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SELECT POETRY.

A DREAM.

I dreamed a dream in the midst of my slumber; As fast as I dreamed it, it came into number; My thought ran along in such beautiful measure...

A FRIEND TO THE LADIES.

A Select Tale.

KESIAH JONES' APPLE BEE.

BY NATHAN BUCKTHORNE, M. D.

PART II.

Mr. Benjamin Gulic had managed to secure a seat by the side of Miss Rebecca Sabina Hall, and was plying her with great skill and rapidity, letting the parings fall into the pan, which was in rather on the fair one's lap...

When order was restored, paring was resumed. Mr. Foster retained his seat by Miss Becky, and, with a silver knife, daintily proceeded in the work; he was evidently afraid of soiling his hands...

Ben walked by her side to the stage, saying on the way, 'Take care of yourself, and don't feel uneasy about your mother. I will take as good care of her as if she was my own mother.'

Ben was at length determined, as a means of self-defence, or of retaliation, to appear to his friend in his own defence. As a preliminary, he brought his chair nearer to that of Miss Mills, and leaned over farther, so that his paring might fall nearer the centre of the pan...

After this interlude, the game of hide-and-seek was renewed with increased vigor. Miss Stebbins, with the magnanimity becoming a superior mind, condescended to engage in it heartily. In the course of this second game, Mr. Gulic and Miss Mills concealed themselves in a clothes-press...

Ben was at length suggested to the seeker, who remained at the door of the press, that he should examine the premises in question, and thus test the truth of his reasoning, which suggestion he proceeded to act upon...

There is always some considerable excitement connected with the breaking up of a party like the one under consideration. There is always some embarrassment among the rustic gentlemen when bonnet and shawl time comes. He who can walk up boldly to see her home, is regarded with envy...

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SETTLING A DISPUTE.

A late San Francisco paper has the following account of a cool proceeding in that city, which very forcibly illustrates life in California:

'A party of four persons were spending the Sunday quietly in playing all-fours. One of the parties, however not content with the chances of the game, and determined to chain the fickle goddess to his side, established a kind of telegraph with his partner, by laying his hand carelessly on the table after each deal, and extending his fingers, designating very intelligibly the number of trumps which he held...

THE RAZOR STROP.

Smith the Razor Strop Man, occasionally breaks off from the subject of the very superior quality of his strops, and gives his audience a short lecture on temperance in his own peculiar and droll way. Here is an extract:

'When I drank gin, I owned a cat, a poor lean, lantern jawed thing, that was always getting into a scrape. As I had nothing for her to eat, she was compelled to take to the high way, and the neighbors were continually crying out, 'confound that Smith's cat, she's drunk all my milk!'

THEY WILL BE DONE.

Searcher of Hearts—(from mine erase All thoughts that should not be And in its deep recesses trace My gratitude to Thee!)

MR. HIRSH WILCOX, of Dayton, Ohio, in assisting about two weeks ago, to take a drunken loafer to jail, was bit by him on one of his fingers. He paid but little attention to it, until a few days subsequent it became swollen and painful, with every appearance of erysipelas. The ordinary remedies in such cases were applied, but the inflammation spread rapidly from the hand to the arm, and finally to the body—growing worse and worse, until mortification put an end to his life.

UPAS TREE ON THE ISTHMUS.

The Panama Star states that a man named James Linn, while hunting on the Gorgona Road, grew tired and lay down to sleep under a tree. On waking he found his limbs and body swollen, and death soon ensued. The Star says that a tree grows on the Isthmus under which cattle avoid eating or ruminating.

LITTERING IN SWEDEN.

It is said that, in Sweden, horses are never littered. Plank floors are laid in their stables, perforated with holes, to enable the urine to flow off so that no wet, and but little moisture, can remain on them; and those planks, kept clean, are the only covering supplied. This practice will appear strange to many, especially to esters in this country, but the Swedes attribute to it the soundness of their horses' feet. Their animals are rarely foundered or lame in their feet and legs, and no other precautions are taken to prevent the evil than that above named.

NEW YORK CHRYSTAL PALACE.

The use of Reservoir Square has been granted to Mr. Riddell and others, for the term of five years, at a nominal rent, for the erection of a Crystal Palace. Funds have also been appropriated for flagging the square, and to maintain a sufficient constabulary police during the period of the exhibition.

WASHINGTON.

From Lord Mahon's History of the American Revolution.

During many years did Washington continue to enjoy the pleasures and fulfil the duties of an independent country gentleman. Field sports divided his time with the cultivation and improvement of his land, and the sales of his tobacco; he showed kindness to his dependents, and hospitality to his friends; and having been elected one of the House of Burgesses in Virginia, he was, whenever that House met, exact in his attendance. To that well regulated mind nothing within the course of its ordinary and appointed avocations seemed unworthy of its care. His ledgers and day-books were kept by himself; he took note of all the houses where he partook of hospitality, so that not even the smallest courtesies might pass by unremembered; and until his press of business in the Revolutionary War he was wont every evening to set down the variations of the weather during the preceding day. It was also his habit through life, whenever he wished to possess himself perfectly of the contents of any paper, to transcribe it in his own hand and apparently with deliberation, so that no point might escape his notice. Many copies of this kind were after his death found among his manuscripts.

AMERICA IN THE YEAR 1900.

On the 12th of October, 1755, John Adams, writing to a friend, records the remarkable prediction—remarkable the whole letter must be called, as proceeding from a young man not yet quite twenty—that our people, according to the exactest computations, will in another century become more numerous than England itself. Five years from this—the time designated in the letter—the prediction will be realized. In fifty years from this, the city of New York will contain a population of two millions of souls. A hundred millions of people, will occupy the soil of our extended territory. Remote deserts, unknown to us in the solitudes of the west; will be smiling under the culture of happy freemen. Flocks of sheep and herds of cattle will supplant the elk and buffalo. Natural obstacles to intercourse will be removed;—the Rocky Mountains will be tunneled, and two oceans will meet together. The Banks of our rivers and the shores of our lakes will shine with opulent cities; commerce will whiten our waters; agriculture cover the continent with wheat and corn, and places now unknown to civilized men will resound with all the hum and stir of busy life. The school house and church, those engines and hopes of freemen will be reared fast as the forest drops before the march of enterprise. The churches which we are now planting on our frontier will then be strong and able to reproduce and return the benefits they have received, farther onward, and the missionary labors commenced in this generation, in the heart of paganism, will develop we know not what results.

OUR THOUGHTS RUN FORWARD TO MEET THE MEN WHO SHALL STAND IN OUR PULPITS TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST ON THE FIRST SABBATH OF THE NEXT CENTURY.

We welcome them, ere yet they may be born to the unspeakable privilege of living in such an epoch of time.—We who write and read, now in adult life will take no part on the earth in the worship of that day. Our children, now in the bud and promise of life, will be in our places with the honors of age.

HAS SHE ANY TIN.

'Oh! do not paint her charms to me, I know that she is fair! I know her lips might tempt the bee, Her eyes with stars compare: Such transient gifts I never could prize, My heart they could not win; I do not scorn my Mary's eyes, But—has she any tin?'

TASTE OF TURNIPS IN BUTTER.

The following, from the Gardener's Chronicle, a most able periodical, published in England, is of great interest to all our northern farmers: 'About six or seven years ago, I saw it stated in a provincial newspaper, that to feed cows with turnips immediately after being milked, and on no account to give them any short time before milking, prevented the milk or butter from tasting of turnips. The method I pursue is this:—immediately after being milked in the morning, they get as many turnips as they can eat. During the day they are fed on hay, and immediately after milking at night, they get the same quantity of turnips.—The milk and butter are very much admired by all who take them, both for color and flavor, and I have often been called upon to give a statement of our feeding, by visitors. I have several times given the cows turnips a short time before being milked, just to prove the thing. On such occasions the milk and butter tasted very strongly of turnips.'

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SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING.

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DRESS AND PROCK COATS.

Habit Cloth do, Linen Drilling do, Tweeds, &c., &c., together with a great variety of Boys' Clothing.

Consisting of Sack Coats, Pea-Jackets, Money Jackets, and true Philadelphia made of Tweed, Linen Drilling, Cloth, Alpaca, Kersamer, Dueskin, &c., &c.

Furnishing Goods.

Consisting of Shirts, Stocks, Handkerchiefs, &c., all of which are offered at the lowest possible prices, and as cheap as any other Clothing Store in the Union.

LIGHTNING RODS.

THE subscriber has constructed a LIGHTNING ROD and true Philosophical method, by which buildings supplied with them are rendered perfectly secure against destruction by lightning. The connection and insulation of the rod, as well as the preparation of the ground rod, is on an entirely new plan, making a more perfect conductor than any heretofore in use. Measures have been taken to secure Letters Patent for the improvement.

Alden's Condensed Reports of Pennsylvania.

JUST Published, and for sale by the subscriber—the Second Volume of Alden's Condensed Pennsylvania Reports, and the first volume of Binney's Reports. The first volume of Alden, containing Dallas' Reports, 4 volumes; and Yeates' Reports, volume 1, is also on hand, and for sale. The above two volumes are complete within themselves, and contain all of Dallas' Reports, 4 volumes, and all of Yeates' Reports, 4 volumes, besides the two first volumes of Binney's Reports. The third volume is ready and will be put to press immediately.

NATIONAL HOTEL, SHAMOKIN, Northumberland County, Pa.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has opened a new Hotel in the town of Shamokin, Northumberland county, on the corner of Shamokin and Commerce streets, nearly opposite to the House he formerly kept. He is well prepared to accommodate his guests, and is also provided with good stabling. He trusts his experience, and strict attention to business, will induce persons visiting the coal region to continue the liberal patronage he has heretofore received.

JAMES H. MAGEE

AS removed from his old Stand, No. 118 Vine street, to No. 52 Dillwyn St., (bet'n Cal'hill & Willow,) where he has constantly on hand, BROWN STOUT, PORTER, Ale and Cider, FOR HOME CONSUMPTION OR SHIPPING.

Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company.

DR. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company, in Northumberland county, and is at all times ready to effect insurances against fire on real or personal property, or renewing policies for the same. Sunbury, April 26, 1851.—4f.

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