

## MISCELLANY

**ANCIENT BILL OF LADING.**—An old fashioned bill of lading was exhibited yesterday in letter press by Thor C. Gallagher, Esq., of this city, for insertion among the "Advertiser's" curiosities.

"I have seen bills of this kind before, of slave ship owners, in which the bills appeal to the Almighty seemed strangely incongruous with the purposes of the voyage.

The form of the annexed bill of lading was preserved as late as 1810, if not later, in documents of this character sent from England to America, and now, though later I cannot say, is still in existence."

**JM No. 1435 SHIPPED BY THE D.M. & CO'S. Goods of G.O.D., etc.**—D.M. & Co., No. 52 good Order, and well conditioned, by Daniel, Meade, Esq., etc., and upon the good ship called the Virginian—whereof is Master under GOD for this present voyage, John Asby, by GOD'S Grace bound for Bristol, to say

**Five Hds. of Tobacco, on Act;**  
**Risque of the Shipper.**—This bill of lading was exhibited in the Marsh, and is to be delivered in the like good Order, and well conditioned, the aforesaid Port of Bristol, (the Danger of the Seas only excepted) unto Messrs. Farrell & Jones, Merchants, or to their assignees, so they pay freight for the same Goods, at Eight Pounds per Ton with Freight, and all expenses.

In Witness whereof, the Master of the said Ship has affixed to Two Bills of Lading, all of this, Tenour and Date, the one of which is to be delivered to the other, to stand void, and not paid.

John Asby,  
Dated in Virginia, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1774.

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Bills being accomplished, the

Master of the said Ship to be desired to go to the desired Port in Safety.

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About the time that these bills of lading were giving place to the modern form, Franklin advertised that at his printing office bills of lading could be obtained "with or without the grace of God."

**The Gold Room in Windsor Castle.**—The whole collection in what is called the Gold Room at Windsor Castle, is valued at twelve millions of dollars.

There are glass cases like a silversmith's shop, and behind the glass are the principal pieces. There is a number of gold and silver articles, and many pieces presented by the merchants of Liverpool to the late William the Fourth, long before he was King, in reward for his advocacy of the slave-trade! with the inscription telling the tale. There is a salver of immense size, made from the gold snuff-boxes alone, of George the Fourth.

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