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Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

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A Good Joke. A travelling dandy put up at a tavern in a neighboring town, not very long since, when he concluded to spend the Sabbath.

The dandy replied to the clergyman he arose with all the grace of an exquisite at the commencement of the prayer, and stood very gracefully as he supposed, with the borrowed watch.

READ THIS, GIRLS.—Girls are always crying about something. The most delightful moments of their existence are spent in crying.

A CHAFFY SPEECH.—Mr. Lapstone, the shoemaker, then arose and said, "Mister Cheerman, my voice is still for war."

CUSTOM.—A number of English shoe dealers once made a voyage to the Cape of Good Hope, to sell shoes to the Hottentots.

WARRANTY.—A young apprentice to the shoemaking business, lately asked his master what answer he should make to the oft repeated question, "Does your master warrant his shoes?"

A lady once heard a man preach, and was so enraptured with him that she sent him a letter to the following effect:—"Dear Sir, There's my hand, (my heart you have already) with my for one, which is considerable. Will you accept? I am &c., Anna."

A learned clergyman in Maine, was accosted in the following manner by an illiterate preacher, who despised education:—"Sir, you have been to college, I suppose?"

GRADUAL INDEBT.—A theatrical manager once apologized for the absence of a favorite actor, on account of sudden indisposition.

LONG HAIR.—Among the recently discovered disadvantages of long hair, is a case in which a lady mistook a genteel soaplock's curls for her muff.

A POLITE DEB.—The editor of the Amoskeag Representative killed a mouse, and put this notice on the outside of his door:—"Closed in consequence of a death in the family."

Whiskers Erect.

A person who cultivates his Whiskers, is apt to neglect his mind.—Sammons said that.

Ours grows spontaneously.—Col. Greene. It is much that I'll ask you to leave me I'll own, But Oh! leave me my Whiskers, and leave me alone.—N. O. Pic.

Son! hie't man wort nach Deutscher art, Und schwur bei seinem bar; Allein seit langer zeiten her Da tragt man keine barte mehr.—Seume, 1841.

Time was when Germans kept their word, When sworn to by their beard; No more, Alas! the oath is heard, For beards have disappeared.

Quart.

Did not from this arise The epithet of bare-faced lies.—Democrat.

Oh, how much time there has been lost! What toil and trouble it has cost To evade the chin!

And that the torture to the head! What loss of blood there have been shed! How many colors colored red By loss of skin!

"How like a bear around thy throat! O, what a chin! a gait! a gait!"

Some people shout, Is that the reason then you shave? Are you to beasts so much the slave? Then don't your beards and trouble save, As you go without.—Norfolk Gaz.

Description of the African Potatoe.

The YAM MASSICO, or potatoe of St. Domingo, and supposed to be a native of Africa, is raised in the garden of Mr. John Michel, of Charleston, from cuttings of the fruit.

It does not produce a the earth, but grows upon a vine which runs upon trees to the height of twenty or thirty feet. Each vine bears, more or less numerous, from twenty to thirty potatoes of the kind here shown.

Any of them are twice or thrice the size of these, while others are smaller. The vine is rich and luxuriant; the ut issues from the several joints, is large and beautifully shaped like a heart.

The plant readily grows in open air, and, it is thought, would be particularly fruitful in a warm, sandy region like arnwell, if planted with a southern exposure, against woods upon the orth.

The woods would serve for a to run upon, which, in the garden Mr. Michel, is planted a foot of the ze which supports its fruit. This potatoe is described as being superior in vor to the Irish potatoe. It is not get. It is cooked in the same way as all other potatoes—may be boiled, baked or roasted, and when cooked is said to be of a bright Gamboge color.

The Importance of Water.

The best water for horses is soft, fresh and pure rain, river or pond water; and it is absolutely necessary, to preserve health in the stable, that a constant and ample supply should be on the premises.

In order to effect this, when well or spring water is the only water to be obtained, it should be put into troughs having some clay and chalk at the bottom, and softened before use by the exposure to the sun and air.

Durable Polish for Furniture.

Take your table to the cabinet maker and make him plane off the wax or varnish, then take some very fine sifted brick dust, mix a little sweet oil with it, just enough to make it stick together like flour: rub this mixture on the wood with a pumice stone, until it is perfectly smooth: then add some spirits of wine or strong old whiskey, and continue rubbing until you have the required polish, which will be the more beautiful and far more durable than varnish.

Substitute for the Sun.

The newly invented light of M. Gaudin, on which experiments were recently made at Paris, is an improved modification of the well known invention of Lieut. Drummond.

Oxymel.

The Oxymel of the ancients, or a weak solution of vinegar sweetened with honey, is an excellent drink for invalids. It gives tone and vigor to the stomach and bowels, and is strongly antiseptic.

To PRESERVE HAMS FROM FLIES.

Take down the Bacon early in the spring, and after sunning for several hours, prepare a kettle of strong decoction of elder, made by boiling tops and bark, and while hot, immerse each piece, holding it in a few seconds, then hang up and smoke well (as before) with green hickory.

ELDER.—An infusion of elder leaves

is recommended by an English paper, as good to sprinkle over rose buds and other flowers subject to blights and the devastation of insects.—[lb.

CHEAP BLACKING.—To make a cheap

blacking, take ripe elder berries and mash them well, and after fermentation takes place, strain out and bottle up for use. I give it the preference to all liquid blacking that I have tried.—[lb.

EARLY TURNIPS.—Sow spring turnips

in February, or early in the spring, as soon as the earth can be found in order to receive the seed: they come on at a time of scarcity of vegetables, and are much tenderer and better than those kept over winter. An hour or two is sufficient time to sow enough for a few weeks use. I have raised them the two last seasons, and my neighbors and friends seem to admire them very much.—[lb.

DRIED PUMPKINS.—The potatoe pump-

kin, or kershaw, when cut in small pieces and kiln dried like fruit, put in bags and sunned occasionally, can be kept for pies the year round, and is generally preferred by children to a fruit pie, and easily cooked. This we dry when fruit is scarce.—[lb.

To DESTROY RATS AND MICE.—The

following has been recommended for this purpose, and is worth the trial. Take equal quantities of powdered oatmeal and unslacked lime; mix them by stirring, without adding any liquid, and put a small quantity in a place infested by rats or mice; they will swallow this preparation, become thirsty, and the water they will drink will slack the lime, and destroy them.

MANURE IN ENGLAND.—Dr. Ure states

says Mr. Webster, the extraordinary fact, that the value of the manure annually applied to the crops in England, at current prices, surpasses in value the whole amount of their foreign commerce.

Improvement in Boat Building.

IMPORTANT.—An eighty foot boat can be made to pass through a sixty foot lock. In all boats there are spaces, fore and aft, which carry no burden, and are necessary only to facilitate their motion through the water.

Rotary Engine.

An engine upon this principle has been recently tried in Leeds, England, in the presence of several engineers. Its enormous power in so small a compass, (the whole machinery, with the exception of the fly-wheel, being contained in a box two and three quarters inches in depth and ten inches diameter.) surprised every one present; the speed was tremendous, making from 600 to 700 revolutions per minute.

Father Matthew and the Physicians.

The above reverend gentleman appears to differ very much from the faculty; and although he does not seem anxious to enter the list with them, still he has run full tilt against them on some important points. At the late meeting at Johnstown, Father Matthew alluded to the custom of the physicians in recommending delicate ladies to drink porter.

ANTIDOTE AGAINST MARRIAGE.—Joy

says that if a man feels very much like getting married, yet imagines he ought not to, the best remedy he knows of, is to help one of his neighbors move a house full of furniture—borrow about nine of his children for three days, and hear them cry. If that fail, build up a fire of damp wood, and when the smoke in the room is thickest, hire a woman to scold him about four hours. If he can stand all these, he had better get married the next day; give his wife the pants, and be the "silent partner" in the great firm of matrimony.

POURING ROOMS.—The late President

John Adams, in his correspondence with Mr. Cunningham, gives the following definition of a Boudoir. An excellent idea—a thing that might possibly be found useful in many dwellings:—"What is a Boudoir? It is a Pouring Room. And what is a Pouring Room? In many gentlemen's houses in France there is an apartment of an octagonal form, twelve or fifteen feet across, and thirty-six or forty-five feet round, and all the eight sides, as well as the ceiling above, are all of the most polished glass mirrors; so that when a man stands in every direction, multiplied into a row of selves, as far as the eye can extend.

WOMAN.—The hour of adversity is women's

hour. In the full blaze of fortune's rich meridian, her modest beam retires from vulgar notice; but when the clouds of woe collect around us, and shades and darkness dim the wandrer's path, that chaste and lovely light shines forth to cheer him, an emblem and an emanation of the heavens.

NEWSPAPERS.—A newspaper can drop

the same thought into a thousand minds at the same moment. A newspaper is an adviser, who does not require to be sought, but who comes to you of his own accord, and talks to you briefly every day of the common weal, without distracting your private affairs.

NEWSPAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

According to a recent calculation, there are now one thousand five hundred and fifty-five newspapers and other periodicals published in this country; two hundred and sixty-seven in New England, (Massachusetts one hundred and twenty-four); two hundred and seventy-four in the state of New York; two hundred and fifty-three in Pennsylvania, and one hundred and seventy-four in Ohio.

Horrible Adventure.

At the period when Murat was about to invade Sicily, the Chevalier R——, paymaster general of the Neapolitan forces, was travelling through Calabria for the purpose of joining the army, having been to Naples to make arrangements for the transmission of a quantity of specie.

A USEFUL.—A Utterer who took 9 per cent,

instead of 6, the legal rate, was asked if he ever thought of what God would say to his extortionist. "Oh yes," replied he, "but when God looks down from heaven, the 9 will look like a 6."

PRETTY FAIR.—A London paper says that

a Yankee has offered Congress to build ships of India Rubber, containing more valuable properties than either wooden or iron vessels. Congress is said to have thrown every discouragement in his way, fearing that in sailing across the Line, the ships may rub it out.

To a person who regretted to the celebrated Dr.

Stimul Johnson that he had not been a clergyman, because he considered the life of a clergyman an easy and comfortable one, the doctor made this memorable reply:—"The life of a conscientious clergyman is not easy. I have always considered a clergyman as the father of a larger family than he is able to maintain. No, sir, I do not envy a clergyman's life as an easy life; nor do I envy the clergyman who makes it an easy life."

When Oliver Cromwell, accompanied by his

Secretary Thurlow, once went to dine with the Lord Mayor, the populace rent the air with their congratulations, and the streets echoed with "Lanz live my lord Protector!" "Your Highness," said the Secretary, "may see by this that you have the voice of the people as well as the voice of God with you." "As to God," observed Cromwell, "we will not talk here about him, but for the populace, they would be just as noisy and perhaps rejoiced if you and I were going to be hanged!"

EVADING THE CUSTOM.—A certain retailer in

the liquor line, finding that the state of his finances would not admit of his keeping "open house" on New Years, very sagaciously killed a mouse, and put this notice on the outside of his door:—"Closed in consequence of a death in the family."

CAPITAL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The grand total capital of Great Britain and Ireland is estimated at £2,629,000,000. The value of all sorts of public property is £103,000,000. Lands, ships, canals, rail roads, bridges, mines, timber, crops, &c., is estimated at £2,945,000,000. Furniture, apparel, plate, specie, money in chancery, savings banks, &c., estimated at £580,000,000. The national debt is about £764,000,000.