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SELECT POETRY.

OLD ECHOES.

You wonder that my tears should flow In listening to that simple strain; That those unskillful sounds should fill...

A Select Tale.

THE SMUGGLERS' WIFE.

A SEA SKETCH.

BY SYLVANUS COBB, JR.

It was early morning. Upon a low beach just within a deep cove near the mouth of the Ashpoo river...

not do it now. The men on board that war-brig are my own countrymen—they serve under a flag against which I cannot raise my hand.

'No, no, Victor,' exclaimed the fair young wife, throwing an arm about her husband's neck. 'Say rather, it has made you strong. Say, you are being more the true man. Perhaps—'

'I cannot be offended with you, and you know it; so don't take advantage of my love to talk to me of that hackneyed subject. I am sad enough now.'

'You look troubled, Shapley.' 'Yes, captain. The brig is entering the sound.'

'Then what will you do?' asked the woman, while her eyes betrayed nought of fear. 'I don't know—I don't know,' cried Manford, clasping his hands over his brow...

'But the storm would have wrecked us on the coast,' said Shapley. 'True,' continued the captain regarding his mate with a half vacant look.

and then he hastened below. His wife nailed up the boards after him; but in such a manner that they could be easily knocked off, and then she returned to the deck.

'The war-brig hove to at a short distance and sent a boat on board the smuggler.' 'What vessel is this?' asked the officer, as he approached the spot where Nancy Manford was sitting with her infant.

'The officer returned to his boat and pulled on board his own vessel, and ere long afterwards the same boat, with several officers on board, among whom was the captain, was pulled to the beach...

'The distance to be run was so short, and a westerly wind so fair, that no precaution had been taken for the safety of the prize, more than the efficient crew that had been put on board, and by the time the darkness of night had shut in, the two vessels were out of sight of each other...

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'I speak soberly, my husband, and I mean what I say. Your vessel shall be saved, and in forty-eight hours you shall do with her as you please. But you will sell her, and leave this mode of life, won't you?'

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ESCAPE FROM A CONVENT.

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About a year since, a young, handsome, and accomplished man, Sister R—, was transferred from the Park street convent of our city, to the cloisters of a nunnery in Georgetown, District of Columbia.

'Because I would not follow them with my child. I shall meet my husband again, and for the present I would rather throw myself upon your generosity than to wander off I know not where.'

'But a short period sufficed to convey the escaped nun to a safe asylum, where she now remains preparatory to again resuming in the open world her former position in society, usefulness, duty and responsibility.'

'The last hours of the great Statesman were occupied in preparing the following declaration of his belief in the Christian religion, and when finished, he said:—'

'UPWARDS of five thousand flat muskets were offered for sale at Washington, by auction, on Tuesday. The prices ranged from \$2.50 to \$1.80 each.

'PURCHASE OF FREEDOM.—The friends of the late Daniel Webster have succeeded in collecting \$800, the necessary amount to purchase the freedom of Daphne, a slave belonging to Mrs. Louisa Hunter, of the District of Columbia...

THE PARROT AS A MUSICIAN.

Parrots, like cuckoos form their notes deep in the throat, and show great aptitude in imitating the human voice.

'This parrot has only been exceeded by Lord Kelley's, who, upon being asked to sing replied, "I never sing on a Sunday."

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TO KILL LICK ON CATTLE.

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yeoming Mutual Insurance Company, R. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company...

CHAIN PUMPS.—A small number of these excellent pumps have been received and are for sale by H. B. MASSER.

JERSON'S ARITHMETIC Nos. 1, 2, 3, and Porter's Rhetorical Reader, just received and for sale by WM. MCARTY.

NEW CURRENCY TABLE.

10 loaves make one grog shop. 1 grog shop makes 50 drunkards. 50 drunkards ruin fifty families.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

2 loaves make one wish. 2 wishes " 1 call. 2 calls " 1 invitation.

EGOTISM.

Dream not, companion, thoughtless man, That heaven of thee takes special care, Or awakes from its impartial plan.

THE KANE EXPEDITION TO THE POLAR REGIONS.

Dr. Kane is in Washington, and has just received his instructions from the Navy Department, for his Northern expedition.

A New Hampshire Farmer, going to a meeting, met his minister, and told him that his society resolved to increase his salary.

Ma, has your tongue got legs?

'Got what, child?'

'Got legs, ma.'

'Certainly not; but why do you ask such a silly question?'

'O, nothing; only I heard pa say your tongue was running from morning till night and I was wondering how it could run without legs—that's all, ma.'

VERY HONOR.—It is stated in one of our exchanges, that among the applicants for office under the national administration at the present time, there are no less than thirty-three ex-Governors of various States.

A Syracuse paper says thousands of acres of the land which Gerrit Smith distributed among poor black & white laborers, has been advertised to be sold for taxes.

It is stated in the New Orleans True Delta that Ole Bull's four concerts in New Orleans netted over ten thousand dollars, and were the most successful ever given in that city, except Jenny Lind's.

John Hancock, son of John Hancock of Revolutionary memory now over 80 years of age, is still living in Boston, in the exercise of excellent...