

POETRY.

From the Troy Gazette.

Vain are the pleasures of this life,
And fleeting are its fancied joys;
Tumultuous scenes of endless strife,
Mere childish toys.

Man seeks blest happiness in vain,
The phantom from his presence flies,
He lives in sorrow and in pain
The sufferer dies.

All seek dim silence and the shade,
To man's rude footsteps long a stranger,
With contemplation, pensive maid,
A boundless ranger.

See!—Life is but a cheerless road,
Where shall we find its boasted treasures?
Peace! lead me to thy blest abode,
Where are thy pleasures

Pleasure is but a painted toy,
And Life's a boundless sea of trouble,
Friendship's a gilded name—and joy
A floating bubble:

Art thou, in youth's delusive morn,
By transient scenes of bliss beguil'd;
Art thou on gilded pinions borne,
Sweet Fancy's child—

Let gloomy, sad experience teach
Peace dwells not in this vale of tears;
Ere life's meridian we reach
It disappears.

Life's fragile bark may smoothly glide
While wafted by propitious gales;
And with the swelling, silver tide
She swiftly sails.

But soon of rending storms the sport,
When overwhelming tempests rise,
The tenant finds no sheltering port,
But sinks and dies.

See Merit at Misfortune's side,
Unshelter'd from the tempest, roam,
While Folly, Ignorance and Pride,
Each find a home.

Virtue, the good man's polar star,
In penury's low vale resides;
While vice, in splendor's golden car,
Triumphant rides.

See Industry, with visage mild,
Struggling against rude Fortune's frown;
In vain—behold! misfortune's child
Sinks breathless down.

From competence to fortune hurl'd,
And doom'd to hopeless poverty;
I'll point a sordid, selfish world
To worth and thee.

The child of misery and we,
I've seen thee charitably seek—
Seen sensibility's soft glow
Diffuse thy cheek.

Those cheeks now furrowed by despair,
Disease's sallow paleness borrow,
A prey to life-consuming care,
And gloomy sorrow.

And my sad checker'd life discloses
The ills to which frail man is born,
I too have gather'd life's wild roses—
And felt their thorn.

Life's cheerless winter I contrast
With youthful spring, serene and pleasant;
Thus tho' sweet memory gilds the past,
It damps the present.

Stranger! wherever and whoever thou art,
Is some fair nymph by thee ador'd?

Does beauty hold thy tender heart,
With silken chord.

And doth she tenderly receive thee,
And press the in her circling arms?
Ah! fly the syren—she'll deceive thee,
Ah! fly her charms.

For doth she tender passions move—
Doth she awaken soft desires;
Still fly; she never feels thy love
That she inspires.

Love is a false, bewildering flame,
And life's a boundless sea of trouble;
Friendship is but a gilded name,
Pleasure's a bubble.

Stranger! let sad experience teach
Bliss dwells not in this vale of tears;
Ere life's meridian we reach,
It disappears.

COGITATIONS

On seeing the grave of a Shoemaker.

This is the last of man! his final end!
Alas poor soul, his morning hopes were
glorious, but stern fate measured his hours
of comfort and he fell—Though Chatham's
fall he mourned, he yet was *forced*. Patient
in suffering, but when insult came, he
bristled up and waxed in honest wrath.—
Pressed to the earth he *sho'd* no vicious
rage, but gave his blessings and his prayers
to boot. Pilgrim! no tassels waved upon
his bier, though upon nature's lap his *last*
stone rests! Death to the *linings* of a noble
heart sewed a destroying seam! His *heel*
gone—his *uppers* torn away; his poor *patch*
ed frame no longer *water proof*; his *awl*
worn out, his *tacks* too heavy to be born,
the hammer of calamity assailing with re-
peated *hugs*, the *pinchers* of vengeance pul-
ling with indicative zeal, and though *pumps*
were ever going not able to keep afloat, he
gave up his *soul*, and on his grave is in-
scribed:
Worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow;
All else we find but leather and prunella.

We have seldom seen a wife advertised
in a more affectionate manner than the fol-
lowing:

NOTICE—Fourteen years ago I took to
wife with Patience, of the *Tribe of Dan*; as
we were both of African origin, and of a
deep jetty black, it never entered my
head that my wife would have *Patience* to
listen to the persuasions of a swarthy In-
dian. Not long ago, however, the peace
of my family began to be disturbed by one
Jim of that race, and at length Patience
followed him, carrying with them the main
part of my estate, viz: bed and bedding,
great and little wheel, bed cord, steel yards,
pot and spider. I have since been active
in endeavoring to regain her affections to-
gether with my property. I have bought
a Shawl of beautiful colors to tempt her—
I have *piped* to her, but she would not
dance; I have *mourned* with her, and she
would not weep, and finally am persuaded
that she will never be restored to me; and
therefore, to save the wreck of my estate,
I herby forbid all persons harboring or
trusting said Patience on my account, as I
will pay no debts of her contracting after
this date.

HENRY JACKSON.

Wethersfield, (Con.) May 25, 1818.

Instructions for fine Gentlemen

Whenever you fall in conversation to
amuse the company, begin to laugh most
immoderately; thereby you will command
the attention of the spectators.

If any gentleman should tell a remarka-
ble good story, never laugh, but immediate-
ly tell another story yourself, and then
laugh as much and as loud as you please.

Wherever you go, be determined to find
fault with every thing; thereby you will
prove yourself a man of consequence.

Do you wish to be in love? Visit your
mistress when you have drank freely of

your bottle. Spirits give spirits—Make
a dying speech; thump your breast; flour-
ish your handkerchief; and present a pistol.
If she is not moved at this, I'll give you
leave to shoot yourself.

Wherever you are in company with la-
dies, endeavor to show your learning. Use
as many hard words and learned phrases as
possible; it will excite great admiration.

Should the conversation happen to get
beyond your depth, and you be pressed for
a remark or a reply, set up an affected
cough or a sneeze; and then say, 'Dammie,
I forgot what I was going to speak.'

Another Swinish accident.—As a young
gentleman was on his way home to dinner
yesterday, a large sow at the corner of
Broadway and Thames street, unluckily run
her nose full tilt between his legs, took
him fairly upon her back and really gallop-
ed off some yards, when giving a sudden
grunt she pitched him sprawling on his
back into the middle of the street, to the
no small amusement of several bystanders.
We are happy to learn he sustained no in-
jury other than ruining a pair of small
clothes.

N. York Post.

TO DESTROY BED BUGS.

Take two ounces of quicksilver and the
whites of two eggs, and so in this ratio for
a larger or smaller quantity. Beat the
quicksilver and the whites together until
they unite and become a froth. With a
feather then apply the compound thus form-
ed to the crevices and holes in your bed-
steads. This done once or twice a year,
will prove effectual. An old remedy but a
sure one.

Segar Manufactory.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his
friends and the public that he has commen-
ced Segar making, in Bellefonte, Centre
county, in the frame house situated on the
south east corner of the Diamond, formerly
occupied by George Henning, as a hatter
shop, where he intends keeping a constan
supply of

SEGARS.

Country store keepers and others can
be supplied on the most reasonable terms.
He flatters himself that by punctuality to
business, and keeping on hand a quantity
of the best Segars, to merit the patronage
of a generous public.

William Ward.

Bellefonte, July 20, 1818.

L A W S.

The Quota for Centre and Clearfield
counties, of the Laws passed at the last ses-
sion of the Legislature of Pennsylvania,
came to hand this day, to be delivered to
the different officers entitled to copies there-
of; all of whom will please to apply per-
sonally, as receipts are to be taken on their
delivery.

John Rankin, *Prof'y.*

Prothonotary's Office,
Bellefonte, July 20, 1818.

N. B. The Journals of the same session
of the Legislature, are also received
at the Commissioners' Office. Also, one
box for the Commissioners of Clearfield
county, containing the Journals, &c. and
are ready for distribution.

WANTED.

One or two apprentices will be taken to
the

Tailoring Business,

if immediate application be made to the
subscriber. Boys from ten to thirteen
years of age will be preferred.

Andrew Stewart.

Bellefonte, August 6, 1818.

20 Dollars Reward.



STRAYED or stolen from
the subscriber, at Hunting-
don Mill, near Huntingdon
Furnace, Franklin township
on Friday the 10th inst a bright

Sorrel Horse,

fifteen & an half hands high, shod all round,
one hind foot white, his back rubbed with
the saddle. Whoever takes up the horse
and thief shall have the above reward, or
10 dollars for the horse alone.

John M'Donald.

July 23, 1818.

NOTICE.

THE Books for receiving subscriptions
will be opened in the borough of Bellefonte,
Centre county, at the house of John Ran-
kin, on Tuesday the first day of September
next, at ten o'clock, A. M. of said day, for
the purpose of receiving subscriptions to
the stock in the

Clark's Ferry Bridge Com- pany,

At which time and place one or more of
the Commissioners for Centre county, will
attend and keep open said books as directed
by an act of the Legislature, passed the
23d day of March, A. D. 1818, authorising
the Governor to incorporate a Company for
the purpose of making and erecting a

BRIDGE

Over the River Susquehanna, in the coun-
ties of Dauphin and Cumberland, at or
near Clark's Ferry.

JAMES POTTER, } Comm'r
JOHN RANKIN, } for Cen-
JOHN IRVINE, } tre Co'y.

Bellefonte, July 29, 1818.

Creditors Take Notice,

THAT I have applied to to the Court of
Common Pleas of the county of Centre,
for the benefit of the several acts of as-
sembly, passed for the relief of insolvent
debtors, and the Court have appointed
Monday the 24th day of August to hear me
and my creditors, at the Court House in
Bellefonte.

Henry Barr.

Bellefonte Jail, July 27, 1818.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the honorable CHARLES
HUSTON, President of the Courts of
Common Pleas in the 4th judicial district
composed of the counties of Centre, Hun-
tingdon, Mifflin and Bedford, and the hon.
James Potter and Adam Harper, judges of
the said court in Centre county, have issu-
ed their precept bearing date the 17th day
of July, 1818, to me directed, for holding
a court of

Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery,

in the Town of Bellefonte, for the coun-
ty of Centre, on the fourth Monday of Au-
gust next, being the 24th day thereof.

NOTICE IS THEREFORE HEREBY GIVEN
to the coroner, the justices of the peace
and constables of the said county of Cen-
tre, that they be then and there in their
proper persons at ten o'clock in the fore-
noon of said day, with their records, in-
quisitions and remembrances, to do those
things which to their offices appertain to
be done. And those who are bound by
recognizances to prosecute against the pri-
soners that are or shall be in the jail of the
county of Centre, are to be then and there
to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Dated at Bellefonte, the 13th day

of July, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and
eighteen, and in the forty-third
year of the independence of the
United States of America.

Wm. Alexander,

Sheriff.