After leaving college Prentice studied law, but, not meeting with immediate success, he drifted into journalism. He was the first editor of the once celebrated New England Review, and it was on that periodical that he

won his spurs. Soon after this Mr. Prentice was sent to Kentucky by a number of prominent Whigs to gather material for a life of Henry Clay, then about to be nominated for the presidency. While in Louisville on this mission he was offered the editorship of a new daily paper, then being established in opposition to the Jackson Democracy. He accepted the position and was for the remainder of his life closely identified with the political and literary life of the south. He resigned the editorship of The Review, recommending as his successor John G. Whittier, then an unknown poet, who had sent some of his first

poems to The Review. Upon assuming the editorial control of The Journa', Prentice at once placed it among the most influential papers of the day, and made the political and literary departments alike shine with the light of his talented pen. It became the acknowledged organ of the Whig party in the south and west, and to the last the supporter of Henry Clay for president. Prentice and "Harry of the West" became fast friends, and Clay was the inspirer of some of the most brilliant editorials which eppeared in The Journal. But it is not intended here to review the political course of The Journal under the editorship of Prentice, though the life of the man and the paper are so closely identified that it is almost impossible to separate them. In its editorials it was sharp and pointed, sometimes being almost eruel in its threats, but more often they were sweetened with good humor. Here are a few:

"Have I changed?" exclaims Governor P. We don't knew; that depends on whether you were ever an honest man.

The editor of the -- speaks of his "lying curled up in bed these cold mornings." This verifies what we said of him some time ago: "He lies like a dog." The Globe says: "Mr. Clay is a sharp poli-

tician." Ne doubt of it; but the editor of The Globers a sharper. Messrs. Bell & Topp, of The Gazette, say

that "Prentices are made to serve masters." Well, Bells were made to be hung and Topps to be whipped.

Mr. Prentice made many enemies by the course of his paper, and had not a few personal difficulties, nearly all of which he came out of with grace and honor to himself. This was not an easy matter when it is known that he was a bitter opponent of the duello, which was at that time so popular in the south. His position is defined in a letter to one of his challengers: "I am no believer in the dueling code. I would not call a man to the field unless he had done me such a deadly wrong that I desired to kill him, and I would not obey his call to the field unless I had done him so mortal an injury as to entitle him, in my opinion, to demand an opportunity of taking my life."

One of his quarrels came near being fatal to the poet, however. An editor named Trotter became incensed at some of The Journal's personal allusions, fired at Prentice on the street and wounded him is the breast. Though severely wounded, the poet grappled with his would be murderer, and, after a flerce struggle, succeeded in throwing him to the ground. A knife was given him by one of his friends, and the crowd which had gathered, seeing the blood which was flowing from the wound in Prentice's breast, shouted: "Kill him! Kill him!" But the gentle poet released the subdued Trotter with the chivalreus remark: "I cannot kill a disarmed and

A volume of the epigrammatical paragraphs which gave Prentice so much trouble were collected during his lifetime under the title of "Prenticeans," and though many of them have lost their point by the lapse of time, one reading them can hardly wonder that the auther got into frequent trouble with the hot blooded men at whom they were aimed.

Though The Journal was to a great extent a political paper, its literary department was to many its greatest charm. The gifted editor gave his especial attention to it, and in the midst of a great political crisis he would find time to contribute to it himself and to read and criticise personally the numerous poetical effusions which were submitted to him. Many a well known American author has somewhere among his papers a letter from the kindly poet editor encouraging him with advice. He praised without stint if it was deserval, but be was quick to see when the poetic gift was lacking, and he would then be the first to tell the aspirant of his lack. His name is associated with the first attempts of many of the most successful and gifted writers of the day. Among the con-tributors to The Journal, when they were yet-unknown in the world of letters, were John G. Whittier, John Howard Payne, James Freeman Ciark, Mrs. Sigourney, Affice and Phœbe Cary, William Dean Howells, William Wallace Harney and Forceythe Willson, The latter was one of the most remarkable of The Journal's contributors, and was the favorite protege of Prentice. He resembled Poe in the eccentricity and weird imagery of his composition, and he had that subtle and delicate genius which the poet editor liked so much to encourage and had in so great a degree himself.

Several years before the civil war Mr. Prentice made some reputation as a lecturer, both in northern and southern cities. He took a gloomy outlook, and predicted that unless some statesman arose equal to the occasion there would be no resort left but war if Lincoln was elected. He lamented the death of Henry Clay at this crisis, and in referring to it said: "Ulysses has gone upon his wanderings and there is none left in all Ithaca to bend his bow."

Ithaca to bend his bow."

He supported Bell and Everett, and when they were defeated he had no alternative but to support the successful candidate. Great influence was brought to bear on him by the southern leaders to get him to support secession, but he remained steadfast. He thought it his duty, and, to his great soul, that was enough. It was the greatest trouble of his life, and no doubt it hastened his death.—Deteroit Free Press.

Didn't Hurt It Much.

At Governor Ross' inaugural ball at Austin a legislator from eastern Texas was very much bewildered, as he had never attended any similar scene of feasting. In his confusion he sat down on the hat of a senator.

"Look here, sir, I don't like this," said the

"You are sitting on my silk bat."

"Well, darn my cats, if I ain't sorry, ker-sel, but I don't think I hurt it much; I have only been sitting here for a few minutes."

The hat looked as if the entire legislature, enitting as a committee of the whole, had entered on it for a week.—Texas Siftings.

They are Born Kicking.

"I came to that conclusion some years ago" remarked Mose Bensinger the other night, " and I tell you now that the man who has the management of a billier! tournament on his hands has a pretty big contract to fullil. Billiar! players begin to kick before they are fairly out of the cradle, and keep it up just as long as they possibly can. They find fau t with the quality of the chelk, with the balls they are given to play with, with the way n which the table is set up and with the t ps on their cues. There is really nothing that suits them. I thought, I had heard them all, but Tom Ga lagher sprung a new one on me in 1853, during the preliminary b lk-line tourn ment. He had exh usted all of the usual subjects, and on this particular occasion he was playing in unusually bal form. Right

in the middle of the game he approa hed the the table where I sat and said; "Say, Mose, I've found out what's the m .tter of my game. "What is it, Tom?" I asked, fully expecting so ething new would be sprung

" y deorge, the cloth is too thick." "t was paraly, et and so was everybody croud me, at Tom m ant it and I've had the coths on billiard tables spread this ever sin e."—Chicago Inter-Seean

Misinformed.

Uncle Thomas Je Terson Banch, an aged co'ored man, who had been a great smoker, to the grief of the pastor of the fock to which he belonged, was understool to have completely lest off the

One day, however, the postor found him suddenly thrusting a cob pipe into "What, Brother Thomas!" exclaimed the pasor. "I was told you had quit

"so I was giben to unnerstan' myse'f, Mistah Aesson," said Un le Thomas, sadly, "but it 'pears like I was done mis-conformed!"

A NOVEL custom still prevails among lulies in some parts which will commen itself to maiden ladies growing old. It is said that she who puts on a silk-knit garter the first day of the year and wears it continuously will certainly marry during the year. It is said that the mother of a young lady, being very much pleased with the silken garter worn by a young lady for this purpose, proposed to knit a "fellow" for it; but the young lady declined, saying she had sufficient confidence in the bewitching circlet, and preferred the natural coming of the "fellow.

36 Min b 5 mm - He : The fac' is doctor, I can't sleep o' nichts; have a pain in my chest an rystemach is all wrong. for or fearing his pulse): What is y ur besin a set i.e. I am a roker an . a memo ; of the ew tork Stock - 'e for over mini the ba ance. I underst never case thoroughly. Here take the tis a do is till into his hand an apn i get co.nething to eat - andh muc.

"Il gentleman (listening to the this changle or that come from an an mine room to hostess: The your where we is to be en oying there are s, they re playing whist. Went to as an ish Ar. Grzely? (dd garier a and his written treatises on wast to Review): Thanks, " v de ada ; but I don't know one carana to. cr. - The Epoch. got

Penching Heg Eyebrows.

More than one woman, will known in society, persists in penciling her eyebrows with India ink. The fashion might be condo ied if it were an improvement, but not one woman in ten can practice it without making herself ridiculous. The other day I met at a reception a lady who is the mother of grown children. She had evidently made up in a hurry or in a room insufficiently lighted, for one eyebrow was half an inch higher, more arched and longer than the other. It gave this otherwise dignified female the appearance of a diabolical wink with one eye, which, to say the least, was gro-

-Teacher: "Chemically, what is a diamond?" Class: "Carbon." "Yes, a diamond is a pure carbon, but you must remember that coal is also carbon; that was taught in the last lesson." "Yes'm." "Now, how can it be demonstrated that coal and diamonds are so nearly alike?" Little Boy-"Ask the price."

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