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TERMS OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN is published every Saturday at TWO DOLLARS per annum in advance...

SELECT POETRY.

COURTSHIP AND DISAPPOINTMENT.

Miss Sukey Smith had flaxen hair, Her dainty lily the powder;

A Sketch.

THE TIMELY WARNING.

My father, after an absence of three years, returned to the home so dear to him.

reached the spot where we now stand, beneath the shadow of this huge rock. O, my boy, could that hour be blotted from my memory...

What agony was visible on my mother's face, when she saw that all she had said and suffered failed to move me!

I was dreaming, but I got up mechanically and followed my sister. On a bed, pale and cold as marble, lay my mother.

SPRING AND POETRY. The editor of the Cincinnati News has had his imagination exalted by the poetic intonations of spring...

tween him and nudity but a garment vulgarly styled a shirt, the hair on his head standing upon end, his eye balls ready to leap from their sockets...

A GENTLE REPROOF.

One day as Zachariah Hodgson was going to his daily avocations after breakfast, he purchased a fine large codfish...

The Widow.

A widow is a dangerous thing, With soft, black shining curls, And looks more bewitching...

NUMERAL FIGURES.

The present numeral figures, 1, 2, 3, &c., have not been very long in use. They are said to have been brought to Europe from Arabic cyphers...

A NEWSPAPER.

The Boston Times says that a man eats up a pound of sugar, and the pleasure he has enjoyed is ended, but the information he gets from a newspaper is treasured up in the mind...

THE LEOPARD.

"This here animal, my little dens," observed the keeper of a menagerie to a school, "is a leopard."

ADVICE TO A DUTCH WIDOWER.

A DUTCH WIDOWER, out west, whose better half departed on the long journey to the spirit land some twelve months ago...

REMEDY FOR SICK HEADACHE.

A friend informs us that, if persons who are subject to sick headache, will look steadily for two or three minutes, at a piece of green baize...

THE CHICAGO ADVERTISER.

THE CHICAGO ADVERTISER imitates that some of the abolitionists are endeavoring to steal the "Greek Slave," to run her into Canada.

BEAUTY.

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JOHN WESLEY. Some century and a quarter ago, John Wesley was Fellow of Lincoln College, and Greek lecturer there.

It was vain to look to the clergy for their help, he was driven to a lay organization and even a lay ministry, the Wesleyan chapel became the rival instead of the auxiliary of the Parish Church...

Kosciusko, the hero of Poland, wishing to make a present to a clergyman, went by a young man, and desired him to take the horse he usually rode. On his return, the young man said, he would never ride his horse again, unless he gave his purse at the same time, for, said he, "as soon as a poor man on the roads takes off his hat, and asks charity, the horse immediately stops, and will not stir, till something is given the petitioner, and as I had but little money with me, I was obliged, when it was gone, to feign giving something, in order to satisfy the horse."

"MADAM," said an old Roger to his boarding-house keeper, "in primitive countries, beef is often the legal tender; but, madam," said he, emphatically, thrusting his fork in to the steak, "all the law in Christendom couldn't make this beef tender." He looked around the board for encouragement, and found it in the fact that all the boarders who ate the beef held their jaws.

How apt men are to condemn in others what they practice themselves without scruple! Plutarch tells of a wolf, who, peeping into a hut where a company of shepherds were regaling themselves with a joint of mutton, said, "what a clamor they would have raised if they had caught me at such a banquet!" Reader, how is it with yourself in this respect!

A NEW'S WISH.—Southey, in his "Omiz," relates the following:—"When I was last at Lisbon, a nun made her escape from a nunnery. The first thing for which she inquired, when she reached the house in which she was to be secreted, was a looking glass.—She had entered the convent when only five years old, and from that time had never seen her own face."

Mr. BARNUM, it is reported, is about erecting a monster exhibition to be called "Barnum's American Museum and Menagerie." It is intended to be the largest exhibition in the world, and will travel through rural districts of the country during the summer.—The wagons or cars for this exhibition, are to be built in this city. Some of them were completed a day or two since at the establishment of Mr. Thomas B. Pierson.—New-York Advertiser.

ONLY one out of a hundred and three of the Mexicans in New Mexico, have learned to read.

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NEW STAGE LINE FROM POTTSVILLE TO SHAMOKIN. A new line of stages is now running daily between the above places.

NOTICE. AS the subscriber intends making new arrangements in his business on the first of January 1851...

JOHN W. FRILING. Sunbury, Dec. 26, 1850.—if.