regret. Look favorably on the errors of thy friend; do not turn from him on account of a single violation of duty; because he has taken one false step. What if he does not manifest sorrow, or ask your forgiveness? Grant it freely, remembering—
'Tis easier for the generous to forgive,
Than for offence to ask it."

SELF-OPINION.—Few persons perhaps, think better of others than of themselves, nor do they easily allow the existence of any virtue, of which they perceive no traces in their own minds; for which reason it is observable that it is extremely difficult to persuade a rogue that you are an honest man, nor would you ever succeed in the attempt by the strongest evasions, were it not for the comfortable conclusion which the rogue draws—that he who proves himself honest proves himself to be a fool at the same time.

Life is a picture; fortune the frame, but misfortune the shade—the first only is intrinsic ornament, but the latter, if well sustained, forms the intrinsic merit by giving a bolder relief to the figure.

The most ignorant have knowledge to see the faults of others—the most clear-sighted are blind to their own.

THOUGHTS.—A printed thought never dies.

Nothing is so indestructible. The proudest works of art crumble to dust, but the eloquent thought lives and will live down to the end of time.
If we take the Scriptures for our guide we shall seldom err. They who study the sacred writings and endeavor to practice upon the truths there inculcated, are never found in the ranks of the vicious or abandoned.
Though few there be that care to be virtuous, yet fewer there are that would not be counted so.

When I see a young prodigal squandering his fortune at the gaming table, I cannot help sighing at his wastefulness, his own death, and in a manner digging his own grave.

Never eat while you speak, as a man's throat is too narrow a channel for words to pass up and good meat to pass down at the same time.

CRENS.—George Cheyne, a Scotch physician, when a person was talking about the excellence of human nature, exclaimed: "Hoot, hoot, man! human nature is a rogue and a scoundrel, or why should it perpetually stand in need of laws and religion?"

There is no unmix'd good in human affairs. The best principles, if pushed to excess, degenerate into fatal vices. Generosity is nearly allied to extravagance; charity itself may lead to ruin."

The best thing to be done when evil overtakes us, is not lamentation, but action; not to sit and suffer, but to rise and seek a remedy.

HINT FOR GOOD WEATHER.—When you enter a room, always be sure and leave the door open. It gives the inmates air and exercise.

Extracts.

Governor Chambers, of Iowa, in his annual message transmitted to the legislature to take the necessary steps to ascertain the wishes of the people on this subject. He states that the Sac and Fox Indians, in conformity to the treaty, have removed, and that the large and fertile portion of Iowa occupied by them is fast filling up with emigrants.

The Winnebagoes refuse to remove. This the Governor attributes to their intolerance and the lawless interference of bad white men.

A WINDFALL.—The Buffalo Gaz states that a family in that city, heretofore moderate in circumstances, has late become heir to an estate of £20,000 in England.

The Hon. ALBERT SMITH, of Portland, Maine, Commissioner on the part of the United States for running the Northeastern boundary line of the United States under the treaty of Washington, is now at the seat of Government.

Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, received at Charlestown, state that many of the Planters of that Island were entirely abandoning their estates, on account of the suicidal course of policy by the British Government in reference to the colored population of that and the other British Islands.

A number of influential gentlemen, citizens of the District of Columbia, assembled in Washington on the 21st instant, and adopted preliminary measures for the organization of a Colonization Society.

Reduction and Retrenchment in Indiana.—The Indiana House of Representatives has a bill for retrenching State Expenditures. It fixes the salary of Governor at \$1,300, Supreme Judge \$1,300, Circuit Judge \$500, Treasurer and Auditor \$1,000 each, and a Clerk hires abolishes the office of Private Secretary to the Governor, and reduces the salary of State Librarian to \$200; pay of Members to \$3 per day for the first five weeks, and \$1.50 for the remainder. It is said this bill will pass the Senate of that State pretty much in its present shape.

Specie to the amount of \$112,000 was received in New Orleans on the 9th inst. from St. Louis and Pittsburgh. There arrived at Mobile on the 9th and 11th inst. upwards of \$120,000 from Boston and New York.

We see with pleasure strong signs in South Carolina of what is ever a point of honor but little inferior to a victory—we mean, a gallant struggle. The Whigs have determined to dispute the State in the ensuing campaign.

Father Matthew lately staid in London, that he had received letters from the Magistrate of Liverpool and Manchester, where 140,000 persons had taken the pledge, stating that already an immense diminution of crime had taken place.

A Quartette Party.—A family by the name of Morgan, residing in the most beautiful spot of Berkshire, was made decidedly musical on Friday last, by the advent of four children at a birth, all of them thumping boys and born within one hour. At the latest address the mother was doing well, and so far recovered as to be present at the christening of the little innocents whom she named after the exclamations of the minister as he passed over to the nurse—'Excellent!—'What is it?—'A Boy!'—'A Wonderful fellow!'—'This is a Great Country!'

Horrid Murder and Stron on Staten Island.

—We just learn from David Van Name, one of the most respectable citizens of the north side of Staten Island, that a most horrid crime was committed, probably on Sunday night last, in that vicinity.
Last evening, about 9 o'clock, the house of Captain George Housman, about a mile south of port Richmond, on the Richmond road, was discovered to be on fire. Capt. Housman was at sea. The neighbors rushed to the spot, but the fire had already obtained great headway. Finding no one moving about, they concluded that Mrs. Housman was absent, and therefore broke in. They found the floor of the upper story had been thrust up, and when the flames were extinguished, discovered in their interior, beneath the bedstead and bed clothing of Mrs. Housman's room, on the lower floor, the charred remains of Mrs. Housman and her infant child.
The conjecture is that the house had been broken into on the preceding night; its inmates murdered, its property rifled, and their slow fire made, which did not burst out till yesterday evening.
Captain Housman resided here from Virginia in the schooner Whig this morning, to learn the heart-rending intelligence. He was known to be well off, and particularly to have received \$1,000, just before he sailed, which, with a handsome gold watch, he left at home. This and other property in the house, is supposed to have had to the horrid crime; as neither watch nor money, nor the silver spoons, of which there were a dozen and a half, nor Mrs. Housman's jewelry, or any other property had been found, when our informant left.—N. Y. Jour.

The Stolen Island Murders.—We learn from the New York papers that two persons have been arrested in that city charged with the murder of Capt. Housman's wife and children on Staten Island, an account of which was published a few days ago. One of these is a Mrs. Polly Bodine, Capt. Housman's sister, and the other a man named George Ware, an apothecary and physician, whose place of business is at No. 252 Canal street. Various facts have transpired which clearly establish the guilt of these persons.

We understand that a duel was fought on Sunday last, in the neighborhood of the chain bridge, in Virginia, near the District line, between two young gentlemen—William Norris, of Baltimore, and D. Powell, of Philadelphia. They fought with rifles at a distance of eighty paces, and we are informed, that one of them had one of his whistlers shot away. They fired but one shot, after which the challenge was withdrawn, and explanations offered and received. The parties left the ground well pleased, no doubt, that nothing more serious had happened. We heard that there was a lady in the case.—Washington Standard.

Conviction for Murder.—The Leonard town (Md.) Herald says:—We have hitherto omitted to notice the murder of Mr. Francis Knott, a wealthy citizen of this county, who was shot by one of his own servants in the early part of November last, in the yard of the dwelling. The deceased was penetrated towards the heart, the deceased was engaged in feeding his dogs, by negro George, a runaway, who had secreted himself behind one of the out-houses near the dwelling. At the meeting of the county court in November, the case was investigated by the Grand Jury, who found a bill of indictment against the aforesaid negro man, upon his own confession to a foreman of color. The case was opened on Tuesday, the 19th ult. but was not given to the Jury until Friday evening following at 6 o'clock. After an absence from that time till 9 o'clock the next morning, the Jury came into court with a verdict of Guilty of Murder in the first degree.

A Singular Banquet.—A society has been lately formed in Susbia, with the object of introducing and encouraging the consumption of horseflesh as an article of food. At a "horseflesh supper," which took place at Kensington on the 17th November, more than a hundred and fifty persons, of all classes in society, participated. The principal dishes were soup, corned horse, and horse a la mode; and it was the general opinion that the meat was extremely tender and pleasant tasting, and not to be distinguished from beef; and that the soup, which had been prepared from the same material, was entirely free from any peculiar flavor. As a proof no prejudice existed against the new fishes, or if any had existed, it was soon dispelled, it is stated that the table was speedily emptied, and the guests who were behind time were obliged to put up with simple beef, &c. A general wish was expressed, that another feast of the kind should be soon got up. The New York "Schnellpost," from which we gather the above, is puzzled to know what, in the present time of general peace, can be the object or advantages of this new movement. It certainly cannot have the recommendation of economy; and it might throw the stables into a galloping consumption. Eating horses is only excusable in those who wish to get along fast.

Curious Marriage.—A Mr. Jeremiah Yale was married on the 4th ult. to Miss Sarah Ann Fox, in the Jail of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in which Mr. Yale was temporarily residing, being on his way to the penitentiary, to which he had been sentenced for 16 months. Nothing but the most abiding constancy could have induced the lady, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, to remain true to her criminal swain.

The Cincinnati papers report the murder of a young man, formerly of Tenn., in Laporte county, Ia., some days ago, by Gen. Beardsley, whose daughter he had seduced. The General took the young man into a room, referred to the condition of his daughter and demanded of her to marry her, when on his refusing, the injured father drew a pistol and shot him through the heart. Gen. B. delivered himself up to the authorities. He was the first settler on Four Mile Prairie, in Michigan, a good citizen and beloved by all.

Trade between England and China.—It is stated that at a late date upwards of one million pieces of shirtings and nearly sixty million pounds of cotton twist had already been exported from England to China this year, being somewhat about three times the quantity each shipped for the East during the same period last year.

One of the officers of the U. S. steamship Missouri, in a letter to the New York Sun states that by means of submarine machinery he had discovered that the boilers and much of the machinery etc. were put in our bay or harbour—a circumstance of very rare occurrence, and one that we do not recollect ever to have known before.

Execution by the Guillotine.

—The Paris correspondent of the National Intelligencer thus describes the execution, in that capital on the 1st inst., of a criminal by the guillotine:
Yesterday morning we saw what is now rare in Paris—a public execution. The guillotine is the only mode. A man named Salmon, between thirty and forty years of age, was convicted, on the 30th September, of having butchered in the wood of Vincennes, a poor fellow, to get possession of a passport and certificate of character. He was prepared for death by a priest, and showed courage until he had reached the foot of the scaffold, when he seemed to decline into stupor, and was with difficulty pushed up the few steps of the scaffold. This was erected on the Place of square St. Jacques, near the city gate of that name. The execution took place at eight o'clock. At this early hour the street square was densely crowded—about three thousand spectators, of whom women and children of the common class composed a large proportion. Silence prevailed, without any apparent emotion. The chaplain remained below.

I may estimate the scaffold or platform at about first square, on which were two men besides the operator, and this gentleman—styled *executeur des hautes justes*—wore a decent black suit, without any disguise, head bare. Salmon was first placed, with his feet tied and hands fastened behind his back, on an erect board, his face being towards it; the board was then turned down so that the neck should correspond exactly to the blade of the apparatus. On a mere touch it fell instantaneously; the trunk of the culprit was shoved at once into a large box at the side on a level with the platform by one of the two attendants; the other seized the head and deposited it also in the box, the lid closing at the second. The whole affair did not consume more than two minutes.

It is a tradition that the Doctor (GILLIOTTINE) who invented the machine was a man of humanity, who meant to temper capital punishment with the mercy of the greatest possible despatch, simplicity, and celerity. This account of him may be believed at the spectacle. The halter is barbarous; the old axe and block were only a atrocious. In 1807 and 1808 I witnessed two executions on the Place de Greve, by the guillotine. The method had been improved in some particulars. The Government avoids an exhibition in ordinary cases. For this purpose early hours and distant sites are preferred. But it still pillars half a score at once, and often on the Place de Greve, opposite the City Hall.

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The Cincinnati papers report the murder of a young man, formerly of Tenn., in Laporte county, Ia., some days ago, by Gen. Beardsley, whose daughter he had seduced. The General took the young man into a room, referred to the condition of his daughter and demanded of her to marry her, when on his refusing, the injured father drew a pistol and shot him through the heart. Gen. B. delivered himself up to the authorities. He was the first settler on Four Mile Prairie, in Michigan, a good citizen and beloved by all.

Trade between England and China.—It is stated that at a late date upwards of one million pieces of shirtings and nearly sixty million pounds of cotton twist had already been exported from England to China this year, being somewhat about three times the quantity each shipped for the East during the same period last year.

One of the officers of the U. S. steamship Missouri, in a letter to the New York Sun states that by means of submarine machinery he had discovered that the boilers and much of the machinery etc. were put in our bay or harbour—a circumstance of very rare occurrence, and one that we do not recollect ever to have known before.

Match Making.

An intelligent manufacturer, says the Gardiner's Patriot, informs us that this business is now worth \$1,900,000 in the U. S. States. A few years since they were all imported from Europe, principally from Germany. Now we export several hundred thousand dollars worth to the West Indies and S. America.

A Convention with Mexico.—A Messenger despatched by Gen. THOMPSON, our Minister at Mexico, arrived at Washington on Tuesday last, having left the city of Mexico on the 23d ultimo, immediately after the conclusion there, by our Minister, of a Convention with the Government of that Republic, the object of which is understood to be to make provision in favor of hitherto unsettled claims of American citizens for indemnities. This news, remarks the Intelligencer, will be acceptable to the holders of such claims, and furnish, besides, as far as it goes, an additional evidence of the disposition of Mexico to maintain friendly relations with the United States.

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TEMPERANCE CONVENTION

The Annual Meeting of the Temperance Union held in the Methodist Church at Harpers Ferry, on Monday, January 1, 1844...

The Chair appointed Dr. George B. Stephens, J. H. Kelly, Isaac Knobel, C. H. McCarty, Joseph Welsham, G. V. Andrew, Dr. James Garry and Phineas Marshall, said committee.

The committee reported the following society represented, and the number of delegates set opposite their respective names:

Table with 2 columns: Society Name and Number of Delegates. Includes Harpers-Ferry Total Abstinence Society (76), Harpers-Ferry Catholic Society (9), etc.

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed to ascertain the number of places that tend to intoxicating liquors, and the probable amount sold...

How many retailing establishments in town? How many stores engaged in selling spirituous liquors? How many saloons in all establishments?

It is due to the citizens of Harpers-Ferry to say, that a great portion of this amount was taken from the place.

How many saloons in all establishments? What was the probable cost to the consumer? How many establishments have discontinued its sale?

Be glad to report! That there are two retailing establishments, and 3 stores engaged in selling spirituous liquor—selling about 1350 gallons, at a cost of the \$1 per gallon...

The reports were severally received. Mr. J. H. Kelly read the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of one delegate from each Society represented, be appointed to prepare business for this meeting.

The Chair appointed Messrs. J. H. Kelly, Michael Hensell, James McCurdy, Dr. James Gary, William Chambers, Henry V. Andrews, Isaac Henkle, John Sharff and Daniel G. Henkle, said committee.

On motion, the Union adjourned until two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Union was called to order by the President, and the committee appointed to prepare business reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the consumption of ardent spirits is increasing on our hands—therefore, we recommend to the different local Societies to appoint speakers to address the people on this subject.

Resolved, That we recommend to the local Societies to appoint Delegates to the State Temperance Convention to be held in Richmond on the first day of February.

Resolved, That we recommend the holding of a District Convention at Winchester on the 22d of February.

Resolved, That when this Union adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Smithfield on the first Saturday in April.

On motion, the Union adjourned to meet at half past six o'clock.

At half past six o'clock the Mass Meeting assembled, and was called to order by Dr. James Garry.

On motion, Mr. Coyle, Wm. H. Moore was chosen Secretary, pro tem. No other business being before the meeting, Mr. Britton rose and addressed in a very appropriate and forcible manner some short and a half...

On motion, Mr. M. Kirby, the meeting awarded a vote of thanks to Mr. B. for his very able and eloquent address.

On motion, Mr. Coyle, the address of Mr. Britton was read for publication.

Resolved, That the entire proceedings of the Union be published.

On motion, the Union adjourned.

It is understood that the President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Mr. John C. Spenser, to supply the vacancy in the bench of the Supreme Court occasioned by the decease of Judge Thompson.

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In addition to the usual English Branches, the Students are instructed in Composition, Elocution, Geography, (with the use of the Globes), History, Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration, Trigonometry, Method of calculating and using Logarithms, Theory and Practice of Surveying, Drawing, Printing, Writing, &c., connected with the duties of a Civil Engineer, Latin and Greek, Philosophy, Chemistry, &c.

Particular care is taken that the students are instructed in the principles of the sciences, in order to accomplish which, the Institution has been furnished, at considerable expense, with Globes, Maps, Diagrams and Models, a good Library, and an extensive assortment of Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus, and the Students have the advantage of full courses of Scientific Lectures, illustrated by experiments.

Terms for Board, Lodging, Washing and Tailoring, for ten months, and no extra Sixty-five dollars to be paid in advance, and the balance in six months after the Student enters the Institution.

For further particulars see the prospectus in the office of the Virginia Free Press, or address a letter to the Principal, to the Middleburg Post Office, Loudoun County, Va., Jan. 11, 1844—41*

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LANDS FOR SALE

OFFER for sale, the following Tracts of Land, in the Counties of Jefferson and Berkeley—

1. A Tract of 560 Acres, three miles below Martinsburg, now in the possession of David Campbell, whose term expires in April.

2. Two Farms of about 500 Acres each, in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, on Opequet, with extensive and very rich low grounds, now in the occupancy of Benjamin Buley.

3. My Woodbury Estate, on which I resided two years ago, in Jefferson County, containing 370 Acres.

4. My Hayfield Estate, of 600 Acres to be sold entire or divided.

5. My Sulphur Spring Tract, of 420 Acres, on Opequet, with a very fine Sulphur Spring, which was for many years known as Menghin's Sulphur Spring.

These Tracts will be sold on the most accommodating terms, and divided where practicable, to suit purchasers. Immediate payment of no part of the purchase money will be required—provided, interest be paid and good security with mortgages on the premises be given. The terms will be made as easy and accommodating as any purchaser can ask.

Haszfeld, Sept. 31, 1843—41* H. S. TUCKER.

The tenants on the lands will show the premises, and give such information as may be desirable.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. PURSUANT to a Deed of Trust executed by Lewis W. Washington, to the undersigned, in trust for certain purposes therein named, dated on the 22d day of September, 1843, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Jefferson County, on the 26th day of January, 1844, at the residence of L. W. Washington, offer at public sale, the following property, to wit:

Five Negro Men: Henry, Ned, Carter, Ben, Phil.

One Negro Woman, Haney, One Negro Woman Polly, and her four children, Sam, Sarah, John, & Mary. One Negro Man Dolphin, and his wife Katy, Wheat in the Hallowton and Harpers-Ferry Mills, Twenty-two Horses and Cattle, Twenty-five head of Cattle, 100 head of Hogs, A lot of Sheep, Five Wagons, One Cart, One set of Blacksmith's Tools, Ten sets of Gears, One Windmill, Barrows and Shovel Ploughs, Hoes, Hay, and Rye.

Richard Henderson, Trustee. Jan. 4, 1844.

PUBLIC SALE. WILL be sold, for cash, in front of the Court-house door of Jefferson County, on MONDAY the 15th day of JANUARY next, being Court-day, the interest of John B. Packett, in the following Negroes, to wit:

Joseph, Daniel, George, Bob, John, George, Jim, Jim, Charles, Katy, Charity, Eleanor, and Kitty. Francis, Mary, and Jane.

Such interest being a remainder interest, after the life estate of his mother, Mrs. Fanny R. Hoel, to which said Packett is entitled, to be held with all the children of said Fanny R. Hoel, being in number in all, of which eight survive.

The precise interest can be ascertained by reference to the will of James Hammond, dec'd., and may also be ascertained in the Office of the county court of Jefferson County.

THOMAS RUTHERFORD, D. S. Dec. 28, 1843. For R. Duffield.

THE above advertisement, by the Sheriff, meets with my approbation and contains a true statement of my interest in the negroes therein named. JOHN B. PACKETT. Dec. 28, 1843.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. BY virtue of a deed of trust, executed by Jacob Myers and wife, to the undersigned, dated the 11th day of February, 1823, recorded in the office of the county court of Jefferson County, Virginia, and for the purposes therein contained, I shall offer for sale, on MONDAY (Court-day) January 15th, 1844, before the Court-house door in Charlestown, Jefferson County, Va., the following real estate, to wit:

The Tract of Land, upon which the said Myers now resides, containing about 212 Acres, lying upon the eastern side of the Shenandoah River, and opposite to the lands of John T. Taylor and Kable, Jenkins & Johnston.

I will make such title to the purchaser as is vested in me by the said deed of trust. G. W. HAMMOND, Trustee. Dec. 14, 1843.

For the Holidays. MALAGA GRAPES, Bunches Raisins, Figs, Preserved Citron, Zante Currants, Raisins, Pecan Nuts, Filberts, Oranges, Lemons, A large supply of Fresh Candy, Also, Pine Apples, &c., &c. Just received and for sale by Dec. 21. JOHN P. BROWN.

NOTICE. PERSONS knowing themselves indebted to me by any account, are respectfully solicited to call and clear the same. I pledge my notice will be attended to. PHILIP COONS. Harpers Ferry, Dec. 28.

LOST. BETWEEN Charlestown and the Shenandoah, a pair of sheep, containing about 25 pounds. The finder will confer a favor by giving information in reference to it, if it will be rewarded if required. JAMES BBS & CO. Shenandoah Falls, Dec. 25.

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Mill Gearing. Of every description, and the patterns for the same made to order.

Thrashing Machines of various kinds, and patterns for the same. Also, patterns suitable for Brooking's Machine, Corn Sheller, Straw Cutters and Windmill Iron.

Among which are three different sizes of large patterns. Also, patterns suitable for Brooking's Machine, Corn Sheller, Straw Cutters and Windmill Iron.

McCormick's different patterns, which we are prepared to furnish low to merchants or purchasers by the quantity.

Wagon Boxes from 34 inches down to the smallest. And a new style, of various patterns and sizes.

Flat Irons by hundreds, which can be retailed for one cent per lb. in the course of a few weeks. I will have some special patterns for the North, suitable for parlors. As there is a pattern-maker constantly employed, I am enabled to furnish patterns for Mill Gearing or Machinery at short notice.

I have made arrangements with Mr. John A. McCarty, whose extensive machine shop is convenient to the Foundry, for the turning and fitting up of every description of Castings, in his name as a Machinist is a sufficient guarantee for the manner in which the work shall be done. Mill Spindles made and repaired.

The above named work and Castings, shall be done on accommodating terms. Letters directed to the subscriber shall meet with prompt attention. HUGH GILLETTE. Harpers Ferry, July 27, 1843—6m.

TO THE PEOPLE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. AGAIN call the attention of the people of Jefferson County to my large, cheap, and well assorted stock of Goods at Elk Branch.

I feel safe in stating, that persons need have no fear in being provided with almost every article necessary to the comfort of families, from Ladies and gentlemen's white kid, neat and silk gloves.

Ladies' cravats and dress shawls, Linen cambric handkerchiefs, Men's fine beaver and wool hosiery and Berlin gloves.

Ladies' lined beaver, kid, silk, and Berlin gloves, Ladies and gentlemen's black silk and cotton mourning gloves.

White and black cotton ditto, Black and white silk ditto, Gents white silk, black worsted, black & white cotton half hose.

Children's stockings and socks, Cotton and hat caps, Merino and cambric shawls, Men's and boys' fur, cloth, seal, and oil-cloth caps.

Fur, silk and wool hats, Fur Pellets, squirrel and hawk hoods, Men's, women's, girls, boys, and children's Boots and Shoes, of all kinds.

Bonnet ribbons, green crapes, Ladies' corsets and skirts, Cambrics, dimities, book and figured muslins, A variety of barred and figured muslins, suitable for caps, aprons, &c.

Figured muslins, Berlin muslins, Pink, green, and white crapes, Irish linens, long lawns, Brown and bleached table cloths, Russia linen, dusters, and crapes.

Thread and lace, and edgings, Cravats, scarfs and stocks, Burks, cotton wadding, cotton laps, raw cotton.

Silk fringes, twist buttons, white laces, Damasked of all kinds, Domestic bleached and brown shawls, Cottons, muslins, bagging and drillings, Domestic cotton plaid, &c., &c.

4-4 Figured and striped carpet, stair & rag do, Girths, saddles, bridles and martingales, Wagon wheels, sleigh and riding do.

Harness and plough do, Fraveling and market baskets, Silk and cotton umbrellas, Whitey blankets, negro and saddle do.

Colored and white carpet yarns, Cotton yarn, all numbers, &c., &c. WM. ANDERSON. Elk Branch, Dec. 21.

Hardware, Cutlery, &c. THE subscriber has a general assortment of Hardware, Cutlery, &c., amongst which are: Mill Saws, Hand Saws, Tenon Saws, Circular and Key-hole Saws, Butchers and Panel do Wood Saws.

Socket and mortice chisels, Saws, files and rasps, Screw augurs, all sizes, Planes all kinds, Knives and forks, Brazed bits, stirrup irons, buckles, Bolts, pad and screw locks,

