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TERMS OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN is published every Saturday...

SELECT POETRY.

THE NIGHT.

BY BARRY CORNWALL.

Oh, the summer night, And she sits on a sapphire throne...

And the winter night Is all cold and white, And she sings a song of pain...

Miscellaneous Matter

An Adventure with Rattlesnakes.

I noticed a "sketch" in the Courier a few days since, entitled "Taugnanc Mountain," that recalled to my mind...

Each rock and bush seemed populous with rattlesnakes, and we could see them descending from the higher crags...

At this juncture, one of us perceived a large flat rock, some three rods from us, and proposed in a whisper that we should make for it...

Our weapons of defence were four guns, two pistols and an axe. We were then situated as to be able to defend ourselves...

We remained quietly on the rock, and in a short time the rattlesnakes ceased their attacks, but on our making any movement, they commenced hissing again...

Lawrence House, Sunbury, Pa. THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that she still continues to keep the above named public house...

Shanokin Town Lots. THIS subscriber is now prepared to exhibit and dispose of lots in the new Town-Plot of Shanokin...

WARDWARE, Nails, &c. Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Cedar, wares, Brushes, School Books and paper just received...

PARASOLS, in plain and fancy figured Silk and Gingham—Cotton and Gingham Umbrellas—Trunks and Carpet Bags, just received...

INDIAN CHOLAGOOGUE—An excellent Remedy for the cure of Fever and Ague, Bilious Fever, Intermittent or Remittent Fever, just received...

COOPER'S GELATINE. For Jellies, &c. For sale by WEIHER & BRUNER, Sunbury, June 24, 1854.

The weed to which I refer grows from 12 to 18 inches high, one stalk, leaves narrow, and growing singly from the stem from one to two inches apart...

WOLF NURSES IN INDIA.

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TOBACCO.

We give below a few extracts for the benefit of tobacco chewers. They are worth reading and pondering upon. They are made by Fontana, a distinguished chemist. He says:

1. I made a small incision in a pigeon's leg, and applied to it the oil of tobacco; in less than ten minutes it lost the use of its foot.

2. I repeated this experiment on another, and the result was exactly the same.

3. I made a small wound in the pectoral muscle of a pigeon, and applied the oil to it; in three minutes it could no longer support itself on its left foot.

4. This experiment was repeated on another, and resulted in the same way.

5. I introduced into the pectoral muscles of a pigeon, a small bit of wood covered with the oil; in a few minutes it fell insensible.

6. Two others, to whose muscles I applied this oil, vomited all they had eaten.

7. Two others, with empty stomachs treated as above, made all possible efforts to vomit.

8. One single drop of this tobacco oil put upon the tongue of a cat, has produced violent convulsions, and killed her in the space of one minute.

9. A thread dipped in the oil and drawn through a flesh wound of a cat, dog, or any other animal of their sizes, will kill in seven minutes.

CONNECTICUT LIQUOR LAW.

The new liquor law provides that if a man be found intoxicated he may be arrested and kept until he becomes sober, when, if he shall testify fully, freely and fairly, regarding the receipt or procurement of the liquor upon which he became intoxicated, he shall be discharged—otherwise he shall be fined \$20, &c. Under this clause, a man that was intoxicated was recently arrested in Greenville, near Norwich, and he testified that the liquor was given to him—that he drank it from a bottle in the dwelling of a friend, whom he named. He was discharged—the Grand Jury and Attorney at once deciding that no fine or punishment could be inflicted on him, so long as he had testified fairly as to the place where he procured the liquor.

HEAVY FAILURE.—Charitable Lady.—So your mother is very poor.

Bigger Boy.—She is that! She used to keep a peanut stand once, but she took a counterfeit one dollar bill and failed.

THE WOLVES OF SACO, ME., ARE DRY.

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NEW JERSEY STATISTICS.—The Jersey City Sentinel and Advertiser, of the 23d inst., published statistics of crime and pauperism in Jersey city and Hudson county. Number of inhabitants in Jersey city, 21,000, viz:—Natives, 12,900; Irish, 5,000; other foreigners 3,100. Number of persons who have been confined in the City Prison, 4190, viz:—Natives, 75; Irish, 3550; other foreigners, 475. Number of persons confined at the present in the County Jail, 63, viz:—Natives, 2; Irish, 55; other foreigners, 8. Of 155 persons who have been inmates of the Almshouse, none have been natives, and no foreigners except Irish. Of 728 who received aid from the Poormaster, 2 were natives, and 726 were Irish.

THE LATEST ATROCITY.—The Pittsburg (Pa.) Democratic Union is answerable for the following: Why would it be unchristian-like for a woman to assume the part of a man? Because she would become a he, then.