

cer's, I was at their house on the Wednes- day spoken of, after breakfast I went in to Mr. M. Singleton but not returned at the time I went in, I went home again, before long some of them came after me, I went in again, when I went in Single- ton's mother had hold of him on the stairs, he was going up stairs, he told me he was going to kill his sister, I caught hold of him myself, and called for assistance, one or two gentlemen came and through our force we got him down, Mrs. Mercer asked me in the kitchen as she was going to speak to Singleton, I went in with her, in a few minutes he made a second attempt to go up, I again caught hold of him, he said he would kill her, that she had ruined and disgraced the family, I kept hold of him, there were many gentlemen present, they assisted and we got him into the parlour again, he cried and went on very much about the disgrace brought on his father and mother, he went in the front parlour and the gentlemen followed him, he ex- pressed himself much about killing his sister, we all kept around him to prevent his going up, nothing peculiar about his face at that time, the gentlemen got him a lit- tle pacified, and I went home, they wish- ed to send for William Baird to come down, I went myself for him, he is a neph- ew of Mr. Mercer's, thought he could do something with Singleton, when I went again Mr. Baird, Singleton, and Mrs. Quinn were in the back room, I took my seat alongside of Singleton, two gentle- men had been sent after Heberton, to pacify Singleton they said they would bring him dead or alive, Mr. Baird went out of the room, every one in a while he was impatient to see Heberton, he wanted to go, I said no, they'll bring him, and I have a cowskin, and then you can give it to him, he made no answer then, some time after he turned his face upon me, and when I saw it, I was frightened at his looks, his features were entirely changed to me, his face was streaked with red and white stripes, his eyes looked as they would come out of his head, he looked wild, I was alarmed, I was so afraid of him, I was going into the kitchen, Mrs. Quinn said don't be afraid, for we have taken his weapons from him, we talked to keep him quiet until a gentleman came to take him away, I have seen two insane persons, seen them often, they are friends of mine, I never saw them look so wild as Single- ton did, they are decidedly insane, his eyes had the same expression as one of them, a young lady she is who went crazy, I told him about the cowskin to pacify him, and because I would have liked to have seen Singleton cowskin Heberton.

Cross examined—My husband, Wm. Shaukland, is a sea captain—no person lives in my house but my own family—Miss Holland lives with me, she is my sister.

The Rev. Azariah Pryor, sworn—I am a minister of the gospel, belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Sarah went to school to me, her character was uniformly good, in every particular, she commenced school in the fall of 1841 and left in the fall of 1842, she was in a class of her own age, and was during that time under my immediate care as a scholar—I knew Singleton, met him frequently, always recognized and spoke to me, I found him an intelligent youth, I met him on Friday, the 10th, the day of this occur- rence, on two occasions, the first time was about 9 in the morning, I stopped with a view of speaking to him, stopped at Front and Queen street, I had heard of the family difficulty, he came up, saw me, stood a moment with his eyes on the ground, suddenly turned and went the way he came, the second time was in the after- noon, about 2 o'clock, in Catherine above Third street, I looked at him, to catch his eye, I wished to speak with him, but he passed right by me, without speaking, which he never had done before, I observed a peculiar wildness in his appearance, and that he was remarkably hurried in his move- ments; I observed immediately to my wife, on my return home, that he had a wild and frantic appearance, Sarah's mind is not strong, her understanding is rather weak, she was so modest and retiring a child, that Mrs. Pryor and myself used to set her up as an example to others for good conduct, her disposition is confiding, it is a family trait, I think.

Cross examined—I reside at No. 320 south Front street, have a church in Southwark, rector of a newly formed church, the church of the Messiah.

William M. Baird, sworn—I was at Mr. Mercer's on the 8th of February, Mrs. Shaukland sent in to my office for me to go down to Mercer's, I went and found him in an agitated state, he took me into the yard with him, he detailed to me the dishonor of his sister, her having told him herself, asked my advice as to what was best to be done, in this conversation he cursed and swore all the time, I advised him to wait until his father and brother-in-law returned from the Alderman's Office, where the hearing was, then he would know how to act, we went back into the house, Singleton threw himself upon a chair, passed his hands into his hair, would jump up, walk about, utter some curse or other, seat himself again, his father and brother-in-law returned, and announced that the law would not take hold of Heberton, at this juncture he became frantic, perfectly furious, raved about the room, insisted upon going out, intercepted by myself and several others, made repeated efforts to get out, his condition was such that I advised the father to have him taken care of—several gentle- men volunteered to take charge of him, they and he left the house, he used horrid oaths to his father and brother-in-law, to my self, to all, it was not his habit.

Cross examined—I reside at No. 19 Pine street, No. 46 south Wharves is my place of business, am a commission mer- chant; in the yard my advice was, when his father and brother-in-law returned, then, to put on his manliness, and act as the case showed; I know the Reverend Mr. Loughridge, I saw him in the house; by being perfectly furious, I mean that Singleton cursed his father, Mr. Quinn, and all that opposed him, by incoherent, I mean short, abrupt, broken, unmeaning expressions—his father implored him to be quiet, and Singleton told him to "go to h—ll"; the father and brother-in-law an- nounced that they had proposed marriage to Heberton, and he had rejected it in the most unbecoming manner, Singleton's a relation of mine, have known him since childhood.

Adam Johnston, sworn—I live at 467 Race street, I know Sarah Mercer, I became acquainted with her by her attend- ing the Church and the Sabbath School of which I was superintendent; she was very modest, chaste, mild, as much so as any female I ever knew, confiding and unsuspecting.

Cross examined—Sarah ceased attend- ing Sunday School when we sold the church at 5th and Gaskill street, which broke up our school for about a year, she was better behaved than any young lady I ever knew of her age, she attended the church since we have built it at 12th and Lombard street, never heard a word against her, have always heard she was a very innocent girl.

Charles Paynter, sworn—I reside at 117 German street, I saw Singleton at his father's house on the Wednesday spoken of, in the morning, he was greatly agitated, I think he had a pistol in each hand, came up to me, and said Heberton had ruined his sister, I asked him how he knew, said she told him so; he wanted very badly all the time to get out of the front door, saying he would shoot any man that dare to stop him, I said you can shoot me if you like, but you can't go out of the door in the condition you are in; I got one pistol from his hand and got him into the parlour, to pacify him, he being in such a state of excitement, two gentlemen offered to go and bring Heberton—no body with him just then but Mr. Loughridge and I, he appeared anxious to get out saying that they knew very well Heberton would not come; Mr. Loughridge tried to reason with him, (corroborated Mr. Loughridge's testimony.) Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the opening of the court, Mr. Browne submitted the next question which it was proposed to ask the witness; and for the convenience of all concerned, the same was committed to writing. It is as follows: "From the conduct and actions of the defendant which you have stated, and what you observed at that time, do you not think that the prisoner had not the use of his reason?"

The question of the admissibility of this interrogatory was argued at length. The debate was opened by Thomas P. Carpenter, Esq., on the part of the State. He was replied to by William N. Jeffers, Esq., for the defence. Abraham Browning, Esq., followed on the same side. The Hon. George P. Mollison, on the part of the State, closed the argument.

Judge Elmer delivered the opinion of the court, deciding that the question should be put.

The defence then called,

Charles Paynter, resumed—I do not think that he had the perfect use of his reason at the time I have spoken of.

Cross examined—I was with Singleton the Wednesday morning from six o'clock until his father and brother-in-law came from the Alderman's office; the first I saw of a pistol was when he came down stairs with two in his hands—I took it from him; then I thought he had not the use of his reason, I inferred it from the fact of his actions being so different from usual, strange, wild, and violent towards me; his teeth clenched, he frowned, showed great passion; I stopped him and he told me he would shoot any man that prevent- ed him from going out of the door; (de- tails conduct of the prisoner as in chief,) he would become pacified, for the space of five minutes or so and then he violent again; during these short periods when he was pacified I am of the opinion he was not in the possession of right reason. I think so because of his jumping up sud- denly without cause, I was then satisfied of it and I now think he had not the use of his reason.

John O. Davis, sworn—I live back of 44 Spruce street, I am one of the Night Police of the city, I saw the young man at the bar at the S. W. corner of Fifth and Walnut, it was about 20 minutes of ten on the Thursday night before the occur- rence; I saw three or four cab drivers close by the door of my box, the young man was standing at the corner, and there was a black man with some trunks on his bar- row I think; Mr. Mercer came over to me and asked me if I was on duty, I told him I was, he said I shall want you di- rectly, he appeared to be very wild, so that I looked at him and thought there was something wrong about him, his eyes were very wild and flying with quick mo- tion, he ran down Fifth street, then return- ed and asked me if I had ink and paper, I told him I had not, I then went with him to another corner, from the N. W. to the S. W. corner, after we got there, he said I want you to go to Capt. somebody and get \$25, tell him to send it to somebody, some names he mentioned, I don't remem- ber either name, neither name was Mercer, he said the person whose name he first mentioned lived in Pine somewhere near 2nd street, I told him I could not attend

to that, as it was of a private nature; I said I would attend to a case of theft, or any thing like it, he said it was such a case, he was then very wild, his eyes roll- ing, flying in every direction, he said there was a man running away with his sister, those words were uttered wildly, very; he viewed the street in every direc- tion; his head and eyes turning in all ways; then he said there's some of my acquaint- ance, and away he started from me, I looked after him, and could see no person else; I saw a man and woman at the northwest corner, going up the street; Mercer halted among the cab men, he then returned down, and passed rather below Walnut street, in Fifth; he then ran back and called for a cab man, and order- ed the cab man to drive to the Walnut street House as fast as ever he could, and he got upon the front, and they started; it is a part of my duty to watch people, that was one reason why I did watch him; and another, was there were stolen goods about, because of the trunks being there. I do not believe he was a reasonable man, or had the use of reason at that time.— (Witness gives many reasons based upon Mr. Mercer's actions as reported above.)

Cross examined—I have every reason to believe this is the man, he looks pale, that is the man (after close scrutiny)—Mr. Mercer standing I have seen persons wild in liquor, but I stood close to him, of that he was clear, I observed him well, smelt his breath, no taint of liquor, ac- tions entirely different from those caused by drunkenness, I have never stated that I believed his actions were caused by in- toxication, I have never said that he was either crazy or drunk; I went to Captain Bennett and told him at the watch house, brought him on the ground; then Mr. Mercer was gone.

Jacob Bennett, sworn—I am one of the Captains of the City Watch; I saw Single- ton Mercer about 11 o'clock on the night before the occurrence in an Oyster Cellar under the Adelphi Buildings, Fifth below Walnut; I went into the cellar in consequence of information from watch- man Davis; Singleton Mercer was sitting at a table; I looked at him a moment; he got up in the act of folding a letter in a hurried manner; he came towards me and said you was with me last night at the corner of Sixth and Chestnut street; I re- plied "no, you are mistaken"; he immedi- ately turned round, called for a water and more paper; at the same time saying "you shall be paid for all I have"; sat down again; commenced writing; looked at me again; got up and came towards me; repeated you was with me last night at Sixth and Chestnut street; a gentle- man alongside of me who knew him intro- duced me to him; told him my name and office; he then went back to the table; he set down, and again repeated that which he twice before said to me; the gentleman again told him who I was; he then asked me to retire to a distant part of the cellar with him; and commenced fill- ing the me of the disgrace of his sister, the narration appeared very painful to him and I told him I was acquainted with the facts; he placed both hands upon my shoulders and said his sister, his father, his mother, were all crazy, my family is ruined; I am the only one left to redress their wrongs; that Heberton had done this thing; a prosecution had been brought against him and he was attempting to es- cape, his trunks are now on the opposite side of the street at a barber's shop; his manner became very wild; his counten- ance was haggard; there was something about him I cannot at all describe; I left him and went to the gentleman who had introduced him to me; said to him the man is not in his senses, you must try and get him home; the young man with him said they had been trying to get him home all day; that he had not been home since the morning previous; I said if you wish to get him home, I can soon do that for you; he said no, don't make use of my violence; if you do he will shoot us; I then asked if he armed; if so, I will arrest him at any rate; the answer was, I don't know that he is; I then said I would try and persuade him to go thence; I did so; he said no, he would never go home till he knew where Heberton had gone to, that his house was destroyed; he said he knew he couldn't go without his trunks and he was determined to watch them, about that time a black man came down; there was some little stir, and the conversation was stopped; I again asked him to go home; told him I would take his place, and watch the trunks, if they attempted to take the trunks away I would inform him, he said he lived too far off, I could not inform him in time, I found it was vain to attempt to get him to go home, something had been said about Bloodgood's, and I said go there, that is nearer, and I can send you the information, I think it was about that time he called me again apart, and again told me his story, I again told him to go to Bloodgood's, take a night's rest, and he would feel better in the morning—after a good deal of persua- sion, he said if you will pledge me your word and honor as a gentleman that you will not permit those trunks to leave that barber's shop, I will go to Bloodgood's; I gave him that pledge; that relieved him very much, and he said in a livelier man- ner he had had some before, "come boys, let's take a drink"; I declined drink, and told he had better not drink himself; he insisted upon it; his manner again became violent and wild; I found the best way to calm him was to humor him in his request, he invited two others and the four of us went up to the bar; a bottle of ale was drawn for Mr. Mercer; he put the glass of ale to his lips; he set

and said let us eat some oysters; I told him I would not; he insisted; said he had not eaten any thing since the morning be- fore; three fried oysters were put on a plate for him, which he cut up in several pieces; without touching either the oys- ters or the ale, he took me apart to tell me the story of his wrongs; I again told him about Bloodgood's; he seemed to have forgotten my pledge; I repeated it; he said, if I would watch the trunks, and he would pay me any amount; he said I'm not of age myself, but I'll pledge my word to you it shall be complied with; I told him no pay would be required; to go to Bloodgood's, get a night's rest, and leave the trunks to me; after a good deal of persuasion, by the aid of his friends, and after exacting a pledge of me repeatedly, I got him into a cab and down to Blood- good's; I saw no more of him till I saw him here yesterday; I saw several times near enough to take his breath; not the slightest appearance of liquor about him.

Cross Examined—Davis the watchman, came and told me that there was a young man in 5th st. behaving in such a strange manner that he did not know what to make of it; (detailed his conversation with Davis) I was in bed at my station house when Davis came for me.

Following this, arose a discussion in re- gard to the admission of certain testimony, which lasted until the Court adjourned.

[The reporter has endeavored to omit every remark that would be offensive in this day's proceedings, as he did in the reports which appeared in the proceedings of the days previous. He regrets that he returned to the city on Thursday night, with notes of the case; he was so much hurried as to suffer a portion of the testi- mony to escape his scrutiny, and appear contrary to his own intention, and espe- cially against the positive injunction of the Editor, touching the details of the pro- ceedings.]

From the U. S. Gazette of the 3rd April.

Capt. Bennett—cross examination re- sumed—One of the gentlemen in the cel- lar with us was Mr. Hector Tindal, I think; Mr. Mercer did not say what he was going to do with Mr. Heberton; he said a suit had been commenced for seduction, Heberton wished to get out of the way, and he was determined to know where he went to; I have stated the sub- stance of all Davis told me; after I got Mercer off to Bloodgood's Davis said the young man was not right; I don't know which of the gentlemen it was, perhaps both, that said in the oyster cellar Mer- cer would shoot if I used violence, in the oyster cellar; I did not arrest him on sus- picion of being armed because he was in the hands of his friends; I don't know of my knowledge that Mr. M. went to Bloodgood's; the two gentlemen got him into the cab and got in themselves and they were driven away.

Alex. Auchincloss, sworn—I saw Single- ton Mercer on the Friday of the occur- rence; I saw him on the North West corner of Shippen and Fourth street, it was between 3 and 4 in the afternoon; I observed his manner some time before I came up to him—I saw him stop and walk backwards and forwards, he appeared greatly excited before I came up to him—I approached him and shook hands with him—I was going to address him upon the state of his family, to hear how his father and mother were—his manner being so singular, his face and eyes so different from what they had been, his eyes rolling like a crazy man, that I was at a loss to know how to address him—one side of his face was blanched, the other side flushed, I did not know what to say—I felt agitated myself—I tried to lead him into some trifling conversation, in hopes of some one passing that would tell the family in order that he might be taken home—no person came along that I knew, there were few in the streets—I knew he had some busi- ness relative to a son of mine—I thought to fix his attention by speaking to him—I found the answers he made were wild and strange; he spoke of men that he knew nothing of—I was still anxious to get him taken care of; he went a few steps with me, he turned abruptly from me, I left him there, I went to the market to see if I could see some one to take care of him, when I got to the corner again I found him gone, I saw no more of him that day, his whole personal appearance was very re- markable, I had known him from his infan- cy—I believe he had not the use of his reason.

Cross examined—I think he was look- ing for some person; have known and visited the family; on business; I was master of a vessel; last of the brig Harri- et's last voyage I made was to Jamaica; I have seen crazy men; I thought of a promise he had made to get my son a sit- uation; he said he would get it without any doubt; I said my son would go back to his old situation; he said he knew all those parties, and my son could not get that situation; I then observed to him Mercer you must be out of your head or mad; he said I can fix off that situation for you and him; he spoke of no other men; I know he did not know them because they were out of his line of business alto- gether; I have repeatedly seen Mr. Sin- gleton Mercer; I sailed in his father's vessel; I believe he had not the use of his reason from his appearance and conver- sation.

Henry Kelly, affirmed—I live in Union street, No. 2, Southwark; am a ship car- penter; I knew Singleton; was at the house on Wednesday the 8th at about ten o'clock; (corroborates previous witnesses as to Mercer's conduct.) went up to Al-

derman Mitchell's office; when I arrived at the office the father of Mr. Singleton Mercer was there and lawyer Hanna too; after waiting a few moments Mr. Vandyke and Mr. Heberton came in; I don't know that they came in together; Mr. Quinn, the brother-in-law was there too; I went back to the house; Mr. Thomas Mercer and Mr. Quinn went back with me; (again corroborates previous witnesses as to Mr. Singleton Mercer's conduct.) I left the house about 12 o'clock; he was in the condition I have described when I left; I do not believe he had the use of his reason.

Cross examined—I went first to the house about ten o'clock; he was more wild at 12 than he had been at 10 o'clock; only time he left the room while I was there was when he went for the pistols; this took place during my first visit; the statement made to him on the return from the office I don't know; I understood Mr. Hanna was at the office as the counsel of Mr. Mercer; I understood Mr. Vandyke was there as the counsel of Mr. Heberton; I did not hear what was said; the parties were taken into a back room; I did not hear Mr. Vandyke ask for an investigation on the part of Mr. Heberton; I saw Mr. Heberton leave the office.

Eliza Jane Quinn, sworn—I am the sis- ter of Singleton Mercer; Mr. Bastido was at my house on the 17th of December; my brother had a small party of gentlemen there; it was his birth-day; Sarah was there; she was in the front parlor, Mr. Bastido was in the back parlor; the fold- ing doors were partly open, but the ladies were not in the room with the gentlemen; I have seen Mr. Heberton, he and Mr. Bastido might very easily be mistaken for each other; I was at the house on the Wednesday spoken of; Singleton was in a very distracted state; when I went in, he put his arms round my neck and burst into tears, his head on my shoulder; after a few moments he began to rave; pushed me away; said if I did not leave the room, he'd kick me out; I had said nothing, given him no cause; he became so very violent that I got the gentlemen to take care of him; some one said they had better get Mr. Cozens the police officer; Singleton asked me to send for my husband; I sent, but my husband had gone up town; he came in some time after, and without him saying anything, Singleton ordered him out of the house; his features were com- pletely changed; he behaved in a very rude manner after my father returned from the "squire's" office; I left the room shortly after that; (corroborates previous witnesses as to Singleton Mercer's other behaviour.) I do not believe he was sane; I have seen insane persons; have seen two insane persons; one was a near and dear relative; I attended her until she died; it was my husband's mother, she died insane; his eyes had a much wilder appearance than either.

Cross examined—I was at the house from a little after 9 o'clock that morning until about 12; he was particularly violent after return from Alderman's office; I saw Mr. Heberton but once, at my father's house, on the Monday evening my sister was missing.

Daniel C. Carman, sworn—I reside in Camden, I saw Singleton Mercer on Fri- day, the 10th, from about half past six to seven o'clock; when I first saw him at the inquest, and was in the room with him until six o'clock next morning; for the first two or three hours in the evening, he sat sideways on a chair, with his arm on the back, and his head resting on his arm; did not appear to recognize any one, or be aware of the presence of any one; was in that position until about 10 o'clock; while in that position he hollowed out "Rache! you wench, why don't you bring me some water!" repeated it a second time; did not appear to know where he was; about 12 or 1 he asked for something to eat, at the same time saying he had eaten nothing but a plate of oysters for thirty-six hours—nothing was brought him then, they had all gone to bed—two of us went into the kitchen, we found some bread, cold potatoes, and cold pork—we took it to him, he ate but very little—I remarked that—he then asked for the segars which had been taken from him—Mr. Vandyke gave him a segar—he smoked, and was calmer after smoking—it appear- ed to sooth him—I don't think he had the use of his reason—I watched him partic- ularly—did not appear to be conscious of seeing the corpse—towards 2 o'clock, I asked him if he wanted any thing, he said no, a little water—he said he had not slept for three days, except maybe a little on a step or cellar door—water was furnished, he drank copiously—large draught—the next morning he appeared much excited; he wrote a memorandum for me to bring him segars from Philadelphia, and could scarcely hold a pen or write—I asked him where his sister was, if she was at home, he said no, in the Insane Asylum.

Cross examined—Mr. Vandyke was in the room, he appeared anxious to do every thing that Singleton Mercer wanted; I have never said that I did not believe that Mercer was insane, nor expressed such an idea in other words; he smoked more than one segar that night.

Franklin Lippincott, M. D. affirmed—I know Singleton Mercer, have seen him since the 10th of February; am a doctor of medicine; I was in the habit of meeting him three evenings in the week about four years or so ago; have seen him daily in prison; conversed with him; have seen insane persons at the Philadelphia Hospi- tal, by attendance there; I attended one year; I walked the Hospital three years previous to that; (difference between "walking" and "attending" a Hospital explained.) I have noticed him in every way daily; from my observation, I do not believe he was sane during his first resi-

dence in the prison; I have attended this trial, listened to the testimony; the wit- nesses have detailed many symptoms of insanity; I had no particular motive for visiting him; I thought he required consola- tion; it was my impression that he would never recover his intellect, unless he re- ceived consolation.

Cross examined—I arrived at the con- clusion I have expressed on my first visit; doubted his sanity then; subsequent in- tercourse confirmed my doubts of his san- ity; when I first visited him, I found him laboring under great excitement, mani- fested by a flushed countenance, restlessness of manner, wildness of the eye, incoher- ent conversation, and constipation; I believe I have stated all the facts upon which I have based my opinion; I made no inquiries of the prisoner himself as to his physical condition on the occasion of the first interview with him; I inquired a number of times subsequently; he com- plained a number of times of his head; I think once was the next day; my second visit—complained of a pain in the head; in the intercourse I had with him some years back I learned nothing about his con- stitution; mental derangement may be caused, but I believe it to be a disease of the mind, and not of the body—that I be- lieve to be the opinion of eminent medical men; is conveyed to the mind through the channel of physical sensation—sensation physically reaches the mind through the nerves—such conveyance would disturb the healthy condition of the nerves to some extent—the nerves would then be in an unnatural state, (distinction drawn between the "unhealthy" and "unnatural" conditions of the frame, at great length; in my walk through the Hospital I had many cases of insanity to deal with; I have never, I think, met with a case of insanity in which there was not some abnormal condition of the brain; I should require to tell this condition the existence of a strange idea or delusion, or any al- teration in the natural function or func- tions of the brain; the evidence to estab- lish the latter are the symptoms I have before given; (repeated as above.) it is by comparing the symptoms in a state of health with those of disease that we reach all conclusions; I cannot say that on my first visit Mr. Mercer manifested any strange idea or delusion; his brain is not now in a perfectly healthy condition; I should think he was now very susceptible to say the least; I decline answering the question whether he is now perfectly sane or not; I have been his professional attendant since he has been here; I have not consulted any other medical man on Mr. Mercer's case; my treatment on the first day was principally of a moral char- acter; endeavored to console him; admin- istered cathartic; have kept no daily me- moranda. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Lippincott—cross examination re- sumed—I think this morning I said delu- sion was an invariable attendant of insanity; I did not mean so; sometimes it is present, not always, in cases of insanity; I have conversed since the adjournment with no person on this subject; Lieutenant Armstrong, U. S. N., told me I had said so, I did not mean to say so, the patient's natural character compared with that of a person supposed to be insane, then to ob- serve the points upon which he deviates, the most predominant idea in the mind of the prisoner was his sister's disgrace, I mean not deviation in physical but in mental character, he is a man of high nervous temperament, when I am called upon to visit a patient, I inquire into his whole history, I did upon this occasion, in as delicate a manner as I possibly could, on the first visit I was with him about one hour, I give my opinion as a medical man—I have had no interview with Mr. Brown during the adjournment.

Isaac C. Field affirmed—My store is No. 11 south Front street, Philadelphia—more than two squares from Carson & Newbold's where he was a clerk—we had dealings with them—I saw him on Friday afternoon the 10th a few minutes before 5 o'clock—he came into the Walnut street ferry house—I had known Singleton Mer- cer two or three years—he came in from the door next the wharf, and walked to- wards me, without noticing any one—and much to my surprise, he said how are you, Mr. Adams—in rather a loud tone—his face appeared reddened—more than I ever saw before—he looked me directly in the face with an earnest gaze—passed di- rectly into the adjoining room—and I have never seen him till I saw him here—I told my clerk the next morning of this occur- rence. Adjourned.

MILLERISM AND MORMONISM.—In the Nauvoo "Times and Seasons," of March 1st, Joe Smith, the Mormon impostor, ad- dresses a communication to the editor, which closes as follows: "Therefore, hear this, O, Earth! the Lord will not come to reign over the righteous in this world in 1843, nor until everything for the bride- groom is ready."

FAMILY POISONED.—The whole family of Mr. Morehead, residing near the Yazoo Pass, Mississippi, were lately poisoned by eating peaches dried on a painted board. One of the daughters was to have been married on the very day that she died.

HYDROPHOBIA.—Mrs. Barnsdale of Meadville, Pa., died on the 16th inst., of this disease. She had been bitten by a dog about seven weeks before. Four other persons were bitten at the same time.

THE EARTHQUAKE.—On the 25th ult., 3500 dead bodies had been dug out of the ruins at Guadaloupe, and 2200 wounded were in the hospital.