



#### To an Absent Wife.

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Tis morn—the sea breeze seems to bring Joy, health and freshness on its wing— Bright flowers, to me all strange and new, Are glittering in the early dew— And perfumes rise from every grove As incense to the clouds that move Like spirits o'er yon welkin clear— But I am sad—thou art not here.

'Tis noon—a calm, unbroken sleep Is on the blue waves of the deep— A soft haze like a fairy dream Is floating over wood and stream— And many a broad magnolia flower, Within its shadowy woodland bower, Is gleaming like a lovely star— But I am sad—thou art afar.

'Tis eve—on earth the sunset skies Are painting their own Eden dyes— The stars come down, and trembling glow Like blossoms in the waves below— And, like some unseen sprite, the breeze Seems lingering 'mid these orange trees, Breathing its music 'round the spot— But I am sad—I see thee not.

'Tis midnight—with a soothng spell The far tones of the ocean swell, Soft as a mother's caressing mild Low bending o'er the sleeping child— And on each wandering breeze are heard The rich notes of the mocking bird, In many a wild and wondrous lay— But I am sad—thou art away.

I sink in dreams—low, sweet and clear, Thy dear voice is in my ear— Around my cheek thy tresses twine— Thy own loved hand is clasped in mine— Thy own soft lip to mine is pressed— Thy head is pillow'd on my breast— Oh! have all my heart holds dear— And I am happy—thou art here.

#### First American Standard.

The following extract is from the London Morning Chronicle, of July 25th, 1776. The analogies of the first American ensign are ingeniously set forth; yet as our prejudices against the snake are deeply-rooted, and as old as original sin itself, few of our countrymen will regret that the device was changed. The extract, however, is a curiosity, and will be quite new to nine tenths of the present generation:

The colors of the American flag have a snake with thirteen rattles, the fourteenth budding, described in the attitude of going to strike, with the motto: "Dont tread on me!" It is a rule in heraldry, that the worthy properties of the animal, in the crest borne, shall be considered, and the base ones cannot be intended. The ancients accounted a snake or a serpent an emblem of wisdom, and, in certain attitudes, of endless duration. The rattle-snake is properly an emblem of America, as the animal is found in no other part of the world. The eye of this creature exerts in brightness most of any other animal. She has no eyelids, and is therefore an emblem of vigilance. She never begins an attack, nor surrenders; she is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage. When injured or in danger of being injured, she never wounds until she has given notice to her enemies of their danger. No other of the kind shows such generosity. When undisturbed, and in peace, she does not appear to be furnished with weapons of any kind. They are latent in the root of her mouth, and even when extended for her defence, appear to these who are not acquainted with her, to be weak and contemptible, yet her wounds, however small, are decisive and fatal. She is solitary, and associates with her kind only when it is necessary for their preservation. Her poison is at once the necessary means of digesting her food, and certain destruction to her enemies. The power of fascination attributed to her, by a generous construction, resembles America. Those who look steadily on her, are delighted, and involuntarily advance towards her, and having once approached never leave her. She is frequently found with thirteen rattles, and they increase yearly. She is beautiful in youth, and her beauty increases with her age; her tongue is blue and torqued as lightning."

**TIGHT LACING.**—A learned doctor referring to tight lacing, avers that it is a public benefit, inasmuch as it kills all the foolish girls, and leaves the wise ones to grow up to be women.

**A GOOD SPEECHMAN.**—It is stated, in Hood's Magazine, that, at a west end debating society, a journeyman wheelwright was by far the best spokesman.

A regular backwoodsman of Yaxton swamp was asked how old he was. "Why stranger," said he, "I can't exactly tell, but when this country was first discovered, I was a right smart chuck of a cub."

"No Catherine," said Patrick to his wife, "you never catch a lie coming out of my mouth."

"True, replied Kite, "they fly out of your mouth so fast that nobody can catch them."

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#### BANK NOTE LIST.

##### PENNSYLVANIA.

The following list shows the current value of all Pennsylvania Bank Notes. The most implicit reliance may be placed upon it, as it is every week carefully compared with and corrected from Bicknell's Reporter.

##### Banks in Philadelphia.

NAME. LOCATION. DISC. IN PHILADELPHIA.

NOTES AT PAR.	PHILADELPHIA.
Bank of North America*	par
Bank of the Northern Liberties	par
Commercial Bank of Penna.*	par
Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank*	par
Kensington Bank	par
Philadelphia Bank*	par
Schuykill Bank	par
Southwark Bank	par
Western Bank	par
Mechanics' Bank*	par
Manufacturers' & Mechanics' Bank*	par
Bank of Penn Township*	par
Girard Bank*	par
Bank of Commerce, late Mayamensing*	par
Bank of Pennsylvania*	par

Country Banks.

Bank of Chester County*	Westchester
Bank of Delaware County*	Chester
Bank of Germantown*	Germantown
Bank of Montgomery Co.*	Norristown
Doylestown Bank*	Doylestown
Easton Bank*	Easton
Farmers' Bank of Bucks co.	Bristol
Bank of Northumberland*	Northumberland
Columbia Bank & Bridge co.	Columbia
Farmers' Bank of Lancaster*	Lancaster
Lancaster County Bank*	Lancaster
Lancaster Bank*	Lancaster
Farmers' Bank of Reading*	Reading
Office of Bank of Penna.	Reading
Office do do	Reading
Office do do	Reading
Office do do	Easton

NOTES AT DISCOUNT.

Bank of the United States*	Philadelphia
Miners' Bank of Pottsville*	Pottsville
Bank of Lewiston	Lewiston
Bank of Middletown	Middletown
Carlisle Bank*	Carlisle
Exchange Bank*	Pittsburg
Do do branch of Harrisburg Bank*	Harrisburg
Lebanon Bank*	Lebanon
Merchants' & Manuf. Bank*	Pittsburg
Bank of Pittsburg*	Pittsburg
West Branch Bank*	Williamsport
Wyoming Bank	Wilkes-Barre
Northampton Bank	Allentown
Bucks County Bank*	Reading
Office of Bank of U. S.	Pittsburg
Do do do	Erie
Do do do	New Brighton
Bank of Chambersburg	Chambersburg
Bank of Gettysburg*	Gettysburg
Bank of Susquehanna Co.	Montrose
Erie Bank*	Erie
Farmers' & Drivers' Bank	Wawayne
Franklin Bank*	Washington
Honesdale Bank	Honesdale
Montgomery Bank of B.*	Brownsville
York Bank*	York

N. B.—The notes of those banks on which we omit quotations, and substitute a dash (—) are not purchased by the Philadelphia brokers, with the exception of those which have a letter of reference.

##### BROKEN BANKS.

Philadelphia Sav. Ins.	Philadelphia
Philadelphia Loan Co.	failed
Schenkly Sav. Ins.	do
Kensington Sav. Ins. A	do
Penn Township Sav. Ins.	do
Manual Labor Bank (U. W. Dwyer, prop.)	failed
Towanda Bank	closed
Alleghany Bank of Pa.	closed
Bank of Beaver	closed
Bank of Swatara	closed
Bank of Washington	closed
Centre Bank	closed
City Bank	closed
Farmers' & Mech's Bank	closed
Farmers' & Mech's Bank	closed
Harmony Institute	closed
Juniata Bank	closed
Lumbermen's Bank	closed
Northern Bank of Pa.	closed
New Hope Del. Bridge Co.	closed
Northumbld Union Col. Bk.	closed
North Western Bank of Pa.	closed
Office of Schuykill Bank	closed
Pa. Agr. & Manuf. Bank	closed
Silver Lake Bank	closed
Union Bank of Penna.	closed
Westmoreland Bank	closed
Wilkesbarre Bridge Co.	closed

C. All notes purporting to be on any Pennsylvania Bank not given in the above list, may be set down as frauds.

##### NEW JERSEY.

Bank of New Brunswick	Brunswick
Belydets Bank	failed
Burlington Co. Bank	Belvidere
Commercial Bank*	Belvidere
Cumberland Bank*	Perth Amboy
Farmers' Bank*	Bridgeton
Mount Holly	Mount Holly
Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk	Rahway
N. J. Bank	Bridgeton
State Bank	Bridgeton
Wilmington Bank	Bridgeton
Centre Bank	Bridgeton
Jersey City Bank	Bridgeton
Jersey City Bank	Bridgeton
Mechanics' Bank	Bridgeton
Morris County Bank*	Bridgeton
Monmouth Bk of N. J.	Bridgeton
Mechanics' Bank*	Bridgeton
Mechanics' & Manuf. Bk.	Bridgeton
Morris Canal and Bk Co.	Bridgeton
Post Notes	do
Newark Bk & Grazing Co.	Newark
New Hope Del. Bridge Co.	Lambertville
N. J. Manufac. and Bk Co.	do
N. J. Protector & Lombard Bk	Jersey City
Orange Bank*	Orange
Pateron Bank*	Pateron
Princeton Bank	Princeton
Salem Banking Co.	Salem
State Bank*	Newark
State Bank*	Elizabeth
State Bank of Morris*	Morristown
State Bank	Trenton
Salem and Philad Manuf Co.	Salem
Sussex Bank*	Newton
Trenton Banking Co.	Trenton
Union Bank*	Dover
Washington Banking Co.	Hackensack

Post Notes

notable

Bank of Wilm & Brandywine\*
 Wilmington |

Bank of Delaware\*
 Wilmington |

Bank of Sayrev\*
 Smyrna |

Do branch
 Millwood |

Do branch
 Georgetown |

Do branch
 Newcastle |

Union Bank\*
 Wilmington |

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On all banks marked thus (\*) there are either counterfeited or altered notes of the various denominations, in circulation.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE.



THE subscriber, late of the Union Hotel, Sunbury, Pa., respectfully informs the old and numerous customers of the

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LOWER & BARROWS,

SOMERS & SHAWNEE,

REYNOLDS, McFARLAND & CO.

SPRING, GOOD & CO.