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From the Louisville (Ky.) Journal. THE STARVING BOY. BY MISS ZERELDA EASTWINE.

anticipated championship in her defence, in the hour of peril. Nor was the courageous and pious African long in suspense to show his courage and devotion to his poor master's widow...

'em go; guess Black Jack nebber let 'em go, soon?' answered the negro. 'Then you shall have a hand in this work—by my body guard. You look as brave and honest, as stout and formidable. Act well your part in the hour of danger, and your country and friends will not be ungrateful. Follow that man,' said the Colonel, pointing out a sergeant of the guard...

Phenomena of Sleep. Dr. Dickson, of South Carolina, has recently published a work on Life, Sleep, Pain, and Death, which contains some curious facts and speculations. The following facts are given in relation to sleep, which is described to be the repose of the mind...

The Mother of a President. Mrs. Polk, the mother of the late President of the United States, died last week at Columbia, Tennessee. She was a member of the Presbyterian church; regular in her attendance upon the services of the sanctuary; humble and exemplary in her deportment and esteemed and beloved by the whole community...

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GEORGE CULIN. of Second & Market Sts. Phila. April 19, 1851-ly.

LIGHTNING RODS. THE subscriber has constructed a LIGHTNING ROD on true Philosophical principles...

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Round and round the moon was turning, Colly shining on the earth, Far away the stars were burning, Coldly looking on the earth. Winds were moaning, snow was drifting Round the ceiling of the earth, Through the roof the snow was sifting, Drifting in the fireless grate.

But that historians were scarce and treacherous, the early settlers of this vast country and continent, could have given posterity never-ending, never-flagging, but thrilling and truthful narrative and stories that now must risk oblivion, or find their way through the mysterious aid of Providence, to the public eyes and ears of this and future ages.

Wilson and his female companions, with the slaves, were duly taken to the headquarters of General Prescott, and no sooner had the rustic loveliness of the young widow caught his eye, than he decided the fate of her brother—she was at once destined to be sent to New York as a dangerous man—there to await the slow process of subduing the rebels at large and try and condemn them in a squad!

Slowly and stealthily they approached their victim, until the sound of the sentinel's feet smote upon their wary ears. The exigency of the time made it eminently necessary to have done what was to be done, well done and quickly. Col. Barton was a quick and impulsive man—he had well weighed all the dangers of his enterprise, and fully determined to carry it through.

Not a day passed but Black Jack gave some new proof of his courage and intelligence, or intrepidity; and finally, one dark and stormy night, he approached, near the British General's tent, a few of the American soldiers, and with a few words with him, this interview furnished the daring negro with the situation of his mistress and her friends, and also to see in which part of the Lower Gen. Prescott camp the British were encamped.

What! asked Col. Barton, who overheard the exclamation. 'Rescue my brother's wife and friends, or add my own dead body to the British conquest?' was the spirited reply. 'Then follow me,' said the Colonel, 'and these brave men, and before a fortnight, at farthest, we will not only rescue your friends, but seize their very captors!'

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Who sang those songs through summer hours, Taught her by Nature 'mid the flowers, Or 'neath the vine's o'er arching bowers? Katy-did.

Who made the scene so dear to me? Who gave new life to every tree? Who spoke so gently, frank, and free? Katy-did.

Then, dearest fairy! let me say, E'er next returns your natal day, Who vowed to 'love and to obey?' Katy-did.