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VERY MAN HIS OWN PATENT AGENT. MUNN & CO., publishers of the 'SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN' have focused on with pamphlets containing the Patent Laws...

BOARDING. The subscriber will continue to receive and accommodate a few transient or permanent guests at a handsome and pleasant part of the commanding a fine view of the Susquehanna...

SELECT POETRY.

THE OLD PRINTER. I see him at his case, With his anxious, cheerless face Worn and brown;

And the printer long I've known, Boy and man; Time was when step elate Distinguished his gait,

He never was reckoned bad, But I've seen him smile right glad At 'headed' wags.

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'What are you still here, madame?' inquired that gentleman, in a highly sarcastic tone. 'I thought you had been turned out, madame.'

'How many more times I wonder,' he observed to himself, 'shall I have to get out of this blessed bed to-night! Exercise is certainly a comfort, and very conducive to health; but such exercise as this—why, where have you got it?' he added, addressing the pillow...

He did, however, feel when he violently smote the pillow, that the little ebullition partook somewhat of the nature of passion...

'What, another come to contribute to the harmony of the evening?' 'Meyow!—meyow!' cried Valentine, in a key still higher.

'Well, how many more of you?' enquired Mr. Beagle. 'You will be able to get up a second concert, by and by; and Valentine began to spit and swear with great felicity.'

At length the patience of Mr. Jonas Beagle began to evaporate—for the hostile animals continued to battle, apparently with great desperation. He therefore threw a pillow with great violence into the bed of his companion...

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'Thank Heaven! they are all gone at last,' cried Beagle, 'we shall be able to get a little rest now I suppose; and after minutes surveying every corner in the room in which it was possible for one of them to have lingered, he bade Valentine good night.'

Valentine assisted Beagle to remake his bed; and when they had accomplished this important business with the skill and dexterity of two thoroughbred chamber-maids, the light was again extinguished, and Mr. Beagle very naturally made up his mind to have six hours untroubled sleep.

'He's off again!' continued Beagle. 'I never heard of one sleeping so sound. Hallo, my good fellow, ho! Fast as a four year only? Won't you be quiet, you wretch! Are you determined not to let me have a wink of sleep to-night! She must be in the cupboard; I must have overlooked her; and I don't yet see how I could, Oh! keep the thing up, my dear! Don't let me rest,' and he fumbled about for his box, and having taken a hearty pinch of snuff, began to turn the thing seriously in his mind...

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THE FOLLOWING IS SAID TO BE A CORRECT estimate of the number of slaves in the following countries:—United States, 3,036,000; Brazil, 8,250,000; Spanish Colonies, 900,000; Dutch Colonies, 85,000; South American Republics, 140,000; African Settlements, 30,000. Total, 7,560,000.

It is rumored that the Pope does not mean to resume his residence at Rome, but at Bologna. This city has water communication with Venice, is surrounded by a wall, and has twelve gates. The population numbers 70,000. In 1796 Napoleon captured the city and drove away the papal authorities; now his nephew restores them.

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LITERARY MATTERS IN ENGLAND.

Would you like to know what is going on here in the literary world? Much more than you know, or ever will, or in fact ever wish to know, that side of the pond. Since Macaulay's history, that made the public run mad with excitement, no one book has appeared that has created such a stir. T. B. Macaulay has printed his name on the scroll of fame; but it will take 'a wiser than' he to make the world believe that William Penn was an impostor, or Dr. Johnson a mere literary hack.

Then how unfeelingly offensive does he speak of Johnson's poverty. The 'Herald' adds:—'Mr. Macaulay himself, had been pampered and caressed by the great, beyond all precedent; he has gained every advantage and honor to which even his great abilities could lay claim. To reproach any man for his poverty, where it has not been incurred by his own folly or sin, is wicked; but for a man in Mr. Macaulay's position to dwell without one apparent particle of compassion, on the poverty of a literary man, is doubly disgraceful.'

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