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By John B. Bratton. "OUR COUNTRY—MAY IT ALWAYS BE RIGHT—BUT RIGHT OR WRONG, OUR COUNTRY."

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Political. From the Louisville Journal. HOURS OF ADDRESS.

I'm very sad and lone, to-night— My soul with weeping fancies teems,

There floats a cloud with silver tints, So gently by the south wind kissed,

But not the beauty of the water, Nor tripling winds that stir sweet,

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At a Court ball, some twenty years since, A young girl, with a father and mother,

At length my heroine discloses her wishes to her parents. They are unwilling that she should marry a Frenchman,

The lovers are to be separated for two years—it shall not be considered an engagement,

On the other hand the lovers are to be permitted to correspond, and if they remain lovers at the end of two years,

The young lady comes her anxious lover with assurance that her love is unchanged and that the two years' absence will only serve to prove their affection for each other and endear them to one another still more.

She calls her daughter to her bedside, and confesses to her that she had detained the letters of the young officer,—but he had been faithful.

THE FAIRY THAT I KNOW. BY W. DRAISFORD.

I do not say she is so fair, No maiden may with her compare;

Revolutionary anecdote. A gentleman sends from Kingston to the Boston Traveller the following incident connected with the revolutionary war,

During the war, an American privateer was seen approaching L., where my aunt and other Americans were located.

That the popular belief in ghosts is not extinct even in a large town like Sheffield,

Accompanied by a stout leaser bearing a strong cut-throat and a sharp knife for slaughter and skinning,

Duration of Sleep. Of the duration of sleep, the period varies in different men.

THE SHORTEST WAY.—We were gratified, the other day, by a visit from an old friend residing in the vicinity of Napoleon, Ind.,

Some twelve years ago, Napoleon was celebrated for two things, one for the causing proprieties of its inhabitants, and the other the great number of cross roads in its vicinity.

"I wish to go to Greenfield," said the collector. "Now which will be my shortest way?"

"Well, sir," said the drover, "you had better go to Napoleon and take the road leading nearly north."

"Go to Napoleon, and take the road south-west."

"Why don't you get married?" said a young lady to a bachelor friend.

THE DOG AND THE MONKEY. A Plea for Pigs.

In the year 1823, an English officer, who was stationed with his regiment in the neighborhood of Kullagee, in India,—a region in which the monkeys, abound in numbers,

Magnitude of London. London extends over an area of 78,020 acres or 122 square miles; and the number of inhabitants is estimated at two millions.

THE VISION OF A FARM.—That very able and ubiquitous sheet, "An Exchange Paper," gives the following very plain statements which we commend to the afflicted.

"Oh Pa, I have just seen one of the worst dog fights as ever was seen or heard tell of in our world."

"Well, Sir, my boy was it?"

"Come, come, Simon, don't talk so fast, you get everything mixed up; stop and get breath a moment and don't blow so like a porpoise."

"A MONK VANDER.—The following verdict, delivered at Rome, Georgia, in the case of Johnson vs. Thomas Cameron, shows that Philadelphia does not monopolize all the intelligent 'jurymen' in the United States."

"BEAUTIFUL.—It cannot be that earth is many abiding places. It cannot be that our life is cast up by the ocean of eternity to float upon its waves and sink into nothingness."

WAIT TILL YOU'RE ASKED.—The young ladies of the Illinois Institute, at Wheaton, Du Page county, recently passed the following resolution unanimously.

"Sally Mander Safe, said Mrs. Bartington, as her eyes fell upon an advertisement."

"Do tell me, Isaac, who this Sally Mander is, and what she has been doing that they've got her safe."

"Why, Jerry Mander," said Ike.

THE OLD PATRIOT, GEN. CASS. We publish below, the eloquent, wise, patriotic and christian letter of the distinguished statesman whose name heads this article.

DEAR SIR.—It is now more than two years since I have attended a public festival, and the same afflictive circumstance which led me to adopt this course, yet operate to render me indisposed to change it.

THE LARGEST DIAMOND EVER FOUND IN NORTH AMERICA.—We were shown yesterday, on board of the steamship Jamestown, what is said to be the largest diamond ever discovered in North America.

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WHISKERS. The editors of the Lancaster Literary Gazette says she would soon send her nose in a rat's nest of swine's tow, as allow a man with whiskers on to kiss her.

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