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"I WISH NO OTHER HERALD, NO OTHER SPEAKER OF MY LIVING ACTIONS, TO KEEP MINE HONOR FROM CORRUPTION."—SHAKS.

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[WHOLE NO. 300.]

THE GARLAND.
From various gardens cultivated,
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I CAN'T DECIDE.
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AN AMUSING TREAT.

[NO. XXVII.]
JAPHET,
IN SEARCH OF A FATHER.

CONTINUED FROM OUR LAST.

I had forgotten that I was dressed as a Quaker. The coachmen stopped at the first cloth was house where they have ready made cloaks. The man did so; I went out and purchased a regular one, which enveloped my whole person, I then stepped at a hatter's, and purchased a hat according to the mode. "Now drive to the Piazza," said I, entering the coach. I know not why, but I was resolved to go to that hotel. It was the one I had said at when I first arrived in London. I wished to stop at again. When the hackney coach stopped, I asked the waiter who came out whether he had apartments, and answering me in the affirmative, I followed him and was shown into the same rooms I had previously occupied. "These will do," said I, "now let me have something to eat, and send for a good tailor." The waiter offered to remove my cloak, but I refused, saying I was cold. He left the room, and I threw myself on the sofa, and began to think of the various adventures which had passed in that room with Carbone, Harcourt, and others. My thoughts were broken in upon by the arrival of the tailor. "Stop a moment," said I, "and let him come in when I ring." So ashamed was I of my Quaker's dress, that I threw off my coat and waistcoat, and put on my cloak again before I rang the bell for the tailor to come up. "Sir," said I, "I must have a suit of clothes ready by me tomorrow at ten o'clock."

"Impossible, sir," said I, "and you pretend to be a fashionable tailor. Leave the room."

"At this peremptory behavior the tailor imagined that I must be some body.

"I will do my possible, sir, and if I can only get home in time to start the workmen, I think it may be managed. Of course you are aware of the expense of night-work."

"Can you sir inform me who the party is that is inquiring after this young man?"

"Why yes; it is a General Do Benyon, who has lately returned from the East Indies."

"Good God! it is possible!" thought I, "how strange that my own wild fancy should have got hold upon him as my father!"

I hurried away; threw myself into the hackney coach, and desired the man to drive to Lincoln's Inn. I hastened to Mr. Masterton's rooms: he was fortunately at home, although he stood at the table with his hat and his great coat on, ready to go out.

"My dear sir, have you forgotten me?" said I in a voice choked with emotion, taking his hand and squeezing it with rapture.

"By heavens, you are determined that I shall not forget you for some minutes at least," exclaimed he, wringing his hand with pain. "Who the devil are you?"

Your father stormed, and called his wife an imposter; she retorted, and the second morning after the marriage was passed in tears on her side, and oaths and revilings on his. The lady however appeared the most sensible of the two. Their marriage was not known, she had run away on pretence to visit a relative, and it was actually supposed in the country town where they resided that such was the case. "Why should we quarrel in this way?" observed she, "you, Edmund, wished to marry a fortune, and not me—I may plead the same duplicity. We have made a slight mistake; but it is not too late. It is supposed that I am on a visit to you, and that you are on a forlough for a few days. You confide your secret to any of your brother officers?"

"Not one," muttered your father. "Well, then, let us put as if nothing had happened, and nobody will be the wiser. We are equally interested in keeping the secret. It is agreed." Your father immediately consented. He accompanied your mother to the house at which she was expected, and she framed a story for her delly, by having met such a very polite young man. Your father returned to his regiment, and this did not distress her; she was to provide for the child, and avoid exposure, or she would be obliged to come to her marriage. By what means they contrived to avoid exposure until the period of her confinement, I know not, but your father states that the child was born in a house in London, and by agreement was instantly put into his hands; that he, with the consent of his wife, left you at the door of the asylum, with the paper and the bank note, from which you received the name of Newland. At the time he had no idea of reclaiming you himself, but the mother had, for heartless as she appears to have been, yet a mother must feel for her child. Your father's regiment was then ordered out to the East Indies, and he was rapidly promoted for his gallantry and good conduct during the war in the Mysore territory. Once only has he returned home on forlough, and then he did make inquiries after you; not, it appears, with a view of finding you out on his own account, but from a promise which he made to your mother."

"My mother! what have they met since?"

"Your mother went out to India on speculation, passing off as a singing girl, and was very well married there. I was going to say; however she committed a very splendid bigamy."

"Good heavens! how totally destitute of principle!"

"Your father asserts that your mother was a free-thinker; Japhet: her father had made her one; without religion a woman has no story. Your father was in the up country during the time that your mother arrived, and was married to one of the council at Calcutta. Your father says that they met at a ball at the Government House. She was still a very handsome woman, and much admired. When your father recognized her, and was told that she was lately married to the Honourable Mr. _____, he was electrified, and would have quitted the room; but she had perceived him, and walked up to him with the greatest coolness, claimed him as an old acquaintance in England, and afterwards they often met, but as she never alluded to what had passed between them, until the time for his departure for England on leave, and she then sent for him, and begged that he would make some inquiries after you, Japhet. He did so, and you know the result. On his return to India he found that your mother had been carried off by the prevailing pestilence. At that period your father was not rich, but he was then appointed to the chief command in the Carnatic, and reaped a golden harvest in return for his success and bravery. It appears, as far as I could obtain it, he felt no interest about you; but her death, and the subsequent suit which she poured upon him, has now induced him to find out an heir, to whom it may be bequeathed."

"Very well argued by the little Quakeress; and now, Japhet, I should like to put another question to you. Are you very much attached to this young parson?"

"I will not deny that I am. I love her sincerely."

"Does your love carry you so far, that you would for her sake continue a Quaker, and marry her?"

"I have asked myself that question at least a hundred times during the last twenty-four hours, and I cannot decide. If she would dress as others do and allow me to do the same, I would marry her to-morrow; whether I shall ever make up my mind to adhere to the persuasion, and live and die a Quaker for her sake, is quite another matter—but I am afraid not—I am too worldly minded. The fact is, I am in a very awkward position with respect to her. I have never acknowledged my affection, or asked for a return, but she knows that I love her, and I know that she loves me."

"Like all vain boys, you flatter yourself."

"I leave you to judge, sir, replied I, repeating to him our parting *te-ete-ete*, and how I had returned, and found her in tears.

STATE CONVENTION.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEMOCRATIC ANTI-MASONIC CONVENTION.

At 12 o'clock, M. December 14, 1835, the Delegates to the Democratic Anti-Masonic State Convention assembled in the Court House at Harrisburg, and on being called to order by Mr. Stevens of Adams, organized by appointing JAMES McSHERRY, President pro tem, and John H. Esch, Secretary.

On motion, the counties were called over, and the Delegates produced credentials and took seats in the Convention.

List of Delegates to the Democratic Anti-Masonic State Convention.

Adams.—James M. Sherry, Thaddeus Stevens, Jacob Cassatt.

Allegheny.—Harmar Denny, Noville B. Craig, James C. Gilliland, William W. Irwin, Benjamin Darlington.

Armstrong.—David Dick, John Russell.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, Resolved, That Henry Dana Ward and Henry Colwell of New York, Nathan Hardy of Massachusetts, James A. Shedd of Ohio, and Mr. Williams of Rhode Island, be admitted as honorary members of the Convention; and that a committee of two be appointed to invite them to take seats in the same.

The following letter was received from Joseph Wallace, Chairman of the Democratic Anti-Masonic State Committee, accompanied by certain letters and documents, which were ordered to be read to the convention.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That this Convention will now proceed to select delegates to the National Anti-Masonic Convention.

Resolved, That the names of the several counties in this commonwealth be called by the Secretaries, and that the members from each county inform the convention of the nature and terms of the call of their primary meetings for the election of delegates to the State convention.

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VARIETY.

GREAT YIELD OF WHEAT.—A farmer named Cyrus Stewart, in Genesee county (N. Y.) this year raised from a field of five acres 267½ bushels wheat—being 53½ bushels to the acre.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEAD.—The Savannah Georgian says that Col. JAMES C. TERRELL, elected last year a member of Congress from that State, died at Cornesville, on the night of the 1st inst. His disease was consumption.

The Annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Finances was transmitted to Congress on the 8th.

The Receipts into the Treasury, ascertained and estimated during the current year 1835, are computed to be \$23,430,881, of which the actual receipts during the three first quarters of the year are ascertained to be \$23,480,881. Of the actual receipts, \$13,614,489 are from the Customs; and \$9,166,590 from the Public Lands. The balance in the Treasury on the 1st January last having been \$8,892,858, the aggregate means of the government within the year will according to the computation of the Secretary, have amounted to \$37,323,739.

On one of two points I also wish to question you. It appears that you have entered into the sect denominated Quakers. Tell me candidly, do you subscribe heartily and sincerely to their doctrines? And I was going to add, is your intention to remain with them? I perceive much difficulty in all this.

"The tenets of the sect certainly do believe to be more in accordance with the Christian religion than any other; and I have no hesitation in asserting, from my knowledge of those who belong to that sect, that they, generally speaking, lead better lives. There are some points connected with their worship, which, at first, I considered ridiculous, the feeling is, however, worn off. As to their quaint manner of speaking, that has been grossly exaggerated. Their dress is a part of their religion."

"Why so, Japhet?"

TUESDAY, December 15.
Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee appointed to select the officers of the Convention, reported the following:

PRESIDENT.
HON. HARMAR DENNY, of Allegheny.

VICE PRESIDENTS.
LEWIS PASSMORE, of Philadelphia.
JOSHUA DICKERSON, of Washington.JACOB CASSATT, of Adams.GEORGE WALKER, of Susquehanna.

SECRETARIES.
DAVID DICK, of Crawford.
ROBERT G. STEWART, of Huntingdon.

Resolved, That the documents presented by Geo. Walker and Isaac Post, are not of such a character as to warrant their admission.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, Messrs. Walker and Post, were then admitted to seats in the Convention as Anti-Masons.

On motion, it was Resolved, That a committee, consisting of one from each Senatorial District, be appointed by the members of each respective district to nominate officers to preside over the Convention.

The following were appointed the committee.

Messrs. Parke of Lancaster, Hoffman Johnson, Lawson, King, Witmer, Parke, of Philadelphia; Fisher, Jones, Passmore, Brobst, Lawson, Cassatt, Haubty, Armstrong; Jenkins, Smith of Butler; Pritts, Myers, Harris, Reigle, McClure, Brinton, Harding, Potts, Audenreid, Plummer, J. B. Miller, Irwin, Sullivan, and Lawrence.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

"I am speaking to the principal?" replied I.

"Yes, sir, my name is Chaffield."

"I come to you, sir, relative to an advertisement which appeared in the papers. I refer to this," continued I, putting the newspaper down on the desk, and pointing to the advertisement.

"Oh, yes, very true; can you give us any information?"

"Yes, sir, I can, and the most satisfactory."

"Then, sir, I am sorry that you have had so much trouble, but you must call at Lincoln's Inn upon a lawyer of the name of Masterton; the whole affair is now in his hands."