

Miscellaneous.

A Column of Variety.

An up the river Yankee boated a lot of potatoes down to New Orleans...

Love is a blind emotion, which does not always suppose merit in its object...

How an old maid always eyes a single gentleman! She looks at him just as she does a dog in dog-days...

It is said, splendid carriages may be compared to those ancient temples whose outside was covered with gold...

The happiness or unhappiness of life depends more on little circumstances or interests of the heart...

He who imagines that he can do without the world, is much deceived; but he who imagines that the world cannot do without him, is still more so.

Let those who would affect singularity with success, first determine to be very virtuous, and they will be sure to be very singular.

A gentleman was one day composing music for a lady to whom he was paying his addresses. "Pray, Miss D., he said, "what time do you prefer?"

An Irishman, according to Sir Jonas Barrington, having been wounded in the side in a duel, was asked to describe the sensation caused by the stroke of the pistol bullet.

An Irish drummer, who now and then indulged in a hoggan of right good pot-teen, was accosted by the reviewing general.

A young lady asked a gentleman the meaning of the word Surrogate. "It is," replied he, "a gate through which all have to pass to get married."

A young woman, on meeting a former fellow-servant, was asked how she liked her new place. "Very well," she replied.

The Picayune says that in New Orleans the operations of merchants and mosquitoes nicely divide the year.

"A nursery must be a great place for dancing, Simon." "Why so?" "Because it is."

"Father, wasn't Alexander a hero?" "Yes, my boy," replied Oast. "Well, then, father, wasn't Mrs. Alexander a she-ro?"

"Every vegetable," said a wag the other day, "in its proper season—cucumbers in spring, cucumbers in summer, cantelopes in autumn, and whiskers in winter."

Suicide is so common in France, that one man has put a placard in his garden wall: "All persons are forbidden committed suicide on these premises."

I interfere with no one's fire side rights, as the woman said when her drunken husband fell under the forestick.

A solicitor, who was remarkable for the length and sharpness of his nose, once told a lady that if she did not settle a matter in dispute, he would file a bill against her.

Good thoughts, like good company, will never stay where they are not civilly entertained; while bad thoughts, like ill-mannered guests, press for admission, or like night robbers, lurk secretly about, waiting for an unguarded moment to creep in and destroy.

It faves with us in human life, says Seneca, as in a routed army; one stumbles first, and then another falls upon him, and so they follow, one upon another, till the whole field comes to be one heap of misarranges.

How much lies in laughter—the cipher-key wherewith we decipher the whole man! Some men wear an everlasting barren simper; in the smile of others lies a cold glitter, like ice.

The following is a true description of an animal called a coquette:—A young lady of beauty more than sense—more accomplishments than learning—more charms of person than graces of mind—more admirers than friends—more fools than wise men for attendants.

Essays on Geology.—No. 15. GEOLOGY APPLIED TO AGRICULTURE.

Springs and artificial drainage.—The sources of springs, and the phenomena attending them, are matters of much interest to the agriculturist.

Nature too hath given the same common bounty to the grass of the fields as well as to man and the beasts of the earth.

No agriculturist can fail to appreciate the value of water to his field; he feels the wants of his domestic animals in his own thirst, and he sees the freshness of all vegetation dependent on a healthful supply of moisture.

There are many classes of springs, but two, however, are of much importance to the agriculturist. The first class may be called surface springs.

These are caused by the waters that accumulate from rains and the melting of snow sinking deeper into the earth, and passing through cracks or vents in the rocky strata and forming subterranean reservoirs in situations where they are subject to a high hydrostatic pressure.

From these reservoirs the waters flow in such directions as they can find a vent, and frequently reach the surface from a great depth, rising perpendicularly through some seam or crack in the rock that confined them.

These reservoirs are often reached in digging or boring to a great depth for water, and from constant fountains at the surface. Wells thus formed are called Artesian wells.

The whole of the second class of springs are formed by nature on the same principle, unless an inclination of the strata finds an outlet before reaching the plains.

To discover these hidden fountains of water and bring them to the surface is a matter of much importance to the agriculturist, and often requires the closest geological research.

The second class of springs often make their appearance in continuous lines, their outlet from their confinement being caused by a crack or fault (as they are called) in the rock beneath which they lie.

the direction of the seam, and when this known you have the true point to look for water. If the soil is deep, there may be no indication at the surface of the spring beneath you...

I may perhaps make the subject plainer by an illustration. Suppose the sheet of paper on which I am writing, to represent the surface of the earth.

If I raise one leaf of the sheet and permit the water to pass between, and then puncture the upper leaf in any point, the water will rise through.

I have been somewhat particular in explaining these two classes of springs, as their phenomena are the key to artificial drainage.

Artificial drainage is employed to carry off a superabundance of water from a soil. The amount of water required to benefit a soil, depends entirely on the vegetation we wish to grow upon it.

The situation of wet lands must always determine the method taken to drain them. It is frequently the case that extensive tracts of marsh land repose on a stratum of clay of but a few feet in thickness, and underneath this lies sand, gravel, or rocks of a cavernous structure.

Wet lands sometimes lie on a declivity or slope of a hill and cover large areas of surface. In such cases the springs that saturate the soil are situated above the marsh, and often run in the soil for a considerable distance before they reach the surface.

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Mr. West died as calmly and placidly as he had lived, on the 10th March, 1820, at the good old age of 81. His remains repose in St. Paul's Cathedral.

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Benjamin West. Benjamin West was the youngest of a family of ten children, of John West, who married Sarah Pearson. He was born on the 10th of October, 1698. His ancestors were Quakers, and emigrated to this country with William Penn, at the time of his second visit.

At length an epoch occurred in his professional progress. A party of Indians taught him to prepare red and yellow colors such as then used in decorating their persons; from his mother he obtained some indigo, which completed all the elementary colours of his pallet; while the tail of the family's cat furnished him with hair for his pencils.

After practising his art successfully in this country until 1756, he embarked for Italy, where he spent about four years in the study of the works of the great masters. On seeing the statue of the Apollo Belvidere at Rome he is said to have exclaimed, "How like an Indian warrior!"

Mr. West reached London in 1763, where he settled and ultimately attained the summit of the fame. He was married in 1765, to a lady of Philadelphia, Miss Shewell, who having previously been engaged to him, came out to meet him London, & was the subject of Agrippina landing at Brundisium with the ashes of Germanicus.

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