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THE BIBLE.

BT WM. LEGGET.

This little book I'd rather own,

Than all their diadems.

The earth a golden ball

How baleful to ambition's eve

His life a vanished dream !

For one poor moment crave !

No, no the soul ne'er found relief

Gems dazzie not the eve of crief.

In glittering hoar Is of wealth ;

Geld cannot purchase health :

And he that seeks this book in tears,

Here he who died on Calvary's tree,

Hath male that promise blist:

"Ye heavy laden come to me,

And I will give you rest,

A bruised reed I will not break,

A contrite heart d-spise:

My burden's light, and all who take

My yoke shall win the skies !'

Yes, yes, this little book is worth

For what are all the joys of earth

Compared to joys of Heaven !

This is the guide our father gave,

"The light-the life the way."

A star whose lustre gilds the grave-

The Sabbath.

BY SIR E. L. BULWER.

Fresh glides the brook and blows the gale.

From Nature's car less haponet hall :

The seventh an Angel opes the door;

Yet yonder halts the quiet mill ;

How motionless and still !

Six days stern labor shuts the poor

And, smiling, welcomes all !

This holy resulte to the breast,

Six days of toil, poor child of Cain,

To breathe the gale, to watch the wave,

And know-the wheel may rest.

Thy strength thy master's slove must be;

The seventh, thy limbs escape the choin-

A father's tender mercy gave

The whitting wheels, the ru-hing sail,

To lead to realms of day-

All else to mortal given :

But here a blessed ba'm appears,

His tears shall cease to flow.

To head the deepest woe :

Ask of the gold to save!

Nay, were the seas one chrysolite,

This book were worth them all,

His blood-rung spails must gleam,

Then hear him with his grasping breach

Fool would t thou stay the arm of death !

When death's uplifted hand is high,

Than all the goods and gems,

That ere the monarchs' coffer shown-

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 despatisan, -JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Elsely.

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, Sept. 17, 1812.

ANECDOTES OF GENERAL JACKSON. BY AMON EPADALL.

Public men often soffer great wrong in reference as well to their private as their public character and conduct, from the misrepresentations of their political adversaries, frequently aggravated by personal animosities. Individ- that be might, as he lay, gaze upon the shaduals of a party who means to be honest, and ow of those loved features which had enraptuwould not in a word or thought internationally | red his youthful heart, and contemplate those do injustice to a human being, often believe, virtues which in old age, and even death, renwith a too ready credulity, the assertions of dered them dear to the bosom of the hero and party presses, political leaders and personal en- statesman beyond any other earthly object. emics, thereby becoming accomplices in the infliction of injuries at which their own consci- Gen. Jackson as I afterwards became ; but on ences, if properly instructed, would revolt with witnessing this scence, I said to myself, this horror.

The opinion imbibed by a large portion of tertain so deep, so abiding an affection for mankind in reference to the temper and con- a departed companion, however cherished duct of General Jacksen in his personal rela- while living. Love like this is all good, all tions, furnish striking illustrations of these truths. Multitudes there are, both in the United States and other countries, who, having received impressions without due consideration, from presses and persons opposed to him, believe that distinguished man to be reckless of religious faith, if not moral obligation, ferocious in temper, and in all the relations of life a tyrant, Such individuals learn with astonishment, that this picture is all the reverse of truth ; that the tone of Gen. Jackson's mind during his Presidency was decidedly devout; that no man could be more kind and indulgent in all his private relations; and that if he be censurable on this score, it is for too much forbearance. With what pain he found himself compelled to give up his favorable opinion of old friends, and with what tenacity he clung to them, in many cases, after every body else pronounced them venal and treacherons, was witnessed by those who were intimate with him during his administration. But without touching at present upon any thing connected with his political course, I propose to give in the present and in some succeeding papers a few authentic anecdotes which will tend to correct the erroneous opinions entertained by many as to his religious impressions and imputed vio-

mind,

lence of temper. Those who sat down with General Jackson at his private table to break bread, know with what fervor he undormly invoked the blessings of heaven upon the repast provided by its boun-

ty. A stranger could not witness the scene without according to the venerable man before him, who thus bowed his gray head in humble supplication to the Giver of all good, a heart

An Outline. low. Opposite the foot of his bed, nearly We some time since alluded to an exceltouching the post, stood a little table, and on it tent little pumphlet, just published by Messra, was the miniature of Mrs. Jackson leaning against a small Bible and a Prayer Book which Manly, Orr & Lippincott, and giving a detailed sketch of the Water Works at Fairmount. had been hers. It was evidently so placed We condense a few of the particulars here, without destroying the general interest of the pamphlet, which must possess great value, not only to strangers but to citizens. The first

works for the supply of pure water to Philadelphia, were commenced in 1799, when a basin was formed on the Schovlkill, on the upper side I was not then so thoroughly acquainted with of Chesnut street. In the year 1812, the steam works at Fairm ant were commenced, They were in operation September 7, 1815. In must be a good man. None other could en-

the fail of 1818, the crection of the dam and other works at Fairmount was determined upon, and on the 19th of April 1819, the great work was commenced by Capt. Ariel Cooley, heavenly, all divine, as nearly as anything on who had progressed very materially, when he earth possibly can be; it cannot dwell in a bad died. He encountered great difficulties in heart, it cannot assimilate with a perverted constructing a dam, but persevered and was successful. Mr. John Moore was the mason I had never seen Mrs. Jackson; but from

employed to erect the mill buildings, which are that moment I pronounced her a superior woof stone, 238 feet long and 56 wide. The man. None but a woman of surpassing virtues. water-wheels are formed of wood, the shafts could so fix the affections of such a man. No are of iron and weigh about 5 tons each. The other could maintain such a hold on such a mind, autidst the enjoyment of glory, the gratifica- first wheel was put in operation July 1, 1822 tion of ambition, the cares of state, and never It is fifteen teet in diameter, and fifteen feet long, working under one foot head and seven ceasing excitements sufficient to overpower and swallow up the kindly affections of ordina- feet fall. It forces 1,250,000 gallons of water ry men. None other could occupy, in life and in to the receiving reservoir in twenty-four hours, death, so broad a space in the remembrance and with a four and a half feet stroke of the pump affections of one who in devotion to his country and piston of 16 inches diameter; the wheel had no superior. And I could not but regret, making eleven and a half revolutions in a minate. Five similar wheels have been put in that she had not lived, not so much to enjoy a signal triumphover her own and her husband's operation since, some of which make thirteen traducers, as to comfort, advise and sustain her revolutions in a minute, with a little more way along. devoted companion in the midst of never cease- ter fall, and force 1,500,000 gallons in twentying toils and vexations, the heartlessness of four hours. false friends and the assaults of unrelenting en-

The wheels being sunk below the usual line of high water, it might be supposed they would be obliged to stop at flood tide ; but this seldom happens, except in the spring at the change of the moon, nor then is the motion affected until the back water is about sixteen inches on the wheel.

The first four pumps were made by Messrs ring the bell time after time, and Jemmy not Rush & Muhlenburg, and the two last, by make his appearance. There was no particu- Messrs. Levi Morris & Co., in accordance with lar cause for Jemmy's apparent rudeness and the designs of Mr. Graff,

The water is elevated into the reservoirs Calling one day upon business, I rang the 102 feet above the tide in the Schuylkill. The bell repeatedly, but no door-keeper appeared. lowest estimate of the whole amount of water As I had done before under like circumstances, passing down the river in the dry season, is,

I with his head somewhat elevated on a full pil- | THE PHILADELPHIA WATER WORKS. | works are now undergoing a thorough repair, Councils having determined on a complete rebuilding of the dam from low water mark upwards, Mr. Frederick Graff, Superintendant, has had charge of the works for nearly forty years, and is a most efficient officeer .- Bick. Reporter.

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Gav. Dorr Mis-Taken !

We have just learned one of the best jokes of the season. Every body has heard of that tall-walker, George Washington Dixon, Well George had been on a Southern tour, Mesmerising, talking and walking a few dollars out of the pockets of the curious and gullible natives, and, after having closed operations at one of the 'Springs,' in the southern part of Virginia, was quietly scated at his hotel sipping a dish of black tea, previous to taking his passage to the North. The parlor door was suddenly opened and in stepped a medaling officious fellow of the neighborhood, who accosted him with-

'Good morning, sir; you're about going ch "You've guessed it ; I was just going to take my parsage to Predericksburg, on my way to New York.

"Ab, ha ! good joke, but it won't do. Off for Texas, 1 'spose ; ch, Mr. Dorr ! You see 1 know you, so you may as well "confess the corn."

Well, I should think,' said George, opening sis peculiarly large eyes in astonichment, that there was some mistake in this matter." Not in the least, Mister Dorr. They told

me you would deny your identity; but you see I have got the description, and the legal papers, \$5000 reward, and all that, so come

And sure enough all was right. The native had set about the matter in carnest, by the instigation of some merciless wags, who had made him believe he had hit upon the real Rhode Island Governor. He would not stop for explanation, for fear his rich prize would escape him ; and, indeed but little opposition was made, when the prisoner discovered they were to proceed directly on his own route. Accordingly the fortunate individual paid his own and the captive's passage. 818 each, and proceeded in the first train. But what was the raptor's actonishment on arriving at Fredericksburg, to hear the agent of the line address him as Mr. Dixon.

"What? he ejaculated, "Dixon ! Dixon !are you indeed, then, not Mr. Dorr of Rhode Island

s Dixon, George Washington Dixon, Esquire

who can out talk, out walk, or out sing any

Now it is said, that if the victimised individ

ual is still going at the rate he started, the

Flying Dutchman wasn't a circumstance to

George came on his way rejoicing; and ar-

A Judge Puzzled.

'So sir, you're there !' said the Justice.

'Do you always come as near the truth as

'You'll be smart if you keep 'stlence and find

"Pon't be impudent, sir ; what is your occu-

'Look here, Judge, I'll tell you one thing and

"This will not do; where do you come from,

'You're d----d impudent yourself.'

want to do it respectfully."

"This side of sundown.,

"Have you an occupation."

*Do you mean to satisfy me ?

"Certainly, squire ; what'll you have !"

"Well, sir."

"Reckon."

COLLERS IN.

"A hat is it !"

"Silence, sir ; where do you come from ?"

A western Judge or Justice of the peace,

rived in New York a few days ago.

thing in old Varginny."

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length of time they are to be published, will be continued until ordered out, and charged accordingly.

57 Sixteen lines make a square.

Feats of Jugglery.

The London Spectator thus speaks of the ricks performed by a celebrated juggler now in that metropolis :

Among other incomprehensible doings, he boils four plucked pigeons in a kettle full of water, suspended over a fire, and perfectly isolated, and out fly four living birds from the empty vessel; he returns to their owners a core of pocket-handkorchiets, washed and ironsl, that a minute before lay soaking wet in a pail; and he produces no end of bougets out d'anold but that he stamps upon and turns inside out, each pressure of the feet or squeeze of the hands being followed by a fresh supply of bunches of real sweet-smelling flowers from the old battered hat.

A young lady near us lent us her straw bonnet, and was horrified at seeing it crushed up into a ball ; but to her great relief, it appeared hanging at the top of her prostenium, and being brought down by a pistol-shot she found it quite undamaged. A handful of gold watches is flung to the back of the stage, and presently they reappear hanging from the branches of a plant that had just before been watered and placed under a heated cover for producing this sort of golden fruit; bunches of keys, that seem not to have been out of sight, are found attached to the roots of a plant in a flower pot and a head with great goggle eyes, at the sumnons of a pistol-shot, thrusts out a bunch of rings at the tip of its tongue, and stares with two gold watches for eyeballs, though one could have sworn both rings and watches were under certain covers.

But perhaps one of the completest puzzles is the pouring out successively of black and red wine and creaming champagne from the identical black bottle that we had just before seen filled with water; this and the dipping for bouquets in the old hat are done in the very faces of the spectators ; and the bottle, when emptied of its various contents is broken, and a silk handkerchief is found in it. A couple of lemons are handed to the company ; and one of them on being cut is found to contain an egg which being broken yields a walnut, that when cracked discloses a ring belonging to one of the audience. If these feats seem wondrous in the telling, they are far more inexplicable in the doing, for you feel, what cannot be indicated sufficiently in a brief description, the seeming impossibility of them : the illusion is perfect ; you see things vanish under your eyes, and behold them in another place while yet

And God bath made they free!

The fields that yester-morn knew Thy footsteps as their sort survey ; On thee, as them, des ends the dew, The baptism of the day.

Fresh glides the brook and blows the gale, But yonder halts the quiet mill ; The whirring wheel, the rushing sail, How motionless and still !

So rest, O weavy heart ! but, lo, The church-spire, glast'ning up to beaven, To warn thre where thy thoughts should go, The day thy God hath given !

Lone through the land-cape's sol-mn rest The spire its moral points on high-O Soul, at pleace within the breast, Rise mingling with the sky !

They tell thee, in their dreaming school, Of Power tran old Dominion horl d, When rich and poor with juster rule, Shall share the alter'd world.

Alas! since Time itself began, That fable hath but fool'd the hour; Each age that tipens Power in Man, But subjects Man to Power,

Yet every day in sev-n, at least, One bright Republic shall be known; Man's world awhile hath ceas'd When God proclaims his own !

Six days my rank divide the poor, O Dives, from the binguet half-The seventh the Father open the door, And holds his feast for all !

ROMANCE US REALITY .--- If you wish to marry a woman who will set all day with holes in her stockings, and talk to you about what sacrifices she would be willing to make for your comfort and convenience-who will see you toiling and sweating day and night for the support of your family, and never reach forth a finger to assist you, while she addressed you in poetical numbers, and calls you the noblest of benever get a meal cooked to your mind-if you would marry such a one, go and marry a romantic maiden who reads Bulwer and sighs to the moon.

ANECDOTE ORIGINAL-"Why do you not present yourself as a candidate for Congress !" said a lady the other day to her husband (a tall Whig) who was confined to his chair by the gout. "Why should I, my dear !" replied he, "I am not qualified for the office." "Nay, but I think you are," returned the wife, "your language and actions are parliamentary. When bills are presented, you order them to be laid on the table, or make a motion to rise ; though which destroy the constitution.

sincerely religious.

All will remember, that toward the close of his administration the General was attacked by a bleeding at the lungs which threatened to be fatal. Nor will it be forgotten, that some of the party presses attributed this attack to a violent fit of passion, in the paroxysms of which they said he had ruptured a blood-vessel. What a contrast the real scene presented, I had an opportunity to learn from the mouth of an eye-witness. The cruel fabrication had reached the members of the President's family, and from the lins of Mrs. Jackson, the lady of the General's adopted son, rendered usually eloquent by the indignation which lighted up her beautiful face, I heard the following narrative :--

"Father," said she, 'is in the habit, every night before he goes to bed, of calling me in to read a chapter in the Bible. On that night, having finished his business, he called me in to perform that service. I read to him as usual, and having finished the chapter, received from him an affectionate goodnight and retired to my bed-chamber, which was in an adjoining room. He then called the servant, who usually attended on him in his chamber, and was undressing. Suddenly he called me, and entering the room I found him bleeding at the mouth. What produced the attack | know not ; but certain it is, that so far from indulging in any outbreaks of temper, his mind was calm and devotional, seeking to close the business of the day by communion with heaven."

The practice of reading or listening to a chapter of Holy Writ and sending up fervent. aspirations to Heaven every night before he retired to rest, Gen. Jackson brought with him into the Pesidency. No man had a deeper sense the very brink of eternity, and brought there ings-whose heart is always bursting with love, of dependence on the Giver of all good, or a by dissipation and intemperance-Doctor, while your shirts need washing, and you can more sincere and earnest desire to avail himself of the wisdom which comes from on high, in the discharge of his arduous duties. But it physician, 'so you may give him whatever he cannot be doubted, that in his devotional fer- calls for.' your there was mingled a holy and never-dying

> affection for his departed wife whose presence was, in his susceptible imagination, as necessiry an incident of Heaven as that of the angels.

A portrait of this dearest object of his earthly affections hung in his chamber. Is that a -a good deal of brandy, and very little water." good likeness.' said a lady to him in my presence. "Pretty good," said he, "but not so good as this,' taking a miniature from his bosom, On another occasion, calling upon him on some

often out of order, you are still supported by the urgent business, I was invited into his bed- quired a gentleman of a lady at a table. A tains in front of his bed were open, and he lay I was the reply.

I opened the door and walked up stairs to the 410,000,000 of gallons per twenty four hours President's office. There I found the General The average quantity of water raised by each had not been able to raise him, though I had rung until I was tired, and this was not the first occa-ion. Major Donelson then observed that found Jemmy in his room wholly unable to get and Liberties is estimated for the present year to the door; that when not so disabled, his at about four millions of gallons, being an conduct towards visiters was often, from his pe- average of 177 gallons for each permit granted. culiar situation, any thing but polite or respect- The domand during the summer months is

Who that visited the President's House du-

ing General Jackson's administration does not

remember Jemmy O'neal, the Irish dookeeper !

Jemmy was kind-hearted, but blunt in his man-

ner; so much so on some occasions as to ap-

pear rude if not insulting. Often one might

occasional absence.

cided terms, that a more suitable person should months, be entrusted with that duty. 'Well, well,' said the General, 'we cannot bear it any longer; tell Jemmy he must find a home elsewhere?

presented his rubicund face at the door, often city, and carry the water from thence by large in a plight not befitting his station. How is iron pipes or a stone aqueduct to the neighborthis,' suid I one day to Major Donelson : 41 bood of the Girard College, where receiving heard the General tell you that Jemmy must reservoirs will be constructed. The differbe discharged. 'Yes,' said the major, 'and cuce in fall between Fairmount and Flat Rock that was the third time I had received such is ten feet in favor of the latter, and works can an order ; but on each occasion Jemmy waited on the General in person, was exceedingly sorry for his fault, shed tears of repentence in abundance, promised to behave bet'er in future if he could beforgotten this once, and never desisted until he obtained a promise that he should be tried awhile longer.'

THE RULING PASSION STRONG IN DEATH --'Doctor,' said the wife of a man who was on what would you advise me to give him ?"

Soon after the dying man called feebly for his afflicted wife, and said-Mary, Mary, 1 want something to take f

'What shall it be ! said Mary. "Why,' said he, 'you had better bring me a brandy toddy, and let it he_strong-very strong That is what we should call the ruling pas-

of the chicken do you prefer, Madam ?' in-

40, his case is a hopeless one now," said the

sion strong in death .-- Picayune.

A TOUCH MOVE THE VULGAR,- What part power, would be \$206 per day, while the ex-

and Major Donelson. Presently the bell rang wheel and pump is about 530,000 gallons daily, again, again, and again. "Where can Jemmy but when the whole six are called into serbe ?' said the General, "Drunk most likely," vice they can furnish a supply of over six milreplied Major Doneison. I then stated that I lions of gallons per twenty-four hours, and that quantity may be increased to eight or mine millions, by the erection of two more wheels and pumps, which will complete the original this difficulty was now of almost daily recur- design, and fill up the present mill buildings. rence : that he had, on several occasions. The average daily supply of water for the city

was recently bothered by one of the half-wild vagrants of the backwoods, who was brought up ful; and he expressed the opinion in very de- nearly one third more than in the winter with an empty whiskey bottle in his own personal custody.

According to the above estimate, the capacity of the present works is sufficient for a population of 500,000; and it is contemplated that hat " was the realy the city will eventually erect works at Flat Again and again I called, and Jemmy still Rocks on the Schuylkill, six miles above the out H P noitea therefore he constructed there to supply any amount of water required.

> There are four reservoirs, which together cover a space of more than six acres, and are capable of containing 22,000,000 of gallons, or sufficient for five days supply for the City and Liberties. Until 1821, wooden pipes were used to distribute the water through the city, Since that time from pipes have been introduced, and up to January, 1842, 1131 miles of them have been laid. They extend from Fairmount southward to beyond the Navy Yard m the district of Southwark, and Northward to the Glass Factory, in the district of Kensing-

w Pipes are distributed	as follows :
In the City,	63± miles.
Spring Garden,	16
Southwark,	113
Moyamensing,	25.6
Northern Liberties	115
Kensington,	ā
	11:33
to avnonce of sumiting	the cate buston

The expense of supplying the city by steam

'Sir, I bid you a good morning. I have no the gallows, ye ould ug ----' pense by water power is \$7 per day. Three men attend the works by turns, each being on desire for any further acquaintance with Chair, and often poke your nose into measures chamber. I found him too ill to sit up. The cur- portion of the fountain of infantile existence.' duty 8 hours. The above sum is found suf- you. Whook! I'm a coming ?' and the back- pewter beer mug rattled wrathfully across the ficient for wages, fuel, light, tallow, &c. The woodsman broke out of court .- Picayune.

they appear to be where they were before. "Not as you knows on, stranger; my name

WORM-TRAF-A new Remedy .-- Dr. Stockbridge, Jr., of Bath, Me., is in possession of a rare curiosity, a knowledge of which may ultimately lead to some important pathalogical results. A Child accidentally swallowed several metallic eyes--a well known article, manufactured of silver-plated wire, and used mostly by ladies in fastening their dresses .- In due time they were avoided-and, to the astonishment of all, each eye was completely threaded by a worm, of the common size, from five to seven inches or more in length. Some had caught three; and in others, the worm had succeeded in passing through two of the rings, or parts which are stitched to the garment .- But they were all of them so securely confined that they cannot be extricated. Under ordinary circumstances, when other remedies fail as a vermifuge, would it not be justifiable to prescribe a dose of books and eyes ! A fact so singular as the one we have here related, should not be lost sight of ; since it may give rise to a new mode of expelling from the body those alarming tenants of the intestinal tabe, which sometimes maintain their position against all medications, producing extremely acute suffering, protracted misery and even death,

Boston Med. and Surg. Journal.

BLARNEY .- 'A bright morning to your fair face, Mistress Murphy,? "Well, a good morning, John."

"Och ! Mistress Murphy, whiniver 1 see a rale shiney, Irish mornin' like this, it puts me Bet you a pint of whiskey I can tell what in mind of the old counthry, and of the time whin I lived wid ver father, (rest his sowk) a daccuter man niver drew breath, and sorra a poor crayther niver passed his doors without a

"Troth he was, John."

"Mistress Murphy, (pulling a flask out of his law, and quiet submission will evince wisdom pucket.) would you thrust me for half a nist till I go down to the wharf, and may the divil "Squire, I should like to understand you but fly away with the roof of me necket, but I'll pay

> Burn the during, John, till ye pay for the half pint ve got visterday."

> Mistress Murphy, (emphatically) I know'd ver mother, and she was an ould hod carrier un' ver fadther was a dirty washerwoman, an' I seed him hauled wi'six roarin' big bulls, to

John decamped in double quick time, and a pavement.

sit is necessary that you should understand hat order and peace are necessary in society. bit of a sup." Wintever, wild freedom you may find in the woods, you are now here in a community of on your part." you're too big for me. Just say no more about, ye before the sun roes to bed !! it and let's go and take a drink. "I never drink." ·What? "Never, sir." You don't ? 'No, sir, Never.'