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From the New York Observer. Is China our Neighbor?

And Jesus said, "Which thinkest thou was neighbor to him that fell among thieves?" And the young man answered, he that showed kindness to him.

Equality. I dream'd, that buried in my fellow clay, Close by a common beggar's side I lay;

To an Umbrella. Alas! thou lost one! long must I repent That fatal hour when I forgot your coat,

Machine Poetry. A pretty deer is dear to me, A hare has downy hair, I love a heart with all my heart,

A SUFFERING LOVE.—"Oh, mother," said a young boy, "Mr. S.—does love Aunt Lucy. He sits by her, he whispers to her, and he hugs her."

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.—JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Eiseley. Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, July 16, 1842. Vol. 11—No. XLII.

STRANGE PRACTICES IN ALGIERS.

The Akbar, a journal published at Algiers, gives an account of a sect of Mohammedan enthusiasts, Aicouas, as they are called, who, excited by certain leaders of their ceremonies, called Mogaddams do many strange and surprising things.

'Bot in that exhibition, so afflicting to the human species, what was most painful to see, was a child about twelve years old, gifted with the most interesting countenance, who, after extracting from the furnace wherein the shovels were made red hot, a burning piece of coal had thrust it with great pains into his mouth, and blowing with force, threw out thousands of sparks.

Letter from General Jackson.

HERMITAGE, June 9, 1842. DEAR SIR—I have received your letter of the 24th May, last, and, since, I have also received the Globe containing the speech of Senator Conrad, of Louisiana, on the bill to refund to me the fine, &c., imposed on me by Judge Hall, who is styled by Mr. Conrad the upright judge.

A request was then made by the Governor to adjourn to Baton Rouge. This was also refused—the Republicans voting for it. The enemy had attacked and destroyed our gunboats, which gave new alarm to some, and fresh encouragement to traitors.

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'When the meal was over, the performers in the impending drama seized a number of tabors, covered with long inscriptions, some of them recording the right of property which the corporation had in those instruments, and the others praises of God, Mahomet, and Ben Aisa.

I have heard it said, that these fanatics eat serpents and scorpions, and to know whether they extracted the stings of the latter animal, as was alleged, I had taken the trouble to go to the Bouzareah, whence I had brought a collection capable of satisfying the most voracious of the sect.

After intelligence had been received of the embarkment of the British troops at Plymouth, in England, and that their object was the invasion of New Orleans; and whilst I was engaged with all exertions in repelling their advance, which was then in possession of Pensacola—it being necessary for me to clear my left flank of the enemy before I could proceed to New Orleans to meet them there—several committees from New Orleans waited upon me at Mobile.

About the time the Judge returned to the city, Louallier published his inflammatory address to the people, intended to create mutiny in my camp, and the desertion of the troops from their posts of defence.

'The hymns, combined with the deafening noise of the tabors, ultimately excited the Aicouas.—The spirit of their master then seemed to alight on them, one after another they dropped their instruments, abruptly, rushed into the space allowed to the performers, shook with violence alternately jumping on either foot; and most violently shaking their heads backwards and forwards, and right and left.

'I have not detailed all the exercises of this singular sect; some are real juggling tricks, but there are several which fraud cannot account for. The physical condition into which these men fall under the influence of their music and cries, is above all, remarkable, inasmuch as it consists of a number of little phenomena which an individual cannot produce as he pleases.

Soon after my arrival, I was made acquainted with Judge Hall, who appeared willing to aid in the measures of defence. He was present at many interviews I had with the committees of vigilance and safety. The Legislature was in session, and had passed a law laying an embargo on all vessels, thus enabling Commodore Patterson to impress the seamen to man his flotilla.

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'When a number of Aicouas had fallen into the blissful state just described, they fancied themselves transformed (according to the degree of action the spirit exercised on them) some into lions, others into jackalls, but the larger number into camels, whose harsh cries they imitated in such fashion as to produce a certain illusion.

'This most foul repast was followed by a canticle in honor of Ben Aisa—a song which was to close the meeting. At this stage of the ceremony the Meddah sang alone, and was accompanied by a unique musician, who played the toblate, an instrument consisting of a pair of little kettle drums, which the player strikes with two little sticks.

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'Some incredulous Europeans having suspected the nature of the cactus leaves given to the Aicouas and even supposed that those formidable stings seen at a distance, might be mere pasteboard thorns like the nails in some freemasonry ordinals, the chief of the sect, who seemed to have guessed at their doubts submitted to them what had remained of the repast of his adepts.

'Dow, Jr.—In Dow's last sermon we find the following rich morsel. "Man looks upon life just as he does upon the woman—there is no living with them, and he can't live without them.—He will run after them—and rather than be held, he will lose his coat tail and character—kisses them for love, and then kicks them for leading him into trouble.

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'Whilst several Aicouas fancying themselves converted into brutes, imitated all their manners, others manifested the utmost thirst. To quench it, large iron shovels were brought in haste just drawn red hot from the fire. I was surprised enough at a refreshment of that sort, but was far more so when the convulsionists applied the red hot shovels to their tongues and lips with an expression of savage voluptuousness which made us shudder.

'It is said that if onions be planted in the same hill with vines, they will protect the latter from the depredations of the striped bug.

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tion promulgated, removing martial law, Judge Hall returned to the city; and when we were all in the midst of joy and pious gratitude to the all-wise Providence that has crowned our exertions with success, he commenced his proceedings against me, requiring me to attend at a named day and show cause why a writ of attachment should not issue against me.

From these facts, which Mr. Conrad will not dare to deny over his own signature, I have the right to ask him, was it consistent with the character of an upright judge to alter the record, for the base purpose intended—that is to say, to show, on the trial of a prosecution against me, that I had arrested him before he had attempted to exercise judicial authority in my camp, then under martial law, the necessity for declaring said law being admitted by him?

But I will not pursue the subject further. My thanks are due to the Legislature of New York, Ohio and Michigan for their expressions calculated to induce Congress to wipe from my memory the imputation cast upon it by the net of this tyrannical and vindictive judge.

With the smiles of Providence, and by the aid of my brave compatriots in arms, after many days of toil and nights of watchfulness, New Orleans was preserved from the hostile tread of a foreign foe, and her amiable females protected from insult and pollution.

I am, very sincerely and truly, your friend, ANDREW JACKSON. Editor of the Globe.

A GOOD ANECDOTE.—We love to laugh at a good anecdote—that is, one worth laughing at.—The following is certainly exquisite.