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From the Knickerbocker for May. The Cypress Tree of Cylon-

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Ibn Batuta, the celebrated Mussleman traveller of the fourteenth century, speaks of a cyprus tree in Ceylon, universally held sacred by the inhabitants, the leaves of which were said to fall only at long and uncertain periods; and he who had the happiness to find and eat one of them, was restored at once to youth and vizor. The traveller saw several venerable Jogees, or saints, sitting silent and motionless under the tree, patiently awaiting the

They set in silent watchfulness The sacred cypress tree about, And from the wrinkled brows of Age, Their failing eyes looked out,

Gray Age and Sickness waiting there, Through weary night and lingering day; Grim as the idols at their side, And motionless as they.

Unheeded in the boughs above The song of Ceylon's birds was sweet, Unseen of them, the island flowers Bloomed brightly at their feet,

O'er them the tropic night-storm swept, The thunder crashed on rock and hill: The lightning wrapped them like a shroud,

What was the world without to them? The Moslem's sunset call-the dance Of Ceylon's maids—the passing glean Of battle flag and lance !

They waited for that falling leaf Of which the wandering Jogees sing; Which lends once more to wintry Age The greenness of its Spring.

Oh! if these poor and blinded ones In trustful patience wait to feel O'er torpid pulse and failing limb A youthful freshness steal:

Shall we who set beneath that Tree Whose healing leaves of life are shed, In answer to the breath of prayer, Upon the waiting head:

Not to restore our failing forms, Nor build the spirit's broken shrine, But, on the fainting sor L to shed A light of life divine :

Shall we grow weary at our watch, And murmur at the long delay ! Impatient of our Father's time, And His appointed way?

Or shall the stir of outward things Allure and claim the Christian's eye, When on the heathen watcher's ear Their powerless murmurs die !

Alas! a deepertest of faith Than prison-cell or martyr's stake, The self-abasing watchfulness Of silent prayer may make.

We gird us bravely to rebuke Our erring brother in the wrong; And in the ear of Pride and Power Our warning voice is strong.

Easier to smite with Peter's sword, Than "watch one hour" in humbling prayer, Life's "greater things," like the Syrian lord, Our souls can do and dare.

But oh! we shrink from Jordan's side, From waters which alone can save; And murmur for Abana's banks, And Pharphar's brighter wave.

Oh! Thou who in the garden's shade Didst wake Thy weary ones again, Who slumbered at that fearful hour, Forgetful of Thy pain:

Bend o'er us now, as over them, And set our sleep-bound spirits free, Nor leave us slumbering in the watch Our souls should keep with Thee!

FOR THE AMERICAN. Extracts of Readings.

In the year 1785, Kien Long liberaed by a public edict, twelve missionaies out of prison, who, being detected 1 privately seducing the Chinese from ne religion and customs of the country, ad been condemned to perpetual imrisonment. This edict, of which I rocured a copy in Pekin, does great onor to the humane and benevolent aind of the emperor. After stating teir crime, apprehension, and trial, he bserves, "Had they made known their rrival to the officers of the governent, they might have proceeded to the apital and found protection. But, as ansgressors of the law, which forbids ie entrance of strangers, they have tolen into the country, and secretly ndeavored to multiply converts to their wn way of thinking, it became my duy to oppose a conduct so deceitful, and) put a stop to the progress of seduc- ted; and near to his heart, to be beloved by him. on. Justly as they were found to deerve the punishment to which they ave been condemned, touched, never lorks in wo tiens. Wrap them in good strong pacless, with compassion for their im- per. Steel is injured by lying in woolens.

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AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL:

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

By Masser & Eisely.

vels in China.

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my feelings that I ratified the sentence. But reflecting afterwards that they were strangers---strangers, perhaps ignorant of the laws of my empire, my compassion increased for them, and humanity suffers on account of their long confinement. I will, therefore, and command that these twelve stran-

gers be set at liberty."-Barrow's Tra-

prudence, it was not without injury to

door and knock out your brains.' 'Open, is I say,' replied Dolgorouki in a firm tone, 'it is a deputy from the senate come to ask you whom you wish to

have named as emperor in your room,

since you have resigned.' Peter, struck

vielded to his councils, and resumed the

reins of government .-- Chantreau's Tra-

crease his father's displeasure. 'Tell wretch cannot pay him a few dollars-

the harshness of your reproofs.' [Hoole's Life of Tasso.

King William III. was passionately fond of hunting; and he made it a point home, his family and his friends, and of honor never to be outdone in any finds a resting place in the "City of the leap, however perilous. A certain Mr. dead." The widow's son here breathed Cherry, who was devoted to the exiled his last, while she mourned his absence family, took occasion of this, to form perhaps the most pardonable design the post office, and she censures him in which was ever laid against a king's her silent hours of grief for his neglect. life. He regularly joined the king's But she excuses him on the ground of hounds, put himself formost, and took the most desperate leaps, in the hope the hope-little dreaming it is but hope that William might break his neck in deferred, "melting even in the ray in following him. One day, however, he accomplished one so imminently dangerous, that the king, when he came to the spot, shook his head and drew back. [Universal Magazine.

WHEN Philip of Macedon vanquished the Athenians, in a pitched battle, they sent next morning to demand their baggage; the king laughed, and ordered it to be returned, saying, 'I do believe the Athenians think we did not fight in earnest.'--- Memoirs de Gram-

THERE is a singular and affecting trait in the character of the buffalo, when a calf; and my feelings have severely felt it. Whenever a cow buffalo falls before the murdering lead of the hunters, and happens to have a calf, the helpless young one, far from attempting to escape, steys by its fallen dam, with signs expressive of strong and natural affection. The dam thus secured, the hunter makes no attempt on the calf, (knowing it to be unnecessary.) but proceeds to cut up the carcase: then laying it on his horse, he returns toward home, followed by the poor calf. thus instinctively attending the remains of its dam. I have seen a single hunter ride into the town of Cincinnati, between the Miamis, followed in this manner, and, at the same time, by three calves, who had lost their dams by this cruel hunter .-- Turner's account of the Buffalo of America.

Woman, -Woman, says Matthew Henry, was made of the rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head, to top him; not out of his feet. to be trampled upon by him; but out of his side, to be equal with him; under his arm, to be protec

To HOUSERREPERS .- Do not wrap knives and

From the New World. A Thrilling Story.

"The important question is, not that we die, But how we die." The Hospital at New Orleans, during a sight beyond the power of description, and of which our Northern friends can form but an imperfect idea. The invalids are chiefly strangers, far from | death, home, kindred and friends. Upon their entrance through its massive walls, and PFTER the Great was so much affect. into its sombre cells, their names are ed with the death of his son Peter by recorded upon the books of the institu-Catherine I. that he shut himself up at tion, with the place of birth, time of no hope-death was doing its work. pieces of ord nance were expected to arrive there in Petershoff, intending to starve himself arrival, &c., and their departure from to death; and forbid every person, of thence as scrupulously noted. The fawhatever description, under pain of tal word DEAD opposite many of the death, to disturb his retirement. The names meets the eye of the visiter, and senate assembled on this desperate re- calls up feelings in no wise calculated solution of the prince, and Dolgorouki to render his sojourn there one of meta undertook to drive him from it. He pleasure or amusement; it is, in fact, a went and knecked at the door of the visit to a charnel house, where death

"The groan, the knell, the pall, the bier," Death becomes familiar amid such scenes, and the heart callous to his power; they look upon it as one of the privileges of human nature, and as "if life happy future gleamed before us; there Riband code. The list of outrages, in the shape of with corageous zeal of Dolgorouki, o- without it were not worth taking." It pened, embraced this faithful courtier, is indeed here

--- "The poor, the prisoner, and the mourner Fly for relief, and lay their burdens down,"

The writer of this has frequently looked over the books of entry, and a-Tasso's first poem Rinaldo, published mong the recorded names he has recogin his eighteenth year, extended his re- nised many who have left their peaceputation through all Italy, but his father ful homes and "ain fire sides" to satiswas so displeased with his deserting the fy either a roving disposition, or to alaw for the society of the muses, that void man's inhumanity to man, which he went to Padua on purpose to repri- in northern cities pursues the poor and mand him. Though he spoke with necessitous even to the prison walls, so great vehemence, and made use of se- as to glut the tender mercies of crediveral harsh expressions, Torquato heard tors with the knowledge of their vichim without interrupting him, and his tim's incarceration; and for what? Av, composure contributed not a little to in- for what? Simply because the poor me,' said Bernardo, 'of what use is that a debt incurred under an accumulation vain philosophy, upon which you pride of miseries, and for the payment of yourself so much!' 'It has enabled which he had asked time for the regainme,' said Tasso modestly, 'to endure ing of health and a prospect of employment. With a prison in the perspective, a Christian landlord in the front, threatening him with instant seizure, the heart-broken creature flies from his -not his death; her letters remained at youth, and smiles in her widowhood on which it glitters.

The lover, too, sleeps in death, and the maiden, in her far off home, dreams of joy and hope which can never be her's. One name among those is written on memory's tablet, and will only disappear when the mirrored surface is broken, and recorded things washed ont by the stream of time, leading, as it does, down the ocean of oblivion. The name of Hugh Reinagle is engraved on a piece of marble in the American burying-ground, New Orleans-erected to his memory by one who loved him living, and mourns him dead. Peace to his ashes!

Many a blooming check has faded. many a bright eye grown dim and lustreless, many a joyous heart has fallen beneath the Upas breath of the fiend of the South.

What a contrast there is between the summer and winter of the South! the first, which in all other climes is all sunshine and joy to the young heart, is there all gloom and sorrow! There winters are the sunshine and spring of

But let us return to the Hospital. The reader must imagine to himself a long room, on each side of which, extending the whole length, is a range of single beds; on each one, (which is frequently the case during an epidemic.) let him picture a victim lying in all the agony of mental and physical suffering -let him also imagine the effect of the disease upon the inmates, which, according to their different constitutions, or the nature of the attack, act in different ways. One in the last gasp of death vomits up the dark particles, formed by mortification, and which is termed "black vomit," his eyes are fixed, senreplace him.

Let the reader picture such a scene, and he will form a tolerable idea of the place which words are inadequate to describe. In no city, however, are the poor more carefully attended, during the prevalence of an epidemic, presents the severe scourge, than they are in New Orleans; but my reader must take into consideration the number misfortune renders amenable to the cause of

> the room lays a sick man in the last sta- ed with troops despatched thither from the garrison ges of the disease. The officiating phy- of Limerick, comprising a troop of the 17th Lancers, sician had just informed him there was two companies of the 20th Foot, and two or three The man resigned himself calmly to his the course of Friday evening. The orders of the fate. On the bed which stood immedia military are to scour the disterbed districts day and ately opposite to that of the dying man's night in bodies of twenty-five and thirty, and to be also considered desperate.

In a sick room-and who has not experienced the agonizing feelings and light yesterday, on the lands of Curraghmore, in room where Peter was shut up. 'Whoever you be,' cried the czar with a termakes the human frame the scene of upon which the ever rests in those most harmy victims to Ribandian, were Tierney and upon which the eye rests in those mo- happy victims to Ribandism, were Tierney and rible voice, 'fly off, or I will open the his "banquet song," the music of which ments when pain permits the reason to Gleson, Major General Sir Parker Carrol, the roam in its mental wanderings, and ga- commanding officer, of the district has been served zes upon some object, calling up as it with a Rockite notice, warning him to be prepared were the dreams of the past, when for the fate which momentarily impends over himhealth and strength went hand in hand in consequence of ejecting a woman from some with hope, and the bright sunshine of land, the same being in direct contravention of the is a dreamy luxury in this, which can similar notices, together with assaults on the persononly be realized by those who have ex- &c, would occupy too much of your space. I shall, perienced this exercise of mind in the therefore, merely abridge some of the particulars emoment of danger, and who love to licited at the inquest on the body of the wretched

ever prevailed in New Orleans, suffered the torders of the mighty Shannon, and in one of an attack of yellow fever, and believes the wildest districts of Ireland. Contiguous to the that his life was saved by his strength house of the unhappy man are a half a dozen loneof mind overcoming the alarm created by dwellings, which are chiefly occupied by fisherand of a disease considered by many command a picturesque view of that magnificent incurable. The imagination does more river. There is no direct passage to the place, and harm in cases of sickness than the disease itself.

larly allude, the nature of the disease the fatal spot," permitted to indulge in this 'fitful dream' between life and death: mortification had already taken place, and his pains were lulled. The light of life was going moment the man opposite him turned fell again powerless at their side- troduced into general use. "William, is that you?"

An agonizing groan was the answer. Years had passed away since they last brother, is not this awful to meet thusreach-your hand, one grasp, one pres-(for they were brothers,) kissed his quiand strength failed. He turned round and in a few moments the two brothers were-DEAD!

Emigration of the Swiss.

The Swiss journals state that a great number of the inhabitants of Chamaunix, although in the enjoyment of a certain degree of wealth, are disposing of their property with the intention of emigrating with their families to New York, others to Lousiana, where many of their countrymen have made successful settlements.

The emigration from Great Britain is expected to be very great this season. The owners of the old line of Liverpool packets made arrangements to. insure 150 steerage passengers in each of their ships bound to New York, from the 1st of Murch last to

igrants who arrived at the port of New York alone, in 1840, was ever sixty the deand! From the lat " january to lat of M , in that year, no less than ses gone, his limbs writhing. Another ten thousand en igrants came to this port. This raves in frenzy, wild, carring the bed year to May the 1st, the number is less than four clothes to pieces, "and rolling off on to thousand. Rumors of war, and the state of monethe floor, dies ere the attendants can tary affairs have had their influence upon the timid. N. Y. Sun.

Disorders in Ireland.

The disorders in Ireland, which at various times, have broken forth with such fierceness, are not yet. it would appear, completely pacified. The London Times of the 19th ult, contains an account of an outbreak in the northern part of the county of Tipperary, so extensive as to border on insurrection. The information is contained in a letter, a portion of which we copy :

"The town of Nenagh has the appearance of a On one of the beds near the centre of place preparing for a seige, the streets being crowdwas one who had just been brought in in constant readiness for active duty in five minutes from his boarding house; his case was warning. In the mean time, the work of bloodshed and outrage progresses with fearful rapidity. Two more murders were committed in the broad day-Hayes-a brief notice of whose murder appeared The writer of this, in 1832, during the in the Times of Friday. This barbarous deed was prevalence of as severe an epidemic as committed within about six miles of Nenagh, on by the idea of dying among strangers, men, and are situated between mountains, which the coroner and his party were obliged after leaving the high road, to traverse for upwards of a mile an One of those men to whom I particutalmost insecessible tract of country, ere they reached

An Important Invention.

The Leesburg, Va. Genius of Liberty states that Messrs, Phillips & Jackson bave invented and paout, and the shadowy outline of the tented a machine for cleaning wheat, which will grave was before him. His eyes wan- separate garlick, cockle, cheat and all impurities dered around the vast room. At this from the grain. It is said that the machine can be furnished at a price within the reach of any one their eyes met-lustreless as they were: who may require the use of it. This invention, if dimmed by the waters of oblivion which it answer the purpose stated, will be of essential use were rushing from them, to close up the to farmers, as the great difficulty, and indeed imfountain forever. The recognition was possibility, of separating garlick, &c, from wheat and mutual-a half uttered exclamation of rye, has deducted largely from the value of their surprise, the outstretched arms, which crops. We have no doubt the machine will be in-

Appeal to the Women of England to become Cooks.

To your casserels, then, women of Britain. parted, and now where did they meet ! Would you, "with a falconer's voice, "lure your in the house of death! "Oh, God! my faithless tassels back again, apply to the practical remedy of your wrongs; proceed to the reform of your domestic government, and turn your thoughts sure-I-I-" Uttering this he fell to that art which, coming into action every day in back. The other could not speak, he the year during the longest life, includes within its had not yet tutored himself to die; it had eirele the whole philosophy of economy and order, not been told him, that his hours were the preservative of good health, and of the tone of numbered. The shock was too much good society, all peculiarly within your province! for him; he streehed his hand, as it The greatest women of all ages-from a Sarah to a were, mechanically: the other witnes. Sevigne-have not disdained its study and its pracsed the motion. Desperate even in tice. One quarter of the time which you now give to death, he raised himself up, and, by a 'nicknaming God's creatures' upon canvass, if devosuperhuman effort he rose from his bed, ted to the philosophy of your larders and your pantoftered across the room, caught the tries, or to the decrines of a pure culinary literature, extended feverish hand of his brother, would furnish your husband's tables with elegance and science, from which slovenly ignorance now vering lips, which were now closing drives them to other and better dinners. Open then forever, attempting to speak, but voice forthwith seminaries, not merely for catechisms and spiritual metaphysics, so difficult to infant digesfor the purpose of regaining his own tion, but for culturey instruction and physical amebed. One look, one step-he laid down, ligration, facile to the comprehension of all. Ea- ers, all in this house. tablish model schools, and found chairs for the dissimination of that eminently useful knowledge, the knowledge by which we may eat to live, with safety and satisfaction. Provide for the sufficient education of a convenient number of able-bodied young women, and for sending them forth as missionaries through the benighted provinces of the empire; wher, through the philosophical researches of these female seminaries, maxims shall be attained to form a volume of reports, some female Bentham may yet arise to complete the good work, by an encyclopedic code, that will supersede forever the false guides and erring prophets of the old English kitchen, and prove 'nat one exquisite little dinner, (the table aro and, the guesis few) if dressed with science and itlumined with wit, is worth all the great feasts and the 31st October next, which is 25 per cent. Thore factidious banquets that ever were given, if considthan the average emigration to New York in 1840. ered as a means to the great end of bringing those, In connection herewith we may add, that the em- together whom God has joined, and family dinner have put asunder .- Ludy Morgan, in the Book without a Name.

> A LAUGHABLE BLUNDER .- At a church somewhere in the country, the choir, assisted by the congregation, divided a line in one of the hymns thus: "Life is like a shad-Life is like a shed-ow (oh!) how it flies? Oh! how it flies!"

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St. Domingo.

The following picture of the present condition of the once beautiful and flourishing Island of St. Domingo, is furnished in a letter from a French naval officer:

"We embarked on board the frigate Nereide, on the 24th December. On the 28th we were at fort Royal, to receive orders from the Admiral who dispatched us the 29th to St. Domingo, where we were to take on board the five millions of france which the Consul General had informed us were ready. We have been three days at anchor in this famous republic, and all that I can say to you of the misery of the people, will scarce suffice to give you any idea of it.

"I have been every where and every where have seen nothing but degradation and corruption. Men in rags compose the army and exhibit a most ludierous militury masquerade. Cavelry on foot, manouvre like horses at the word of command, trot, gailop, &c. Both officers and soldiers are without shoes; one has spurs tied by a cord to his naked fect, another has made himse'f spers with a piece of iron drove into a wooden sole tied to his foot, and one whole company which I inspected minutely, had not a single musket which would go off. The officers in rags ask charry.

eSlothfulness, poverty in its most hideons form and in the negro, it is most hideous, alone meet your eye at the town of Port au Prince. The fields are overrun by brambles, logwood trees, and the rapacious lichens which obstruct the roads and destroy the old plantations. With the exceptions of a few gardens which are here and there cultivated by the negroes,-gardens far inferior to those of our worst slaves-there is no cultivation whatever.

"The only product of the Island is coffee, and that every year diminishes so materially, that the time is not far distant when it will produce none at all. No more is planted, and the old coffee plantations are not even taken care of. The owners gather the crops from their own fields, in the midst of briars and weeds -no laborers being to be had, the one not being willing to work for the other.

Attention to music, vocal music, especially, should always form a part of female education. The day is gone by, as I trust, when it was customary to say, that none but the gifted could acquire this accomplishment. It is now, I believe, pretty well understood, that all persons may learn to sing, as well as to read. Not, of course, equally well, in either case; but all can make a degree of progress-

I have called singing an accomplishment; but it seems to me to be much more. Its bearing upon the health, and even upon the intellect, is very great. Even its moral tendency is by no means to be over-

The value of music, to sooth the feelings and cast out the evil spirits which haent the path of human life, has never yet received that measure of attention which it deservee. Even in those parts of continental Europe, where all the peacants sing, and are accustomed to fill the air with their cheerful and harmonious voices as they go forth to promcute their duly task, no less than in their families, even there, I say, the full power and value of must are not understood. They made it, by far too much, a sort of sensual gratification. Let it be asdeemed for a better and nobler purpose. Let it be come a companion of science and literature, as well as of industry and of virtue, and of religion, sail more than all.

Extract from a Census Binlogue. Census-man,-But who is the head of the family

Mrs. O'Flyns,-Och! bless ye, honey-ic' all head and no head-they're all for themselves. Census-man - How many are there in the family Mre. O'Flynn .- Is it that you wish to know If you've got a peice of chalk, I'll tell ye, sir, in the

twinkling of an eye. Let me see-there's Lul Luney, and his gang of waddlers, that's fourteen there's Paddy O'Rourke, the well-digger, seven de ters with their husbands, and 'twixt them, twent seven as sweet little ones as you would wish to cl your ugly eyes upon-and there's myself and Te dy, and our five sons, with their wives and twent three young'ns-besides six lodgers and ten boa

Countries .- "Ma, what does cousin John h sister Bridge so for !" "La, Simon you have such eyes-he's only

courting her my child." "Golly gracious ma-don't he court has

though !" "La, Simon, do hush !"

A Ban Case,-"Well Patrick," asked the doc tor, "how do you do to-day !" "O dear, docto-I enjoy very bad health, intuely. This rhumanis very distressing include. When I go to sleep lay awake all night, and my too is swelled as it as a goose's hen's egg, so when I stand up I is down directly."

Married in Michigan, Henry Bills, to Miss Mar-Small. The issuing of small bills is not prohiba

A Far's Orsten .- The marriage of Mr. Alone Fry to Miss Susan Oyster, is mentioned in one c the Chambersburg. (Pa.) Papers.

CONONDRUMS. - Why is a side-saddle like a four uart measure! Because it hoids a gal-on? Why are the flowers such severe creditors !-

Because they are always sure to get their decos,