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WILL TEACH YOU TO FIX THE BOWELS OF THE BATH AND BRING OUT FROM THE CAVERNS OF THE MOUNTAIN METALS WHICH WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO OUR HANDS AND MINUTE ALL NATURE TO OUR USE AND PLEASURE.—DR. JORDAN.

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MORE VAN BUREN TESTIMONY AGAINST VAN BUREN.—We invite attention to the following extract from Gov. Campbell's message to the legislature, now in session, in Richmond. Gov. Campbell, although elected by the Van Buren party, has independence enough to charge the evils under which the country is now suffering to their proper source, the measures of the general government. He also condemns the sub-treasury system:

"The condition of our public affairs is in some respects less favorable than could be wished—but the numerous providential blessings which we continue to enjoy, demand our grateful acknowledgments. The sources of national greatness and of individual wealth, for which our country has been always remarkable, are yet fresh and unexhausted; the energy and enterprise that have already accomplished so much are unabated, and are still allowed to exert to the certainty of success, whilst the inconveniences under which the country labors, are temporary in their nature, and referable to causes which a wish forecast, it cannot altogether avoid, may hereafter deprive of much of their power to do mischief.

The subject which, unhappily, at this time, is forced upon our attention by its derogatory conditions, is the currency of the country.

The advantages on the one hand, of a uniform and stable currency, and the evils on the other, of a currency depreciated and unstable, cannot be easily exaggerated. The conviction of this truth is universal. The people, and the Government as well as the banks, have an inappreciable stake in the currency permitted to pass as money. It is therefore, to be expected, that the first measure of derangement in our monetary system, would give rise to earnest inquiries about the causes which have produced it, and that these would lead to numerous propositions of amendment; and as Banks form a prominent part of that system, and exert a controlling influence over the currency, it is not a matter of surprise that the evil by some should be imputed to their agency. It is all important to separate the accidental from the necessary results of the banking policy, that we may not fall into the error of abandoning institutions of great and acknowledged usefulness, under the mistaken impressions that they are intrinsically impolitic.

The opinions which I had the honor to express, with much diffidence, in a late communication to the General Assembly, have been confirmed by subsequent reflection. It would, I humbly conceive, be attended by ruinous sacrifices, public and individual, to abandon suddenly the banking system as it has been established among us, or to restrict it in such a manner as to deny to the community the facilities to which it has been accustomed. The interest of the subject, and the novel, and I fear dangerous tendency of some of the plans recently proposed in connection with the currency, will excuse, if they do not require, a candid, yet diffident statement of the conclusions to which my own anxious enquiries have led me.

It has been more than thirty years since banking as now practiced, was incorporated with the settled policy of the Commonwealth. The Bank of Virginia was created in 1804—eight years afterwards, time having been allowed to witness the good or evil tendency of the policy, the Farmers' Bank was established. Subsequently, the North Western Bank and the Banks of the Valley, and at a later period, the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling were incorporated. In instances yet more numerous, arising from the renewal of Bank charters which were about to expire, the General Assembly has by decisive votes given expression to the sense of the community in favor of the banking policy. Is it wise or politic, suddenly to abandon a policy so long and fondly cherished, and to commit the property, business and welfare of the community upon the issue of an untried experiment? If it could be shown that the resources of private and national prosperity would have been better developed under a different system, still the consideration that the habits of the community are adapted to the existing order of things,

demand for theoretic perfection. But the reverse of that supposition is believed to be true; and that we are in no slight degree indebted to our liberal system of credit and exchanges for the hitherto unexampled growth and prosperity of our country.— Without much actual capital, our country was magnificently endowed with all the elements from which wealth might be securely derived.—Its position, therefore, was that of all others in which the facilities of a generous credit were most needed, and could with the most safety be dispensed. Among other instances of great and permanent advantage, may be mentioned the work of Internal Improvements, canals, rail road, and turnpikes. These must have been delayed to a remote period, if the spare capital necessary for their construction had first to be accumulated—and in the interim the whole country would have suffered for the want of the requisite channels of intercommunication, and the industry of those parts of it more remote from the sea board, have been, to a great degree, paralysed. Indeed, the fostering influence of the credit system, hitherto held, is altogether too visible in our past history, in the development of the rich resources of our country, the rewards of industry, and the growth of population, not to satisfy us that its agency has been extensively and signally useful. I respectfully submit that a policy repeatedly approved by the deliberate sanction of the Legislature and the community, and that so far has been found, in friendly connection with the great interest of the Commonwealth, should not be lightly nor hastily departed from.

It is objected to banks that they foster a spirit of reckless speculation, create artificial values, and expose the currency to dangerous convulsions. The proof is said to be found in the vicissitudes which we have lately experienced, and from which we have not yet recovered. Until the suspension of specie payments, the State Bank enjoyed the confidence of the people and the Government; and their agency was generally commended to be useful, if not indispensable.— They had been not long before selected as the depositories of the General Government, and under that arrangement, a large addition was made to the money which they held on deposit. The question occurs, whether the suspension of specie payments be not referable to causes which the Banks had no necessary agency in creating; and whether it be not, in the reach of prudent legislation to guard against the recurrence of the evil, without impairing the capacity of Banks to be useful. And after all, whether it be better to incur the risk of occasional inconveniences from mismanagement or indiscretion, on the part of the Banks, than submit to the greater and inevitable inconveniences that must attend their overthrow. It is by no means peculiar to banks, but on the contrary, is a property common to all the inventions of man, for contrivances which are the main benefit, to be now & then the occasion; of this kind & it is the part of wisdom not to abandon such as are generally useful, but to apply itself to the work of judicious improvement.

It is of the nature of credit, as implied in the objection, to present temptations to speculation, and to encourage demands for, and hence to raise the price of whatever is coveted as an object of property. But are these regarded as evils to warrant an attempt to annihilate all credit? It is the characteristic of man, and of no people more than our own, and regulated by a prudent forecast, no disposition is more commendable to anticipate coming events, and risk the present upon the realization of their hopes. This is speculation; and the American people will have lost their energy and enterprise when it ceases to be a predicate of them. Speculation will exist as well without banks as with them, and in either case, the issue will be sometimes unfortunate, and then those who decide upon an enterprise by the event, will arraign the prudence of the adventurers. But, what is more to the point of remark, is that as without banks there will be speculation, and speculation in which large numbers will be embarked, so, when the result is unpropitious, there will be complaints of artificial prices and disturbed currency as well in a community in which there are no banks, as where they exist. If there are no banks, and if legislation to guard effectively against pecuniary vicissitudes; and to attempt to prevent their recurrence by shutting up the banks, would add immensely to the burthens of all profitable industry, without the recompense proposed in security against reverses.

Among the causes of the recent convulsion, certain measures of the General Government must be regarded as not the least influential. The measures alluded to, were doubtless expected to answer valuable and important ends; and their disturbing influence in other respects was not designed or anticipated. The Executive order, commonly known as the Specie circular, however salutary, considered in reference to its immediate objects, had the effect to transfer the power of the Federal Government, to points where it was not wanted for the current business of the country. This is one instance of disturbance to the currency, resulting from the indirect influence of the measures of the general government. Another instance is to be found in the distribution of the surplus revenue among the states, performing the operation too suddenly, instead of making it as gradual as possible. Here, again, the act of government came in conflict with the operations of trade, and had the effect of disturbing the equilibrium which had resulted from the general course of business. If to these be added the inducements held out to such of the banks as were selected as depositories, to exercise the power of discounting liberally, we shall scarcely in view of these extrinsic and potent causes, feel ourselves justified in imputing the evil in question, to the ordinary and natural operation of the banking system.

The large funds which the Commonwealth has dedicated to the invaluable objects of internal improvements, are invested in the stocks of our banks. The notes of these institutions have long performed amongst us the functions of money, and constituted, and yet constitute, a large portion of our currency. Until recently, with a single exception, the banks have met their engagements with punctuality, and their notes have been convertible at will into coin. For the suspension of payments in 1814, the excepted instance, an excuse was admitted to exist in the embarrassment resulting from a war in which our country was engaged, whilst the valuable services rendered to the government, by the liberal use of their credit, constituted friends. The ready sale of our produce, at prices which remunerate the labor employed in their production, has been and still continues to be effected through the agency of banks. The value of property, the wages of industry, the profits of every occupation whatsoever, are adjusted under the influence of the banking policy, and its influence is alike beneficial to all. To renounce this policy and attempt to obtain a currency exclusively metallic, would be attended by consequences extensively, fatally mischievous. Observe its operation upon debtors. The reduction of the circulating medium would of course reduce the price of property; the effect of which would be relatively to augment the debt to be paid. And thus a debtor whose engagements were considered light when they were contracted, might find his whole means had become inadequate, by a revolution in the currency, to the payment of his debts. The citizen in the case supposed, might well arraign the justice of his government, that by its inconstancy had produced his ruin. This is but one instance of the mischiefs of the innovation. Numerous others will occur to every considerate mind.

Deeply impressed with these views, I cannot but regard with anxiety, any proposition proceeding from an imposing quarter, calculated to discredit the state banks or to impair their usefulness. I respectfully submit whether such may not be the tendency of a proposition entertained in the national councils, to refuse bank paper, and collect the whole revenue of the government in gold and silver. If the general government shall come to that determination before the banks shall have resumed specie payments; and if in view of that effect, the government should for the present forbear, and adopt the resolution when specie payments had been restored, it will be found, I fear, to bear with severity on the banks, to sink their credit and to cripple them. If banks be admitted to be safe, important and valuable agents in the economy of the state governments, and may not with a just regard to the interest of their constituents be dispensed with, I respectfully submit whether the policy of the state in this respect be not so far entitled to respect from the general government, as that it should not, if to be avoided, pursue a course calculated to oppress and embarrass it.

There is another view of the subject which demands the solemn consideration of the General Assembly. The state banks have been heretofore regarded, and as it seems to me with much reason, the only safe and practical substitute for a great national establishment of credit and finance under some form or other. If these institutions, therefore, shall now be allowed to be crushed or discredited, their efficacy impaired, or the accommodation they are capable of yielding, to both government and people thrown aside, the consequence will be sooner or later, a resort to some central monied power as the exclusive fiscal agent of the general government and the privileged dispenser of a national currency. Unfavorable as has been our experience of such an institution, we have not yet seen it, under its most dangerous aspect. Its natural relation is that of ally and instrument of the Federal Executive; not its rival and opponent. Where two such formidable engines shall work in concert, as under their natural bias and impulsion they would do, the result must be a fearful enlargement of the power of the Federal Government, and a corresponding diminution of the

states and the liberties of the people. Is it not then incumbent on the friends of our republican system, to uphold the institutions of the states, in all their competent functions; to oppose with firmness every project, which, in rendering the general government independent of the people and the states, and which, by leading to a multiplication of executive officers, and by giving to the executive head a direct control over the public money, shall augment the patronage, and add to the already formidable influence of that branch of the government? The measures recently proposed in the national councils, before alluded to, force these considerations on the attention of every reflecting patriot, and the general assembly with all the deliberation and solemnity due to the occasion.

From the Portsmouth Journal. THE OLD TIN KITCHEN AND CRACKED DISH, A TALE.

There are seasons of economy when the wisest sometimes step over the saddle in mourning. The parsimonious old bachelor may know less of these freaks of minor traffic, but the young married couple rarely pass the honeymoon without some evidence that there is more show than utility in some of their ornamental purchases. It would be well if all would preserve the first worthless article they purchase after entering the married state, as a restraining memento through life. Years have rolled away since Simon Oldschool's marriage. He and his beloved Jenima had put their little earnings together—and the round stand presented, when fitted out for the breakfast or dinner, a very decent set of crockery, but scarcely anything superfluous. One day, however, the goose was a little too large for the dish—and Jenima thought she would remedy the evil in future, if she could economically.

Now in studying matters of economy, it is well known how much more satisfaction it is to show our best friend what we have done, than to disclose beforehand schemes, which circumstances may prevent maturing. Such were the feelings of Jenima when she dressed for shopping, and the anticipation of displaying the good bargain, kept her silent on the object of her visit, to the crockery store.

Mr. Pipeley was very assiduous in displaying his wares to Jenima, as she stood by the counter. "What is the price of this large blue dish?" "Only nine shillings, marm, and a fine article it is. Shall I send it to your house?" "O, I believe not; I believe not; I like it pretty well, but I can't afford to give so much for a dish."

"Well, marm, here is one of the same pattern which we will sell for less. It is just as good as the other in every respect, except this crack which you see deep in the middle and it will last an age. We don't like to sell our ware below cost, but as it is a little damaged and we hope to have more custom from you, we will put it at the low price of four and six."

Jenima was one of those rare ladies who never ask abatements, and hardly knowing whether pity for the trader's sacrifice or joy at her good bargain was most predominant in her breast, she told Mr. Pipeley to send it home at once.

Dinner was prepared that day as usual, and Jenima might have been seen, as she was seated, measuring with her eye the large oval plate the dish was destined to occupy before her; and the suppressed smile which occasionally played at the corner of her mouth showed, that something would shine by and by.

Scarcely had Simon dropped a morsel in the rocking chair and set his toothpick in motion, when a rap was made at the door, and Jenima was presented with her choice ware. The suppliant smile now burst forth, as she exhibited her economical purchase. "Here Simon, isn't this a splendid article for four and six? This will hold the whole goose, dear?"

"The whole goose, dear?" replied Simon slowly, as he turned over the dish to inspect it. "Why Jenima, it is almost cracked in two!"

"O, no matter for that, Mr. Pipeley says it can be boiled in milk and made as sound as ever it was."

As Christmas day was approaching, and the Oldschool family were expected at dinner on that day, immediate preparations were made for preparing the fish. The trouble now was to find a suitable thing to boil it in. The dinner pot was too small at the mouth, and nothing could be found large enough but the wash boiler, in this respect admirably.

Oldschool—thirty-seven and a half cents—delivered.

"This is the screw for Jenima," thought Simon as he took it in his hand—"and a cheap one too."

"Why, Simon," exclaimed his beloved, as he entered the door, "what black, greasy thing have you got there—it is—"

"It is an economical purchase, dear—only think, but two and three-pence, split and all!"

Jenima now began to scrape the lumps of putty and dough from the bottom of the tin kitchen, and exhibited to Simon a tolerable customer. He contemplated his cheap purchase a few moments, and said in a good-humoured tone as he could assume—"Well, my dear, I guess we shall have to boil it with your cracked dish!"

The article was not comely enough to adorn the closet, but Jenima was careful to place it where it would meet her husband's eyes as often as the cracked dish should have, hoping that the memento would not be less useful to him than the dish had been to her.

Now there are few newly married people who have not bought their cracked dishes and old tin-kitchens: it is not in these simple circumstances that the merit of the tale consists—but it is in the use to which such speculations can be applied. It is to the purchase of the dish and tin-kitchen that much of the prosperity of the Oldschool family is owing.

After their first speculation they learnt the important lesson, not to purchase any article of furniture, without consulting each other.

Sam Oldschool advertises goods below cost. Jenima remembers the cracked dish, and is careful to go where men are willing to own that they sell on a living profit.

Simon, on his way to his place of business, passes a auction mart—he looks straight ahead, and hurries his step as he passes and thinks of his tin-kitchen speculation; and when he is really in want of an article he goes to the regular dealer, buys a good article, pays a fair price, and has the noble consciousness that he is helping the trade.

When Jenima talked of buying a pretty navarino for several dollars, Simon only pointed to the closet shelf, and her mind was made up at once.

At the time when the fever of land speculation was raging high, Simon was almost induced by the solicitation of some of his neighbors to take a share in a township; but he would not venture to make, without Jenima's knowledge and consent. "You know best, Simon," was her reply, "but don't forget the old tin kitchen!"

This was enough, and the speculation company was made up without him.

Thus scarcely a day passes without some important or trivial matter being decided, by advertising to one of these valuable regulators.

It would do one good to go over their house and see how the standing monuments have preserved their rooms from the accumulation of useless furniture of all kinds—and the business of Simon from the intrusions of all visionary speculations.

Year after year has passed away, and many has been the joyful Thanksgiving dinner the writer has taken in the Oldschool family; dozens of dishes have been broken and passed to oblivion; cooking apparatus has been burnt out and replenished time and again; yet as often as the day has returned, the newly-scoured old tin-kitchen has been hung upon its nail, and the cracked dish has held its wonted conspicuous location—yet unboiled, unspiced and unbroken.

BRANDRETH'S VEGETABLE UNIVERSAL PILLS.

INVALIDS—ONE DISEASE has thus only an impurity of the blood, which, by impeding the circulation, brings on pain or derangement in the organ or part where such impurity of the blood settles. It is true, a variety of causes may bring about this state of the blood—such as a violent bruise or fall, dropsy, indigestion, pain in the head, &c. &c.; and although it may be said that these diseases have not their origin in impurity of the blood; yet the effect is the same, they all end in the impurity of the blood, and our only object is to purify the circulating medium, to keep up, in other words the acrimonious humors, as continually to purge the body, as long as any unpleasant symptoms remain, with Dr. Brandreth's VEGETABLE UNIVERSAL PILLS, which if taken in sufficient quantities to produce copious evacuations, will assist nature to restore every organ to a state of health. This is on the principle of draining "we drain a marshy piece of land, not from a want of fertility, but from a want of water, and we drain a feverish patient, not from a want of vitality, but from a want of the natural heat of the body, which is the matter with it, we have only occasion to drain it by purgation—and experience has taught those who have adopted this reasonable practice, how consistent with our nature, the use of these Pills, is, and the result, having been found health. It is not more than 18 months since these Pills were introduced into the United States, but their sale has been altogether unprecedented, there having been sold in New York in that time, fully 100,000 boxes, five hundred thousand boxes. And above 10,000 persons can be referred to in New York city, and nearly the same in Philadelphia, who have been cured when every other means had become altogether unavailing, diseases which appeared of the most obstinate kind, and in many cases where the dreadful ravages of ulceration, had laid bare ligaments and bone, and where all appearance of human means could save life, have patients, by the use of these Pills, been restored to good health, the detouring disease being completely eradicated.

Dr. Wm. Brandreth was so fully convinced of the truth of the above simple theory, that he spent 30 years in experiment and laborious research, in the medical progress of the numerous plant kingdom, in the Vegetable Kingdom; his object being to produce a medicine which would at once purify, and produce by specific action, a removal of all humors from the blood by the stomach and bowels, as by the continuation of the use of such a medicine, the humors are sure to be carried off, and the blood assume a state of purity; and whoever takes these Pills, and perseveres with them, will be satisfied that Dr. William Brandreth fully attains the object he had in view, and that he has discovered that every disease, whether it be in the head or feet, in the brain or stomach, whether it be an outward ulcer, or an inward abscess, are all, though arising from many causes, reducible to this general effect, impurity of the blood.

NOTICE.—As Dr. Brandreth's Pills, it is believed that the genuine article is purchased only of the accredited agents or those who are known to sell above such dishonest practices.

Mr. S. Thompson & Co. Pottsville are the only agents at present for Schuylkill county.

Dr. Brandreth's Office for the sale of the above Pills, is at 163 Broad Street, New York, and at 100 North Second Street, Philadelphia.

Always remember that Dr. Brandreth's Pills are the genuine Brandreth Pills for sale, therefore all purchases of them are sure to be counterfeited.

FORT CARBON Saving Fund Society.

The Fort Carbon Saving Fund Society, is open every day from 9 to 3 o'clock at the Office of Discount and Deposit, for the purpose of receiving deposits to any amount not exceeding \$500, from any one person, upon which an interest of 4 per cent will be paid on every \$5 and upwards, but no interest will be allowed on any fractional parts of \$5. The whole or any part may be drawn out on giving notice, two or four weeks, at the office in Pottsville. The officers of the Society will be as follows: President—AQUILA BOLTON. Managers: Joseph Carroll, Samuel J. Potts, Edward Hughes, E. S. Warner, Jacob Bull, Jesse Turner, L. Whitney, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article 3d of the Charter. "No resolutions whatsoever shall be received by the President or Managers for their respective offices, unless a majority becomes a majority from the institution." Oct 3 461

Swain's Panacea.

As the impurities and luxury of the age are hastening the ravages of scorbutic complaint, and rendering the blood more impure; and as these scads have destroyed their constitutions by neglecting to apply the proper remedies, Swain's Panacea must be, and has been, more than doubly valuable as a certain and effectual means of restoring them to perfect health and vigor. Few families are without Swain's Panacea, which exhibits various symptoms, as eruptions, ulcers, debility, loss of appetite and digestion, all arising from impure blood, and if not properly attended to, produce the greatest injury to the constitution, and may be fatal to their offspring. Swain's Panacea is recommended at this season of the year, as a valuable restorative of the system; thereby invigorating the constitution, and enabling it to bear the debilitating effects of the summer season. It is conveyed by the circulating fluids, and corrects their impurities, which are the origin of all diseases, whether in the blood, liver, or stomach, &c. No one, however, inclined to use it without convincing themselves of the truth of what is here asserted. Swain's Panacea is now used with success in all parts of the world, and is gaining great reputation in England.

A fresh supply of the Medicine just received and for sale by Sole Agent for Schuylkill county, B. BANNAN, who can supply the above medicine, wholesale or retail, to those who wish to sell again, at Philadelphia, prices May 14

Miller & Haggerty, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL Dry Goods, Grocery, Wine & Liquor Store.

(Next door to Morfitt's Hotel.) THEIR connection with a house in Philadelphia enabled them, to keep on hand a very extensive assortment of goods, which they will sell at Philadelphia prices. Store and Warehouse, 100 and 110 North Second Street, Philadelphia, would do well to call and judge for themselves. April 10

NEW GOODS. JOSEPH C. KERN

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Pottsville & vicinity, that he has now opened a new stand, at the corner of Centre and Calverton streets, next door above the National Bank, where he has a large and elegant assortment of goods, such as Dry Goods, with a choice selection of all the goods and Crockery ware, all purchased at the very lowest prices. Philadelphia market, and all the best of the country, at the lowest prices. Pottsville, Pa. July 27