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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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From the Baltimore Ocean. An Extract from my Journal, No. 3. "Who would not brave the battle fire-the wreck To move the monarch of her people'd deck.'

every minute the vessel "shipped a sea,"

ter deck. All that skill and activity

could effect upon the part of our gener-

melancholy gloom of our prospects.

THE BRITISH QUEEN-A SCENE ON BOARD. It was in the month of November, From the New York American. 1840. The British Queen, one of the

King Alfred and the Pilgrim-Beneath an humble forest shed The monarch sat by grief oppressed ; Scarce could the holy page he read Give comfort to his troubled breast.

For from his brow the ruthless Dane, His old ancestral crown had torn. His realm laid waste, his people slain, He roved a wanderer forlorn.

He raised his eyes-before him stood A pilgrim clad in sober grey, His face half hidden by his hood, As if he shunned the light of day.

For alms he begged, nor begged in vain, Though scant, in sooth, was Alfred's fare, A loaf and flask. Without disdain. Of each he gave an equal share.

"Happy the man," exclaimed the chief, "Howe'er by want or care oppressed, "Whom God permits to give relief "To some still poorer, care worn breast."

While thus he spoke the Pilgrim's form Gleamed all at once divinely bright. Till like a mist before the storm, It vanished softly from his sight.

Again that night, as, all alone, In dreams the exiled monarch lay, The pilgrim's form before him shone, Not now disguised in vestment grey.

By the bedside he took his stand. His eyes with heavenly lustre glowing, A bishop's crosier in his hand, His saintly robe around him flowing.

"I am St. Cuthbert's holy shade, "To whom thou gavest both bread and wir "Though all thy h pes seem now to fade, "The saints still watch o'er thee and thine.

"Know that the Lord I serve hath said "To-morrow's sun shall end thy woes, "To-morrow, rising from this bed, "Thou shalt go forth to slay thy foes."

The vision fled, at dawn of day : Through heavenly sid now bolder grown-A few short months had rolled away, When Alfred sat upon his throne, C. E. A.

> From the Farmer's Cabinet. Quince Trees.

largest and strongest steam ships, had been laboring for some days against forbids it !

storms and heavy seas. The waves The hesitation was but momentary : had been rolling mountains high; the that there was another human being he said to his almost lifeless crew, "My and the high wind was dead ahead, and yet alive on board the wreck, and he boys, there is a LIFE Boat for you." ordered the gangway to be cleared, pouring tons of water even to the quarand the life boat lowered. With what noble rivalry did the sailors press toous commander,* joined to the tremenwards the weather side of the ship in dous power of our mighty steam en- their desire to be selected to man the hours on as many different horses, over gines, could scarcely succeed in preser- Life Boat. The boat was manned ; the ving our course. The torrents of rain second officer of the ship jumped on ing sky upon our decks, added to the lowered into the water and cleared in safety. We were about two miles dis-

Flushed with the hope of a short pas- tant from the wreck. The wind was sage, we had left the English shores a still blowing, the sca raging, and the few days before, amid shouts of joy and storm but slightly abated. Not a yard ged the scene which a succession of double reefed topsail, required to steady storms, head winds, and high seas had the enormous steamer. The steam itbrought with them. The anxious looks self was suffered to escape, from time of the passengers, as the noble vessel to time, as we moved round the wreckrode upon the mountain waves and ed vessel, keeping at about the same pitched forward, with a tremendous jar, distance. As the small boat gradually as if for the last time; or as the foam- moved onward toward the destined obing water broke upon her prow, threas ject, by the powerful exertions of the tening to tear asunder every timber in sinewy sailors, plying with might and the ship, were living evidences that it main at their oars, it was lost ever and was a trying time with all who had anon from the sight of the solicitous pastrusted themselves on the "great deep." sengers, as the waves rose and fell. It Our commander had been pacing with was painful to behold the anxiety with hurried steps the poop deck for three which those on board watched the Life days successively, (interrupted only by | Boat struggling on. The whole soul of the occasional hour's sleep which nade each individual seemed to be wrapt up ture required.) applying ever and anon in the safety of the risked crew, as he the glass to his watchful eye, and look- leant over the side of the ship and foling from time to time at the still cloudy lowed with strained eve, their movehorizon. It was about noon of the fourth ments. Intensity of pent-up feeling was wor stained glass. day of storm and head winds, that one marked on the countenance of all: a of the more seaworthy passengers dead silence prevailed, and there was thought he descried at a distance a ves- not one amongst that assemblage of sel under "bare poles." The captain's passengers, whose feelings were not glass added to the information that she pure and holy, during the areadful time had a portion of a sail tied to the sail as of uncertainty from the lowering of the

The time for planting trees being a "signal of distress." This news Life Boat to its safe arrival within reach w near, I take the liberty of recom- spread among the passengers, and the of the wreck, and whose prayers were nding to farmers, to cultivate the tidings that a wreck was to be seen at not silently offered up for the safe and

great distance, the enormous bulk of a the rising of the steamer on the top of large steamer bearing towards themcross seas were breaking on her bows, the next wave, satisfied the captain then a ray of hope burst upon him, and

> A RACE AGAINST TIME .--- A man, whose name we could not learn, made a bet the other day of \$1,000, that he could ride 300 miles in 24 consecutive the Beacon Course near Hoboken, New Jersey. The bet was taken, and he evening-accomplished 200 miles in the first 12 hours, and vesterday, at five minutes after 5 o'clock, completed the task-being 52 minutes within the time, and winning the bet. It is to be suppoenterprize. This we are told is the greatest distance ever performed in the same time in this country, or we believe rect, that has ever been accomplished in 24 consecutive hours .- [N. Y. Tri-

chanics Magazine : St. George's Church, Liverpool, is an object of The whole of the frame work of the windows,

It is not perhaps, generally known that a great proportion of the large manufactories erected in England within the last ten years, are all iron except the walls. And within two years past, several cottages and country villas have been put up near London, which are exclusively cast iron; wails, doors, steps, roof, chimneys, sash, &c.

In England where wood is dear and iron cheap. the first cost of such buildings is less than those of

shipwrecked mariner, by the last exer- | sels had passed very near to them on | The most curious epistolary specimen, that we tion of his remaining strength, still ho- the day previous, during the height of have seen for some time, is the following, which ping, make an effort to wave his signal the storm-that they had in vain made we copy from the Little Rock (Ark.) Times, of the of distress, and prudence, nay humanity, their signals of distress, which had been 24th ult. The writer, Abner D. Hogan, was a forces him to hesitate whether he ought unheeded either from incapacity or an Unit d States soldier, who was convicted of murder to risk so fearfully the valuable lives unwillingness to risk any thing for their at the last term of the United states disret court, but of seven men for the doubtful preservas assistance. The captain (poor fellow!) recommended to the mercy of the President. It tion of one person. His duty almost told us that they had in consequence seems, however, that he decided on trusting to a given up all hope, until they saw, at a pair of heels rather than to Executive elemency To the Gentlemen of Little Rock, Arkansas ; STATE PRISON, April 21, 1841.

GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW-CITIZENS OF ARK-ANSAS: I will give you all to understand that I have made my elopement, and give you my rea-

sons for so d ing; and I hope you won't blame me. The President is dead, and there is a poor prospect of my being pardoned by the Vice President, thing, seeing he is not a military man ; and I don't think I deserve to die for this act of indiscretion. If I had done this for malice or animosity, I would not have said one word against the verdict; and you cannot blame me. I intend never to show my face to a white man egain as long as I live. If I get clear, I will go amongst my red brethren in the prairies; the Cumanches, Pawnees, Kiowas, and Toweaskies, for I can speak their languages very well, and if I can get to them before I am taken, I may be of some service to the United States, for I will keep them from committing depradations on the frontiers and traders, and try to make them work for their living and be honest.

I am very well equipped for this expedition; I have a rifle, a brace of postols, a Bowie knife, and plenty of ammunition; a first rate horse, saddle, and bridle, and some money to take me through the Choctaw nation; and if I get through I am safe, for I am not afraid of the Indians. If I can get to old Tabbaquena, the Cumanche war chief, I am at nome, for he wanted me to go with him the last time I saw him, and said he would give me his laughter, and now is my time. I shall be at a loss for nothing but tobacco. Oh, if I had some seed I would be fixed .-- You may think it strange that I should flee to them for protection, but, to tell the truth, they are the most friendly human beings on earth, when they take a notion to any person, and they would lose their lives for you. For the Lord's sake don't adversise me, on account of my mother, and let me go in peace, and I will not bother any of you any more. I warn all men from using malt liquor, for you see what it has brought me to; on account of that I have to flee to savages for protee-

Gentlemen, I have one friend in Arkansas, unknown to any person here; "a friend in need is a friend indeed." If I am pardoned, it is so much Letter, and I may sometime hear of it; and if so, I

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Shopping Ladies. A SCRNE-Enter Ladies. Lady. I wish to see some of your most fash-

onable finger rings !

(The Jeweller shows a number.)

L. Are these the latest style ? What is the price of this ! (selecting one from the variety shown her.)

Jeweller. Three dollars and a half.

L. Three dollars and a half what a price, I know I can buy them at other stores for two dollars. What do you ask for this plain gold one!

J. I have always sold gold rings of that kind for one dolla hand a quarter, but you may have it for fif y cents.

L. Fffiy cents for this plain gold ring ! why it is a monstrous price! I never heard of such a

J. I wish I could trade with you Ma'am, you shall have it for thirty seven and a half.

L. No sir, I cannot think of it-I want to buy ring, but cannot afford to pay such an exorbitant price.

J. Say no more Ma'am, you shall have it for twenty five.

L. O, that's pltogether two much-I know I can buy them cheaper elsewhere,

I. I am desirous of securing your custom, Ma'am, and I will sell it for twelve and a half cents. L. Ah, you are getting a little more reasonable, but twelve and a half is two high-

J. I am resolved to please you Ma'am, and my lowest price is six and a quarter cents.

L. (After examiseing it very closely.) Will you warrant it to be pure gold ?

J. Gold of an extra fineness. It suits your finger exactly and you shall have that little box in the bargain.

L. (Aside to her sister,) O'I almost wish we had brought some money with us. (Aloud.) Is that your lowest price sir ?

J. That Ma'am is my lowest price.

L. If that's the case, I am afraid we shall not be able to trade-I know I can buy them for three cents at the other shops. Good morning sir. (Exit ladies.)

J. Good morning ladies. Well, that beats all, Three cents for a gold ring that cost me one dollar by the dozen ! And this is what is called shopping. It is shopping with a vengeance. I wish some of our pretty ladies could find some other employment.

Hot water to lobsters is like brandy to dram drinkers it has a tendency to shorten hie, by turning their features red.

CORRELEGICAL SALUTE .- Yesterday, about the time the military were passing the corner of Gay an come back, and if not, I won't. It will be no and Baltimore streets, the cork of a bottle by the strong turn out of the different regiments, or by the heat of the weather we will not say which, flew out of its proper schere, striking a lady who was passing at the time in the face, and covering her dress with froth .- Baltimore Clipper.

that were thrown down from the lower- board, and with practiced skill she was commenced at 6 o'clock on Thursday with confident anticipations; how chan- of canvass was to be seen, except one sed that he suffered somewhat by the

> in England, where 270 miles is the greatest distance, if our advice is cor-

bune. Cast Iron Church. The following is extracted from the London Me

considerable interest for its taste, and as having beet nearly the first iron church erected in Great Britain. doors, groins, roofs, pulpit, ornamental enrichments, are of cast iron. The length is 119 fect, the breadth 47. It is ornamented by a splendid cast iron win-

'n account.

stern dried apples often have done, is the sad remnant of a wreck, dashed i then been sold for a trifle, hardly about at the mercy of wind and wave, ficient to pay transportation, storage with every sea breaking over the lost I commissions. Think of it, and act bulwarks, and washing from the decks emptly; there is no mistake about it. every thing valuable to the safety of the MARIA. Feb. 27, 1838.

The consumption of gas in London now reckoned at nearly 9,000,000 of inds weight of tallow candles.

nce trees more extensively than they some miles to the windward, were spee- successful return of our bold mariners. ve hitherto done, both for pleasure dily conveyed to the state rooms. In a By dint of exertion the wreck is made, i profit. Quinces in the Philadel- few minutes all who could summon up and then came, as was afterwards a market sell for from two to six strength sufficient were on the upper learned, the most difficult part of the dulars per bushel, according to the deck, straining their vision to make out ty. The poor, unfortunate wretches ulity. I have never known them to the character of the vessel, and to de- on the wreck, excited into exertion by I for less than twenty-five cents the termine whether any living being was the returning hope of safety, passed to-If peck, and fine ones have often sold on board the unfortunate wreck. Few wards the side in which the Life Boat three times that price. The great remained below-the intense interest was coming, and prepared by one desnand for them is for preserving, for excited on board drove away sea sick- perate and last effort of remaining ich purpose every house-keeper ness, and engrossed every other feeling; strength, to jump, in a body, on board, ows their value. But for drying to the upper deck was crowded. As we To avoid this, which would have inevix with dried apples or peaches, they moved on, the commander thought he tably capsized the Life Boat, the ship's ssess a value unrivalled by any other perceived somebody on board waving, officer was obliged to pass under the it : the superior flavor communica- and judging from the appearance of the lee-bow and forbid them through his by them to pics, can only be appre head dress, through his telescope, he trumpet, from attempting any such rash ted by those who have tasted of their concluded that this being was a female, movement, under pain of being left to cellence when used in that way. The and the only living creature on board. their fate. One by one they were ree is more easily cultivated than most For a moment he deliberated with him- ceived on the boat; to us, on the steautting, or any of the usual methods wind blowing from the quarter in which and we began to distinguish the men propagating fruit trees. They are the wreck lay, to risk the lives of half a on board. Five minutes more, and the dy, do not shade the ground much, dozen of the best sailors, and some of stifled feelings of an hour's most intense I are not as liable to injury from the ship's officers in so dangerous an anxiety, burst forth in one loud and us tle as many other trees; and to enterprize, as the doubtful experiment niversal shout of joy, as five thin, emawn all, the fruit, either green or of rescuing a single individual. He who ciated and strengthless men were safeed, always sells readily for a high has never been at sea, can have but ly placed on the ship's deck. One of ce. Now, what should prevent a little conception of the feelings efficited them younger than the rest, the only mer from baving twenty, fifty or a by the appearance of a sail in sight, af- one whose strength was not completely adred of these valuable trees set out ter some days absence from land, with exhausted, nawilling to wait for the ng his fences, where they would not nothing but the sky and endless ocean lowering of the steps, and too impatient a handsome annual revenue, to in- tual and imminent danger to which they ty, climbed up the side of the ship. He v are about to guit the paternal man- they feel as if some safety were derived n, for a settlement in life on their from their momentary proximity; with longing eyes each passenger follows the I would particularly recommend the bark as she separates from his vessel. ensive cultivation of the quince to and is lost in the distance, and a cast of . Ohio and Western Pennsylvania melancholy shades his brow, as he turns steered for the shores of America. rmers. If they are brought to the his back upon the last glimpse of her iladelphia market in a dried state, shadow. How much slighter must be y will bring five times as much as the impression he can fancy to himself ed apples, and the carriage would be of the intense anxiety, the deep and opsame ; they would sell at once, and pressive interest which every man on lay on hand for a long time, as the board must feel, when the sail in sight

unfortunate individuals who may yet be struggling for life. He sees the poor

"Li utenant Roberts, who left New York nic feet in every 24 hours, giving a command of the unfortunate President-and may it equal to four hundred thousand God grant his safe arrival in England, in despite of all probabilities.

er kind of fruit trees; they grow self whether it would be prudent-in- mer, it was the work of an instant, and the kitchen, through the intervals in the walls and m the slip, if the soil is moist ; may deed, whether it would be safe, with the we saw her leaving the wreck behind, by the means of values the quantity to be admitted propagated from suckers, or by sea running at that time and a strong nearing the steamer. She approached, may be regulated. A house consisting of 17 rooms sen his other crops, and would bring to look upon. A deep sense of the mu- of once more gaining comparative safe- appears to us that the real uses of iron are not ade- he drew out the fire without pain and without leavase his library, or help to procure are both exposed at every moment, too was the first to jump on board the nity. Also, that these immediately and deeply inoutfit for a son or daughter, when binds them together in sympathy, and Life Boat, and the first who left the terssted, have not excited themselves in an adesteamer at New York. They were carried on the backs of some of our sai- adaptation of this invaluable metal to the many lors into the forward cabin, and consigned to the care of the ship's doctor, ters of Virginia are, we perceive, about to hold a We once more took up our course, and Convention with reference to their peculiar busi-

> When the men had sufficiently recovered to be able to converse, they reported themselves to be the captain and our of the crew of the brig Margaret. of Leith, bound from New Brunswick to Scotland, and laden with lumber. They had been lashed to the rigging for fifty-two hours, without food without raiment, and almost without hope-ex- worth: posed to every wave that broke over unquenched thirst that parched their salt with a barre's, and the weevil will not attack it. In stackthe lost bulwarks, and raging from the crew had been drowned when the brig ing wheat four or five quarts of salt to every hunwas thrown on her beam ends, by the dred sheaves, sprinkled among them, will entirely wave that caused her wrecking. These secure them from the depredation of the insect,

course unequalled. When once finished, such buildings require no repairs; and the most finely carved ornaments cost little more than plain cast-

In Pennsylvania some movements towards introducing iron buildings have been made. The front of the Miners' Bank at Pottsville, including steps and ornamental work, is cast iron, and is described as extremely neat. This front, crected about ten years ago, is now said to be as fresh as ever. In some of the public and private buildings of Philadelphia, iron facings have been substituted for mar-

ble, with good success .- Newburyport Herald. An Iron House.

A gentleman of Brussels has constructed an iron

house, which is said to answer the objects intended in a satisfactory manner, the walls are hollow. and the hot air circulates from a central point in will cost £1,165, while a house of the same size in brick would cost £1,157. The rooms are arranged on three floors. The whole weight is 7975 tons, avoirdupois, (\$10,000 kilogrammes.) The advantage of this structure of house is represented to be

its permanent nature, and the facility with which it may be moved. The expense from carrying it would be about £25. This is a subject well worthy the attention of the

friends of home manufactures in Pennsylvania. It quately appreciated by the great mass of the commuquate manner, or with a view to the more general objects to which it may be applied. The iron masness at d interests. Pennsylvania should send a delegation to that Convention, in order that something like a mutual understanding might exist, and proper co-operation be determined upon. The iron trade in this country is yet in its infancy. Philad. Inquirer.

We find the following floating about in our exchange papers. If true, the information is of value to the wheat grower. We give it for what it is

"Salt is said to be a complete preventive against the distruction of wheat by weevil. Mix a pint of unfortunate men added, that two ves- and render the straw more valuable as food for eatile.

satisfaction to see me hanged like a dog. Nothing excited to emulation by the military ardor evinced more, then I am your friend until death. ABNER D. HOGAN.

N. B. I know it is against the laws of my country to break out of prison, but I cannot help it now, for I am in a close place, and life is sweet; is it not ? I do not want to die like a felon. it would be a disgrace to my native State, Gentlemen, I am a Kentuckian by birth. A. D. H.

CATTLE .- The best cattle (says Walker) have the face rather short ; the muzzle small ; the horns fine ; the neck light, particularly where it joins the head; the chest wide, deep and capacious; the tail broad and fat towards the top, but thin towards the lower part, which it will always be, when the animal is small boned, the lower part of the thigh small; the legs short, straight, clean, and fine boned. though not as fine as to indicate delicacy of constitution; the flesh, rich and mellow to the feel; the skin of a rich and silky appearance; the countenance calm and placid, denoting the eveness of temper essential to qu'ck feeding and a disposition to get fat.

A SPEEDY CURE FOR BURNS .- Some of our friends assure us that for the cure of burns and scalds nothing is equal to the leaves of the plant from Brussels to Liege, to Glient, or to Antwerp, called "Aaron's Rod." They are first bruised up with the stem and then applied directly to the wound. A neighbor recently had his face much scalded with steam, and on applying this remedy ing a scar.

This plant is a curious plant and it has the power of subsisting on air alone, or on something which t inhibes from the air. It will grow while hanging up in the parlor ; but it grows better in a good soil. A toot of it should grow in every garden. Boston Cult.

Goon MEDICINE FOR HOUS.--- When your hogs get sick, you know not of what, give them cars of corn, first dipped in tar, and then rolled in sulphur. Tis ten to one but it arrests the disease, and this we gathered in the course of the same familiar fire. side chat, from the gentleman who gave the prescription for the choic in hora s.

DURANUE WRITEWASH .- To make whitewash durable and prevent it from cracking, the water in which the lime is mixed should be well saturated with salt before the lime is put into it.

The worthiest people (says Swift) are the most injured by slander; as we usually find that to be the best fruit which the birds have been picking at. Colonel Worth is about to take command of the

army in Florida.

DEAT .- Dow, Junior says, "one debt begets another. I have always observed that he who owes a min a dollar, is sure to owe him also a grudge : and he is always more ready to pay compound interest on the latter, than on the former."

Moxer .- He who expends mony properly, is its moster ; he who lays it up, its keeper ; he who loves it, a fool; he who fears it, a slave; and he who adores it, an idolater.

A conceited Colonel in the cavalry lately complained that from the ignorance of his officers, he was obliged to do the whole duty of regiment. I am,' said he, 'my own captain, my own cornet'-'and your own trumpeter !' said a witty lady.

GRACE AFTER MEAT .- One day at the table of the late Dr. Pearse Dean of Ely, just as the cloth was being removed, the subject of discourse happened to be that of an extraordinary mortality among lawvers. We have lost," said a gentleman, "not less than six eminent barristers in as many months." The dean, who was quite deaf, rose as his friend finished his remarks, and gave the company grace -"For this and every other mercy the Lord's name be praised !"

INCONVENIENCE OF THE CASH SYSTEM .- "Confound your cash system !" cried a man about town, "if it comes about, what are we to do ! Sure enough. If it becomes the fashion for board to be paid regularly once a week, what would become of those who never pay anything ! They would be obliged to change from house to house once a weik, instead of once in three months, as at present.

"I am striving to gain a sufficiency," said a witness in the court of Common Pleas. "and what is a sufficiency ?" inquired the judge. "A litthe more, my Lond, (replied the witty barrister,) than what a person has already got."

NOT & BAD IDEA, - Will you lend father your newspaper I he only wants to read it." "Yes, my boy; and ask him to lend me his dinner; I only want to eat it."

FAWNING .- "Pa, why does mother call you "my leer ?" You are not a venison, are you Pa ?" +I think may be I am, son, for your mother does nothing but faten upon me."