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POOR JANET.

He will not come, no, never come. My gallant sailor, brave and free...

VIRGINIA.

Deacon Brown and the "Stranger."

Deacon Brown considered himself a pillar of the church and chief conservator of the public morals...

"Alas! for the rarity of Christian charity."

The old Deacon had not the least bit of it. Having no faults or foibles of his own (at least he thought so) that called aloud for charity...

PODGEVILLE, July 16th, 1846.

MR. BROWN.—Dear Sir: I take the liberty to disclose to you some facts, which have given me as much pain as they will yourself.

Such are the facts. You can act in the premises as your sense of duty may dictate.

As the Deacon read this epistle, there was a visible tremor in his hand. He polished his eye glass with a silk handkerchief...

Arriving at the scene of his triumph, he stationed his clerk in front of the house, and giving the bell knob a cautious pull...

"Is Mrs. Wisely in?" "Yes, sir; she's in bed, sir." "The deacon examined his watch, and muttered, half past seven?"

"Why that a young gentleman is, at this very moment—" "But you know, sir, he is a very young and a very little gentleman, too, sir."

New Anecdote of Randolph.

Arthur Livermore, of New Hampshire, and John Randolph, of Roanoke, Virginia, were both marked men in their way...

John arose and indignantly disclaimed assuming any such baronial airs as had been attributed to him by "the honorable member from New Hampshire..."

A gentleman, who at breakfast the other morning, broke an egg, and disturbed the repose of a sentimental looking biddy...

Paying an Old Debt.

A merchant very extensively engaged in commerce, and located upon Long Wharf, Boston, died intestate, February 18th, 1802...

"The company, I suppose, ma'am, was a young gentleman—a stranger to you?" "Yes, sir—I believe he is, sir?"

"Why that a young gentleman is, at this very moment—" "But you know, sir, he is a very young and a very little gentleman, too, sir."

"Well," said the stranger, "I have come up from the Cape to pay a debt I owe the old gentleman."

"Your note is outlawed," said he, "it was dated twelve years ago, payable in two years; there is no witness, and the interest has never been paid..."

"Sir," said the old man, "I wish to pay it. It is the only debt I owe in the world. It may be outlawed here, but I have no child, and my old woman and I hope we may have our peace with God, and I wish to do so with men."

"I cannot take the money," was the reply of my brother. "The old man became alarmed. 'I have cast simple interest for twelve years and counted it all over,' said he."

"A pretty pair of eyes are the best mirrors to shave by." "Yes," said a bachelor reading, "many a man has been shaved by them."

Siam.

Sir John Bowring has given an account of Siam, and the two kings of that country. He says:

"Persons who know little of the state of Siam, will be surprised to learn that the first king is well versed in the works of Euclid and Newton; that he writes and speaks English with tolerable accuracy; that he is a proficient in Latin, and has acquired the Sanscrit, Cingalese and Pagan languages; that he can project and calculate eclipses of the sun and moon, and occultations of the planets; that he is fond of all branches of learning and science; that he has introduced a printing press, with Siamese and English type; and that his palace and table are supplied with all the elegancies of European life."

"My intercourse with the second king was, in all respects, most agreeable. I found him a gentleman of very cultivated understanding; quiet, even modest in manners; willing to communicate knowledge, and earnest in search of instructions."

The Siamese, by report of Sir John, are an amiable and intelligent race, with a high degree of civilization in all that relates to social institutions. They profess the faith of Buddha, and seem affectionately, though not bigotedly attached to it.

"I found no indisposition among the Siamese to discuss religious questions, and the general result of the discussion was 'Your religion is excellent for you, and ours is excellent for us. All countries do not produce the same fruits and flowers, and we find various religions suited to various nations.'"

"Persecution is hateful," he said; "every man ought to be free to profess the religion he prefers;" and he added: "If you convert a certain number of people anywhere, let me know you have done so, and I will give them a Christian Governor, and they shall not be annoyed by Siamese authorities."

"Be GENTLE AT HOME.—There are few families, we imagine, anywhere, in which love is not abused as furnishing the license for impoliteness."

"I have one small boon to ask at your hands. It is that you exchange shirts with me, that by this means I also may become contented and happy."

"Billy, how did you lose your finger?" "Easily enough," said Billy. "I suppose you did, but how?" "I guess you'd lost your'n if you'd been as honest as I was."

A Great Bridge in Pennsylvania.

A correspondent of the Easton (Pa.) Daily Express, writing from Lehigh county, gives the following account of the completion of one of the most remarkable bridges in the world:

It has been my good fortune to witness within a short time the progress and final completion of one of the most extensive and creditable enterprises our country can boast of—the construction of an Iron Bridge.

The structure is 1,100 feet long and 90 feet high, spanning a beautiful valley and river—the Jordan. I have learned from the contractor that on the 27th day of August, 1856, the first stone for the foundation of the piers was laid, and on the 25th of June 1857, every portion of the structure was in its place; and that nothing remained to be done but the final adjusting and painting it—an astonishing short period for the completion of such a stupendous work.

The superstructure corresponds well with the other features of the bridge in all its parts. In the arrangement of the truss many improvements in its details have been brought to bear never before known in bridge construction. The distribution of the material is proportioned to the actual strain that comes upon it. Where great strain is the result you will find abundant material, and where the reverse takes place the same principle is observed; consequently the structure is obliged to support no surplus material, no useless dead weight.

SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS.—A wealthy epicure applied to an Arabian doctor for a prescription that would restore his body to health, and give happiness to his mind. The physician advised him to exchange shirts with a man who was perfectly contented with his lot.

"Then, said the seeker after happiness.—I have one small boon to ask at your hands. It is that you exchange shirts with me, that by this means I also may become contented and happy."

"But the truth is—I have no shirt."

There is an old law which says that "Content is the true philosopher's stone." Brown says it is very likely—for nobody has ever found either one or the other.

RESOLVING RUN MAD.—It has become much too common to adopt "preambles and resolutions" on occasions which do not require them. The thing indeed is run into the ground. But the following caps the climax of absurdity and verges on irreverence.

Resolved, That we humbly acknowledge our indebtedness to the Almighty for the enjoyment received on this occasion; and that we commit ourselves to his care, returning to our respective homes, in the hope of receiving similar blessings of His Divine will.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary, be forwarded, &c., &c.

FASTING.—Fasting has been frequently recommended and practised as a means of removing incipient disease; and of restoring the body to its customary healthful sensation. Howard, the celebrated philanthropist used to fast one day in the week; Franklin, for a period, did the same.

A JUDGE'S PRESCRIPTION.—Judge Oakley does not joke every day, but a short time since a man who was afflicted with the disease to which Hahneman traces almost every other one, came into his presence beseeching his honor to be excused from jury duty.

TEMPERATURE OF THE EARTH.—The opinion that the interior of the earth is a mass of flame, is founded chiefly on the existence of hot springs and volcanoes, and the fact that below fifty feet from the surface the temperature increases about one degree for every fifty feet of descent.

RESIGNATION.—A certain old lady, who had been famed for sour looks, and not very sweet words, touching the accidents of life, was observed to have become very amiable.

Some time ago one of the churches in Salem had a misbehaving brother up for discipline, and was about to excommunicate him, whereupon the world's people held a meeting outside, and voted not to receive him, unless he should be returned in as good condition as when delivered to the church!