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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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The Confession.

There's somewhat on my breast, father, There's somewhat on my breast, The live-long day I sigh, father,

'Tis not the lack of gold, father, Nor lack of worldly gear; My lands are broad and fair to see,

That chills my laboring breast— It's that confounded cucumber I've ate and can't digest.

BEAUTIFULLY PATHETIC.—A country editor thus gives voice to his sorrows, in "breathing numbers."

Oh, ever thus from childhood's hour, We've seen our fondest hopes decay; We never miss'd a calf or cow, or Hen that laid an egg a day,

The Four Ages of Maids. A German writer, M. G. Saphir, says, maids have four ages, viz: the golden from 10 to 21,

When a girl is once three times seven years, the glittering gold is gone. Her early youth, the dejeuner a la fourchette of nature, is past;

I mounted an old wall, covered with earth, and looked back on the disintomb'd city, and beyond on Vesuvius. There it stood, solemn, grand and lonely, sending up its steady column of smoke,

From this we went to the amphitheatre, where the gladiatorial shows were held. It is a magnificent area of an oval form, and sufficiently capacious to hold 15 or 20,000 spectators.

HISTORY OF THE INFLUENZA.—In 1580 it prevailed in Europe, and is spoken of as a pestilential and epidemic cough. In 1743 (just a century since) it prevailed the world over, and received its present cognomen.

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THE RUINS OF POMPEII.

A correspondent of the N. N. Tribune, who is travelling in Italy, thus describes his visit to the ruins of the city of Pompeii:—

We at length reached the gate of the ancient city, where we left our carriage, and commenced the strangest city promenade I ever made. We first entered the house of Diomed, one of the aristocrats of the city.

The excavations are more extensive than I supposed, and the effect of the clear light of the sun and the open sky on the deserted pavements is peculiar and solemn. A visit to it is an episode in a man's life he can never forget.

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for the sea; that also fled back affrighted from its shores, so that even Pliny could not land before the city, but was forced to proceed to Stabie. The bellowing mountain, the sulphurous air, the quivering earth, would not let a city even so dissolute as Pompeii gather to places of public amusement.

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Dickens and his Slanders.

The Philadelphia North American administers to Mr. Dickens, in the annexed article, a well merited castigation for the slanders on this country contained in the last published number of his "Martin Chuzzlewit":

We have placed upon our first page an extract from the new work of Mr. Dickens' Martin Chuzzlewit, brought by the last steamer. It will be remarked that the excellence of the sketch of the American manners which it contains is endorsed by the Britannia, a bigoted and virulent Tory paper.

At home, Mr. Dickens has endured, as every aspiring young man must in the progress of his career, the silent neglect, or what is worse, the active patronage of the aristocracy.

After Mr. Dickens had rendered illustrious, partly by our applause, he came among us. When was the pen ever so honored? Ink shed triumphed for once over blood-shed, the pen overpowered the sword.

But for the sequel. The man so situated at home, and so treated here, pretends to prescribe local manners which he had no opportunities of studying. Guided by the spirit of gratitude he would have been, tolerably safe.

AN ENGLISH GENERAL PRACTITIONER.—On a cottage window near Ploverack is the following:—"I Parish Clerk, Sergeant Smith, tatcheth young Girls and Boys to ride and ride daleth in mole sandals shagst plums rish-lites, comes, mote traps, mouse traps, spring guns, and all other sich matters—teeth distract, blid drawn, blisters, Pils, mixture mail, also nails, and hoses shoed, hep-some salts, and comes cut, and all other things on reasonable Tarmes.—N. B. and also my Misses goes out has man whilwife in the cheapest way possible."—Dub. Med. Press.

FRANKLIN AND GREENE.—While the American Army, in 1775, was besieging Boston, Congress sent to the camp a special committee, at the head of which was Dr. Franklin.

then I had heard of censure or condemnation of English institutions and English people during all the three years that we have passed among the Americans.

Mr. Dickens would have thought more of the Americans if they had thought less of him. What is very easily gained it would seem, by some fatal rule, is little prized.

If his object be to degrade men simply as such—man without title or family—he is in a fair way of succeeding if he persists in uttering his views of a society which he hardly ever saw.

HAMMERING OUT DANISH.—In the settlement of a case at Bangor, relative to an estate in St. Thomas, a document was produced as evidence, which was written in Danish, and contained 40 foolscap pages; but there were none who could translate it.

INGENUOUS DEVICE OF A CONVICT TO PROCURE HIS PARDON.—The following letter from a convict in the Sing Sing Prison, to a comrade of his in the city, was found in a bag in his cell.

DERE FRENCH UP A PETITION THIS WAY FOR TO HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES, and our Lybrary of Books A gane tell them that you want to lay before the inspector of the Prison git printed bed forit 20 or 30 and hand it to different Ministers of churches and tel them that you will call on them for it at sutch A time and when you git 3 or fore thousand signers take of them heels and post them All to gether and then post A hed on A copy of my trial and then go to Judge Linsih Judge Safford Judge Morris the Mare, and the Juree that convicted me you can find out where they Live by my Indictment but git them All to sign it before you post my case to it.—N. Y. paper.

ABANDONED.—The "Fair One," the "hides" paper. The Forum says—"If fair ones run after the mails they must expect to be abandoned."

LIBERTY.—Liberty is to be the collective body what health is to every individual body. Without health no pleasure can be tasted by man; without liberty, no happiness can be enjoyed by society.—Bolingbroke.

SHORT SENTENCES FROM GOOD THINKERS.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.

A mother-in-law sermon seldom takes well with an audience of daughters-in-law.

God is better lodged in the heart than in great edifices.

Emulation looks for merits, that she may exalt herself by a victory; envy spies out blemishes, that she may lower another by a defeat.

That man has too high an opinion of himself that is only afraid of thunder and of earthquakes.

Losses are insufferable to those who are not accustomed to lose.

THE FORCE OF APETITE.—The Richmond Star states that a woman in that city came so near dying from intemperance that her friends had a shroud made for her, presuming that she could not live long.

QUIET MURDER.—The New Mirror gives a recipe for killing a woman quietly. Take a young lady, and tell her that she has a pretty foot. She will then wear small thin shoes—go out in the wet—catch a cold—the cold will become a fever—and she will die in a month.

BETTER THAN MEDICINE.—"I have been doctoring myself," said a languid fair one, with a smile, to a bluff, though kind doctor, who was feeling her pulse.

PRECOCITY PRODUCED BY EDUCATION.—We believe the following belongs to John Neal: The hot house system of education is doing wonders for the youth of our land.

THE LAST AND BEST.—A correspondent of the New York Spirit of the Times, says:—"San Laughman's last is right good.—A chap walking out, came across 'old Mose' sitting in the broiling sun, fishing.

It was a proverb of Anarcharis, a Scythian philosopher, that the vine bore three branches: first, pleasure; secondly, drunkenness; thirdly, disgust.

By constant temperance, habitual moderate exercise, and unaffected honesty, you will avoid the fees of the lawyer and the sheriff, gain a good report, and probably add to your present existence at least ten years of active life.

BURKE ONCE REMARKED TO GARRICK THAT ALL BITTER things were hot. "Ay," said Garrick, "what do you think of bitter cold weather?"