Miscellaneous.

HINTS TO THE GIRLS.

Did you ever see a lady
Look into a stranger's face,
In an omnibus or railcar,
As if saying, "Sir, your place?"

Did you ever see a lady
Walk up to a church pew door,
Lace and ribbons all demanding—
"Yield your pew" and nothing more?

Did you ever see a lassie
Flirt into an old man's chair,
And, unheeding age and honor,
Let him stand—no matter where?

Never see the stage coach emptied,
For some fidget in her pride,
And the weary man of business
Tumbled out to ride outside?

Never go to hear a lecture,
When some fashionable dear
Would come in and make a bustle,
When you most desired to hear—

Putting half the congregation,
And disturbing all the rest,
As if she were all creation,
Being fashionably dressed?

Now, dear girls, if you're so thankless,
So exacting and so free,
Time will come when gents will answer,
"Madam, this seat belongs to me."

Never, girls, disturb a lecture,
Church or ball, where'er you go,
Still respect the rights of others,
This is "Woman's Rights," you know.

Never ask a man sjmply
To return his chosen place
If the offered, thank him kindly,
With a smile upon your face

If the road is long and weary,
And he cannot find another,
Bid him share the comfort with you,
As you'd share it with a brother

Thus you may receive forever,
Given with a spirit free,
True respect, and love and kindness,
Better far than gallantry.

From Latrobe's Rambles in North America.

ROMANCE OF REAL LIFE—FIRST STEAMBOAT IN THE WEST.

Circumstances gave me the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the particulars of the very first voyage of a steamer in the West — The complete success attending the experiments in steam navigation made on the Hudson and adjoining waters, previous to the year 1809 turned the attention of the principal projectors to the idea of its application on the western rivers; and in the month of April of this year Mr Roosevelt, of New York, pursuant to an arrangement with Chancellor Livingston and Mr Fulton, visited those rivers, with the purpose of forming an opinion whether they admitted of steam navigation or not At this time two boats the North River and the Clermont were running on the Hudson. Mr R surveyed the rivers from Pittsburg to New Orleans, and as his report was favorable, it was decided to build a boat at the former town

This was done under his directions, and in the course of of 1811, the first boat was launched on the waters of the Ohio She was called the "New Orleans," and intended to ply between Natchez, in the State of Mississippi, and the city whose name she bore In October she left Pittsburgh for her experimental voyage. On this occasion no freight or passengers were taken, the object being merely to bring the boat to her station Mr R, his young wife and family, Mr Baker, the engineer, Andrew Jack, the pilot, six hands, with a few domestics, formed her whole burden. There were no wood-yards at that time, and constant delays were unavoidable. When, as related, Mr R had gone down the river to reconnoitre, he had discovered two beds of coal, about 120 miles below the rapids at Louisville, and now took tools to work them, intending to load the vessel with the coal, and to employ it as fuel, instead of constantly detaining the boat while wood was procured from the banks

Late at night on the fourth day after quitting Pittsburgh, they arrived in safety at Louisville, having been but seventy hours descending upwards of seven hundred miles: The novel appearance of the vessel, and the fearful rapidity with which it made its passage over the broad reaches of the river, excited a mixture of terror and surprise among many of the settlers on the banks, whom the rumor of such an invention had never reached; and it is related that on the unexpected arrival of the boat before Louisville, in the course of a fine, still, moonlight night, the extraordinary sound which filled the air as the pent-up steam was permitted to escape from the valves on rounding to, produced a general alarm, and multitudes rose from their beds to ascertain the cause

I have heard that the general impression among the good Kentuckians was that a comet had fallen into the Ohio; but this does not rest upon the same foundation as the other facts which I lay before you, and which I may at once say, I had directly from the parties themselves The small depth of water in the rapids prevented the boat from pursuing her voyage immediately, and during the consequent detention of three weeks, in the upper part of the Ohio, several trips were successfully made between Louisville and Cincinnati In fine, the water rose, and in the last week in November the voyage was resumed, the depth of water barely admitting their passage

When they arrived about five miles above the Yellow Banks, they moored the boat opposite to the first vein of coal, which was on the Indiana side, and had been purchased in the interim of the State government They found a large quantity already quarried to their hand and conveyed to the shore by depredators who had not found means to carry it off, and with this they commenced loading the boat While thus engaged, our voyagers were accosted in great alarm by the squatters of the neighborhood, who inquired if they had not heard strange noises on the river and in the woods, in the course of the preceeding day, and perceive the shores shake—insisting that they had repeatedly felt the earth tremble.

Hitherto nothing extraordinary had been perceived. The following day they pursued their montonous voyage in those vast solitudes. The weather was observed to be oppressively hot, the air misty, still and dull; and though the sun was visible, like a glowing ball of copper, his rays hardly shed more than a mournful twilight on surface of the water Evening drew nigh, and with it some indications of what was passing around them became evident And as they sat on deck, they ever and anon heard a rushing sound and violent splash, and saw large portions of the shore tearing away from the land and falling into the river. It was, as my informant said, "an awful day, so still that you could have heard a pin drop on deck" They spoke little, for every one appeared thunder-struck. The comet had disappeared about this time, which circumstance was noticed with awe by the crew.

The second day after leaving the Yellow Banks, the sun rose over the forests the same dim ball of fire, and the air was thick, dull and oppressive as before. The portentous signs of this terrific natural convulsion continued and increased. The pilot, alarmed and confused, affirmed that he was lost, as he found the channel everywhere altered; and where he had hitherto known deep water, there lay numberless trees with their roots upward The trees were seen waving and nodding on the bank, without a wind; but the adventurers had no choice but to continue their route. Toward Evening they found themselves at loss for a place to shelter. They had usually brought to under the shore, but every where they saw the high banks disappearing, overwhelming many a flat boat and raft from which the owners had landed and made their escape.

A large island, in mid channel, which was selected by the pilot as a better alternative, was sought for in vain, having disappeared entirely. Thus, in doubt and terror, they proceeded hour after hour till dark, when they found a small island, and rounded to, mooring themselves to the foot of it. Here they lay keeping watch on the deck during the long autumnal night; listening to the sound of the waters which roared and gurgled horribly around them, and hearing from time to time the rushing earth from the shore, and the commotions in the falling trees of earth and trees was swallowed up by the river.

The lady of the party, a delicate female, was frequently awakened from her restless slumbers by the jar given to the furniture and loose articles in the cabin, as several times in the course of the night the shock of the passing earthquake was communicated from the island to the bow of the vessel. It was a long night, but morning dawned and showed them that they were near the mouth of the Ohio. The shores and the channel were now totally unrecognizable, for everything seemed changed. About noon that day they reached the small town of New Madrid on the right bank of the Mississippi. Here they found the inhabitants in the greatest distress and consternation; part of the population had fled in terror to the higher grounds, others prayed to be taken on board, as the earth was opening in fissures on every side, and their houses hourly falling around them.

Proceeding from thence, they found the Mississippi, at all times a fearful stream, now unusually swollen, turbid and full of trees; and after many days of great danger, though they felt and perceived no more of the earthquake, they reached their destination at Natchez, at the close of the first week in January, 1812, to the great astonishment of all, the escape of the boat having been considered an impossibility.

At that time you floated for three or four hundred miles on the river without seeing a human habitation

Such was the voyage of the first steamer. The natural convulsion, which commenced at the time of her descent, has been but slightly alluded to, but will never be forgotten in the history of the West, and the changes wrought by it throughout the whole alluvial region through which the Ohio and Missisippi pour their waters, were, perhaps, as remarkable as any on record. We hear less of its effects, because the region in which it occurred was of such vast extent and so thinly peopled. That a part of the alluvial country which is contiguous to the point of junction of the two rivers, and especially the vicinity of New Madrid, seems to have been the centre of the convulsion! There, during the years of 1811 and 1812, the earth broke into innumerable fissures, the church yard, with its dead, was torn from the bank, and engulphed in the turbid stream To the present day it would appear that frequent slight shocks of earthquakes are now there felt; and it is asserted that in the vast swamp at the back of the town, strange sounds may at times be heard, as of some mighty cauldron bubbling in the bowels of the earth. Along the banks of the river, thousands of acres with their gigantic growth of forest and cane, were swallowed up, and lakes and ponds innumerable were formed.

The earth, in many parts was observed to burst suddenly open, and jets of sand, mud and water to shoot up into the air. The beds of these giant streams seemed totally overturned, islands disappeared, and in many parts the course of the the river was entirely changed Great inundations were the consequence. The clear waters of St. Francis were obstructed, the ancient channel destroyed, and the river spread over a vast tract of swamp In many places the gaping earth unfolded its secrets, and the bones of the gigantic mastodon and icthysaurus, hidden within its bosom for ages, was brought to the surface Boats and arks without number were swallowed up, some buried by the falling in of the banks, and others dragged down with the islands to which they were anchored. And, finally, you may still meet and converse with those who were on the mighty river of the West when the whole stream ran towards its source for an entire hour, and then resuming its ordinary course, buried them helpless on its whirling surface with accelerated motion towards the Gulf.

Wanted to Get Out of It.

The silence of the police Court room was abruptly broken, this morning, by the entrance of a rather good looking young female, *petite* in size, and appearing very young and artless.—She requested to see the *Judge*. She was desired to come forward, and was asked what she wanted.

"I want a bill from my husband," said she.

"Why?" said the Justice, much astonished at the idea of so young a *girl* having a husband — "why, are you married?"

"Oh, yes!" she replied; "I have been married three years. I used to live in Rochester, but my husband brought me here, and I didn't want to come, and he has left me to shirk for myself for three winters, and then wants to be with me in the spring, and *I* don't like it, and I want a bill."

"But I can't give you a bill," responded the Justice, "we don't give any bills in this court, except in the shape of warrants and commitments." Here the husband, a young looking fellow of twenty years of age, came in.

"Here he is," said she, "and I don't like him, he wants me to go out and live in Holland among the Dutch, and I dont like to live in the country. I have always been brought up in the city, and I want to stay in the city (some one here suggested that, perhaps, she might want to stay in the city to *show her clothes*). I haven't got any clothes to show! I want a bill—I don't like husband!"

"But don't he like you?" very amiably inquired the Justice.

"Oh!" said she, with a wicked shrug of her shoulders, and vicious movement of her head—"I don't know—I don't like him any how!"

The husband, an honest looking fellow, then told his story. Said he had hired a house for her in Holland, where he was at work in a tannery; furnished it for her, but that she left it and came in to Buffalo; that he came in and carried her back, but that she had again left, and now wanted a "bill." He loved her and did not want her to act so. Had always treated her kindly and—

"But I won't live out there among the Dutch!" interrupted his truant wife, with an immense effort to gulp down a large sob which seemed to have stuck crossways in her throat I can't (sob, sob, sob) talk (sob) Dutch; and I—I—I—(sob) won't (sob) live with (sob) you. So, there—come—now."

"There, there, chickey," said he catching her in his arms, "there—she shou should—shouldn't live with the Dutch—if—if—if she didn't want too—boo-hoo-hoo," and locked in each other's arms they sobbed and gulped out of court, and when last seen were going up street with tears in their eyes and smiles on their lips. We are much mistaken, however, if that young woman doesn't get a "bill" in spite of the Dutch.—*Buffalo Express.*

FOUND HIS FATHER.—"My son, can you take a trunk up to the hotel?" said a passenger stepping from a boat on the levee, to a ragged youngster who sat balancing himself on the tail end of a dray.

"Your son," cried the boy eyeing him from head to foot. "Wall, I'll be dod drapped if I ain't in luck. Here I've been a trying to find daddy these three years, and all of a sudden up comes the old hoss himself, and knows me right off. How are you?" stretching out his muddy paw.

The traveller was non-plussed. Between a smile and a frown, he inquired:

"What is your name, sir?"

"My name? You don't know. Wall, it's nothing in these parts to have so many children that they do not know their names. My name's William, but some folks call me ragged Bill, for short. What the other part is I reckon you know; if you don't, you must ax the old 'oman."

And shouldering the trunk, he marched off towards the hotel, mumbling to himself:

"Wall, this is a go. The old gemman come home at last. Good clothes, big trunk, must have the *tin*. Well I'm in luck."

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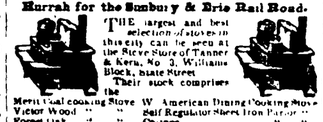

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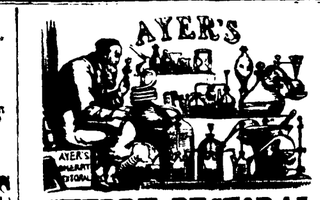

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