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## SHERIFF'S SALES.

IN pursuance of sundry writs of *Indictio Exponas*, and *alias Fieri Facias*, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Adams county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale on *Saturday the 15th of January, 1848*, at 1 o'clock, P. M. at the Court-house, in the Borough of Gettysburg, the following Real Estate, to wit:

**A Lot of Ground,** situate in Union township, Adams county, Pa., containing 4 ACRES, more or less, on which is erected a 1 1/2 story

**Log Dwelling-house,** said property adjoining lands of Enosh Leffert; Philip Board, and others.—Seized and taken in execution as the Estate of CASPER M. B. SHANBERG.

**A Lot of Ground,** situate in Oxford township, Adams county, Pa., containing 3 ACRES, more or less, on which are erected a two-story

**Log Dwelling-house,** a log Stable, a young Orchard, adjoining lands of Samuel Jolly and others.—Seized and taken in execution as the Estate of ANTHONY STROM.

**No. 1—A Lot of Ground,** situate in the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams county, Pa., adjoining lots of Nicholas Codori and others—to which the defendant is entitled to the undivided half.

**No. 2—A Half Lot of Ground,** situate in Gettysburg, Adams county, Pa., adjoining lots of John Adler and others, in Washington street.

**No. 3—A Tract of Land,** situate in Cumberland township, Adams county, Pa., adjoining lands of Alexander Curran, Robert and Hugh M'Caughy, and others, containing 6 Acres, more or less.

**No. 4—The undivided interest** of the defendant in a Tract of Land, situate in Cumberland township, Adams county, Pa., adjoining lands of Alexander Curran, Nathaniel Randolph, and others, and lying on the Gettysburg and Emmisburg Road, containing 100 Acres, more or less, on which are erected a 1 1/2 story

**Dwelling House,** part stone and part log, a log Barn, &c., and tract having a fair proportion of Timber thereon.—Seized and taken in execution as the Estate of ROSA W. M'KINNEY.

**A Tract of Land,** situate in Hamilton and Liberty townships, Adams county, Pa., containing

**200 ACRES,** more or less, on which are erected a TWO-STORY DWELLING HOUSE, (part log and part stone), a

**GRIST MILL,** with two pairs of Bars, and one pair of Country Saws, a SAW MILL, a stone BANK BARN, Wagon Shed, Corn-crib, and other out-buildings. Also a TEN-ANT HOUSE, a well of water near the front. Said property is situate on Middle creek, adjoining lands of Jacob Welly, John Eiker, Wm. Loudon and others. Also.

**A TRACT OF Mountain Land,** containing 200 Acres, more or less, adjoining lands of John Mueselman, Robert Stimmans, and others.—Seized and taken in execution, as the Estate of *Maria Newman*, deceased, at the time of his decease, with notice to widows, heirs, and terre-tenants.

**A TRACT OF LAND,** situate in McCallen township, Adams county, adjoining lands of Joseph Taylor, Nicholas Bear, and others, containing

**98 ACRES,** more or less, on which are erected a TWO-STORY

**Log Dwelling House,** with a back-building, including a room and kitchen, attached—also a shed at the East end of the dwelling—a well of first-rate water near the kitchen door.—Seized and taken in execution as the Estate of *John Stewart*.

**A Lot of Ground,** situate in the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams county, Pa., in East York street, adjoining lots of John Weikle and Widow Herder, bounded by a twelve feet alley on the North, and by the York and Gettysburg Turnpike Road on the South—on which are erected a one and a half story

**Weather-boarded House,** with a back-building, including a room and kitchen, attached—also a shed at the East end of the dwelling—a well of first-rate water near the kitchen door.—Seized and taken in execution as the Estate of *Philip J. Trusill*.

**Persons purchasing property at Sheriff's sale, will have to pay ten per cent. of the purchase money on the day of sale.**

BENJAMIN SCHUBERT, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Gettysburg, December 17, 1847.

**NOTICE.** LETTERS of Administration on the Estate of ROBERT THOMPSON, late of the Borough of Gettysburg, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber, residing in said Borough—Notice is hereby given to all those indebted to said estate to make payment, and those having claims upon the estate to present the same, properly authenticated, for settlement.

HENRY WELTY, Adm'r. Nov. 20, 1847—61

## VALUABLE MILLS PROPERTY FOR RENT.

THE Subscriber, Executor of HENRY MYERS, deceased, and testamentary Guardian of his minor children, offers for RENT, from the 1st day of April next, the valuable property known as the

**"Virginia Mills."** They are situate in Hamilton township, Adams county, 1 1/2 miles from Fairfield, and in one of the best Grain-growing sections of the county. The Mills are newly erected, and in complete repair; they consist of a Grist Mill, Saw Mill, &c., all in good order. There are about 500 Acres in the Farm, with Dwelling-house, Tenant House, Barn, &c., a large quantity of meadow and arable lands, &c.

The Terms will be made known by the subscriber, residing on the premises. Applications must be accompanied by proper recommendations.

MARY MYERS, Virginia Mills, Oct. 20, 1847—61

## VALUABLE STORE HOUSE AT PUBLIC SALE.

NOW there is a rare chance for Merchants to get one of the most valuable situations for business in the State.—The subscriber will expose to Public Sale, on *Saturday the 8th of January, 1848*, at 10 o'clock, A. M. on the premises, his

**Valuable Property,** on which he now resides, situate in PETERSBURG, (Y. S.) Adams county, Pa., on the corner of Main and Harrison streets. The Buildings are first-rate. Call and see them; and judge for yourselves. Terms made known on the day of sale.

JOHN B. M'CREARY, N. B.—If the above named property is not sold on or before the 8th of January, it will be FOR RENT.

He would also inform the public that he has a splendid assortment of

**DRY GOODS,** which he will sell off at wholesale or retail, at reduced prices and great bargains.

**NOTICE.** I AM going to Schuylkill county to commence the Coal Mining business. (I want money,) and give notice to all persons indebted to me to call immediately and settle the same. If their accounts are not settled on or before the 1st day of February next, they will not blame me if they find them in the hands of an Officer.

JOHN B. M'CREARY, Petersburg, (Y. S.) Nov. 26, 1847.

## THE FETTERED SEASON.

Annals, Albums, GIFT BOOKS.

THE custom which prevails in this country of presenting to our friends Holiday and Birthday Gifts, is certainly a very pleasing one. And nothing it appears to us is so suitable for this purpose as an elegant and useful Book, which, by means of its choice sentiments, has the power—not possessed by any other gift—of sweetly reminding one of the friend who gave it. We therefore advise all to repair to the

**Chap Book Store of Keller Kurtz,** opposite the Bank, Gettysburg, where may be found a tempting variety of Annals, illustrated editions of the Poets, books of Piety and Devotion, Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books, of all sizes, prices and bindings, suited to old, young, grave and gay, and cheaper than they have ever been sold in this market. A few of them are—

*Gen. of the Season, 20 plates, Leaves of Memory, Christian Keepsake, Gift of Friendship, Friendship's Offering, Floral Offering,*

*Lady's Scrap Book, Poetry of Flowers and Flowers of Poetry, Garland, Jewel, Moss Rose, Hyacinth, Mother's Present, Christmas Blossoms, Poets of America illustrated, Dictionary of Poetical quotations gilt, Religious Souvenir, Christian Keepsake.* Also, a large and splendid assortment of other Books suitable for Holiday Presents. Also, an extensive assortment of JUVENILE BOOKS, at low prices, and of the choicest character.

The above, with a general assortment of Miscellaneous Books have just been received from the Eastern markets at the lowest prices, and shall be afforded to purchasers at prices that cannot fail to please all. The Ladies and Gentlemen of Gettysburg and vicinity are invited to call and examine the extensive assortment of Books, &c. for sale by

KELLER KURTZ, Dec. 17, 1847.

## FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

A Large assortment of Annals & Gift Books, suitable for Presents at the approaching Holidays, has just been received at the Book and Stationery Store of H. H. BUEHLER, in Chambersburg street.

INCLUDING

*Friendship's Offering, The Opal, The Hyacinth, The Moss Rose, Christian Keepsake, Religious Souvenir, Poems by Amelia, Do. by Mrs. Sigourney, Child's Harold, Hood's Poems, &c., &c.,* together with a large variety of GIFT BOOKS, &c., for all ages—handsomely bound and embellished—all of which will be sold very low. Call and see them.

S. H. BUEHLER, Gettysburg, Dec. 10, 1847.

## GOLD PENS AND SILVER PEN-GIFTS.

Visiting and Printing Cards, Fancy Note Paper, Envelopes, Mosaic Wafers, Fancy Sealing Wax, Letter Stamps, &c., for sale by

S. H. BUEHLER, December 10.

## VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.

On Saturday the 15th of January next, at 1 o'clock, P. M. on the premises, THE subscriber will expose to Public Sale the valuable FARM on which he resides, situate in Cumberland township, Adams county, about 1/2 mile from Gettysburg, on the road leading to Mummansburg. It contains

**75 ACRES,** more or less, and adjoins lands of Moses M'Cloon, Poor-house, and others. The improvements are a good

**TWO-STORY HOUSE,** (part brick and part log) a good Barn, with Sheds all around it; a Corn Crib, an excellent Apple Orchard; a Spring of water near the Barn, and a good well convenient to the House. A fair proportion of the Farm is in excellent Meadow.—A L. S. O.

At the same time and place, will be sold, A TRACT OF WOODLAND, containing 6 ACRES, more or less, situate in the same township, and adjoining lands of Jacob Hankey, Geo. Miller, and others.

The Terms will be made known on the day of Sale by

DANIEL WELTY, December 17, 1847—61

## TAX COLLECTORS TAKE NOTICE.

ALL TAXES on Duplicates in hands of Collectors at the present time will be required to be paid on or before the 1st day of January, 1848. On all Taxes unpaid after that date, 6 per cent. Interest will be charged, according to law.

JOSEPH FINK, A. HEINTZELMAN, JACOB KING, Attorneys, J. Aughinbaugh, Clerk, Commissioners' Office, Gettysburg, Oct. 29, 1847.

## Mass Meeting of the Friends of TEMPERANCE.

THE Friends of Temperance will meet in Convention at the Hunterstown Church on NEW-YEAR'S DAY, at 10 o'clock, A. M. All the Societies in the county, and the friends of the cause generally, are earnestly requested to be in attendance and participate in the proceedings of the Convention.

The success of the cause depends upon the zeal and faithful efforts of its friends. Good speaking may be expected.

ROBERT M'ILHENNY, H. J. BAUGHER, JOHN NEELY, Hugh King, A. K. MYER, Aaron Watson, S. S. SCHNEIDER, John Wolford, Michael Staple, A. T. WRIGHT, E. W. STABLE, James Moore, Dec. 17, 1847. (Com. of Arrangement.)

## NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration on the Estate of SAMUEL JACOBS, late of Hamilton township, Adams county, dec'd, having been granted to the subscribers, residing in Adams county, they hereby give notice to all who are indebted to said Estate to call and pay the same without delay, and those having claims are desired to present the same, properly authenticated, for settlement.

GEORGE JACOBS, DAVID JACOBS, Administrators. Nov. 20, —61

## NOTICE.

LETTERS Testamentary on the Estate of JOHN RIFE, late of Franklin township, Adams county, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber, residing in the same township, notice is hereby given, to all persons indebted to said estate, to call and settle the same without delay, and those having claims against said estate are requested to present the same, properly authenticated, for settlement.

ANDREW RIFE, Executor. Dec. 3, 1847.—61

## NOTICE.

THE Account of THOMAS BLOCH, Assignee of GEORGE V. RICE, of Menallen township, having been presented to the Court of Common Pleas of Adams county—the said Court has appointed Monday the 17th day of January next, for the confirmation and allowance of said account.

A. B. KURTZ, Proth'y. Prothonotary's Office, Gettysburg, Dec. 24, 1847. 3\*

## AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

THE undersigned, Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Adams county, to distribute the Assets in the hands of JOHN DEARDORFF, Administrator of bonis non with the will annexed of DAVID M'CREARY, dec'd, to and amongst the Legatees, will sit for that purpose on Friday the 14th day of January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at the public house of A. B. KURTZ, in Gettysburg, where all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

ROBERT SMITH, Auditor. Dec. 24, 1848.—31

## HOUSE SPOUTING.

WILL be made and put up by the subscriber, who will attend promptly to all orders, and upon reasonable terms as can be procured at any establishment in the county.

GEO. E. BUEHLER, Gettysburg, October 15, 1847.

## ISABELLA NURSERY.

FRUIT TREES, of all kinds, (grafted in the root,) can be had of the subscriber on reasonable terms. Please call and judge for yourselves.

C. W. HOFFMAN.

## For the "Star and Banner." A DREAM.

Methought I stood upon that spot Where we so often met, And pray'd, what should be our lot, We never would forget. Those bright eyes smiled on me the same As in that joyous time, When hearts were warm'd with love's pure And confess'd me thine. [Name] We spoke of happiness, methought; That seem'd within our reach; And your warm, devoted love had brought A rose tint to my cheek; And as we knelt and pray'd, there came Sweet music all around, And angels whisper'd in the strain, "Their hearts are freely bound." I woke to find those days were gone When thou wert dear to me. I know that I have loved alone, Yet still I pray for thee, And with my latest breath will ask That thou mayst never know The pain, the agonies I have pass'd, The misery and woe. Hanover, Dec. 1847. S.

## For the "Star and Banner." LINES SUGGESTED BY THE DEATH OF A HUSBAND.

TOUR LAST WIFE WAS ONE WHOSE DEATH WAS A GREAT LOSS.

The lamp burns dim; the chamber is still, And death has entered the room; The clock strikes ten; 'tis the ominous toll Lamenting a soul to the tomb. The lamp burns dim; for long has it shone In fading consumption's weak eye. The consumptive's last words were these: "I know Oh, where is her mother, her sister, her brother? Not a soul breathes the stillness around; Is there none to embrace, none to sprinkle the tear, And no one to catch the last sound?" No, does not the butterfly seek a lone place, And alights, and flutters, and dies? Where's the one dearer off to die, Where's the one around him may hover, No, none of her kindred, nor mother, nor brother, Weeps over the frost-faded cheek. In a far land she left them and came, Seeking health, where the balmy breeze en- The lamp burns dim; the chamber is still, And death has entered the room; The clock strikes ten; 'tis the ominous toll Lamenting a soul to the tomb. The lamp burns dim; for long has it shone In fading consumption's weak eye. The consumptive's last words were these: "I know Oh, where is her mother, her sister, her brother? Not a soul breathes the stillness around; Is there none to embrace, none to sprinkle the tear, And no one to catch the last sound?" No, does not the butterfly seek a lone place, And alights, and flutters, and dies? Where's the one dearer off to die, Where's the one around him may hover, No, none of her kindred, nor mother, nor brother, Weeps over the frost-faded cheek. In a far land she left them and came, Seeking health, where the balmy breeze en-

## MAKING UP THE TRINITY CENTURY.

THEY had neither looked into heaven nor earth, neither into the sea nor land, as has been said since. They had philosophy without scale, astronomy without demonstration. They made war without powder, shot cannon or mortars; nay, the mob made their bonfires without quibbles or crackers. They went to sea without compass, and sailed without the needle. They viewed the stars without telescope, and measured altitudes without barometer. Learning had no printing-press, writing paper, and paper to ink. The lover was forced to send his mistress a dead letter for a love-letter, and a billet-doux might be of the size of an ordinary trencher. They were clothed without manufactures, and the richest robes were the skins of the most formidable monsters. They carried on trade without books, and correspondence without posts; their merchants kept no accounts, their shoe-makers no cash-books; they surgery without anatomy, and physicians without materia medica; they gave remedies without ipecacuana, and cured agues without bark.

Process of COINING GOLD.—The process of coining gold is very accurately yet succinctly described in a recent letter to the Boston Post. We condense the description as follows:—The miners have to grind the gold rock fine, keeping it wet constantly, and as it becomes fine it washes off. They have a hard kind of stone for grinding. They then mix quicksilver with it, and that collects the gold dust. It is washed out, dried, and goes through some kind of a heating process. The gold dust is then mixed with the superintendant of the mint. Sometimes the miners melt the dust and cast it into a bar before offering it at the mint. The melters take the gold dust, melt it, and cast it into a bar, when it is weighed accurately, and a piece is cut off for the assayer. He takes it, melts it with twice its weight of silver, and several times its weight of lead. It is melted in some small cups made of boneshells, which absorb all the lead, when a large part of the silver is extracted by another process, and the sample is then rolled out to a thin shaving, coiled up and put in a sort of glass vial called a matras, along with some nitric acid. The matras is put on a furnace, and the acid is boiled some time, poured off a new supply is put in, and boiled again. This is done several times till the acid has extracted all the silver and other mineral substances, leaving the sample pure gold. The sample is then weighed, and by the difference between the weight before assaying and after, the true value is formed. The gold, after it has been assayed, is melted, refined, and being mixed with its due proportion of alloy, (equal parts of silver and copper), is drawn into long strips, in shape not unlike an iron hoop for a cask; the round pieces cut out with a sort of punch, each piece weighed, and brought to the right size by a file, if too heavy, when it is melted, or the edge raised and put into a stamping press, whence it comes forth a perfect coin, bearing the endorsement of "U. S."

WIVES.—Women should be acquainted that no beauty has any charms but the inward one of the mind; and that a graceful engaging than that of their person; and that modesty and meekness are the true and lasting ornaments; for she that has these is qualified as she ought to be for the management of a family, for the education of children, for the affection of her husband, and submitting to a prudent way of living. These only are the charms that render amiable, and give them the best title to our respect.

AWFUL WARNING.—"My son," said an old turbaned Turk one day, taking his child by the hand in the street of Cairo and pointing out to him, on the opposite side, a Frenchman just imported, in all the elegance of Parisian costume; "My son, look there—if ever you forget God and His Prophet, you may come to look like that!"

## AN ENRAGED ELEPHANT.

A Terrible Scene at the Philadelphia Menagerie.

Columbus, one of the large Elephants belonging to Raymond & Warring's extensive Menagerie, in Philadelphia, became irritated and turned upon his keeper, on Thursday last. The Philadelphia News gives the following account of the thrilling scene that ensued:

His keeper, William Kelley, was preparing him for the afternoon performance, and in consequence of being struck, he seized Mr. K. with his trunk, and raising him into the air, dashed him twice to the ground with the utmost violence, breaking his right leg and thigh in a most shocking manner, and causing many other serious injuries. The peculiar cry of the enraged animal, as he seized Mr. K., warned those in the other part of the building of what was going on, and rushing to the quarter where the elephant was kept, they succeeded in snatching the wounded man out of the way as he was about being seized a third time. He then commenced a general demolition of every thing within his reach, tearing a number of cages to atoms, and hurling their fragments in every direction.

At this time the utmost terror and excitement prevailed. On first coming from his quarters, he proceeded round the room, as if in search of some one, and then returning, seized with his trunk a large cage containing two hyenas, a wolf, a jackal, and some twenty monkeys, and carrying it into the room, after whirling it a moment in the air, dashed it into a thousand fragments upon the floor, scattering the animals, and killing some of the smaller ones. Some ran away and hid themselves, while others, terror-stricken and furious, ran about the room howling hideously. Two elephant dogs were then procured and thrown into the ring. These dogs are used in India to hunt the elephant, and are trained to avoid fear and attack him while he is feeding, attacking him in the most vulnerable parts, and holding him until he can be secured. But on this occasion they were struck by the elephant, and so maimed as to be entirely useless. They were accordingly removed, and preparations made for shooting the animal, by order of Mayor Swift, who having been sent for shortly after the accident to the keeper, proceeded immediately to the scene with a large body of the police. A great crowd had by this time assembled round the doors on Walnut street and George, and the large police force was hardly sufficient to keep back the crowd, who, despite the danger, stood anxious to rush in and witness the terrible scene of havoc.

In the meantime the elephant was doing great damage to all the fixtures of the establishment within his reach, tearing down railings, demolishing the arena, and shivering every living like wood-work to atoms. Herr Driesbach, who was present, used every effort to intimidate and subdue the animal by his well known voice, but in vain. A grappling hook, with a strong rope attached, was thrown into the ring, with a view to catch it in the animal's hide, the thickness of which, however, proved impervious to the assault. Thirty or forty muskets had been procured from the arsenal of the Washington Guards, in Franklin Hall, and these were loaded and kept in readiness for use, in the city watch-house, in George street, adjoining the back of the menagerie, in the event of the animal's escaping, as his vicious character was well known. Loaded muskets were also placed in the saloon of the building for the use of those who were in the side boxes endeavoring to catch the elephant.

At length a plan was suggested by Mr. J. L. Nathan, of Welsh's National Circus, which proved successful, being similar to that used in Charleston a few years ago. A strong rope was tied in a running noose in such a position that the elephant, in running at that rope placed in its position, must tread in the noose. This he did, and immediately the persons who had hold of the rope pulled, and succeeded in catching him by one of the fore-legs, when a strong force was at once mustered, and efforts made to pull him to the recess at the south-west corner of the building; but the animal, now more furious than ever, ran towards the boxes which descend from the front gallery to the arena, and in endeavoring to ascend, crushed the steps, &c., to atoms with his immense weight, tearing up the benches, on either side of him as far as up one-fourth of the ascent, landing the pieces at the same time in every direction, and leaving the place in perfect wreck. Finding that it would not sustain his weight, he retreated into the arena, where, after some trouble, a number of large hooks attached to ropes, were very adroitly fastened into his ears, and he was then hauled up into the recess before mentioned, where, by the self-possession and courage of Herr Driesbach, he was completely subdued.

During the enactment of all these exciting and alarming scenes, the Mayor, accompanied by a number of the police, made his appearance, and gave such orders as the circumstances of the place called for, and the police were stationed in the front and in the rear of the building on George street. Two six-pounders were placed, one in front and the other at the back of the Menagerie, with a view to shoot the animal should he attempt to make his escape at either point. A number of small arms were also brought, to be used in the event of the smaller animals escaping from their cages. Fortunately, however, there was no necessity for using them. Not less than two thousand persons were assembled outside the building, and about fifty in the interior of it, and the crowd did not disperse till about six o'clock in the evening.

INTELLIGENT FREEMEN.—During the canvass of '44, from a certain newspaper office in Connecticut projected a flag, inscribed "Polk, Dallas, Oregon and Texas." Two men viewing it one day, one ejaculated, "They will get my vote." "And mine, too," was the reply; "they are four as likely men as there are in the United States."

## HEATING THE POKER.—When Doctor Franklin was agent in England for the Province of Pennsylvania, he was frequently applied to by the Ministry for his opinion respecting the Stamp Act; but his answer was universally the same—that the people of America would never submit to it. After the news of the destruction of the stamped paper had arrived in England, the Minister again sent for the Doctor to consult with, and in conclusion offered this proposal: That if the Americans would engage to pay for the damage done in the destruction of the stamped paper, &c., the Parliament would then repeal the Act. The Doctor, having paused for some time, at last answered it as follows: "This puts me in mind of a Frenchman, who, having his poker red-hot, ran furiously into the street, and addressed the first Englishman he met there:—'Halt! Monsieur, give me de plaisir, de satisfaction, to let me run de poker only one foot into yer body!'—'My body!' replied the Englishman, 'what do you mean?'—'Vel den, so far!' marking about six inches.—'Are you mad?' returned the other; 'I tell you if you don't mind your own business, I'll knock you down.'—'Vel den,' said the Frenchman, softening his voice and manner, 'well, you, my good sir, only be so obliging as to pay me for de trouble and expense of heating de poker!'"

## FROM MAJOR JOHN CROCKET.

Correspondence of the "Star and Banner," CHUCKARVILLE, (U States), Dec. 10, 1847.

MR. EDITOR:—I promised in my last letter to let you hear from me all about my trip down to Mexico. Well, it was not long after I returned from my trip to Havana, that the President sent for me to see him. So I hurried right off, and when I came to him I truly thought he would have tore all the hair out of his head, and rubbed his hands to pieces. He was first pulling his hair, then wringing his hands, then clasping them to his forehead, and so on; when I saw to him, "Why, President, what is the matter with you?" He then wiped me, and at once jumped up and seized me by the hand, and gave me such a hearty shake as I have not had since that ternal thing they call the Agur gave me such an all-fired one down on the Rio Grande, and says he, "Oh, Major, Major! but I'm glad to see you. I know you are my true friend, and I've got into so much trouble with this cursed Mexican war, and what makes it so much worse is, I know that I am all to blame for bringing it on. Now, to tell you the truth, Major, I did not think it would last long. I thought there would be only a few battles, and then Santa Anna would get at the head of affairs in Mexico; and if he would give some of our fellows a lick he would then be satisfied that he had saved his honor, and would be willing to give me that part of Mexico that I want to see; that I might ride into the Presidential chair on its back the next term, as I did on the back of the 'Texan annex business' the last term. But I find it's not going the way I wanted it at all. Santa Anna gets licked whenever he goes to, and now he's so all-fired mad at me, that he won't agree to do any thing; and I'm sure it ain't my fault, for I did not send down half as many men to Mexico as Congress wanted me to do, and I did not give General Scott more than quarter as many men as he wanted, and I took nearly all the men from General Taylor, and wherever Santa Anna went to fight either of them he always had four or five times as many men as they had. Now, Major, I want to see if you can think of some plan or way to get him into a good humor again, so that we get this annex business on a fair way again; for I find that it is an up-hill business without his consent. Now, if we annex a place we can't hold it without keepin an army right on the spot to blow the fellows' brains out if they don't keep quiet, and you know that that is ruinin the whole country over head and heels in debt."

"Well," said I, "President, I think I've got it now, and I'll just let you what my plan would be. I'll appoint a Lieutenant General."

"A Lieutenant General, Major?"

"Yes, a Lieutenant General!"

"Why, Major, for what?"

"Well, I'll tell you, (but we must be very quiet about it, or I'll ruin us.) You know old General Scott is at the head of the army, and old Taylor is next to him, and they are both Whigs, or Federalists as father Ritchie would call them. They are both enemies of Santa Anna, and would, I believe in my souls, fight and lick his whole army if either of them had but fifty men. So you see, President, if you want to get Santa Anna into a good humor again, and want him to help you in this annex business, you must not keep either of them at the head of the army; and the only way to get that out of their hands is to appoint a Lieutenant General—that is, a General to have command of the whole army, and have control of civil government into the bargain—something like a power that a King possesses. Now, that the Constitution does not allow such an appointment, but you know that the democrats have a large majority in Congress, and they will just do as you want them, and old father Ritchie will say it all right. And there is another thing I want to tell you; when you do appoint a Lieutenant General, you must not take any of the great Generals, but a man that knows nothing about military tactics. And by the time he learns how to manage an army, Santa Anna will be in a better humor, and you'll be able to fix that annex business to the satisfaction of both of you, and then you'll have the satisfaction that he would be content to give up the ghost, if it were but to look up and read the stone-cutter's puff on his grave."

"A pretty idea,—De P.—who is attached to the Parisian theatre in quality of a physician, expressed his astonishment that man and woman were not created at the same time, instead of the latter springing from the rib of our first parent. A young actress standing by, remarkable for the graceful turn which she gives to the expression of her ideas, immediately said:—'Was it not natural, sir, for the flower to come after the stem?'"

An Irish rover, speaking of an opponent's love of praise, described him as so vain in that respect that he would be content to give up the ghost, if it were but to look up and read the stone-cutter's puff on his grave.

"Bob, is that dog of yours a pointer?"

"No, he is half pointer and half setter; he hunts for bones when he is hungry, and sits by the stove when he is satisfied."

THE RETOR SURGICAL.—At a late examination of the College of Surgeons, a candidate was asked by Abernethy, what he would do if a man were blown up by gunpowder? "Why," coolly answered the tyro, "wait till he comes down again."

"True," said Abernethy: "and suppose I kicked you for such an impudent reply: what muscles should I put in motion?" "Why," replied the young man, "the flexors and extensors of my arm, for I should floor you immediately."

A fellow describing his wife, to whom he had been recently married, to an absent friend, said, "she has a small mouth, a plump pretty face, lively eyes, and a temper—whew! it's as explosive as gun-cotton!"

"Tommy," said a tender-hearted mother to her little son, "what on earth did you throw that kitten into the well for?" "Oh, coz I was crazy." "Come to your ma, you darling little cherub!"

DESCRIBING BY CONTRASTS.—"Simpson, you've been at Washington often, and must have seen Cave Johnson—what sort of a man is he?" "Why, you've heard of the Mammoth Cave, hav'nt you?" "Yes." "Well, that isn't him."