TERMS OF THE "AMERICAN." HENRY B. MASSER, 7 PUBLISHERS AND JOSEPH EISELY. 5 PROPRIETORS.

H. B. MASSER, Editor.

[OFFICE IN MARKET STREET, NEAR DEER.] THE " AMERICAN" is published every Saturday at TWO DOLLARS per annum to be paid half yearly in advance. No paper discontinned till and aftearages are paid.

No subscriptions received for a less period than SIX MONTHS. All communications or letters on business relating to the office, to insure attention, must be POST PAID.



Night Blooming Flowers. BY JUILEY H. LEWIS. Fair buds! I've wanderettility by day Pe this sequestered spot, That I might catch your earliest smiles, And yet, ye open not.

The morning mists are scattered now,
No cloud is in the sky, The sun, like a benignant king. Smiles from his throne on high: While birds, in gushing melody, Are offering homage up; And sisters flowers beneath his gaze, Ope' wide each fragile cup, Why shift yeahen your incense in, And hide your loveliness As though your may not share their oy Beneath the sun's caress !

Now wake ye, 'tis the sun-set hour, The day-king has gone down; Yet still, upon the mountain's top, Is seen his brilliant crowns Awake ye! if its gleaming gems, Its bands of glittering gold, Its glorious, life-like radiance, Departing ye'd behold. The river's touched with glowing light, And rolls a crimson'd flood; While heaven's blush has lent its hues Unto the leafy wood. Still, are you folded to your dreams? Bright must those viscous be, If they surpass the gorgeousness Of heaven's page mitty!

Good-night! the stars are gemming heaven, And seem like angles' eyes, Rusuming now their silent watch Within the far off skies; They nightly on their burning thrones Like guardian spirits keep, Femiliar vigil o'er the world. Wrapt in its solemn sleep ; And tenderly they gaze on us, These children of the air, While every ray they send to you Some message seems to beat, That stirs you to the inmost care ; You thrill beneath their beams, And start, and tremble, wildly, like Ambition in his dreams.

Now, lo ! ye burst your emerald bonds, And ope your languid eyes, And spread your levelines before Whose dwellers of the skies; While incense, from your grateful hearts, Like prayer ascends to heaven : And kindly dew, and starry light, Are answering blessings given. Ask and ye shall receive," you seem To whisper to my heart, And more me in your worshipping Sweet teachers! 'tis an hour for prayer, When hashed are sounds of murth, And slumber rests his balmy wing Upon the weary earths When all the ties that bind the soul To worl liness, are given-Then heart-felt prayers, like loosened birds,

From the Public Ledger. WILLIAM WIRE INSTITUTE. Lecture of Robert Morris, Esq.

Will wing their way to heaven.

SUBJECT-COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE. Julianna street; above Vine, on Tuesday even- are insensibly blended-the clear and the turing. The house was filled to overflowing, and bid-the rough and the smooth-the rapid and the audience, composed of about an equal pro- the smooth. Each modifies the manner and portion of ladies and gentlemen, was one of the directs the progress of the other. Courtship is most fashionable and intelligent which we have to marriage what the bod is to the flower the noticed the present winter.

Courtship, the lecturer said, was a great privilege in this free country; but he feared a time for all things, and courtship, however deprivilege not adequately appreciated. It per- lightful, should have a proper termination. mits not only man and woman to become acportion of the human family.

In Turkey, the girl, at the early age of ten, and with an individual whom she has never ny. seen. The blissful period of courtship, and the Marriage was en sined by the first sover. Holmes from the long beat, the shrick of a room; and should it so happen that she is to be exempted from going to war and excused from married to a widower, she is fed, frequently by the burden of any public office. Among the wife were not separated! former wife of her intended husband. Thus, in ment of all taxes, fact, women are varrence for marriage.

of the price immediately, as carnest money,

again sits silently in the corner of the tent. If with advantage in modern times. is affered. If favorably received, and the con- was obliged to purchase his wife by presents doing wife. In how many dear relations does happeness within the circle is derived from his very great, though twenty men, on both cold, and was sadly plagued in her hips sent of relatives obtained, the young man pre- and by personal services to her father. The she stand to us, Mother-sister daughter- approving smile. Where the low sweet voice sides, are said to have been killed and with chaps-"Friend." said the Obadisents himself once more at the door of his bride, messenger, sent by Abraham to demand Res wife! The English languages does not con- of woman is reldom heard but in accounts of woman in a country of woman is reldom heard but in accounts of woman in a country of woman is reldom heard but in account of woman in a country of woman is reldom heard but in account of woman in a country of woma

SUNBURY AMERICAN.

AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL

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. - Jacobson.

By Masser & Eisely.

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, January 22, 1812.

Vol. 11 -- No. XVII.

his home. She rises and follows him, and the [nificent presents. Jacob served seven years | fountains of emotion, or kindle associations | never intered massociated with some endeurweek has not passed between the bride and her

THE REST LETTE BEAUTY AND ADDRESS.

Even in France, gallant and chivalric France father of the young lady is applied to ascertain her formor, and if this be not satisfactory, and the applicant obstinate and avaricious, the neare frequently disposed of unaccompanied by

intelligence, or her amlable qualities, and asks ty. no other portion. The French make a traffic a delicacy and loftiness of feeling which would or beautiful in nature. Then it is that we live in a world of our own imagining, the fifthre fection-a being of the heart-

"Fair as the first that fell of woman kind." Such are the hours of courtship. Then it is that the heart is touched with the dream of love -triumphant love. Even if deceived, the delusion is delicious while it lasts-if the delusion lasts through life, so much the better. There is no happier man than he who has boundless confidence in his wife-faultless as much in person as in mind-

"One made up of leveliness alone." What matters it to him that the world does not concur in this estimate! In making a choice, he did not consult the world or hold its opinion important-

"What care I how fair she be, If she be not fair to me !

The true policy-the duty of the married is to endeavor to preserve in after life the same bright picture that won our idolatry-to have the flame kindled in youth, constantly led by depth of regard.

To win man's affections is comparatively an easy matter-to retain them, the great art and true secret of domestic felicity. Let not then the wife neglect those thousand attractions that speaks as it were from the depth of the soullet her show that she understands the obligafidence, and is anxious to preserve the affec- if he has only enough body left to held his soul." tions of her husband.

ness and beauty are diffused. But there is a

Marriage has been justly regarded by all quainted with the mere forms and features, but true philosphers, as the best and purest of inwith the mental and moral qualifications of stitutions an institution having the approbaeach other, before entering the most important tion of Divinity itself. The Hebrews married contract of human society. It is a great privi- very early, for a single life was considered dislege, because it is enjoyed by any considerable graceful in Israel. The engagements lasted from six to twelve months. Some days after marriage the wife was conducted to the home is taught to shon the eye of man. Her mar- of her husband, and was not called a wife until riage is a matter of arrangement by her friends, that time. This was done with much ceremo-

delights of hope and love, are lost her. In eigns of Egypt, China and Greece. The earli-Tunis it is still worse, There, after a young fe- est laws encouraged matrimony. By the Jew. crying, "Spare my husband-in God's name male is engaged, she is immured in a small ish law, a married man was for the first year compulsion, until her size reaches that of the Peruvians he wasfree for a year from the pay-

A practice prevailed among the early Assy-In some parts of Arabia, children are con- rians of collecting the marriageable young wostracted in marriage when only a few years, or men once a year in every village, and comeven a few months, old. The father of the mencing with the most beautiful, putting them male child buys the girl, and pays down a part up at auction to the highest bidder. The money realized from the sale of the beautiful was the monster was inexorable; the must go with Our Indians, have a more rational way. The assessed as a portion to the less attractive, and Pawnee lover visits the tent of the father of the no one was allowed to carry off his purchase headlong into his wavery grave. - A shrick is beloved without invitations, sits on the corner unless he gave security that he would take her heard from one of the young sisters, 'I come, I of a mat for some time, and retires without to wife. It was also stipulated that the women speaking. He pays a second visit a few days should be well treated by their husbands-an after, wears his buffalo gracefully about him, excellent provision, that might be emulated of her cherished brother and of death,

the father has determined to reject him, no mat In many other ancient nations the husband in the young beauty, the gentle sister, or the nised and respected as such-and the greatest

marriage is then complete. During all this a for each of the daughters of Laban. This cus- dearer and fonder to the human heart, tom also existed in Greece, among the inhabitants of India, Spain, Germany, Thrace and Gaul, Modern travellers say that it prevails at -a most heartless system is pursuell. The this time in China, Turkey, Africa and among some of the savage tribes of America.

The practice of the Pawnee Chiefs of Upper California, in marrying several sisters, was gotiation is at an end. The whole affair is re- adverted to. The women of Turkey are also garded as a matter of business. Thus maxos in a wretched condition, as it regards liberty, morals and mind. The tendency of polygamy is alike vicious every where-among 'the civil-How miserable deficient is the French sys- ized and the savage. Affection is weakened, tem when compared with that of our own confidence destroyed, and without two bands country. The Prench sell themselves to a wo- there can be nothing like unity of purpose or man for her dower-the American Chooses, feeling or spirit-nothing like connubial telici-

A distinguished member of Congress from of what is most sacred; the American exhibits Pennsylvania, who returned home to spend the recent Christmas hollidays, remarked to the do honor to the most perfect models of chivalry. lecturer that "he had felt more like a human Here the period of courtship is recognised as being during the last 24 hours than for the prethe most blissful of human existence; the vious fortnight." During the period alluded. brightest, greenest, sunniest spot on the way- to, he said, "I mingled night and day with men side of life. It generally extends over a space -with excited politicians-and I felt every Well-ilfrected, this creative faculty isome of the of time when the mind and the heart are alike day a furious and sagage dispositoin creeping susceptible to all that is exquisite in sentiment over me-a disposition common to those who shun the softening, emobiling and refining influence of female society." Even in 'the Garrises up as a rich landscape-some fairy spirit den of Eden, Adam felt the spirit of loneliness mingles in, gives additional zest to the scene- creeping upon his soul-the Deity saw and yielan idea in whom we see all the elements of per- ded to the desire of his heart. - He sent a ministering angel-a sweet companion.

The decturer alluded to the case of Queen Victoria as an instance in which the beauty of marriage, as an institution, has been forcibly number millions of souls, and of such extent that it has been eloquently observed that the sun's rays ever linger on some portion of them. She descended from her high position and consulting only the dictates of her woman beart, ing virtue of his favorite hero :took for her bosom's lord, a comparatively obscure Lieutenant of German Hussars! The heart of the gentler sex is here seen in all its sincerty, troth and beauty.

The influence of woman over the destiny of men and nations, has been mighty in all the world. The story of Vituria and the band of Roman matrons, who induced Coriolanus to lay down his arms-the histories of Lucretia, of Virginia, and the daughters of Marcus Fabiuswere related to prove this truth.

An anecdote was related of Robert Barelay, who cammanded the British squadron in the affections. Aggravated, as is often the case, battle of Lake Eric. He lost his right arm and by an eagle-eved jealousy-she counts the one of his legs in that battle. Feeling accutely hours of the long winter might, lonely and dethat be was a mere wreck, on his return to sented-ber mind racked and tortured with a England, he sent a friend to a lady to whom he | themsand burbed suspicions, and haunted with a had been along time engaged offering to release thousand terrible thoughts and suggestions! her from the engagement. "Tell him," said For the fiend who world thus sport with the tions assumed at the altar-appreciates the con- the noble girl, "that I will syfully marry him,

Another anecdote was given, of two beautiful The Lecture was delivered in the Church in time at which two streams meet. The waters ago they were the most attractive objects of creeps through the shades with a pointed beevery circle which they visited. They were friends. The news suddenly came to one of them, that her friend had been seized with the small-pox, that disease so frightful to all beanties. Though remonstrated with against such very soul and centre from which all life, sweet- a course she determined to visit that sick bed. "Her heart told her that she ought to go"and she did go-and hour by hour, day by day, night by night, sat by the side of her suffering friend. That friend recovered, and the noblehearted girl escaped contagion. Both have since married; one is the mother of a lovely friend-her only confidant; not are his affecfamily, and the other is one of the richest young tions to be givened by complaints, reproach, or widows of our goodly metropolis. Such a noble and heroic act would plead with the tongue of an angel before the tribunal of a just and true

> The widows of the ill-tated William Brown were referred to. At one moment, when the body of a man was about to be hurled by woman was heard above the winds and waves, spare my husband! The appeal touched even the rugged heart of the mate, and man and

> Holmes placed his hands upon the shoulders of a youth named Askins, whose two sisters where beside him. They saw the fatal grasp upon their brother,- 'spare him, spare him, dear Holmes,' they cried, 'he is our only brother -the last of a family of fifteen-we would rather die with than live without him.' But the rest,' he muttered, and plunged the youth come,' she cried, and gathering her garments modestly around her, she sprang to the embrace

Marriage is desirable and recommendable in long and successfully that does not in the first place recognise the institution of merringe, and in the second, endeavor to observe the principle of that sacrefedflightion.

Dr. Franklin was an earnest advocate not only for marriage, but for marriage in early life. Marriage chastens the feelings, excites the ambition, and improves the heart. The responsibilities of the husband and father, and the gentle whisperings of the sharer of his fortunes, cannot fail to instil those lessons of virtue and propriety which constitute the elements of an unsullied reputation. The ambition is quickened, and the energies excited, as in the future he sees the figures of his children, with the desire to render them assistance, or afford them un honorable starting place in the lame of their sire.

Children 'too, are imitative beings, and tims trith becomes speedily obvious to all parents. most important gills, and capable of the neblest efforts of human intellect. Parents are thus called upon to decide whether their example shall be for evil or for good. Imitation is a creative or reproductive power; the dagnerreotype of the budding mind. How important then that principle, truth, and virtue should chimate its models

Marriage is calculated to improve in all the relations of life. But for the links between the world of sympathy and virtue, and the world illustrated. The Queen of dominions that of intemperance and guilt, how many of the penitent and reformed would have plunged head- of the precipitation of some engaged. and forbid them going out in snow, long into the abyes of darkness and despair. Even Byron, when speaking of the Corsair's love for Medora, makes constancy the redeem-

> "He fired and left his name to after times, Linked with one virtue and a thousand crimes.

But miserable indeed is the condition of two beings unhappily united, who live together in the constant practice of hypocrisy, or in perpetual discord. The heart does not light up the smile that plays upon the lips—the soul does not participate in the feelings that the tongue is compelled to counterfeit. How bitter is the fate of the deceived and

betrayed wife, when disappointed in the object affections of a fond and confiding creature, if there be a lower deep therein, the caging and burning abyss of his own-conscience, such must such a wretch. One doesns his victim to a smgle blow—the other starts the 'cords of the heart-one by one, and each with added anguish. But there is a bright contrast to this picture, though no human being should look for unalloyed felicity in any merely mental or earthly position. The best of insbands and wives are these which bear eccusionally with each other. The wife should never be ashamed to depend on her husband. He should be her dearest sallen behavior.

It is related of Cobbett, that though frequentby called from home dy business, he never in a solitary instance disappointed his wife as to the hour of his return. If all young men knew how much value weman attach to this species. of fidelity there would be fewer unhappy couples in the world.

Well regulated marriages, though they indom result but in an increase of prosperity and union of feeling, of sentiment and of taste-is indeed the chief bliss that survived the fall. Blessed is the man that has a virtuous wife, for the number of his days shall be doubled."

We can conceive of no more Heaven-like circle than is embraced within the limits of a virtuous and happy family. There is nothing beneath the skies more conobling to human nature than such a houshold-where mildness. and virtue, kindness and love, industry and peace go hand in-hand together. Where a cheerful and contented spirit chases away the So much for woman's self-devotion-whether heart. Where the head of the family is recog- prize. and then turns and walks slowly off towards beeca for his sen base, was charged with mag- trin four werds calculated to call forth deeper gentleness and love, and the name of mother is ta, even in men, was much the most to come near they lips,

ing epithet. Such a family can only be collected together under the influence of a happy every point of view. In a national point of marriage - a union of hearts as well as handsview it is indispensable. No nation can exist a tie consecrated by pure and chaste affection was originally no commander in the -an engagement formed upon earth but sane- sloop, but previously to engaging the Tioned in Heaven. On such an union the angles who dwell in the bright abodes of the blest, must downward run their spiritual and starry eyes, and while they gaze with looks of interest and love, delight in and rejoice over the same.

I We have endeavored to retain the ideas of the Lecturer, but to give them eldihed throughout in the poetic language in wich they were delivered, would be extremely difficult in a hasty newspaper report.

First Nautical Enterprise.

APPER THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON - RECEIPT OF THE NEWS AT MACHAIN, IN MAINE, The first mautical enterprise that suc

ceeded the battle of Lexington, was one purely of private adventure. The intelligence of this conflict was brought to Machais, in Maine, on Saturday, the 9th May, 1775. An armed schoower in the service of the crown, called he Margaretta, was lying in port, with we sleeps under her convey, that were lording with lumber on behalf of her King's Government. The bearers of the news were enjoined to be silent, a plan to capture the Margaretta having been immediately projected among some of the more spirited of the inhabitants. The next day being Sunday, it was hoped that the officers of the schooner might be seized while in Church: Capt. Moore, who commanded the lay, however, the schooner dropped will publish its advertisement gratis. down below the town to a distance exceeding a league. Here she was followed, santmoned to surrender, and tis quality of the blood. Hence roasted or baked red on from a high bank which her own potatoes are successfully employed as a specishot could not reach. The Margaretta again weighed, and running into the bay at the confinence of the two rivers, anchored.

The following morning, which was Monday, the 11th of May, four young men took possession of one of the lums ber sloops, and bringing her alongside Equity Ber in England, during the time of the of a wharf, they gave three cheers as a late Lord Chancellor Elden. signal for volunteers. On explaining that their intentions were to make an attack on the Margaretta, a party of as Courtship may be said to form the period of and fashionable girls of this city. Fifteen years be his merited viction. The Italian brave, who bout thirty-five athletic men was soon collected. Arming themselves with neath his cleak, is a noble spirit compared with firearms, pitchforks and axes, and throwing a small stock of provisions into the sloop, these spirited freemen got under way, with a light breeze at North-West. When the Margaretta observed the approach of the sloop, she weighted and crowded sail to avoid a conflict that was every way undesirable, her commander not yet being apprised of all the facts that had occurred near Boston. In jibing, the schooner carried away her main boom, but continuing to stand on, she ran into Holmes's Bay, and took a spar out of a vessel that was lying there. While these repairs gal Son; I shall reform by-and-by." were making, the sloop hove in sight "And I will be like the Prodigal Son, again, and the Margaretta stood out to too," she replied, "for I will arise and sea, in the hope of avoiding her. The go to my father;" and accordingly off breeze freshened, and with the wind on she went. the quarter, the sloop proved to be the better sailor. So anxious was the Mar-Moore now cut away his boats; but pretty girls, told them that they were garetta to avoid a collision, that Capt, crease the responsibilities of our condition, sel- tinding this ineffectual, and that his assailants were fast closing with him, be happiness. It is the condition intended for opened a fire, the schooner having an man by his Creator. A lapay marriage-an armament of four light guns and fourteen swivels. A man was killed on ther, in a funeral sermon on a lady, afboard the sloop, which immediately re- ter summing up her good qualities, adturned the fire with a wall piece. This ded, that "she always reached her husretta's helm, and cleared her quarter out muttering." deck. The schooner broached to, when the sloop gave a general discharge. Almost at the same instant the Boston Atlas says, is the most mothe two vessels came foul of each other. A short conflict now took place with musketry, Capt. Moore throwing hand grenades with considerable effect in Times says a glass of water, adminisperson. The other was shot down, tered to a drunkard, is like a that-it gloom of the world, and religion, with her sweet | however, when the people of the sloop lessons of philosophy, softens and purifies the boarded and took possession of their

PRICES OF ADVERTISING.

2 do -Every subsequent insertie'n, . Yearly Advertisements, (with the privilege of alteration) one column \$25; half column, \$18, three squares, \$12; two squares, \$9; one square, Without the privilege of alteration a liberal

discount will be made.

Advertisements left without directions as to the length of time they are to be published, will be continued until ordered out, and charged accord-

Sixteen lines make a square,

considerable, though the people of no regular cruiser can ever equal in spirit and energy a body of volunteers assembled on an occasion like this. There schooner, Jeremiah O'Brien was selected for that station. This affair was the Lexington of the seas, for like that celebrated land conflict, it was a rising of the people against a regular force, was characterized by a long chase, a bloody struggle, and a triumph. It was also the first blow struck on the water after the war of the American revolution had actually commenced.

The armament of the Margaretta was ternsferred to a sloop, and Mr. O's Brien made an attack on two small English cruisers that were said to have been sent out from Halifax expressly to capture him. By separating these vessels he took them both, with little resistance, and the priconers were all carried to Watertown, where the provincial Legislature of Massachusetts was then assembled. The gallantry and good conduct of Mr. O'Brien were so generally admired, that he was immediately appointed a Captain in the marine of the colony, and sent on the coast with his two last prizes, with orders to intercept vessels bringing supplies to the royal force .- {Cooper's Naval His-

Boors for Pestales .- Parents-have ve daughters? Then throw fashion to the winds, purchase or have made for but the scheme failed in consequence them, good substantial call skin boots. slosh or mud without them on their feet. Margaretta, saw the assailants, and Your thin shoes have been the means with his officers escaped through the of nine cases of consumption out of tenwindows of the church to the shore, in the female sex. We know of no where they were protected by the guns reason why the feet of girls and wos of their vessel. The alarm was now men need not be as well protected when taken, springs were now got on the they go out, as those of boys and men-Margaretta's cables, and a few harms Come now-help us bring up one good less shot were tired over the town by fashion. What shoestore will provide way of intimidation. After a little de. a supply of real boots for ladies? We Augusta Banner.

> A potato diet is found greatly to improve tise he against the sea scurvy, when other remedies have failed. This discovery was made in France. It is singular that boiled potatoes de not seem to have the same good effect.

EPIGRAM .- The following is an Epigram on one of the most distinguished Lawyers at the

Mr. Leech* Made a speech, Impressive, clear and strong ; Mr. Hattat On the other part, Was tidious dull and long ; Mr. Parker Mode that darker Which was dark enough without; Mr. Bell Spoke so well That the Chancellor said, I doubt.

Afterwards Vice Chancellor, Afterwards Chancellor of Ireland.

Good RETORT .- A young wife remonstrated with her husband, a dissipated spendthrift, on his conduct. "My love," said he, I am only like the Prodi-

Sweet Potatoes.-An old bachelor having been laughed at by a bevy of SMALL potatoes. "We may be SMALL pos tatoes," replied one of the maidens, "but we are sweet ones."

AN EXCELLENT QUALITY .- A preas discharge killed the man at the Marga- band's hat when he called for it, with-

> AN EXAMPLE OF MODESTY .-- A clock, dest thing in the world-it always ces vers its face with its hands.

AGAINST THE GRAIN .- The Beston goes against the GRAIN!

THE CHAPS .- A pretty girl was late-The loss of life in this affair was not ly complaining to a triend that she had