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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.—JENKINS.



We love a fine horse (and a fine dog) too well ourselves, to refuse place to the lament for the loss of one, even though it ran less smoothly than the annexed lines:

From the New York American. Lines on the Death of Eclipse, a Favorite Horse.

When late across this pleasant lawn, Well mounted on thy back, I passed—and thou didst bear me on;

Forewell—tho' of an honored line, 'Twas not for that alone That thou wert loved—for thou didst shine

And he, thy brother Chess, who oft Hath trotted by thy side, And left the pressure of thy soft

Forewell—and though unknown to song, Thy well-spent life hath been, Thine unforgetten labor long

TO A RAT. Caught in our printing office last night. Thou long-tail'd, ebon-eyed, nocturnal ranger!

We are indebted to one of the clerks of the Post Office for the following unique prescription of a letter which passed through the City Post Office, one day last week:

Invention in Printing. A late number of the London Phoenix has the following paragraph relating to a new invention connected with the art of printing:

The celebrated JOHN HUNTER was a man of such wonderful diligence, that he has often told his friends, that for thirty years, summer and winter, the sun never found him in bed.

One evening while she was in this sleep, some apples, raisins, and walnuts were passed round. I commenced eating an apple, when she remarked, "These are good apples."

From the New York Evening Post. Animal Magnetism at the West.

A CURIOUS CASE OF ANIMAL MAGNETISM.—The case to which the following letter refers was described some two or three weeks since in a Louisville paper.

It is only necessary to add, that we are acquainted with the family in which these things occurred, and that we place the fullest confidence in the following letter, addressed by the person so unfortunately bound by spiritual chains, to his brother in this city:

ALTOX, February 23, 1842. Yours of the 11th inst., is received, which I will hasten to answer. First, as to Animal Magnetism. You were right in supposing the communication in the Louisville Journal was from me.

On being questioned further, she would describe the exact situation of things. Again I took her to my room, at the hotel down town, about two miles, and she described its contents, even a painting that is hanging on the wall.

I was eating! She told me correctly. G. handed me some vinegar which I tasted, when she exclaimed, "What do you want of this sour stuff?"

Now I come to what to many appears the most extraordinary phenomenon, I mean clairvoyance, or the power of perceiving what is occurring at a distance.

In this faculty, or in the exercise of it, she appeared to improve each sitting, the same as a person will excel in any thing by practice; and our experiments in clairvoyance, had not advanced much at the time when she commenced falling into this sleep independently.

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APPLES FOR STOCK.—Under this head, a "Practical Farmer," in the Boston Cultivator, says: "Last year I butchered a hog sixteen months old, which weighed 500 lbs."

and faculties developed in this state, that has ever been known. I am almost inclined to believe, if it had not assumed its present or any other alarming appearance, I should soon have been able to have opened a daily correspondence with you.

WE MUST LAUGH AS WELL AS CRY in this world. As last week was a sad one, let this be more cheerful. The following quizzical story was told at a temperance meeting in Hartford last week, by a reformed toper.

THE ENGLISH COAL MINES.—It is feared in England that there will be, in a few years, an exhaustion of the coal mines of that country by the vast drain opened by the great increase in steam navigation.

A dispute arose in Sterling, Mass., in a congregation, about repairing the Church. A fierce debate was had, and the meeting adjourned until the next day; but in the night the Church was burned.

THE SCHOOLMASTER WANTED IN ENGLAND.—It is stated in the annual report of the Register of Births and Deaths for the year ending 30th June, 1841, that out of 124,524 couples married, there were 41,812 males and 62,524 females who could not read their own names!

ANECDOTE OF WESLEY.—Joseph Bradford was for some years the travelling companion of Mr. Wesley, for whom he would have sacrificed health and even life, but to whom his will would never bend, except in meekness.

SHEEPISH.—Reader, how much mutton do you think you would eat in a life of sixty years, having each day a moderate allowance. We will tell you; a flock of 350 sheep. Really the contemplation of that idea, is enough to make a man feel sheepish all over, particularly about the head and shoulders.

A Recipe. Mr. Errol.—The following recipe for intemperance may be of great advantage to many.

A sovereign Remedy for Intemperance.—Take sarsaparilla and make a tea, and when thirsty, take a gill with a grain or two of quinine in each glass.

AMERICAN SKILL ABROAD.—The new carpet mentioned in the long descriptions of the recent royal christening, as having been laid for the occasion in St. George's Chapel was the invention of H. A. Wells, Esq., an American.

THE WINTER IN RUSSIA has been mild beyond precedent. The Navy at St. Petersburg on the 15th of December was free of ice, a thing almost unparalleled.

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NEW MODE OF GRAFTING.—Mr. Downing of Newburg, has lately practised with success, a new mode of grafting, the object being, to test the quality of fruits raised from seeds in a shorter period than would be possible by permitting such seedlings to stand until their natural time of bearing.

At a recent meeting of the Botanical Society of London, Mr. D. Cooper gave an account of a new living fence, formed by planting young trees in a slanting position, every tree leaning the opposite way, so that they will cross each other, and then at the parts which come in contact, take off from each a piece of bark and tie close together, covering the part with clay.

EASTERN METHOD OF MEASURING TIME.—The people of the East measure time by the length of their shadow. Hence if you ask a man what o'clock it is, he immediately goes into the sun, stands erect, then looking where his shadow terminates, he measures his length with his feet, and tells you nearly the time.

WHO CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.—Fill a wine glass to the brim with water, or, if possible, raise it higher than the edge, by letting one drop fall at a time, until the water presents the convex surface.

THE DRUMMER BOY OF LUNDY'S LANE.—Major General Winfield Scott, while on the frontier during the late border difficulties, at a complimentary dinner given him by the citizens of Cleveland, related the following characteristic anecdote that occurred during the battle of Lundy's Lane, in the last war.

CONVICTED.—John Roberts, charged with the murder of John Cox, was tried last week in Caroline County, Md., and convicted of murder in the second degree.