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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.—JAYSSON.

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From the Knickerbocker. THE FALL OF THE OAK.

A glorious tree is the old gray oak, He has stood for a thousand years...

The autumn sun looks kindly down, But the frost is on the leaf, And sprinkles the horn Of the owl at morn...

The forester he has whistling plumed, With his axe in the deep wood's gloom, That shrouds the hill, Where few and still The sunbeams straggling come...

With luscious stroke, And the old gray oak, Through the folds of his gorgeous vest, You may see him shake...

From the Christian Observer. THE HORRORS OF WAR.

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Night before the battle of Prussian Eylau, from Sir Robert Wilson's Memoirs:

Perhaps no night was ever so awful, no occasion ever excited a higher interest. The contact of the adverse armies—the importance of their character...

During the suspension of movements, a few moments were afforded to contemplate the field of battle, and never did a more terrible spectacle present itself.

The Prussians had provisions; but the Russians had no other sustenance than the frozen snow.

The French left 650 of their own wounded, and 150 Russians, under the care of two surgeons, but without instruments or means of dressing, without provisions, and with dead bodies intermingled in almost every room.

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Galvanism was resorted to as a means of restoring the unfortunate Scott, the diver, and though unsuccessful in that particular instance, the vital spark having fled, its application in cases of suspended animation, particularly from

drowning, possesses strong claims to the attention of medical men. The following are a series of very interesting experiments made by a gentleman, named Halse, to test the power of Galvanism in cases of suspended animation from drowning.

On Thursday last one of my spaniels whelped, having a litter of thirteen, six of which I took for my experiments. I drowned three of them in cold water, and kept them immersed for fifteen minutes, at which time I took them from the bucket, and placed them in front of a good fire.

The position of the dog being now favorable for operating on, without the necessity of making any incisions in the flesh, I passed a very strong shock through its body; it moved its hind legs. I gave it another shock, which caused its tail also to move.

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The acute and sub-acute varieties, almost always commence with some chilly feelings succeeded by heat of the skin, fevered tongue, having a yellowish appearance. Irregular state of the bowels, costiveness, countenance changes to a pale or citron color, or yellow like those afflicted with jaundice, difficulty of breathing, disturbed rest, attended with cough, feverish symptoms, a dry and parched skin, difficulty of lying on the right side, urine scanty and high colored, the patient passes many bad nights and is frequently troubled with Diarrhoea, Tenosmus and Piles, nausea and vomiting, and has a considerable thirst.

Dr. HARRIS'S Compound Strengthening Tonic and Aperient German Pills, will, in a majority of cases, produce a perfect cure, and if used at the very onset of affliction will in every case arrest the disease.

Orchards—Transplanting Trees. April is the month which most people prefer for setting out trees of all kinds. Some transplant them in October, and they assign as a reason for this practice the fact that the earth settles more firmly about the roots, and that the tree has nothing to do but to grow as soon as the warm weather commences—but we prefer the spring season for transplanting—we do not choose to have a young tree stand six months in its new location without beginning to grow—it will stand more safe through the winter in the nursery than in fresh loam recently placed about its roots—for in addition to the danger of its being blown over

by the winds while the ground is unfrozen, it is far more exposed in a hard winter to the frosts which penetrate deeply in loose earth, and sometimes destroy the vitality of the roots.

Many farmers choose to transplant trees as early as possible after the frost is out of the ground, and some choose a wet day, or a time when the soil is full of water, supposing the roots are more likely to take hold of the earth at this time than when the soil is more dry—but they should consider that the roots in this latitude seldom begin to search for food before about the first of May, and that by removing the tree in a very wet time, they can never place the roots so well in the earth as when the mould is more dry and friable.

Mr. Editor—I wish to enquire whether any of your correspondents are familiar with the principles of constructing Ice Houses in cellars?

HEPATITIS, OR LIVER COMPLAINT. Liver complaint is described to be of two forms, viz: Acute and Chronic, which are different in their seat and character, and are produced from ulcers on the Liver, which is diseased on the surface or in the centre.

Perhaps you will say "my conduct has anticipated the advice" and "not one of the cases applies to me." I shall be heartily glad of it.

If you have any trees which produce indifferent fruit, now is about the time to engraft with better sorts. It is as well to have good, first rate fruit, as poor, especially when this can be secured by so easy and simple a method of engrafting.

Cleft Grafting.—This mode of grafting is usually practiced on stocks from one to two inches in diameter. It is thus performed: The head of the stock is carefully sawed off at a part free from knots, and the top pared smooth; with a thin knife split the stock through the centre, to the depth of about two inches, and insert a wedge to keep it open for the reception of the scion.

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Good Advice from George Washington. To BUSINESS WASHINGTON.

Dear Bushrod.—You will be surprised, perhaps, at receiving a letter from me; but if the end is answered for which it is written, I shall not think my time mispent.

Be courteous to all but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distresses of every one, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse; remembering always the estimate of the value of money, and that it is not every one who is able to do good.

The last thing which I shall mention is first in importance, and that is to AVOID GAMES. This is a vice which is productive of every possible evil; equally injurious to the morals and health of its votaries. It is the child of avarice, the brother of idleness, and the father of mischief!

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