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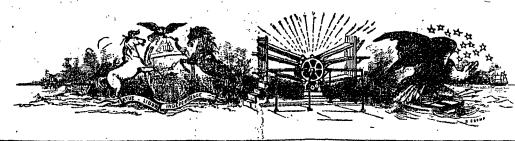
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which every rural visitor to London made a point of seeing, exactly at noon. This church St. Dunstan's in the West, must not be confounded with its namesake in the East, within a stone's throw of Billingsgate. The tower of the eastern church was built by Sir Christo pher Wren. The St. Dunstan's church in fleet street, not far from Temple Bar, escaped the great fire of London in 1666, but was re-built in 1811-3. Two colossal figures stood in front of the tower on the old church, as if supporting the massive clock. When the full our was completed, one of these gigantic effigies lifted his hand, which held a massive hammer and struck the quarters, very loudly, apon a bell. This done, the other figure advanced and struck the hour upon another bell, with a far deeper sound. Of course the Bryant (23), Charles Butter (2), T. Campbell, curiosity was to see and hear fills done at E. Law, Bishop of Carllete (8), Major Cart. oon of day or night, because then the fullest effect was perceivable. When the church W. Gilpin (8), Richard Gough, W. Hamilton, was rebuilt, the clock, and the huge statues of Heriford Heyne, B. Howicy, T. Jefferson, third President than and has them still at work in his pought them, and has them still at work in his dent of the United States (3), Capel Lofft (10), court-yard. Under the shadow of St. Dun- Michael Lort (10), J. Madison, President of stan's did the Wallers, father and son, flourish the United States (3), Edmund Malone (5), for many years, well known to the curious in T. J. Mathias (8), Dean Milner, Rev. J. Mitooks and autographs, by reason of their large stock of both, their great knowledge of authors wich, Bathurst (5), Sutton (4); Dr. Samuel and autographs, and their moderate prices. Parr (2), Granville Penn (4), Bp. Percy The father has departed, and the son has moved to a larger establishment—still, however, near St. Dunstan's. We are going to ook over his catalogue of autographs obtained at Dawson Turner's sale, where this one dealer cought five thousand different specimens, many of them of surpassing value and interest. Here, for example, is a letter of two pages folio, all in Dr. Franklin's own hand, and bearing his well-known clear signature. It is rial bearings finely cut, and is addressed to William Strahan, Printer to George the Third, to whom, it may be remembered, Franklin subsequently addressed the celebra ted letter, in which he said, "You and I vere long friends; you are now my enemy, and I am yours." The letter which Mr. Waller has acknowledges the receipt of books, and says: " Honest David Martin, Rector of our Academy, is dead, and the few remaining Players here are very indifferent, so that I have no

ated June 20, 1762, bears his seal, with armoneed of Stammas' 12s Pamphlet, and am glad you did not send it. I am not well acquainted with the Booksellers in New England to venture to recommend or advising you to deal with any of them unless for ready cash. In general the people there are artful to get into lebt, and pay badly. If I should ever make mother journey thither, I could, when on the

pot, judge better of persons, and perhaps be of ome service." Here, again, is a missive from another Franklin-son of the Doctor, and last Royal sioned by England for his losses during the stoned by England for his losses curing ine War of Independence, and died in 1813, aged eighty-two. This letter, dated New York, April 14, 1759, occupies to page 1521 1316 of 1410 paper, and was addressed to Miss Green, afterwards his second wife. It runs thus: "My dear Betsy,—Never did any one set down to write in a worse humour. A floursand things I have to say to you, and acarce a minute to say them in. My father is now impatiently waiting for me to assist him an affair that cannot be postponed. Had I followed the dictates of my own inclinations, I should have passed last evening in pouring out my soul to you on paper, instead of murderly my line in a large mix'd company of sense and politicess prevailly, they could not divert my thoughts from a certain little corner, And give the barer a receipt.

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noble picture of King Lear. Here is a long The Press. Mr. Evans sent a copy to Houdin, letter from David Garrick, actor and author, with slips from various newspapers noticing to Franck Hayman, one of the first members | the book itself, and also the publisher. To of the Royal Academy of London, and eminent this M. Robert-Houdin has sent a reply, which as a scene-painter at Drury-lane Theatre. It | we here translate; s curious, as showing Garrick's idea of picorially illustrating Shakspeare. It occupies

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Dr. Aikin, Sir Joseph Banks, Mrs. Bar bauld, Daines Barrington, Peter Beck-ford, and his son, William Beckford, Jacob wright, Rev. T. Drake (18), Dr. Geddes, Rev. ford (4), Basil Montagu; Bishops of Nor-(4), Spencer Perceval (2), Dr. Priestley, Samuel Rogers, Granville Sharp (5), W. Sotheby (2), G. Steevens (2), Rev. M. Tyson (5), Rev. Stephen Weston (3), Dr. Jos. White (8). The Rev. John Henley was some time Professor of Moral Philosophy at the College of Williamsburg, in Virginia, and was afterwards one of the assistants at Harrow School. elected F. S. A., 1778; he was presented to 1805 was appointed by the East India Compa nv Principal of their then newly established College at Hertford. This last named situation, for which his eminent talents as an orientalist rendered him peculiarly suitable, he resigned in 1815, and died on the 29th of December in the same year. There is a brief Literature, vol. iii., p. 759; and prefixed to this volume of his correspondence are some particulars of him by the late Dawson Turner Esq., and two indexes, one alphabetical and valuable collection of 230 Autograph Letters, was evidently much prized by the late Mr.

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TWO CENTS.

Annie Trevor's Thoughts. For The Press. 1 MY REIGHBORS DYER THE WAY. There are plenty of them; plenty who are ready mough to report the doings of my neighbors or this side; plenty who are willing enough to tell all they do know, and a great deal they don't know; plenty whose curious eyes are peering through the window-panes, on Sunday, till long

ime dress whe were last Sunday or if Miss B. has a new bonnet; plenty who are watching other cople, and minding everybody's business but their There's the doctor's wife to begin with; she site it her window all day long, watching me at mine, wondering what I am doing, I suppose; certainly ooking very currously at me. I don't know when she finds time to mind her business; I don't even know when she finds time to attend to her dear little husband. I know very well she deesn't run to the street-door and kiss him, as I should do, when he returns from his visiting founds. I know very well she sits at the window looking at me ust the same as though she hadn't a dear little usband, and I rather suspect he doesn't get at-That makes me wonder, because I

know if I had a clever, good looking piece of mas-culinity, in the shape of a husband, in my house, I shouldn't sit at the window like a status when I seard his dead-latch in the door. Not I. To be sure, all my neighbors over the way don't rouble themselves about my neighbors on this side. There's that dashing widow: she "detests side. There's that dashing widow: she "deteats men as hurbands; wouldn't marry again in save "by men's life thinks they are all we will in their proper places, but is very certain that no man's place is by her clay for life. She likes company, doen't mind seeings the dear fellows,' but gentlemen in search of whys may stay away from her house." Now, I like that, I think that widow's a sensible woman.

a sensible woman; she's been married once, and won't be caught in the same way again; she's "been there," and knows all about it. I cry brave," and only hope she won't change he mind. This same widow advises me never to marry, because "men are such a contemptible Don't let your "angry passions rise," ye "lords of creation;" the fair widow thinks you are capital well it is all truth; you know very well that there the former all attention, the latter all inattention f which fact, the story told of a young German baroness is a striking exemplification. his fortune, providing she remained a widow. The

or young lady became tired of this in a little while, and married, but not wishing to lose the ned that the Baroness had disobeyed her and's dying orders, from the fact that her nelord allowed her to pick up her own handkerel t a ball. Think of that! A whole fortune lost ecause a lover had degenerated into a husband verily, the widow's advice is worth something. My neighbors over the way. There's one in the shape of a man, and such a dainty exquisite as ke is to be sure-one of these irreciatible falhe other chronological, in neat MS. This lows that a woman falls in love with the moment she sets eyes on him. He 'gets himself up' erfectly regardless of expense; gives an extra urn to his moustache, and goes into the street to exhibit himself, all armed for conquest-in short, a erfeet lady-killer. What an unfortunate thing or my sex that such men were ever invented! We are the sufferers; and how we do suffer, no one knows but ourselves. (N. B. The knowledge

five hundred pounds. Although these terms actions. A single young lady, or a married one, may appear high, you must be sensible I can have no difficulty in procuring them in London. But I shall be much better pleased if

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nield find some means of controlling is and then poor Schuyikill county we upon, if she could do it, to support of two, expensive works. In con-

To Messre. William Doundson, Remard Reib, Richard Kear, F. W. Hugher, William Milne Jr., Benj. Bannan, John Donaldson, John F Graeff, committee.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL GENERAL BOWNAR'S ASPIRATIONS SEXATE PRINTING.—The following is the letter Mr. Wendell, which damaged General Region chances for the printigable, in the Senat

"Dear Sir: In answer to yours of the 6th inst, I would say that the following are the facts in relation to my transfer of the Union newspaper to George W. Bowman, presuming that he was at the time superintendent of the public printing, and that the following extract from the United States statutes at large, Thirty-second Congress, first secsion, chapter 91, section 6, page 82, has an immediate bearing on the case:

"Secretor 6. That the superintendent of the public

"On the 26th of March, 1859, I stipulated to ransfer the Union to Gen. G. W. Bowman, moder transfer the Union to Gen. G. W. Bowman, under certain conditions, and to pay him also the sum of \$20,000 per annum out of the profits of the public printing. In pursuance thereof, on the lith of April following, I paid him, as per subjoined re-ceint. \$3,000:

received three thousand dollars cash on the 11th of April. He officieted as Superintendent of Public Printing, and drew his salary therefor up to the 12th of May, as per receipt on file in the Tressary Department; and reference being had thereto, it will more fully appear that, six weeks after, he become interested in the public printing. These are the simple facts in the case." The statements of Wendell clearly indicate that ir gallant Pennsylvania Brigadier has rendered

TIGHT ROPE EXERCISE CONDUCTVE TO LONGEviry.—This may seem an abourd ides, but if Blontraining in the art, who supposes they would ever have survived their perilons trips over the Niagara nd Genesee? If any additional proof were want ed in favor of the theory, it would be furnished be ad in favor of the theory, is notice that the famous Herr Kline, who, after delighting we the famous how many generalise with his ex-

s forever groaning under the cril, as her philan-bropists call it, of working their machiners with otton raised by slave labor. We think the South PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1859.

GENTLEMEN: You have kindly sent to me recontly a copy of your circular of 25th ultimo, for which please accept my thanks. Having always advocated the policy that, in the management of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. The interests of Schuylkill county and the interests of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. The interests of Schuylkill county and the interests of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company. The interests of Schuylkill county and the interests of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad should be viewed as one and the same. I respectfully beg your permission to make a few remarks. You say, "that it is well known that a fierce competition has aprung up in the coal trade by the opening up of new regions and new avenues to market, which has shortened distances and which has broken down the coal operators in Schuylkill county to an extent unparalleled in the history of the coal trade." Had this state of things been brought about by the want of proper facilities to carry your coal to market, I could see a great necessity for a new routs. But with a canal of were but few friends waiting at the tip year.

the cont land owner, lateral railroad, and coil miner combined will agree to reduce prices per ton, so as to deliver coal cheap on the Heading Railroad, to put them on an equality—nay more than on an equality—nay of a party of the party of the party of the party of the party o arrival of a number of the medical students in