

The Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 9.

Justum et tenacem propositi virum, Non civium ardor prava jubentium, Non vultus instanti tyranni, Mente quatit folda.

Moral Dispensary.

How far is it from the promise of the stars, that the morning streams stand still and wonder, By potent art she stops the stars and drives them fringed back.

MUCH disturbance to the order of nature has, in all ages, been attributed to the magic agency of women. To account for such an imputation, without acknowledging the fact, appears somewhat difficult.

I have been led to these general remarks, by an unaccountable infatuation or enchantment which appears to be practised upon the inhabitants of this city, and, particularly, upon unmarried ladies, by one of these female magicians, who is said to have set up her cotinam, and opened a commerce with other worlds, in a certain magic cell in Race Street.

I am unable to ascertain the particular mode in which she operates to produce in the mind that derangement of the rational faculties, that insatiable curiosity, and that wilful anxiety to pry into the secrets of futurity, by means of which she nightly draws to her unhallowed mysteries, such multitudes of deluded mortals. It is believed, that what, to vulgar eyes, appears a simple, harmless pack of cards, is nothing less than the opposite caduceus of Mercury; by the latent energies of which she summons, at her will, a congregated throng of spectres, sprites, oilers, ladies, waiting-maids and statelmen, who, with mingled hope and fear, hang on her lips to learn the awards of Fate. She, Minos like, declares their lots:

Spells, philters, globes and spheres of palmistry; A fig in one hand the gipsy bears, In the other, a prophetic sieve and shears.

Thus equipped, wise and mysterious in her aspect as the fagacious owl, and big with fortune destiny, as bat by wanton boys blown up, she burles with swelling divination, and, to the astonished crowd, discloses

What? That those who marry will have husbands, and those who marry not, by Fate's unalterable decrees, must live old maids, or else no maids at all. Such and so marvelous is her matchless skill!

A still stronger proof of supernatural agency, is the mighty charm, by which she blunts the edge of sensibility and holds here female audience, unabashed, to hear what she relates. Strange as it must seem! the eira of the model, virtuous and chaste, which, in other circumstances, would sooner be flopped forever than listen to the most remote allusion of an improper nature, here become pleased with unchaste and indecent insinuations, and even patient of downright obscenity. Ladies, who in the free, unbiased exercise of their rational faculties, would rather die like Lucretia, than live suspected of dishonor, will here tamely submit to hear their virtue questioned, in presence of the multitude, and smile at the imputation or prediction of those "deeds of darkness," which modestly will not name and charity refuses to credit.

All will allow that great and numerous evils, pernicious to private peace and public manners, necessarily flow from disorders like these. The persons themselves will bear me witness, that, when once they have so far indulged their curiosity as to make the experiment, however reluctantly they may have fortified their minds against the belief of any miraculous skill in this pretended expounder of the decrees of Heaven, there has still remained some traces of uncertainty. Some trifling circumstance, to them unaccountable, some ambiguous, unmeaning hint, which their own knowledge of facts, assisted by their own invention, could alone appropriate to any actual event, makes room for doubt, at least, if not credulity, to keep possession of the mind. This alone is sufficient to disturb the imagination, to awaken unreasonable apprehensions or false grounded suspicions, to unsettle the serenity of the temper, and to shake that calm and steady reliance which rational people should more confidently repose in their God than in the tricks of a professed conjurer.

I would not be thus serious, upon a ludicrous subject, were it not, unfortunately, true, that many, in honest simplicity, have

gone so far as, in effect, to believe, that an ignorant, silly woman has been able to rend the veil which the God of nature had kindly drawn between us and futurity, and, by dint of frivolous rites and unmeaning ceremonies, to lay open to the view of mortals, those secrets which He had wisely intended, forever, to have concealed from their sight. Such ideas, and the conduct which results from them, are not merely frivolous and ridiculous; they are absolutely criminal and impious.

Such is the disorder: but what shall be the remedy? Reasoning cannot effect it: for, though reason is a "goodly pearl," it has no beauty or value in the sight of those who direct their eyes above it, into the regions of mystery and wonder; and even the wholesome precepts of morality, seen through these mists of ignorant credulity, appear to lose their excellence and lustre.

In a case thus difficult, it is the part of a prudent physician to proceed with caution. I shall, therefore, adopt no final measures till further investigation shall have enabled me to prescribe with greater confidence of success. In the mean time, I would earnestly entreat every lady, whose discretion has preferred to her the craftiness of spotless manners, to abstain entirely from visiting this infectious place, and to resist, with fortitude, every beginning of idle and mischievous curiosity. Do not, my fair friends, expose your delicacy to the scrutiny and loose remarks of the unknown and promiscuous multitudes, who nightly convene there, for other purposes than those of consulting the fortune teller. Leave it to those who have sufficient cause to apprehend what a future "day may bring forth," to salt their apprehensions, to prove their virtue or prepare against disgrace, by the assistance of oracular responses. "Good name, in women, is the immediate jewel of their souls," and since for fame, it requires more than mortal testimony to gain belief, it is but reasonable that such should be indulged with an opportunity of having their virtue attested by authority which cannot be doubted. It is, therefore, my advice, that for the present, no obtrusion be thrown in the way of those who are disposed to visit the fortune teller, and that it be taken for granted, that, were it proper, they could give convincing proof of the propriety and necessity of the measure.

It is reported, that there are certain of the great council of our nation, whom it delighteth to consult the interests of their country, in this repository of occult science; and, as I would, by no means, be instrumental in depriving government of any necessary or useful aid, I would recommend, that every such lady as before alluded to, should have the privilege of introducing one member of Congress.

I would likewise request the police of the city, since they think it proper that a public office of this kind should be kept open for the benefit of the citizens, that they would increase the notoriety of it, and cause its moral and political tendency to be more fully understood, by ordering the following inscription to be placed over the door.

WANTONS AND FOOLS,

Of both Sexes, MADE AND SOLD HERE, At the moderate price of twenty-five cents A PAIR.

SOLOMON SIMPLE, P. M. D.

Doctor Simple respectfully requests the ladies not to mention him to the fortune teller, lest she should persuade them that these malicious remarks have been made by some one, who is ashamed of his real name, and by discovering the author, should prove her own skill, and destroy the credit of this paper.

From the SHOP of MESS. COLTON & SPONDER.

POLITICAL PORTRAITS.

From the SHAKESPEARE GALLERY.

REPRESENTATIVE RAKEHELL.

He swears as many oaths, as he speaks words; one that sleeps in the contriving of lewdness, and wakes to do it. Wine loves he deeply; dice dearly; and in women out-parameters the Turk. False of heart, light of ear, and greedy of hand. Let him keep his foot from brothels, and his pen from lenders' books, and defy the foul fiend.

A CHATTERER.

This fellow picks up wit, as pigeons pease, And utters it again, when Jove doth please. He is wit's pedlar! and retails his wares At wakes and waffles, meetings, markets, fairs.

THE RANK AND FILE OF OPPOSITION.

For all that herd, They'll take suggestion as a cat lap milk; They'll tell the clock to any business that We lay betis the hour.

A CORRECT OUTLINE.

I am a fellow of the strangest mind in the world; I delight in masques and revels, sometimes altogether. I am good at these kickshaws as any man in Illyria. I am excellent in a galliard, and, faith, I can cut a caper. I can go to church in a minute, and come home in a coranto. My very walk is a jig.

Robespierre and The People.

An intelligent and well informed French gentleman lately in this city, speaking of that bloody tyrant Robespierre and having said, "That he was not a man of ability. That he was no orator, a very ungraceful speaker, extremely ugly in his person, and a poor timid creature," was asked how it was possible that a man such as he had described could for a moment, much less for a length of time govern so great, so intelligent a nation as the French; rule with an absolute sway such a body as the national convention, and

dispose as he did of the lives and fortunes of the French people as his caprice dictated? answered, the reason is plain. He pronounced the words The people better than any man in France, and so sensible was he of their effect, that in a discourse of fifteen minutes he would use the words forty times."

Thus while that inhuman and bloody monster was leading this same people by scores from day to day to the guillotines, he by the mere use of the magic words the people, and by professing great regard for their rights and liberties, made them believe he was their only friend and protector.

It is confidently believed that a very great majority of our exclusive patriots, our thorough going democrats and jacobins use the words here with precisely the same intention and with full as much real regard for those rights as Robespierre.

Gazette Marine List.

Port of Philadelphia.

Ship Multifela (arrived yesterday) failed from St. Croix 6th ult. Left there the brig Rebecca, M-Clintock, of Portsmouth, N. H.—had been taken by the French, and retaken by the British. Touches at Turk's Island the 18th ult.—Remained there the brig Adeona, Prescott, of and from Portsmouth, N. H.—failed from Turk's Island with the following vessels: ship Independence, Lynch, of N. York for Alexandria; brig Aligator, Ring, of and from Portsmouth, N. H. Good Intent, Blunt, do; Nathaniel, Webster, Newburyport. In lat. 35, N. long. 73, 34, W. on the 2d April spoke the schr. Eagle, from Baltimore to Port Republican.

Schr. Thistle, Jones, of and for this port from Jamaica, is lost at least—capt. and crew saved by a British frigate.

Ship Fame, Jones, arrived yesterday from London, after a passage of 63 days.

Ship Fame, Jones, failed from London 5th February.—The following vessels were laying in the river Thames on the third February.

Ship Kensington, Adamson, Philadelphia, [to fail 20th Feb. Belvidere, Ross, do. just arrived Active, M'Dougal, do. Roebuck, Razor, do. Liberty, Corran, do.

Brig Haonah, Boggs, do. fail in 4 weeks Ship Niagara, Paulding, N. York, to fail 24th Feb.

Two Friends, do. 25th Alliance, Chew, do. 25th Boyne, Briggs, do. 25th

Brig Union, Leonard, do. for Alexandria Ship Galen, Seward, Bolton, to fail 20th February

Diana, Davis, do. Minerva, Barber, do. Sarah, Breck, do. do. Brig Helen, Karaden, do. do. Ship Birmingham, M. Carty, Baltimore, to fail 20th Feb.

Hampton, Lee, do. do. Apollo, Thurston, do. do. Halcyon, Wife, do. do. Rebecca, Ruffel, Norfolk, to fail 25th Juno, Luke, do. do. Kitson, Willson, City Point, 30th West Indian, Chistom, Charleston.

Two Friends, M. Neal, Charleston 25th Maria, Ingles, do. do. Eliza Webster, Brown, do. do. Benjamin, Malcolm, Savannah Hawk, Main, do. do.

Brig Abigail, Hitchens, Portsmouth Maria, Burton, Charleston.

On the 25th March, in lat. 21 00 N. long. 60, 40. fell in with and was engaged by a low schooner privateer of 14 guns, under French colours, with the bloody flag additional: The battle continued the whole of the 25th: night then came on, and at dawn of day (26th) it was again renewed, but with some what more caution, as the respectful distance they kept sufficiently testified. The enemy appeared dissatisfied with the treatment they received; however, Judging a suspension of hostilities would relieve the fatigue and trouble they had undergone, chose to remain quiet the whole of the night of the 26th. Roused from their lethargy, on the 27th the Fame was again attacked, and again as gallantly defended by an expert and brave captain and crew, with the assistance of several gentlemen passengers, who throughout the whole of the engagement acquitted themselves honourably, and behaved like men.—The privateer men finding themselves completely foiled in all their manœuvres, either to board or to disable, eventually hauled down the bloody flag, and sneaked off, leaving the Americans as conquerors.

New-York, April 8.

ARRIVED. DAYS. Ship Hunter, Coffin, St. Domingo 22 Brig Abigail, Matthews, Navera, [Cuba 13

Venus, Shaw, Antigua 13 Swallow, Hughes, St. Thomas 17 Hunter, —, St. Ubes 70 Schr. Massachusetts, Mansfield, St. [Vincents 28

Thomas, Sandford, Tobago 20 Sloop Providence, Lewis, Cape-Francois 16 John, Ropes, do. 26 Ackerly, Warner, Havana 17 Gen. Greene, Slocum, Bermuda 13

Captain Shaw informs that the Federal George of this port captured and recaptured; the schr. Fox, of Hartford, do. by the captain and one hand; and the sloop Clarissa, of Providence, do. had arrived at Antigua.

Ten days since the ship Hunter fell in with 30 sail of the homeward-bound Jamaica fleet, under the convoy of a frigate. Capt. Hughes the 3d inst. was boarded by the Cleopatra frigate, the Asia, of 64

guns, then in co.—was informed, that the body of admiral Vandeput was put in spirits and sent to England.

Capt. Mansfield in lat. 30, was boarded by the English sloop of war Pheasant, and was informed, that they had fallen in with a United States brig, with 3 French privateers in tow. The brig Speedwell, Crawford, was captured by the French the day she failed from St. Vincents.

Capt. Lewis in lat. 26, long. 72, was boarded by the Alarm frigate and took from on board her capt. Innes and crew of the schr. Thistle, from Jamaica to Philadelphia, which was upset the 23d in a gale, and was taken up the next day. James Lewis, who was sick below, was drowned.

Capt. Warner, the day after he failed, was boarded by the U. S. brig Norfolk, Bainbridge, the Warren then in co. The Norfolk was to fail for this port the 1st of April. The ship Hope, 91 days from Philadelphia, had arrived with a 1000 bbls. of flour damaged. Met the Orion ten leagues from the Havannah from this port. Left there 80 sail of American vessels—the market glutted. In the Berry island harbour was boarded by the English brig Two Brothers of 14 guns, of New Providence; the captain of her informed that on a cruise, Thomas Gibson, an American, was drowned; and that on application to him or the owner, his friends would receive the prize money due him.

The ship Eliza, Robinson, has arrived at Nevita, and the ship Minerva, at Bermuda, from Turks Island.

NEW THEATRE.

The last week of performing before the Benefits.

This Evening, April 9.

Will be presented, a celebrated Drama, (in five acts) called

THE CASTLE SPECTRE.

Olimond, Mr. Cooper—Aby, Mrs. Merry.

Act 1st. A superb Gothic Hall, arched roof, enriched with ancient sculpture. Act 2d. A Grand Armoury, with piles of armour, arranged as in the tower of London; Banners, &c. A Gothic Chamber on the top of a tower, over the river Conway, from a high window, over which Percy leaps, and is caught by fishermen below.

Act 3d. A view of the river Conway at sun set, and view of Conway Castle at a distance. A Gothic State Bed Chamber, ornamented with ancient portraits.

Act 4th. An oratory of a Chapel, transparent windows illuminated, &c. Act 5th. A distant view of Conway Castle by moon light. A Gloomy Subterraneous Dungeon and Cavern, excavated roof, &c.

To which will be added a Musical Entertainment called

THE PRIZE;

Or, 2, 5, 3, 8.

The doors of the Theatre will open at a quarter past 5, and the curtain rise at a quarter past six.

Mrs. Merry's Night will be on Monday next.

VIVAT RESPUBLICA.

Last Public Ball for the present Season.

MR. FRANCIS

RESPECTFULLY informs his Scholars and the Public in general, that his last PUBLIC BALL will be on Saturday, April 12th, at the Room in South Fourth Street. In which will be introduced an entire new set of Cotillions, composed by Mr. Francis, called

Les Delices D'Amerique.

1st. The Fashion, 2d. The Military, 3d. The Bath (Strathspey) 4th. The Rage (Reel) Composed entirely of the favourite Scotch dances. Also, Two New Country Dances For the present Season, called

The First of April,

AND The Philadelphia Medley.

The Music of the Medley is selected from the most admired Country Dances.

An additional Band is engaged to play the New Dances.

Children that are not Pupils cannot be admitted.

NB. Mr. F.'s days of tuition for the remainder of the season, will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at his academy Harmony Court. April 9. dts

NOTICE.

THE Trustees appointed by the different Fire Companies to attend the Fire Association, are requested to meet at Carpenters' Hall, on the 11th instant, at 7 o'clock in the evening. April 9. 3t

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having claims against Richard A. S. Footman, surviving partner of the house of Footman & Co. also those having claims against the estate of Richard S. Footman, deceased, are desired to exhibit their accounts, well authenticated; and all those indebted to the said firm are requested to make immediate payment to

JOHN McCLELLAN,

Administrator to the estate of R. S. Footman. Frankford, April 9. d3ct

NOTICE.

THE Creditors of Isaac Painter are desired to render in their accounts to the subscriber, on or before the first of May next, as a dividend will then be made; and all those indebted to said firm are desired to make immediate payment or they will be dealt with as the law directs.

JACOB CLARK, Assignee.

April 9. 3t

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A STATED MEETING of the First Day or Sunday School Society, will be held at Mrs. John Ely's School A. M., back of the Presbyterian Church, the corner of Arch and Third Streets, at seven o'clock this evening. As individual names will not be served, attention to the above notification is requested, April 9. 1t

THOMAS MURGATROYD & SONS HAVE FOR SALE At No. 35 Dock-street, 100 pieces gauze, 100 Towels, 800 joiners tools, 140 saddle trees, 12 fire ladders, brass tops, 100 brass con-pails, 100 wood do. April 9. edzw

ELECTION.

THE Contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital are desired to take notice, that the Election will be held at the said Hospital on the 5th day of the 5th month, 18 07, (being the second day of the week,) to be opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the choice of twelve Managers and a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

By order of a Board of Managers, SAMUEL COATS, Secy. 8th. 8 mo. 1800 2aw—d3t.

A NEW EXHIBITION GALLERY OF PAINTINGS, &c.

WILL be on conveyance day until the end of May at Mr. Savage's Rooms, No 70, South Fourth Street.

Mr. Savage respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Philadelphia, that a handsome collection of Paintings and Prints executed by several of the first masters in Europe, together with some original American Historical Paintings taken from the most interesting subjects, a catalogue of which will be delivered to visitors. Admittance one fourth of a dollar—constant attendance will be given. April 7. eoot

COUNTRY SEAT.

TO be let that Country Seat, known by the name of Parville, situate near the upper ferry on the east side of Schuylkill, two and a half miles from the Court house, it contains about 10 acres of land, a beautiful house and garden, with a large barn, coach house and stables. Please to enquire at the office No. 96 Arch St. April 4. d3t

A NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

To Merchants, Store-keepers and Tradesmen in general, &c. GENTLEMEN.

I FEEL peculiar pleasure in stating, that you have so generously and generally come forward and subscribed for my work, that (notwithstanding all previous hesitations made by me) the coins and monies of account of the principal maritime trading places in Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Prussia, Poland, Germany, Holland, Flanders, Spain, Portugal, Italy, in several of the windsward and icebound West India Islands, and many ports in the East Indies—the whole to be reduced to dollars and cents; and the best mode of computing the exchange with those places explained; also, a large sheet table of calculations at compound interest at 6 per cent. the tables used in banks for the determination of the value of gold; the interest of each month from one to twelve months, on every dollar (without exception) from one to two thousand; and a table of all the ports in the United States; besides much other general useful information, shall positively be added to the work, entitled

ROWLETT'S

Tables of Discount or Interest,

On every dollar (without exception) From one to two thousand; thence on every ten, fifty, and five hundred, to five thousand, from one day to sixty-four days inclusive, at six per cent. with notes for 5, 7 and 8 per cent, &c. &c. &c.

The work is dedicated, by permission, to the President and Directors of the Bank of North America, and received in the first twelve days the patronage of JOHN DAVIS, President of the United States; of THOMAS JEFFERSON, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; of two-thirds of the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the United States; and of the Presidents and Directors of the different Banks unanimously, &c.—a list of the whole is printed and attached to the proposals.

It is evident that the work will be no trumpery catch-penny thing; for I do assure the public, that the price of it is reduced very near one-half, according to the usual rate at which books sell; and it is my full determination to render it, in point of SUBJECT MATTER, a valuable acquisition.

With respect to the accuracy of the Tables, too much cannot be said, and I pledge myself that a PREMIUM of not less than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS shall be offered to the first person who shall inform me of a single error of one cent, according to the principle adopted upon.

To do away all doubts with respect to the expenses of the undertaking, I do most solemnly declare that they will amount to very near FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, and perhaps more, independent of any remuneration for my own trouble in the arduous business, and the great expense already incurred for specimens, proposals, advertisements, hand-bills, &c. &c.

I do therefore trust with confidence, that gentlemen will continue to come forward with that public spirit and generosity which characterize the nation, and support the work by subscribing to it without hesitation; otherwise it cannot be published, and I must sit down to rest upon a considerable loss.

And am, with profound respects, Gentlemen, Your obedient humble servant, JOHN ROWLETT, Accountant, Bank North America.

Postscript.—Gentlemen are respectfully invited to see Specimens of the Tables, &c. exhibited at the City Tavern, Hardy's Hotel, Francis's Hotel, the Indian Queen, Dudwoody's tavern, the Franklin Head and at the George; and please be referred to the other advertisements which appear every day in some one of the newspapers.

Subscribers are to pay nothing until the book is delivered rigorously conformable to all stipulations.

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