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From the Louisville Journal. MELODIA.

I met once, in my girlish hours, A creature soft and warm-Her cottage bonnet filled with flowers Hung swinging on her arm; Her voice was sweet as the voice of lave. And her t eth were as pure as pearls, While her forchead lay like a snow while dove In a rest of nur-brown curis; She was a thing unknown to fime-Medodia was her strange sweet name.

I never saw an eye so bright And yet so soft as her's; It sometimes swam in liquid light, And sometimes swam in tears : It seemed a beauty set apart For softness and for sighs. But oh! Mel.dia's milting heart Was sofie: than her eves ; For they were only formed to spreid The softness from her spirit shed.

I've gaz'd on many a brighter face, But ne'er on one for years. Where beauty left so s fi a trace As it had left on hers ; But who can paint the spell that wove A brightness round the whole ! 'I'would take an angel from above To paint the immortal soul-To trace the light, the unborn grace, The spirit sparkling o'er her face.

Her bosom was a soft retreat For love, and love alone, And yet her heart had never beat To love's delicious tone ; It dwelt within the circle free From tender thoug its like these, Waiting the little deity As the blossom waits the breeze, Refore it throws its 1 aves apart And trembles like the love-touched heart.

She was a creature strange as fair, First mounful and then wild, Now laughing on the clear bright air As merry as a child. Then melting down as soft as even, Beausth some new control, She'd throw her hazel eyes to Heaven And sing with all her sou', In tones as rich as some young bird's, Wartling her own de ightful words.

Melodia! oh how soft thy darts, How gentle and how sweet? Thy song enchanced a thousand hearts And drew them to thy feet ; And as thy bright lips sang they caught So beautiful a ray, That, as I gazed. I almost thought The spirit of the lay Had left while melting on the air Its sweet expression painted th re.

Sweet vision of that starry even ! Thy virgin's beauty yet, Next to the blessed hope of Heaven, Is in my spir is set; It is a something shrined apart-A light from memory shed, To five until this tender heart On which it laves is dead, Remind ng me of brighter hoursa Of aummer eyes, and summer flowers. AMELIA.

SUNBURY AMERICAN.

AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL.

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there Is no app al but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despatism .- Javanasov.

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, February 27, 1841.

By Masser & Elsely.

A Scotch Don Juan.

and carefulness : and as we are now in a gossiping humor, I will relate an anecdote to prove it. A relation of mine, a merchant in the Dutch trade, who had then been a resident of New York fif- experiments, and is among the most in- full dark eyes, hit expansive forchea', and his teen or twenty years, had in his possession a silk umbrella of uncommon large proportions, which attracted the notice of a friend in company, who said to him in jest, "I should not be surprised to hear that you had brought out that umbrella with you from Holland." "You have guessed right," he replied, "I did bring it when I came to this country, and have had it in constant use ever since ; but I sent it once during the time to Holland to be newly covered." Now this gentleman was liberal and charita. ble, but he took good care of his umbrella, and died worth a million of dol-

In the days of which we have been speaking, there was but one bank in the this one, which was the subject of parcity, the Bank of New York, in Pearl street, then Hanover Square, of which Mr. Wm. Seton was cashier, and Mr. in a thriving condition, and weighing Betsey in due time presented the worthy Baronet impregnable. The seamen were landed and a fire and is, we understand shortly to be consumated in Charles Wilkes was first teller. Those were the blessed days of specie currency; and if you will indulge me, and meal, with a little raw corn thrown to He felt the pulse of his patient, gramined her tangue, to their tawn, and created great consternation. It laugh at me instead of frowning at me, I will describe how pleasantly it work- poured upon the meal, and thoroughly ed. The few notes which were given mixed to scald it; this cooked it in some out by the merchants and shop keepers. (and the sequel will show how few they must have been,) were collected of cool, and in this way three pecks of course through the bank. Michael meal made about a barrel of food. Boyle, the rnnner, (how delightfully do his jocund laugh and pleasant countenance mix up with the recollections of my earlier years !) called several days before the time, with a notice that the note would be due on such a day, and payment expected three days thereaf. ter.

lars.

When the day arrived, the same person called again with a canvass bag, counted the money in half dollars, quarters, and sixpences, (those abominable disturbers of the people's peace, bank notes, were scarcely known in those days.) carried it to the bank, and then sallied out to another debtor; and so all the notes were collected in this great commercial city, and in such a circumscribed circledid its operations revolve. that made from vegetable food. Well do I remember Michael Boyle, running round from Peacl street to Maiden Lana, Broadway, and William streat, (the business limits of which district, happily for him, did not extend north of the present Fulton street,) panting under the load of a bag of silver, a sort of locomotive sub-treasurer, or the embodiment of a specie circular.

Those were the days of frugality | Rapid Growth of Swine--Method of Feeding. We give the system of feeding swine as practised with success by one who haps, since the time of Lord Byron, has a hansomer has much experience, has made many face been seen than that of Sir G. Waterfort. His The Explaining Expedition had arrived there. telligent on this subject. We do not small and gentlemanly hand, distinguished him a- on the 24 h of July last of Lieut J. A. Underwood, ed that the tender hearted damsel had, at the very suppose that this mode of feeding is mong all the ladies of this part of the country. No- and Midshipman Witkes Henry, a nephew of Capwell suited to the farmer, who can feed thing was so dangerous to their peace of mind as tain Wilkes, in the most treacherous manner, by the with less expense on apples, pumpkins, his conversation, and nothing so seductive as his natives of Malola, one of the Fiji group. These ly, (according to report) took occasionally "a leet's and a larger proportion of roots, but it little flatteries. In short, he turned all their heads, unfortunate officers having gone ashore with but shows a method of using grain to ad- But Sir Charles had a ruinous vice, which tlighted few men, were attacked and killed almost instantly, painful necessity of addressing her "fondly loved vantage, which will be interesting to everything. He was gomb'er. He had espoused but not until they had shot four of their assailants, every one.

> As to the growth in this case, it was made him a rich man; for he had four wives, who fore they had employed in tracking boats over the not ascertained with precision, except- were all dead, and slept forever in the same tomb, reef .- The men with them we e wounded, but es ing in one instance. A pig was weigh- To day So Charles Waterfort appeared b fore a capid. ed at 85 lbs., and in four and a half days he was weighed again on the same having attempted the death of his wife, Lady pulled in and comminced a well directed fire upon balance, and in the same state as to Betsey Rap, by statuation. At the commencement the savages, under cover of which, Lieut. Allen pletly subdued. The words "I love you as pure'y fulness, and his weight was 95 lbs. It of the present year this lady, contrary to the wishes landed and brought off the badies, which were en- as ever," were too potent. D. termined not to forfeit was supposed that other pigs in the of her family, married Sir Charles, sleady four times tirely stripped. Had not the natives been fully ocherd gained as much, if not more than ticular experiment.

There were 50 pigs in the herd, all on an average about 75 lbs. each. They were fed twice a day on scalded corn them at each time. Boiling water was measure, and in a short time cold water bread must enter her lips. was added, so as to make it sufficiently

About half a bushel of raw sugar beets was given three times a day. With the meal was a small quantity of salt fish which was put into the water as it was heating. This was for seasoning. Beeves' liver were also given.

This lot of pigs usually eat about the following quantities per day; 1 1-2 bushels meal; 5 to 8 lbs, old cheap salt fish ; 1 1-2 bushels beets, and 25 livers. The above food would be very cheap, excepting the livers, the price of which we do not know, and in making exceltent pork we should choose to dispense with them. The hog is doubtless partially carniverous, and will thrive better for having some animal food, but it does not produce pork so palatable as 1 1-2 bushels meal, 73 ets. \$1.05

Salt fish, old and cheap, 1 1-2 bushels sugar beets,

FOUR WINES MURDERSD-A STARVED NO- MURDER OF TWO OF THE OFFICERS BY CANNIBALS. THER FATING HER OWN CHILD, &c .- Never, per-

rich and noble ladies, whose dowries should have who were the very men that but a few minutes be-

juy, in company with a Dr. Black, charged with The Squadron's boats being near, immediately with an heir to his title. Her ladyship one day was opened up in it, but without much effect, antil feeling slightly indisposed, Dr. Black was called in. a rocket, or "flying spirit," as they called it, set fire and prescribed a diet. The diet was continued, was finally carried by assault. The natives fought and the unfortunate lady was almost mad. Noth- well, and even stood a charge of bayonet, but were ing but liquids was allowed her-not a particle of finally beaten at all points. Seventy or more were

In a fit of del rium she snatched up has infant, and scened in the very act of devouring it to sutia- have always been noted for their ferocity and treachfy the cravings of nature, when the piercing criss of ery, and cannibalism, characteristics which it seems the child brought the father into the room, who | they fully retain. could not hear the thought of loosing the child, although he had planed the distruction of the mother. To save the child he ordered food to be given to the parent, and thus to a sort of paternal instinct, against which the hardened heart of Sir Charles of their own lives. They were buried on a small was not quite proof, her indyship owed her preser. uninhabited island of Underwood's Group, which

Sir Charles Waterfort was further charged with having, by the assistance of Dr. Black, caused the death of his four first wives by the same means, in order to get their fortunes, for the purpose of liquidating the debts which his gambling propensities and children, and these, I am sorry to say, are by were continually incurring. The noble prosecutrix simply stated the fact that she had been starved, as group." above stated, but said she had nothing more to say against the prisoner. Twenty-one witnesses were examined in proof of the facts of the case, consisting of the servants and tenantry of the accused B aro-

net. Both prisoners were found guilty, and sentence-10 ed to twenty years transportation. 25

PRICES OF ADVERTISING.

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length of time they are to be published, will be continued until ordered out, and charged accordingly.

CJ'Sisteen lines make a square.

AN INCIDENT.

A very beautiful young lady on the Point, not long since, signed her name to a temperance pledge, one article of which prohibited her receiving the affectionate attention of any young gentleman who was in any way given to intemperance. It happentime she put her name to the paper, a beau with whom she was well pleased, but who, unfortunatetoo much." The maiden was therefore under the one"a polite note, stating her situation, the nature of the pledge she had taken, and the impossibility of her ever after receiving his attention as a lover, "I love you as purely as ever," was the language of the note, but my word has gone forth, and honor bids ma respond to your kindness only in tha light of a friend." The young man found himself come such devoted affection, he sought the earliest opporwidower. She had long loved him, and it was in cupied in carrying off their own dead, the bodies tunity to become a temperance advocate himself, vain that her family remonstrated with her and would have been taken away and devoured. Cap:, signed the pledge and is now a member of the Washe pointed out the mysterious fate of the four deceased W. immediately made preparations for attacking ington Temperance Society. Young love's dream wives. The marriage was celebrated and Lady their town and fort, which the savages considered with them has sheady brightened into engagement, matrimony. Powerful and beautiful is thy influence, oh woman!

Explosion of an "Infernal Machine,"

The local day

Some time last summer, a common soap box, directed to "Peter Weed, Wilkes Durkee, care of Mr. Kelsey, Birmingham " Oakland County, was left, by some unknown pers n, at the Eog'e Tavern, in this city. It has remained unclaimed, and almost unnoticed, in the baugage room ever since. On Saturday night, however, Mr. Lawson, the keeper of the hotel, having occasion to be in the baggage room, tossed the box over with his foot, when an explosion casued, which knocked the siding off the room-tore away the partitions-broke in the eashes of six or eight windows-tore up the floorseveral of the jo sis-and severely injured Mr. I .--particularly in his hands, from which he will loss one or two of his fingers.

An examination of the fragments, resulted in the discovery of what had constituted a very strong oak; en box, capable of holding two or three pounds of powder, which had been fustened together with two strong iron bands. Attached to this box was a steel spring, to which appeared to have been attached a small hammer, which was doubtless construct, ed to strike upon a percussion cap, the explosion of which would communicate with the oaken deposit of powder;-the whole doubtless designed to explode upon the opening of the box which encased it.

The explosion was as destructive as would have

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Letters and papers from the Sandwich I-lands to

The papers contain the particulars of the murder

the 24th October have been received at New York.

New York Fifty Years ago.

The Hen. Philip Hone, a distinguishd merchant of New York, in a recent ecture before the Mercantile Library Association, remarked :

rief period of less than fifty years, and arrived, and the packages were opened in the warehouses of Messrs, Waddington, Rowlett & Corp, or Douglass & Shaw, notice was sent to the shopkeepers, who went down to Pearl street, and each selecting the articles he wanted, the whole importation was bought up; and a bill of five hundred dollas would have brought down upon the purchaser the jealousy of his neighbors, and occasioned serious alarm to the importer.

It is a fact difficult to realize, that at the time I am speaking of, French drygoods were unknown in New York .---I distincly recollect the first package of French kid gloves, and for several years after the peace, English lutestrings were the only silks in use. The ladies will find it difficult to imagine such a state of destitution, and may, perhaps, thank their stars that they were not born in so dark an age, when the possession of a silk gown was a luxury hat few arrived at, and its advent in the unity an event of sufficient importance .ovage to Albany. Sec. 1.

Silk.

But few persons are aware of the value of the importations of silk into health and promotes their growth, and this country. The Journal of the Ame-"It is amusing to look back upon the Lican Society, says that the importation fruit. The food or pasture of the trees on account of his blindness, but is able to grapple tate of the trade of New York, and the of silk into the United States, during the nodes of conducting business within a year ending 30th September, 1839, amounted to nearly twenty-three milontrast them with the present condi- lions of dollars. Compared with other ion of things. I have no ambition to articles imported, that of silk is onedaim your respect or reverence as a fourth more than the amount of any age of antiquity. On the contrary, I other. The amount of manufactures ear I may have given you occasion this of cotton imported was \$12,692,397; wening to remark that I am young of iron, \$12,051,673 : of cloth and casnough to learn a great deal; but my simeres, \$7,078,906; worsted stuffs, connection with business commenced \$7,025,898; other manufactures of o early in life, that I can describe these wool, \$3,567,161; one half the total natters with tolerable accuracy. I value of silks and worsted stuff's, \$1,169. trees, is first freed from its external in his head, and acobies the rul s in anylzing the vas a lad in the retail drygoods store 042; total woolen goods, \$1,863,490. shop we called it then) of my brother The importations of sugar amounted to n Widliam street. Goods were impor- 9,924,632; linen, \$6,731,78. So that ed principally from London. The ships the importation of silk nearly equals jonly two or three in number) made that of woolens and linen together, and canes. wo voyages in a year; and when they is equal to one-half of the other fabrics combined.

> There is in Danvers, Mass., a manufactory of carpeting, established some two years ago, which turns out annually 70,000 yards of this article. It consumes 80,000 pounds of wool, 800 gallons of olive oil, 20,000 pounds of worsted yarn, besides large quantities of dye stuffs.

DURABILITY OF LEATHER .- Visitors o the Hospital of St. Cross, near Winchester, are shown in the hall two leather stoups, or black jacks, for sale, which are, upon pretty good authority, stated to be three hundred years old. Permaps a more striking proof could hardly be advanced that there really is for durability, "nothing like leather."

INTERESTING TO BLACKSMITHS .- A that, by suspending a length of chain to o be cronicled with the birth of a child, one of the corners of the anvil by means Werejoice with the discoverer aforementioned at the , r the setting out of a lausband on a of a ring, the noise of the hammer may advantages serued to him by so noble a di-covery be almost enterely deadened.

\$1,40

besides the liver .-- [Yankee Farmer.]

Lime your Orchards,

The effect of lime on grounds in which fruit trees are planted, is stated to be very beneficial; it improves their is said to improve the quality of the shown him, and has been excused from no studies is increased in quantity and improved with and master all of them. He is likewise orgain quality by the application, and it is doubtless an important agent in destroving the grubs and worms which are so destructive to fruit trees, by the wound which they inflict, as well on the tender absorbent fibres of the roots, as on the branches and trunk.

CINNANOS .- Cinnamon is the inner bark of a small laurel tree, growing in the East Indies, the bark, whilst on the greenish cast; it is then cut lengthwise, gentences; and when once he has learned their stripped from the trees and dried in sand, where it becomes of a reddish vellow color, and curis up into quills or

A NEW TOMATO .- The botanists of the Exploring Squadson discovered at the Fijis a new species of the Tomato. Its flavor is said to be much superior to that growing here, being very palatable when caten raw, and it promises to of vegetables. It will be introduced here,

Wonderful Discovery,

Mr. Lorenz , Sibert, one of the firm of L. & G. W. Sibert, I on Masters, in this county, has fately discovered a Mountain of Iron O.e, near the works owned by the firm. The ore covers the mountain

for several miles, projecting on every side like huge rocks putting forth from the body of the earth, and, upon actual experiment, proves to be very valuable, yielding 70 per cent. after being fused. The mountain alluded to has gone heretofore by the name of Padly Mountain. We learned the above particulars from a gentleman of undoubted seracity and a near relative of the fortunate discoverer. It is our Blacksmith of Millan has discovered impression that not only that mountain, but all the mountains of the Valley are full of iron ore or coal. as that he has made .- Woodstock, Va. Sentinel.

A Blind Boy in College. The last annual report of the Massichuseits A-This is two cents a day for each pig. ylum for the Blind, at Boston, has the following notice of a pupil who has cateled Harvard Univer-

sity at Cambridger One of the pupils, Joseph B, S nith, blind from

his cradel, was presented last Commencement for admission at Cambridge University, passed a sotisrespectable rank in his class. He has no favor nist at the chapel. His age is 17; and, as without any extraordinary natural ability, he has been enabled to acquire the attainments necessary for entering College, and an acquaintance with many collatcial subjects hesides, his case may selve as an encour gement to any young blind persons who may desire to cultivate their intellect.

He gets his leasons by help of his chum, who the Lexicon the meaning of these words which he do s not understand. Smith carries his grammer meaning and structure, he does not eas ly forget it. So in mathematica; his chum reads the demonstations al. u.l. and fixes biseys upon the figure, in order to understand it; but Smith has his figure be-

fore his mind's eye, and by a rong effort fixes it there until the demonstration is perfectly clear. There are 67 blind persons in the asylum, of

WOMEN .- Francis f. of France was the first more arch who introduced ladies at his coult. He said become a valuable addition to our list in a style of true gallanity, that a drawing-room without ladies was like the year without spring ; o

> At no time of life should a man give up thoughts of enjoying the society of women, "In youth," says Lord Bacon, "women are our mistresses, at riper age our companions, in o'd age our pursue, and in all ages our fr.ands."

> Fontenelle being one day asked by a lord in waiting, at Versailles what was the difference bea clock and a woman, instantly replied-"A clock serves to point out the hours, and a woman to make us forget theur,"

McLEOR - We have conversed with a gentleman from the region of Lockport who is well werzed in the Catoline matter-one who was in Canada the day after the murder of Durfee and knows who boasted of having been engaged in that affiir-who states that the conviction of McLood is certain if and he across a tailroad with the idea of obtaining unimpeachable testimony against him has any ine repose." The same opinion obtains to a considerable fluence with the jury .- Roch. Republican.

family of Weslevan missionaries settled there, whose lives were supposed to be endaugered by the savages. But they preferred remaining, having been promised protection by the old king.

killed, the fort and town burnt, their plantations de-

stroyed, and the island laid waste. These islanders

A letter to the New York Commercial says:-

"Licot, Underwood and Wilkes Henry were killed

as they were end-avoring to secure the retreat of

the men, in which they succeeded, but at the cost

was named Henry's island, in memory of that g d-

lant and ill-fated young officer. The whole island,

on which the massacre took place was severely pun-

ished two days afterwards-when the brig and schoo-

ner arrived. Nothing was spared but the women

this time slaves to some chief of the neighboring

The letters state the equandron would not return

A chief was captured and taken on board the Vin-

cennes, who seven years since killed ten of the crew

The Porpsise visited one of the Lejee I lands to

motect or take away, as occasion might require, a

before 1842.

of an American vessel.

The Mint and its Branches. On Monday the President of the United S atca

transmitted to Congress a report of the operations factory examination, and has thus far maintained a of the Mint for 1840, from which it appears that dren-lat them cry. there were coined at Philad-Iphia, \$2,260,667-at New Orleans, \$915,600, at Charlotte, \$127,055at D blonega \$103 310,-total \$3,426,632. The number of pieces coined at l'hilldelphia was 7,053,-074, at New Orleins 3,446,980, at Charlotte, 31, 828, at Diblonega 26.821,-total number of pieces, 10,558,826. The deposites in gold in Philad lphta, during the year, were \$1,301,008, of which \$176,-766 were derived from mines in the United States. It is stated in the Message that applications have been frequently made at the Mint for copies of me-

dals v ted at diff rent times by Congress to officers reads them over to him carefully, and seeks out in who have distinguished themselves in the war of the Revolution, and in the late war, the dies of which are there deposi ed; and it is suggested by the President that authority shall be given to the Superintendent of the Mint to strike off copies of thus - medals in brouze, or other metal, to supply the persons making applications for them, at a cost not to exceed the solual expense of striking them off. This authority will undoul tedly be granted.

Philad. Standard.

M. Sanson, the jublic executioner, died recently in Paris. It was his task in 1793 to bind Louis XVI. and ay his head on the guillouine. He was the third of the same name who has filled the same functions. He was a man of some property, well informed, fond of the urts, and passed the most of his leight time at the plane.

Gragen .- The ginger plant is a native of the East Indies, and rises in round stalks about four feet high; it withers about the close of the year; and the roots, which are the only valuable part, so then dug up, scraped and dried with great care, and packed in bags for exportation. It is raised in the West Indica.

NEW PILLS,-A Yackee is making his fortune in the valley of the Mississippi by selling purely v getable pills for the cure of fever and ague and other diseases. The pills are Peas soaked in a solution of liquorice !

"In the country," says an English editor, " it is considered the height of folly for a man to get drank extent in America.

been the explosion of a keg of powder. It is a miracle that Mr. L. was not killed upon the sport. Measures will d ubtless be at once taken to solve the mystery which now attaches to the affair; and if murder was designed, to bring the wretches to pun; ishment .- Detroit Advocate.

SALAMAGUNDY .--- How to manage crying chile

How to manage a scolding wife-lick her. How to avoid domest a troubles-never matry. How to save being danned -never run in debt. To prevent acting wh pned-don't fight. To stand high with the ladies-never visit them, When you travel, don't carry much money----it oks estentations.

Never write a note to a young lady-you might commit yourself.

Never visit school girls-it destroys the object of their going to school.

When you go gunning, always load before you shoot-you are ten times as ant to kill.

Always visit upon a general invitation-it gives the one inviting an agreeable surprise,

If you are a man, never go out without first letting your anxious mother know it.

BEFARTER .- An elderly gentleman travelling in a stage coach, was amused by the constant fire of words kept up by two ladies. One of them at last kindly enquired, if their conversation did not make his head a he-when he answered with a great deal of naivete, 'No madam, I have been married twens ty-eight years."

HEAR'S A CHANCE -The following advertises ment under the head of Wife Wanted, is in the B steaville (Ark.) News:

"Any gal what's got a bod, Galica dress, Coffe pot and skiller, knows how to make a huntin' shirt, and knows how to take g up of childern, can have my services till death parts both on us."

Epigram.

There is a great deal of point in Dean Sailie lines on the death of a child :

" Poter regrets that God has given, To his poor child a life so short;

Consider, Peter, he's in Heaven-Tis well to have a friend at court."

Contrast this with Colaridge's beautiful stanges on the death of an infant, and you have a key 24 the different characters of the men :

"Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade, Death came, with friendly care, The opening bud to Heaven convey'd, And bade it blossom there."

whom 37 are been ficinities of Massachusette,

rather like the sprjug without flowers.