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From the Madisonian.

#### "FOR LIFE IS BUT AN HOUR."

They raise, and pass, and fall, like waves upon the sea.

The mighty and the weak, the good and bad alike

Sinner and saint, and all, phunge in eternity When twangs the dreadful song for grim-faced

Death to strike ! Of all the countless millions of the written past

Not one remains-and yet how few prepare to die !

Where hours, minutes, so many seconds would be cast

-Upon the things of earth-so few hevend the skyf

Of late a gifted mortal, one of earthly might. Spoke words of hope and wisdom'to a mourn

ing friend. \* An hour-bet so hour-ere there was her long

flight " For life is but an hour-prepare that to as-

reend?

was cold.

Death paled his parted lips, but banished at their God ! smile.

gold;

And, life's tace being o'er, thus marked the final nule.

Upshur, just before his death, to a friend who had lost the partner of his bosom.

†The blow which killed the late Secretary of State, broke the crystal of his watch, and struck the point of the minute hand into the face. Thus it still remains, and perhaps will forever, marking the procise time of the explosion ; fourteen initiates and three quarters past four o'clock.

## A FANCY SKETCH.

A maiden at her casement stood, Musing on things long since gone by ; She wiped away a pearly tear. And faintly heaved a gentle sigh. The moon poured torth her silv ry beams, And as the lonely fair one sat, She raised her sweet melodious voice, And sang-"Its all around my hat " I saw that beauteous fair once more The smile had left her sunny brow ; She'd lost her pleasant cheerfulnessSUNBURY AMERICAN.

# AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL:

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal bat to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism - JEFFERSON.

# By Masser & Eisely.

# Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, March 23, 1844.

## Result of Accident. Many of the most important discoveries in

the field of science, have been the result of ac-FOR THE AMERICAN. cident. Two little boys of a spectacle maker RELIGION. in Holland, while their father was at dinner, BY PRESIDENT WOOD chanced to look at a distant steeple, through While we are disposed to allow, to their full

extent, the pleasures of literary pursuit, and the important advantages of intellectual illumination, it must be confessed, that man has wants which nothing can supply, and woes which nothing can relieve, but the sanative influence of religion.

EXTRACTS OF READING.

What can moderate anger, resentment, malice, or revenge, like the thought that we may give fire trespasses of others ! What can quiet murmurings at our lot, like the deep sense of bined with the sand and formed glass, the bamoral demerit which the gospel presses on the conscience ! What can cool the hurnings of envy, or allay the passion for renown, like a remembrance of the transitory nature of all rychemist was socking after the philosopher's

stone, some monks, carelessly making up their human glory ! What can produce resignation to the loss of materials, by accident invented gun-powder ; ferends, like a could out those of meeting them soon in a brighter world ? What can prompt barities of war, to deeds of benevelence, like the example of Him, who, though he was rich, for our sakes rice, concerning light and gravitation, were surprisingly short time. I was invited to fall And ere the hour pealed, the speaker's tengue give steadiness to purpose, or stability to char- ments on fight were suggested by the soap bulacter, like an unwavering regard to the will of bles of a child ; and on gravitation, by the fall

actions of life. Patriotism may fire the spirit presented itself to the mind of Seucletier. with valor to sustain the onset of an invading "These words were spoken by the lamented foe, and bare the breast to the rushing tide of war :- but who can meet with unrufiled temper, the thousand petty ills that life is heir to, like him whose aim is heaven !

> What sublimity like moral sublimity, whether we regard the grandeur or permanency of its effects ! What more sublime than the triumphs of a dying Christian, when in the midst of its decaying and crumbling habitation, the spirit planes itself for its lofty flight, and departs in the buoyancy of hope, for the regions of eternal day ! These are the gifts of Christianity.

But it is on man, in his social capacities, and political relations, that moral principle is destined to exert its most important influence. It is in society that man has power. It is in soci- sulphur; and a crust of the same substance is ety, that virtue developes its benevolent ten- formed on the rocks above it, rising like a doam dencies, and that vice scatters fire-brands, ar- over the crevice, which forms the communicarows, and death. Has the example of vice tion with the open air. The natives of the viwrought powerfully 1 so has that of virtue. Have many been beguiled to their destruction by the entirings of the sinful ! multitudes have been allured by the persuasions of the good, to fairer worlds on high.

Extracts from "Patime's Travels in Kor-

A KOADOFAN BREAKFAST.

On arriving at the appointed hour, I was invited to sit down on an angareb, covered with rich carpets, and a pipe and merissa were brought me; but I saw no preparations for breakfast, not so much as a fire on the hearth. I was satisfied

there was no intention to put me off with a pipe and merrissa; so, as I had not much time to spare, I asked my host, without much coremony, where the breakfast way. He told me it would be ready directly, and, peinting to a sheen ted some seaweeds on the sand, and made fire that was skipping about in front of the door. to warm their shivering fingers and cook their Erid, he had only awaited for my arrival to have I ask God to forgive our trespasses only as we for. scanty meal. When the fire went out they it killed. At a signal from his master, a slave cut off the creature's head with surprising rapidity, and then, without even waiting to skin the animal, tipped open its belly, took out its stomach, cleance it, and having cut it in small pieces, laid these on a wooden dish. He then took the mail bladder, and squeezed it over the tempting fragments, as we in Europe might squeeze a lemon. After this, a liberal allowwhich has done so much to diminish the bar- nnce of red pepper was shaken over the whole, and our breaklast was ready, the operations 1 Sir Isaac Newton's most important discovehave described having all been completed in a because poor I is there any thing which can the result of accident. His theory and experi- to before the delicate morsel cooled, but I excused myself by saying that so exquisite a dish would not agree with a European stomach, and that I would content myself by looking on. 1 Considerations of mere worldly policy, or in- was hastily scrutching on a stone, a memoran- was langhed at for my bashfulness, and the rest Struck The bright minute-bendt into the fretted terest, furnish no steady magnetic influence to duth of some articles brought him by a wash- of the party evidently enjoyed the fare set hegive one uniform direction to all the plans and woman, that the idea of the lithography first fore them. In the sequel, I trequently my this dish served up as a favorite delicacy, and curiosity led me to taste it. The flavor is by no. means disagreeable. The sungency of the The water of the river of Pusambio, which pepper, and the bitterness of the gall completely nontralize the rawness of the ment,---Never-

### HORRIBLE TYRANNY.

The first governor of Kordofin, after the conmest, was the Detterdar, the son-in-law of Me hemet Ali, "I would have treated the accounts I heard of the atrocities of this man," says Pallme, "as mere fables, had not the tales that were told to me by the natives been confirmed by respectable witnesses in Sennaar, and even by Turkish officers whom I questioned on the subject in Egypt, many of whom had been present at the scenes they described." He then proceeds to relate a few anecdotes of this ruthless tyrant ; but as the Defterdar was eventually deposed, on the ground of his oppressive govern-

ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE GEOR-GIA MAJOR. PINEVILLE, Feb. 6th, 1844. Mr. THOMPSON :- Dear Sir-News! news

glorious news! Hurra for me!! "Let the kettle to the trumpet speak,

The trumpet to the cannoncer without, The cannon to the heavens, the heaven to the earth."

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For Mary's got a baby ! ! !

And a monstrous fine boy at that ! The king of Denmark, you know, wanted to get all heaven and yearth in an uprear, jest because his excellency was gwine to take a drink of licker. But if ever a man did feel like this world wasn't big enough to enjoy his happiness in, I think I ought on this important occasion. I never had sich feelins before. When I was elected Maor of the Georgia Militia I felt a good deal of pride and gratification, and when I married Mary, I thought I was the happyest man in Georgia, but this last bisness has cap'd the climax over every thing that has ever happened to me in all my born days. It would'nt do for people to git much happier in this world than I am, now mind I tell you.

I don't want to brag over other people, and I know it's an old maxim, that 'every crow thinks its own young ones the whitest,' but I'll tell you what's a fact-mine is one of the surprisenest children that ever was seen in these parts. It aint but just four days old this evenin, and its got plenty of hair on its head, and the preffyest little feet and hands, with toes and fingers, all jest as natural as grown people's, and when it opens it eyes it rolls 'em all round the room jest like it know'd every thing that was gwine on. Mother says she really does believe the child know'd her the first time she tuck it in her arms, and old Miss Stallions says all she's afraid of its too smart to live. The galls is almost crazy about it, and sich another pullin and hawlin about it as they do keep! One wants it and 'tother wants it, and they word give the little feller a chance to sleep for lockin at it, and showin it to people and talkin to it, and its all the time 'come to its antytweetest little precious baby-anty's ittle sugar candy, dumpsy diddle,' and every time I take &c., &c it they're all scared to deth for fear 1'll hurt it in some way,

Just as I spected, the namin has been more troublesome than a little. I picked out 'Henry Clay,' for his name more'n a month ago, but they all wanted to have a say in it, and every one had a name that they liked best of any. and feeling. He is simple, naif, and enthusi-Mother said she never liked to have any of her astic in his manner. The rude musical organa family named after great political characters, for shenever know'd a George Washington, or a Thomas Jefferson that was any matter of account in her life, except the first ones, and their names wouldn't been no better than common people's if their character was'nt. Old Miss Stallions wanted to call him Aberham Stalhons, cause that was her husband's name, and tister Calline wanted him named Theodere Adolphus, cause they were her favorite novel names, and sister Kesiah wanted him named Charles Beverly, cause he was one of the most interestinest characters in 'The Children of the Abbey.' I wanted 'em all to be satisfied, but it secured like there was no fixin the bisness to any body's likin, until after they all talked themselves down tired about it, we all agreed to leave it to Mary to decide. Poor Mary did'nt know what to do, when they all gathered round her beggin her as hard as they could. Remember your poor old father that's ded and gone, child,' said old Mrs. Stallions. "Oh, don't call him Aberham, that's such an ed time name,' ses the galls.

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## C'Sixteen lines make a square.

Clay is makin a monstrous good beginning in the world. No more from

Your friend til deth. JOS. JONES.

#### The Talking Machine.

The poet WILLIS had an interview last week with the talking Machine exhibited in New York, which he thus describes in a letter to the editors of the National Intelligencer :

"I had a half hour's interview with the TALK-ING MACHINE this morning, and found him a more entertaining android than most of my wooden acquaintances-(the man who thinks for him being a very superior person.) 1 must first give you's tableau of the room. A German woman takes your half dollar at the door, and points you to a semi-boxed up Turk, (query : why are all automata dressed in turbans ?)a Turk seated in a kind of low pulpit, with a green shirt, a good complexion, a very fine beard, and a pearl breastpin.

But from under his shoulder issues a bunch of wooden sticks, arranged like a gamut of pump handles, and behind this, ready to play / on his Turk, sits Mr. FARER, the contriver. VI immediately suggested to Mr. F., by the wery. that the costume and figure had better hz.ve been female, as the busile would have given a well-placed and ample concealment for all the machinery now disenchantingly placed outside-the performer sitting down naturally behind and playing on her like a piano.\*) The Turk was talking to several ladies and gentletaen when I entered, and my name being mentioned by one of the party, he said: "How do you do, Mr. ----- I" with perfect distinct-11088

There was a small musical organ in the room. and one of the visiters played "Hail Columbia!" the automaton singing the words "like a man." There was no slighting or slurring of dipthong or vowel, sybillate or aspirate. Duty was done by every letter with a legitimate claim to be sounded-the only fault being a strong German, accent, (which of course will wear off with tr 1vel.) and a few German peculiarities, such as pronouncing v's like w's, gargling the get terals

1 understood Mr. Faber to say then the was seven years contriving the utterance of the vowel e. Mr. F. has a head and countenance fit for a speech maker, (maker of the gift of speech, I mean)-a head of the finest model. and a mouth strongly marked with intelligence in the room was his own handivork, and at the request of one of the ladies he sat down to it and played a beautiful walks of his own composing. He may well be completely absorbed. as he reems to be, in his androides. It save any thing, in any language. It cannot cough-not being liable to bronchitis; nor laugh-being a Turk -But it can sing, and has a sweet breath and a well governed tongue. In short, it is what would pass in the world. for "a very fine man.<sup>†</sup>

The Vinegar River. rises among the Andes of New Granada, South America, has a sour taste ; and the inhabitants, the less I never could provail on myself to est who are acquainted with no other acid than vi- heartily of the choice morsels." negar, call the stream Rio Vinagre, or Vinegar river. The sourcess, however arises from the

water being impregnated by sulphuric acid, which it receives from the interior of a volcano, where sulphur is abundant, and where the river has its source. Within the crater of the volcano, it is said, there is an immense basin of bailing water, the vapors from which escape with much violence, and have a sufficating smell, being composed of sulpharous acid. The water of this basin is covered with a coat of

the shop windows. They told their father on his return ; and the circumstance led to a course of experiments, which ended in the telescope. Some shipwrecked sailors once collec-

found that the alkali of the seaweed had comsis of our discoveries in antronomy, and abectately necessary to cur enjoyment.

In the days when every astrologer, and eve-

of an apple as he sat in the orchard. And it,

two eye-glasses placed one before another.

They found the steeple brought much nearer

Her looks betokened Her countenance was pale with grief . Her heart was full-she could not speak And as the lear drops trinkled down. They leashed the paint from off her check '

When once again I saw that form, bie, ever shone bright with brillian fire; Ther gars erung hips and scornful glance, Were tokens of her vengetal ire Her looks were wild, her checks were flushed.

With hus more crimson than the rose; She raised her hand and with ker ast-She cracked her sister o'er the nose !

#### From the Wilkesburre Advocate. Cure for the Heaves. WILKESDAURE, March 8, 1814.

MR. LEWIS,-In your paper of this week. there are some remarks on the subject of "Heaves in Horses, and its Cure." An appeal is made to gentlemen of the South, where hay is not made, whether that disease is there 'Heaves,' is very common at the South, where at least, a temporary love of virtue. Corn Fodder is the only feed. It may also be as a specific, was Limewater, as a common extent of its mechanical effects upon morals. drink. I tried it with but partial effect. The nearly a year before I made an effort for his re- could resist or describe their effects ? lief. Having been whitewashing, it occurred to me to make trial of lime again. A common house pail about half full of white wash was filled at the pump, and put in a corner to settle. From this pail I moistened about two quarts of corn meal, which I gave my horse, morning and in less than a week. I continued to administer the lime at intervals, until a perfect cure was effected. About two years after, I parted with him, a sound horse. I escribe my failure in the first instance to the fear lest I should injure by A CITIZEN. over liming.

The girls of Padigum drink a pint of yeast before going to bed at night, to make them area early in the morning.

#### ELOQUENCE OF THE PULPIT. BY DR. E. RUSH.

attacked through the avenue of the passions ; arickling sensation in the eyes. and these we know, when agitated by the powers of eloquence, exert a mechanical action upon every power of the soul.

where Christianity has been propagated, the contrary, he feels no degradation in his positionmost accomplished orators have generally been refuses to see the good, and glories in the comthe most successful reformers of mankind, pany and conversation of the vicious. His great known. Being a Southerner, and happening There must be a defect of cloquence in a prea- ambition is to be considered a hero, and he in to have had some personal experience, in rela. cher, who, with the resources for oratory which constantly alluding to his firmores and courage tion to that disease, I do must cheerinily res- are contained in the Old and New Testaments, in the presence of rawdies, pugilists and pond to the enquiry : The disease called the does not produce in every man who hears him, gamesters, who are too frequently admitted to

I grant the elequence of the pulpit alone can- in full health and the prime of life, while one useful to add my experience. I had a family not change men into Christians, but it certainhorse, valued for his good qualities, which be- ly possesses the power of changing brutes into came almost useless, in consequence of that men. Could the elequence of the stage be procomplaint. Among other things recommended perly directed, it is impossible to conceive the The language and imagery of Shakepeare | fidence in the report ; it is industriously circuhorse was not cured. Since moving to this upon moral and religious subjects, poured upon lated to defeat the aims clustice, nothing more. place, I had a horse taken with that discase- the passions and the senses in all the beauty believing the disease to be incurable, it was and variety of dramatic representation; who

THE SABRATH IN PARIS .--- The Paris correspondent of the National Intelligencer writes: "The revel-rout of the masked ball the Grand Opera house, which began at midnight on Saturday last, continued until near 7 o'clock on evening ; filling up the pail with water, occa- Sabbath morning. Spectators inform me that sionally. At first, my horse refused, I perse- the scene was magnificent and the music elecvered and he soon became reconciled to his trical beyond description. Every Sunday is to rest of my trade," quoth he, "who are all great when Mehemet Ali, wearied at length by the fare. The change for the better was manifest be hallowed in this way for some weeks, and rascals." the Opera is sustained, chiefly, and altogether ruled by the Government."

> WHERE ARE THE PHRENOLOGISTS !--- The London Punch publishes the following :-- Wanted by an aged lady of very nervous temperamuch per organ.

cinity affirm that the crust has sometimes acquired a thickness of as much as four fect, in less than two years. Acidulated by its unpregnation with this powerful mineral, the Rio Vinagre, of course, becomes unfit for the support of animal life ; and even the Rio Cauca, into which the Vinegar river empties, is destitute of The elognence of the pulpit is nearly allied to fish during the course of twelve miles, on acmusic, in its effects upon the moral faculty. It count of the mixture of these sour waters with is true, there can be no permanent change in its own. The fish are again found in Canca at the temper and moral conduct of a man, that is the point where it receives the tributaries of not derived from the understanding and the will; two other streams. The Vinagre throws itbut we must remember that these two powers self into the Cauca over three beautiful casof the mind are most assailable when they are cades, the minute spray from which causes a

The PRATE .- Babe's real name is Brown. We think we have heard it somewhere before. Hence we find in every age and country Notwithstanding the assertions of Babe to the his presence. It is horrible to look upon a man

foot in the grave and the other crimiling the carth from the edge of the excavation, so calus-hearted and reckless.

Webster, Babe's accomplice, it has been reported, was found drawning. We place no con-A. Y. American.

History says that Bonaparte wen able to He ware of a surgeon, down, or stand any where, and fall asbeep in a tew minutes. That accounts for their giving him the name of Nap-olean." "Sleep, warrior, bleep 1"

A shopkeeper at Doncaster had, for his vir- a pretext was never wanting for accusing the tues obtained the name of the httle raseal, A unhappy owners of some imaginary crime. By stranger asked him why this appellation had been given him 1 "To distinguish me from the

"Do you see that Frenchman yonder !" Amid all the harshness of life, dull times, and curious vicissitudes, he maintains his temper, and, without a cent in his pocket, laughs and jokes, and snapshis fingers at the world. He has on- of the public officers : "in their distance from ment, a professor who will undertake to mesmerize all the organs in her street. Salary so that friend, and we need not wonder that are is acts of oppression to which they continue to be I so busined up, since he uses it out of a blad 'sr. | subjected.

at, Mehemet Ali, can only be held partially responsible for this man's crupes. Yet a few medinens of his administration of criminal justice may not be misplaced here.

A peasant who complained of having been robbed of a sheep by a mildier was blown from the mouth of a cannon for troubling the Defterdar with so insignificant a complaint ; a servant. who had stolen a pinch out of the Deftendar's snuff-box was flogged to death ; a man who had boxed his neighbor's ear was punished by having the fiesh cut away from the palms of his hands ; and a negro, who having bought some milk, refused to pay for it, and denied having drunk it. had his stomach ripped open, to ascertain whether the accusation was well founded. In his graden the Defterdar had a tante hon generaly confined in a cage, but sometimes allowed to ollow his master about in his walks. This anineal had been taught to fly with the utmost apparent ferebily at every stranger who appeared, and the favorite annuement 'of the Defterdar was to look on and enjoy the terror of his ; visiters when suddenly attacked by the fion. On one occasion eighteen of his domestic ser-. vants, in paying their customary volapliments.) on the festival of the Bacram, intimated that they were all andly in want of shoes. He told them that their wants should be supplied, and

on the following day actually ordered eighteen pair of iron horse shoes to be halled to the feet of the poor dependents, who, in this condition were ordered to impair to their several avecations. Mortification trasued almost immediate." ly with pine of them, who died amid frightfel tortures, and then only did the ruffies allow the survivors to be mishod, and consigned to the

"Several volumes," mys Calline; "would be filed if I were to tell all the well authenticated acts of strogity committed by this human tiger in Kordofan and Sennaar. To be knowa to be possessed of wealth was certain death, for proceedings such as these the Defterdar was supposed to have amassed immense treasurer, incessant complaints raised against his son-inlaw, found means to depose him from his governorship by causing to be administered to him a dose of poison. Since then the government has become somewhat milder, and some check has been placed on the arbitrary conduct [ the seat of preferament makes it impossible for

'Theodore is no pretty,' ses sister Calline. "Oh, that's such an outlandish French name," es all of them.

"fut Charles Beverly, was such a good charactor in the "Children of the Abby,' and sounds so noble,' ses sister Kesiah.

'No Christian child ought to be named a noies from eend to cend."

please yourself."

Mary looked up in my face with her pretty blue eyes, and smiled so sweet when sister her." Calline laid the baby in her arms-and then she sed, as she hugged it to her bosom-"Tome to its mudder, tweet little Henry Clay-it sall be called HENRY CLAY so it call, mudder's pwecions little ring-dove so it is, and it sall be President too, when it gits a man, so it sall." 'Hurra for Clav,' ses I, 'Hur---'

'Hush-h-h-h, Joseph,' ses mother, 'aint you

shamed to block Mary's nerves so !" about. But I went rite off and rit down in the brashing, "all the young men tell me so." Tamily record :

HIENRY CLAY JONES. The first son of Joseph and Mary Jones, was

born on the 2d of February, 1844." I've been so much flustrated for the last week that I hardly know what I'm doing half the time, and I don't spose I shall find time to do much else but nurse the baby for some time to come, Mary's rite piert, and little Henry

"A suspicion has since crossed my mind that I may here have stumbled on an explanation of the great mystery of this, supernatural addition to the ligure, the super natural continuance of articulation in the female requiring perhaps some androidal assistance to the lungs. If so, it would appear that women like "the church cannot do without a bishop."

A gentleman called upon a friend, last summer, who had recently signed the total abatinence pledge, and was asked by his host to take a glass of wine with him. "Why," said the guest, 'I thought that you had signed the pledge." "So I have, but then you know all signs fail it dry weather," replied the host.

IN JEOFARDY .- A merchant, not remarky , he conversant with geography, picked up a Diews+ paper and sat down to read. He had n'n procreded far, before he came to a passage, stating vel name,' nes bld Miss Stallions, 'They're all that one of his vessels was in jeepardy, "J. oparity ! jeopardy 1" said the astonished mer-"Call him what you've a mind to, dear,' ses chant, who had previously heard that the vesmethor, for you're his mother, and ought to sel was lost "let me see, that is so mewhere in the Mediterranean ; well, I am glad she has got into port, as I thought it was all over with

> A joke is told of Valabreque, Catalani's husband, that when Madame complained too him at some concert, that the plane forte was to high for her voice-meaning, or course, in pitch-ho sent for a carponter to shorten the legs of the instrument.

"What do you ask for this article ?" inquired Obadiab, of a young Miss. 'Fifteen shillings.' The fact is, I felt so glad I forgot what I was "Aint you a little dear ?" "Why," she replies ,

> We love women a little for what we do know of them, and a great deal more for what we do

> > TABING TEA.

A witty tellow once was asked. "Pray where do y'e take your tea !" "My friend, where else do you suppose, But to my mouth" said he.