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THE GARLAND.



"With sweetest flowers enrich'd, From various gardens cull'd with care."

FROM THE ALBANY DAILY ADVENTISED. The Bible. AIB .- "Woodman spare that tree." Sceptic, spare, that book ! Touch not a single leaf,

Nor on its pages look With eye of unbelief; 'Twas my forefather's stay In the hour of agony; Sceptic, go thy way,

And let that old book be. That good old book of life,

For centuries has stood. Unharmed amid the strife, When the earth was drunk with blood ; And would'st thou harm it now, And have its truth forgot ! Sceptic, forbear thy blow, Thy band shall harm it not.

Its very name recalls The happy hours of youth, When, in my grandsire's halls, I heard its tales of truth: I've seen his white hair flow O'er that volume as he read;-But that was long ago, And the good old man is dead.

My deat grandmother, too, When I was but a boy, I've seen her eye of blue Weep o'er it tears of joy; Their traces linger still, And dear they are to me: Sceptic, forego thy will, Go, let that old book be.

greatest care but told her it would be im-1 the doctor but, it must be done : come, John his acquaintance to come and see him where [possible for him to form a proper judgment go on don't be alarmed sir, though the op he was. This gentleman happened to be EAGLE. -Tuesday a week last was a very eration is a little painful, it will soon be over. without seeing the patient. To this her tender regard made her make Go on John and call Thomas and William. patched he arrived soon alter, an explana-

many objections, particularly because the If you struggle sir, it will only add to your very mention of a doctor always heightened pain. You shall see, sir, I will despatch his madness, and to have recourse to any you directly."

violent method in his own house would ex-Despatch me sir,' replied the poor merpose him to his servants, which she rould cer, almost frightened out of his life indeed. not bear to do, and he would never forgive at the sight of three or four great ill looking should they even prove successful, but fellows, with the instrument of torture rea these difficulties were all removed by a dy. Despatch me! pray do sir, and pay proposal which she insensibly led the doctor me for my silks; here is my bill, and give to make of bringing the patient to his house, me leave to tell you, I am not accustomed where no notice would be taken of any noise to such usage.' 'It is all for your good my he might make, and all things were in rea- dear sir, said the physician, det me beg of diness for whatever might appear necessary you don't think of silks talk of any thing else, sir hut about silks, or it will make you worse to be done.

To this proposal the lady concented with I assure you,' it will make me mad-" said seeming reluctancy, and promised to decoy (the patient 'that's the very thing,' interruphim under some pretence to come next morn- led the professor, 'I know it will. Aye, ing, as soon as she had reason to apprehend poor man, it is just so-just as she told me. that the fit was come upon him. The doctor And so sir, you want your money ?- Make promised to be at home at the time appointed haste Thomas. And pray, sir, will you tell and the lady at her departure secured the res- me how much, and for what I am indebted der the providence of God he believed would pect and attendance of his servants by her to you? 'For what sirl for the silks your wife had from me this morning, here is the iberality.

Matters being thus far settled, she went bill, sir,' 'Poor man it is just so-my wife! next morning, to the shop of a noted silk sir,"-William fetch the strait waistcoatmercer, the natural complacency of whose I don't like his looks. Pray, sir, who is tempor, with other circumstances, marked my wife? 'Why, sir, that's a strange queshim out as a proper subject for her design. tion; -the lady who brought me here, sir.' The morning being fine she walked, attend-'My wife, is she ! 'Pray, sir, is she not your own wife !' 'My wife ! don't undered by a footman in a genteel livery. She told the mercer that she was recommended stand you, my wife is neither so tall, nor so to him by a person of distinction, one of his handsome, nor so well dressed.' Ah I said best customers, whom she named, to pur- the doctor, to himself, who had been much chase wedding clothes for a young lady of | taken with the prepossessing person and elefortune, in the country together with what gant attire of the lady, if he were to see else might be necessary for the other ladies my wife he would find her a dowdy, to his. of the family on the occasion, and pulling a 'No, sir, she is no wife of mine,' continued ed in its ancient residence. The King of letter of direction out of her pocket, chose the mercer, 'and if she is not yours she a vast number of articles with evident fancy must be your kept mistress; but I don't care ty of the patriots piety, or awed by the exaland judgment to a very considerable amount. for that it you do but pay for the silks she and then, while the mercer was making the got.' 'Not a word about silks, sir, any spectator of the invincible majesty of a freebill, ordered a footman to call a coach. thing but silks.' 'But I will talk of my When it came, she bid the Shopman to silks, and of the money for them too. I

put the things into it, and turning to the don't understand you at all.' 1 suppose, not mercer, told him she was the wife of such sir at present, but you will remember better a gentleman, naming the doctor on whom by and by. How exactly she described his she called the day before, and requested that case! 'I don't wonder at her saying he he would please to come with her in the was very bad."

coach where her husband would pay binn By this time the doctors people had laid He accordingly waited without hesitation, hold of the poor mercer, and inspite of his beat more freely; the light of hie was reflecas, although he was personally unacquaint- roaring and his struggling clapped half a ed with the doctor and the circumstances of dozen cups upon his head. The pain of the bightly from his eyes, and his his lamity, he knew him by reputation to be this made him mad indeed, so that making a man of respectability and property. a desperate effort, as he was a strong man, When the coach stopped at the door the he burst from his persecutors and rushed lady's footman knocked with authority and into the street with the cups sticking on his it was opened by another in exactly the head.

same livery, who remembering her liberal. Such a sight instantly drew a mob about ity the day before received her with the him, whom he entreated in vain to protect most obsequious respect. She went in him, and assist him to escape, asserting his the mercer into an outer parlor, with the he had received; but they only laughed at easy air of mistress of the house, told the rediculous figure he made, and, as the bird, and, as the bird, and exclaiming against the usage of the house, told the rediculous figure he made, and, as the bird, and exclaiming against the usage of the house, told the rediculous figure he made, and, as the bird, and exclaiming the made and as the bird against the usage of the house, told the rediculous figure he made, and, as the bird, and to pass—the spirit-stirring air of "Hail that among these who signed a removative bird, and the procession against the usage of the house, told the rediculous figure he made, and, as the bird against the procession against the usage of the house been the bird against the usage of the house been the bird against the usage of the house been the bird against the usage of the house been the bird against the usage at the spirit-stirring air of "Hail that among these who signed a removative bird against the usage bird against the usage bird against the usage at the bird against the usage at the spirit stirring air of "Hail that among these who signed a removative bird against the usage bird against the usage at the bird against the usage at the spirit stirring air of "Hail that among these who signed a removative bird against the usage at the bird against the transformed against the total the the spirit stirring at the total the total the total the spirit stirring at the total the tot easy air of mistress of the house, told the rediculous figure he made, and, as the him she would wait upon him directly. doctor's house, and the peculiar practice were well known, they helped his man to the birty of the light her eyes, told him that she had brought her secure him, and dragged him back to his husbad, who had never been so bad as that place of torment.

well known to the ductor, the note was destion took place, the lady and the silks remained unrecoverable and the doctor had to pay a sum to the tormented morcer, to pre-

vent a prosecution. From the Harrisburg Telegraph. To the memory of J. Campbell.

"John Campbell of Pique in the State of Ohio, one of the few remaining veterans of the Revolution, had been lying for several days previous to the fourth of July dangerlli vlauo.

"It was plainly perceived that he was fast wasting, and each hour added an additional shade of death to his relaxing features. Judging from appearances it was supposed he would die upon the first or second of the month: the old soldier however negatived the idea. He calmly assured those around him, that he had but one wish and that unbe granted. This wish was that he might look upon the cloudless sun of the approaching anniversary-that he might yield up his spirit upon the fourth, the birth day of freedom—a day made sacred to the greatness of his country, the happiness of mankind, and the destinies of the world.

"The spirit of the dying patriot, as if moved by the glorious recollections of the past, hesitated to leave its tenement of clay--its broken residence-clinging with the fondness of old associations to its ruined home. The light of the dawn commemorative of freedom's natal day broke forth in all its beauty upon the patriot's spirit, still domicil-Terrors as if sensible of the purity and beauted aspirations of his spirit, stood a powerless man's mind.

"The fourth of July came, and still the old man lived; between his desire and the immortality to which he was fast hastening, there appeared to be a spiritual communication. The morn which was ushered in by the roar of cannon and martial strains of

military music, found the old man better than he had been for many days, his heart whole countenance gave manifestation of sublime triumph, achieved by the purity of an honorable and patriotic mind over the dim and earthlike struggle of decayed matter. Hour after hour passed on, and still he lived. Repeatedly, when the loud huzzus of the people pierced the soldier's chamber, he raised himself, and with fervor breathed a

SINGULAR CONTEST-BATTLE WITH AN disagreeable day. The wind blew a hurricane, the driving snow filled the nir and the weather was intensely cold. A young man saw an eagle alight near the barn in which

he was at work, at the corner of Pine and South Division streets, apparently fatigued and seeking shelter from the storm. He threw a little stick at the royal bird and as that did not starile him, conceived the bold idea of taking him alive. With no other arms than those with which nature had provided him he advanced toward the eagle, which immediately attacked him, striking at him with its beak, wings and talons. The young man defended himself with his fists, and the battle lasted ten or fifteen minutes. when the eagle flew off a short distance and alighted. Again the youth advanced, and again the eagle attacked him, with the same result as before, and this was repeated several times.

The contest lasted three hours and a half and the eagle was finally secured without injury and brought to the city. It was a bald eagle of large size, measuring nine feet from the tip of the wing to that of the other. The young man was wounded in several places by the claws of the eagle, and receiv. ed many severe blows from its beak and

wings. A number of times during the contest the eagle rose in the air to a considerable height, and then made a rapid descent enger to "get the better of him" When he succeeded in capturing him they were nearly a mile and a half from the place where the contest commenced, and he was nearly exhausted from protracted exertion. He says he would not willingly risk a similar battle .- Buffalo Mercury.

BRAVO!-The wife of Captain Samuel Chase, of South Denis, who was a soldier under Lafayette in the revolution, and who s a pensioner, and now in his eightieth year, presented him with a fine son and daughter, twins, one day last week-the first fruits of their marriage, which transpired the last year. Verily, we think the old hero's penion ought to be doubled.

THE JEWS MOVING FOR PALESTINE,-Ma or Noah says .- "Within a few years great numbers have gone thither-they amount now to above 40,000, and are increasing in multitude by large annual additions. In the first days of this month a large number of Israelites from the States of Morocco, arrived at Marseilles, in order to embark there for the coast of Syria, and proceed thence on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Bates, the murderer recently hanged at gentleman's over coat. When taken, he of absence of mind, and begged that if they a brute. And still how many females yet should in future see him take any thing not his own they would instantly inform him of such we would say, in all kindness, may his mistake. A doctor was found for him you never have cause to weep bitter tears in a stone building on Sixth street. [Lou.Gaz,

WHOLE NO: 467.

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT

From the Illinois Temperance Hernld.

"Father hadn't you better take a Sheep too."

Another valued friend and an able farmer, about the time that the temperance reform was beginning to exert a healthful inluenco in that country, said to his newly tired man,

"Jonathan, I did not think to mention to you, when I hired you, that I think of trying to do my work this year without rum; how much more must I give you to do without." "Oh," said Jonathan, "I don't care much about it, you may give me what you please."

"Well" said the Farmer, "I will give you a sheep in the fall, if you wish to do without."

"Agreed," said Jonathan.

The oldest son then said, "Father, will you give me a sheep if I will do without rum ?

"Yes, Marshall, you shall have a sheep, if you will do without."

The youngest son, a stripling; then said, Father, will you give me a sheep if 1 do without ?"

"Yes, Chandler, you shall have a sheep lso, if you do without rum."

Presently Chandler speaks sgain,----"Father, had'nt you better take a sheep 00?"

This was a poser; he hardly thought that he could give up the good creature' yct. But the appeal was from a source not to be easily disregarded t the result was, the demon rum was thenceforth banished from the premises, to the great joy and the ultimate happiness of all concerned.

A Scene.

We cut the following from an Albany paper. Perhaps it may eucourage some faltering conscience smitten rom-seller to hold on his way, doing good to the souls and bodies of his fellow men, and blessing in such a peculiar manner, the families of the earth. - Jackson Sentinel.

Mr. Editor,-I was passing through State street, Albany, the other day, and I met a well-clad respectable woman, with mortification and agony strongly marked on her countenance; she had a firm hold of the arm of a man who 1 took to be her husband, making powerful efforts to sustain his tottering footsteps. He was drunk. Take it all in all, it was a sight most distressing; my heart bled for this poor woman-who would not have made any sacrifice to have brought healing to her woundstruction, so long us he can rob his starving ABSENCE OF MIND. - A loafer walked off family of a single cent. The cause of temesterday from one our principal hotels with perance is one that should commend itself, with overwhelming force, to the hearts of spressed his thanks to his captors, stated females; it is a cause to save them from behat, from youth, he had been hable to fits ing fastened for life, to a being worse then hold back from motives of delicacy. To for your infatuation, by being cursed with a drunkard for a brother or a husband.

Remember Me.

- I bring no chain of rarest worth-No corul from the deep sea-cave--No gem long hid within the earth, To shine where now those tresses wave; A gift more procious, far, is mine, Than sparkling gem from earth to seat This treasury of thought-'tis thine; The boon it asks-"Remember me."

I may not, here, usurp the page To court the breath of fleeting fame: Enough for me, in after age, If in thy memory lives my name In other years or distant climes-Whata'er my future fate may be, A spell to call back by-gone times Still dwelleth here-"Remember me."

"Remember me!"-how few, how short Those touching words-that little spell! What thoughts uprise-what visions throng In wakened fancy's holiest coll! They tell of many a chance to come; May every chance bring joy to thee! In pleasure's light, or sorrow's gloom-In weal-in woe-"Remember me."

THE BEPOSITORY.

The Mad Mercer.

A TRUE TALE.

Those who declaim with the greatest vehemence against the superiority of woman's talents and understandings, generally conclude their argument by an appeal to experience, which they think establishes their she exceeds man in flagrance of her crime. But if this (should we even indulge them by demonstrate, proves any thing, it is the as it certainly requires superior abilities to excel in both.

An elegantly dressed woman of prepossessing appearance, called upon a physician moted for his skill in curing the maladies of coherently and rationally, but at length athe mind, and related a long and circumstantial story of her husband, being lately attack. ed by madness of an uncommon kind, during the paroxysms of which he lost his memory, as utterly to forget his nearest relations and disown even his wile and child-

though in every other respect, to all ap without giving the other any time to object, trusted to a large amount in silks, had most head. particularly effected him, so that he was

very morning, having disowned all knowledge of her, and every person in his family, his money, and his ill usage, he was forced country might be placed before his eyes, that and raised a great disturbance in the house to submit, and a strait waistcoat was put of one of his neighbors, from whom he pre- on him. He became at length perforce tended to demand money for silks he had quiet; and conceiving there must be some sold him. strange delusion or mistake which he could

means for his recovery, advising him to deed being much exhausted by the philebo. fell back and expired. Thus died the Revo take care to have proper assistance at hand, matical operations he had undergone, that lutionary patriot, and soldier, the aged and as he was apt to be very outrageous; she the doctor towards the afternoon of the day could not bear to be in hearing of him, recommended him very kindly to take some much less see him, in these unhappy circum- refreshment; and added, that if he attended to stances, and would therefore now retire. his regimen he had no doubt he should soon She then departed in the coach, carrying restore him to perfect health. At this the with her of course the silks. patient again started, but, recollecting the

The doctor then waited on the patient whom he found sitting very composedly, that he would be glad, if the doctor would Or gilded page thy virtues state; and, after some general chat, asked him allow him to go to a neighboring coffee But "fadeless memories" keep thy fume house, which he mentioned, where he knew how he found himself this morning, and desired to feel his pulse. Though the mercer he could get a most excellent dinner and thought this was something odd, he had ac- (though he gulp down his vexation,) actual- The freeborn sons of patriot race, customed himself to so much compliance ly invited the doctor to dine with him there with his ready money customers, that he promised to say nothing about the silks till answered him sivily and let him feel his a more convenient opportunity. "Say you pulse: nor had resolution or presence of so, my siderar," said the physician, "I am mind, perhaps, in, his surprise, to contradict heartily glad to see you so rational. But, the doctor, when he told him that it was ab- it you will take dinner with me, you will solutely necessary for him to lose his blood, and submitted quietly to the operation.

find that the doctors know how to cook as well as to prescribe." In fact a most excellent dinner soon made Thinking, however, that ie had no further occasion for the doctor's advice, he its appearance, and the doctor's lady was thanked him very politely, and said that, as introduced to their compulsory guest. A

he had a good deal of business to do that little, fat, old ugly woman deeply pockmark. morning, he should be very much obliged to ed, though exceedingly well behaved, formhim to despatch him as soon as he could, ed such a contrast to the handsome and ac- You sought, and haply fill, forsooth adding that he presumed his lady had given | complished by whom he had been decoyed him the bill for silks and other goods, she away, that the mercer could not help exhad brought home, which he should be very claiming to himself, well if you keep a miss, opinion, that when woman falls from virtue, happy to receive, and have the honor of his doctor, you have some excuse for it, considfuture custom. ering the two-but it is damned hard I

'My desire sir,' said the doctor, 'don't can't get pay for my silks. This last was granting what they might find it difficult to talk about the silks, it will only make you uttered in a kind of mutter, and the hissing Thine was the joyous boon to see, worse. Let us talk on general subjects. sound of the last word caught the ears of the Columbia's sons their rights reprieve, reverse of what they allege it in support of, What do you think of the late change in the doctor, who immediately said, "my dear administration ? Accustomed to compla- sir, you forget, - not a word about the silks cency in his intercourse with all who dealt -any thing else that you like-shall I help

with him, the mercer, though sorely against you to some of this turpot? his will, talked politics with the doctor, very Thus corrected, the mercer ate his dinner in silence; and even the exhileration of a gain urged the payment of the bill for silks, few glasses of wine, which the doctor said. and adding that, though his lady said she would pay cash for them, if he had not the economy after the exhaustion of the mornmoney in the house, a check on his banker ing, produced but one single exclamation would be quite as well.

'Poor man,' said the doctor, 'I see, though ren; and persist with the strongest obstina- he is not quite so bad as 1 expected, that the silks-any thing but silks-come, take cy, in some extravagant notion or other, his malady is coming upon him; and then, one glass more?" pearances, in his perfect senses. A recent he called to his man to bring the capping loss in business by a mun whom he had glasses, and apply them to the gentleman's that evening and night, and although he had

requested and obtained leave of the doctor To my head, sir?' exclaimed the mercer. to write notes to some of his friends, efforts constantly raving about silks and demanded in a fright, cupping glasses to my head I i of his disordered imagination, not one was payment from every one he met. She con- ido not want any more of your advice or sent off, until the next morning, after being cluded her account with a floot of tears, and prescriptions, and beg you will pay me for very comfortably lodged, with however two sharpened the coctoe's attention by a liberal my silks, and let me go about my business, mon to sleep in his department, he bethought And happy millions, weeping, close tos. Be promised to consider with the foor gentleman! poor gentleman ! said bimeet of writing a note to a physician of

veterans face; he raised himself in his bed

and made his dying request. It was that the Here, though still raving about his silks, flag of his once bleeding but now happy he might look once more on freedom's banner. His wish was gratified-the procession stopped-the star spangled banner was displayed; he gazed upon it a moment, turn She entreated him to try all possible not tathem. conducted himself so gently, in ed his cycs in peaceful gratitude to heaven,

brave John Campbell "-- Western paper. No "storied Urn," reared to the skies,

Or Mausoleum lifts its head ; To point the spot where mould'ring lies. The honor'd dead.

treatment he had experienced, only said No breathing bust revives that name. Perpetuate.

> No panegyric strain reminds, Where freeman soldiers ashes find A resting place.

No pompous volume speak's thy fame, Or measured dirge is sung to thee; But patriot hearts echo thy name-Proud eulogy !

Ah! no, the monument of thine, Surpasses e'en the sculptors arts; "I'is that which memory grateful twincs Round freemens hearts.

Thou saw'st thy country in her youth, A haughty tyrants mandates brave; A freemans grave.

Thy country once oppressed in chains, Now to the world example gives; Her LIBERTY and LAW still reigns ; The Goddess lives.

Rise disenthralled; rest happy, free, Nor shackl'd live,

And then, when death stole on thy frame, Rejoicings burst from happy meni-Sounds that from prosp'rous freemen came, Like incerse then,

would restore the equilibrium of the animal Ab! yes, 'twas freedom's natal day, Thy patient spirit flew to rest; Thy country now reveres the clay She would have blest. about his silks, which was instautly quelled

by the invariable retort - "not a word about In the last look you cast around, The "stars and stripes" urrests thy gaze;; And music stirs; familiar sound To cat the story short, the poor morcer Of other days,

was thus kept, as it were in purgatory all Thy patriot spirit 's borne to God, On aspirations of the free; Thy ashes rests beneath the sod:

Our hearts with thee. The myrtle tree where you repose. Shall wave its solemn boughs to thee:

Thy obsequy.

Love .- The editor of the Methuen Gasette makes the following sweeping asser. Diary of a "Free Drinker." tion :--- What a man! and never love !---Pshaw! such a man must have a heart of cocoanut l'

of our groceries the other day, and wished drinking or church going. Met some acto be trusted for a glass of liquor. The quaintances, who invited me into a house grocery keeper not believing in the "credit | 'to take something," Four of us. Had system," flatly refused, and the loafer would to drink four times round of course, or it have been under the necessity of going a. would have looked illiberal. Got quite way sober, if he had not seen a bag sitting talkative, and said some very toolish things behind him, which, from its shape he knew that I thought very witty. New coat soiled contained A JUG. Hope flashed across his at a snack table, through the efforts of a mind. When the bar keeper's back was gentleman loafer, to convey to his mouth a turned, he seized it and made off. He was reeking piece of fried calfish 1 Really beso eager to taste the 'crater,' that he never lieve few of these gentry have boarding: stopped to untie the bag-it was cut, and the houses or "meal" more than once a day. jug was instantly at his mouth. He took Their veracity is almost inconceivable f a long 'pull' a strong 'pull' and a 'pull' alto- Went home muzzy'; liquor could not have gether; and removed it not from his face been good. Wife looked grieved, but enuntit he was perfectly saturated, when, lo deavored to conceal her feelings-had rathand behold it was lump oil !! Informant er been scolded at once-but she never will thinks he will not need any of Brandreth's scold ! Couldn't eat any dinner ; appetite Pills soon.-Newark Gax.

An American lady now residing in Paris writes to her friends by the last packet, that way of feeling better. Went home 'ate'; Swartwout and Price had reached Paris, dont know exactly what time, or how and on the 7th of January, both of them got there. Hat must have been in the gutwere living at Maurice's celebrated Res. ter; muddy; evidently gutter mud. Wife taurant. "What are we coming to in our brushed it, and sighed. Don't think I'll country ?" asks the lady. Why, dear Mad- get drunk to day; it is a heastly practice. am, such of us as are sub-treasurers, are Always hate to see men drunk. Had betpretty likely to "come" over to see you in ter went to church with wild yesterday, Paris.-[N. Y. Gazette.

WELLERISMS .- Bad company is better than none'-as the bed bug said to the sleepy travellér. "It makes me sick at the stomach," as

the hog said when he nosed the drunkard in the gutter. 'Here's into you l' as Jonah said when

he went down into the whale's belly. 'Step lightly over the bodies of the dead -as the fox said when he hung in a pile of dry prickly pears.

'We excel in head work'-as the ram said when he met the school boy, and, laid him sprawling in the road.

"We,live for each other'-as the wolf said to the lamb.

Monday Morning .- Really, believe I was drunk yesterday, although it was Sunice, a soul as lifeless as a corncob-the giz. day. Wife asked me to accompany her to zard of a goose, and a head as sappy as a church -I declined weather too fine for one to be housed up. Walked out, every thing dull. Sunday always dull in St. Louis. RATHER OILY .- A loafer went into one No literary circle here ; all is business, gone. Got up in the morning with a head ache, and parched mouth; walked down to

the ----- coffee house, and was soon in a fair Would have saved my credit and her feelings. Hand trembles-must go out and take something to steady it.

Tuesday Morning. --- Alas! how vain are the resolutions of those who have the talous of the fiend upon them ! Is there any escape? I know not! Tried to keep sober all yesterday, but did not succeed; have been "cut" by several respectable persons, who do not care to be seen in company. with a drunkard. Quarrelled last night at - house; but it was not my fault, I was insulted. Mr.---- had the assurance to refuse drinking with me on the pretext. that I had already drank too much. Was'nt drunk then, I know ; had'nt drank more. than twenty times during the whole day. -billiardroom, saw two poot Went to ---players betting five hundred dellars a side.