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TERMS OF THE AMERICAN.

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SELECT POETRY.

ODE TO SILENCE.

SILENCE, mysterious power! That wraps't the shadowy scene in the embrace, At this lone midnight hour,

When twilight spreads her thickening gloom Along the daisied vale, And hies each flower that breathes perfume,

When the moon's pale light, in the sky above, Shines on the dew-drops that glisten and glow, And the soft breeze, in the woods below,

Miscellaneous Matter.

CROWNING THE WISEST.

Not many years ago, it happened that a young man from New York visited London. His father being connected with several of the magnates of the British aristocracy,

EARLY INDUSTRY.

On one occasion, he observed, "There has not been a day since I was eight years of age, in which I have not done something to get my bread."

THE SPIRITUALISTS IN CONVENTION.

A Spiritual Convention has been in session at Springfield, Mass., composed of several hundred persons, under the particular guidance of Henry C. Wright and Andrew Jackson Davis.

THE BULL-FIGHT.

A Bull-Fight was lately advertised at Placerville, California, but the Americans not liking this Spanish amusement, lashed the bull, whipped the matadores, and tore down the building.

RUNAWAY MARRIAGES.

In a great majority of cases, the elopement of a young lady is unwise, giddy, ungrateful, unmodest, and evinces lascivious appetite and reckless disposition.

MRS. STOWE'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

The "Uncle Tom's" anti-slavery movement has ended as it began, at Stafford-house, all the niggers, missives, circulars, and other harmless projectiles launched from that mansion in November having been duly returned last Saturday.

DO CROWS REASON?

As the question of the rational powers of animals is yet a mooted question, we throw in the following act to "help the cause along."

A BGA CONSTRUCTOR AND ITS YOUNG.

On Sunday last there arrived at this port, in the ship Arrow, Capt. Wyatt, from Para, a huge serpent of the boa genus, respecting which we have received some interesting particulars.

SILVER WANTED AT THE MINT.

The officers of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, have issued a circular, stating that they are prepared to purchase Silver-Coin at the Mint, on the following terms:—For Dollars, of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili, Brazil (re-stamped) and Spain, for France, for Silver Coins of the U. S., other than the three cents, the price paid will be \$1.21 an ounce.

THE REMAINS OF MRS. DOUGLAS.

The remains of Mrs. Douglas, wife of Senator Douglas, left Washington on Monday morning, on board the Southern boat, on their way to North Carolina, where they are to be interred.

GENERAL HENRY LEE REMARKED ONCE TO WASHINGTON.

"We are amazed, sir, at the vast amount of work that you accomplish," Washington replied, "Sir, I rise at four o'clock, and a great deal of my work is done while others are asleep."

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