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SEA POETRY.

MY OWN T. OUGHTS. BY THE LATE MRS. J. N. MAFFITT. Oh would this crushed and beating heart Could cease to struggle, and be still;

EVERY "OLD RIVER MAN" knows whereabouts of Schute No. 8, one of the many of the small arks on the Mississippi...

Every "old river man" knows whereabouts of Schute No. 8, one of the many of the small arks on the Mississippi puts out to bring in her annual crop of sand and cottonwood.

THE WAY TO GET RICH

The only way by which capital can increase is by saving. If you spend as much as you get you will never be richer than you are.

Well, then, as we called him, was I before stated, one of the forward deck party on the night in question, and was very anxious to get into low water...

LEGEND OF OWL CREEK.

It was a year long since forgotten by the natives of those forests, unmarked and unrecorded save the innermost lines of the oak tree of five centuries or more...

The stranger Indian looked with longing eyes on the brown neck and ruddy cheek, the light form and beautiful foot of the maiden, the daughter of the old chief...

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT TAKING THE PAPERS.

Some years ago a lady noticing a neighbor of hers was not in her seat at church on the Sabbath, called on her return home, to enquire what should detain so punctual an attendant.

Such is the history of genius triumphing over difficulties enough to spurn the stoutest heart. No man ever repented of having kept silence, but many that they have not done so.

THE SUFFERING, PERSEVERANCE AND TRIUMPH OF G. N. A. S.

There is at present in England an American who went to that country to endeavor to interest the capitalists in a bridge which he has constructed. His name is Remington, and he is a native of Virginia.

I was standing amidst men of the supposed greatest talent as civil engineers that the world could produce, and the point decided against me. This on time alone were my whole energies ever aroused.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

On Monday last, in the case of Lewis Pearce, reclaimed as a slave by Robert Tilghman, of New-Orleans, that Pennsylvania had the power, as an independent sovereignty to forbid the introduction of slaves within her limits under the penalty of their freedom.

MELANCHOLY.—Capt. Jesse Carl, of Northport, N. Y., whilst hunting with his son, on the 14th, met with a fatal accident. A gun in the hands of the latter accidentally exploded, the charge of which penetrated his leg near the ankle, tearing the bones and flesh in a frightful manner.

AN OPIUM DEBAUCH.

One of the objects at this place that I had the curiosity to visit was the opium smoker in his heaven; and certainly it is most fearful sight, although perhaps not so degrading to the eye as the drunkard from spirits, lowered to the level of the brute and wallowing in his filth.

The room where they sit and smoke are surrounded by wooden couches, with places for the head to rest upon, and generally a side room is devoted to gambling. The pipe is a reed of about an inch in diameter, and the aperture in the bowl for the admission of the opium is not larger than a pin's head.

EDITING A NEWSPAPER.

We never could see the virtue of the boast which is so often made by paper and magazines, that so large a portion of their pages is original. So originally is often maintained at the expense of the worth.

THE TAXES are indeed heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us.

PRODUCTION AND CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

The New Orleans Commercial Times contains an article on the production and capital of the United States for 1848. It is made up by taking the returns of 1840 and adding 25 per cent. for the increase of the past eight years.

According to these estimates, all the crops of the United States in 1848 will be worth, in round numbers, \$501,400,000. Of these products, the New England States contribute only \$58,000,000; while New York alone contributes \$79,000,000; Pennsylvania, \$55,000,000; Ohio \$49,000,000, and Indiana \$47,000,000.

THE LAST SCENE IN THIS TRAGIC PLAY.

The last scene in this tragic play is generally a room in the rear of the building, a species of dead-house, where lie stretched those who have passed into the state of bliss the opium-smoker madly seeks—an emblem of the long sleep to which he is blindly hurrying.—Six Months in China, by Lord Jocelyn.

THE GLORY OF A GOOD MAN is the testimony of a good conscience; have that, and thou wilt have inward peace in the midst of troubles. DUNGEONERS is but voluntarily madness; it emboldens men to do all sorts of mischief.