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Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

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From Bentley's Miscellany. CALM BE HER SLEEP.

BY WILLIAM JONES.

Calm be her sleep! as the breast of the ocean, When the sun is reclining upon its still wave; She dreams not of life, nor its stormy commotion!

A Dutch Wedding Ceremony. You promise, now, you good man dare, Vail shanks upon the floor,

The Gold Watch--an Emblem of Society--by Edward Everett. I have now in my hands, a gold watch, which combines embellishments and utility in proportions,

AN IMPORTANT FACT IN MESMERISM.—The Belfast (Me) Signal states that a surgical operation was performed in that town on Saturday last, under the Mesmeric influence.

Interesting Letter from Audubon.

We find in an exchange paper the following interesting letter from Audubon, written to Dr. Bachman, of Charleston, S. C.

Latitude 49, 10 N., June 20th, 1843. } 110 Miles above Fort Union. }

To Dr. J. BACHMAN:—My dear Friend!—It is with a transport of pleasure that I avail myself of this opportunity of sending a letter (by a hunter going down to Fort Union) to impart the gratification I have experienced since the date of my last, (at the Fort, 13th inst.)

We left the Fort (Union) on the morning of the 14th inst.—a more beautiful day I never beheld. Just picture to yourself a clear sky,

Benjamin Rathbun. "It is stated that Benjamin Rathbun's term of imprisonment for forgery will expire in September next. Some of the Buffalo papers are already making calculations about the benefits that will result from his return to the scene of his former operations,

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but armed with sharp claws, and they bound or jump with their hind legs. They have a tail somewhat like that of a sheep, about 10 inches long, and round the middle of the body they have a ring of flesh, about 12 inches wide and 8 inches thick in the middle or centre, which produces a great quantity of oil.

From the New York Tribune. More about John Randolph. While Mr. Randolph was out, for the purpose of entering into the usual preliminaries for the anticipated duel, and holding a conversation with Senator White of Delaware, (I believe, but I am not certain, as his second,) the House had ordered the previous question, which cut off all further debate.

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ded of him, as he proceeded, to say whether he alluded to him. McD. disregarded him, and merely told him, in a by-speech, to call at his room and he would soon let him know.

LOWELL.—From the frequent notices which we see in our exchange papers of Lowell, her improvements, her manufactures and her industry, we are led to believe that she holds a more important rank in public esteem than is generally supposed by our citizens.

DEATH AT THE GAMING TABLE.—SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCE.—The German papers speak of a singular circumstance, which is about to give birth to a law suit. A middle aged man was not long since playing pharo at Koethen, in the principality of Anhalt.

"POOR BUT RESPECTABLE."—Noticing the sudden death of a citizen of Franklin county, the editor of the State Journal says that he was "poor but respectable."

CONTENT WITH MAY.—We notice the recent marriage in Winthrop, Maine, of Mr. May to Miss Content W. Haines. This is the lady who, a year since, obtained the first premium of the Agricultural Society, for the best crop of Wheat.

SCHOOLMASTERS ABROAD AGAIN!—The Boston Post says: In a certain bathing house, not a thousand miles from Philip's Bench, is this notice:

Two things are only necessary to attend to, to ensure perfect health—the skin, and the stomach; and with how little care, as to cleanliness, dress, and diet, may both of these be kept in their natural action.

JEAN JACQUES TELLS US THAT when his wife died, every farmer in the neighborhood offered to console him by offering him one of their daughters!—but that a few weeks afterwards, his cow having shared the same fate, no one ever thought of replacing his loss by the offer of another;—thereby proving the different value people set upon their cows and children.

A MAN WITH AN ANGUR exerts a force of 100 lbs.; with a screw-driver, 84 lbs.; with a windlass, 60 lbs.; a hand plane, 50 lbs.; a hand saw, 30 lbs.

MOST AUTHORITIES rate one horse as equal to five men; some at six, and the French at seven.

A GASCON PREACHER stopped short in his pulpit; it was in vain that he scratched his head, nothing would come out. "My friends," said he, "I pity you, for you have lost a fine discourse."

SAM SLICK SAYS:—"Patriotism is as hungry and as savage as old Scratch if aint fed. If you want to tame it, you must treat it as Van Amburgh does the lions—keep it full."

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