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WASHINGTON. Land of the West though passing brief the record of this age, Thou hast a name that dawns all on history's wide page!

Rome had its Caesar, great and brave, but stain was on his brow; He lived the heartless conqueror, and died the tyrant's death.

England, my heart is truly thine—my loved, my native heart! The land that holds a mother's grave, and gave that mother birth!

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BY THE LATE MRS. JUDSON. (PANSY FORRESTER.) An ardent piece of mischief was that Kitty Coleman, with her deep, bewitching eyes, that said all sorts of strange things to your heart...

Harry forgot his books again that night, and never thought of it until the Squire put it in his hand the next morning; for Harry visited the Squire very early the next morning...

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Scrap of Curious Information. STEAMBOATS. The Albany Argus of August 1816, in speaking of the cheapness and expedition of traveling, remarks "that steamboats leave Albany for New York every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at nine A. M., and New York the same day at five P. M. The fare is only seven dollars, and the trip is made in 24 hours."

THE STEAMBOAT ENTERPRISE arrived at Charleston 23d July, 1816, from Savannah, and excited a great deal of curiosity—it being the first steamboat ever seen in Charleston. Great was the surprise of the editors of the newspapers that she had come from the north, and that such a boat would be no variety anywhere in the United States where there was water enough to float one.

THE NOMINATION OF GABRIEL G. FLEUROT as U. S. Consul at Bordeaux, to which the Richmond South and sundry other presses have referred in laudatory terms, will be resisted when it comes up for confirmation. His friends will be required to prove his American citizenship to Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who was the delegate to the Wesleyan Conference, held in England in August last, and now traveling in the East, and at the last accounts he was ill at Beyrout, in Syria. A postscript, however, to the paper announcing the fact, says the crisis had past, and he was considered convalescent.

Picture of Life.—In youth we seem climbing up a hill, on whose top eternal sunshine appears to rest. How eagerly we pant to gain its summit! But when we have gained it, how different is the prospect on the other side. We sigh as we contemplate the waste before us; and look back with a wistful eye upon the flowery path we have passed, but may never more retrace. Life is like a portentous cloud fraught with thunder, storm and rain; but religion, like those streaming rays of sunshine, will clothe it with light as with a garment, and fringe its shadowy skirts with gold.

FACTORY FOR SOLIDIFYING MILK.—We see it stated that Mr. Galfr Borden, who has been for some time past solidifying the milk of Litchfield county, at the rate, it is said, of 5000 quarts per day, has lately erected in company with some other gentlemen, another establishment at Stamfordville, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

SHIPMENTS OF GOLD FROM CALIFORNIA.—The following is a comparative statement of the shipments of treasure from California for eleven months of 1856 and 1857: 1856—By steamers and sailing vessels \$46,047,116 58 1857— " " " " 44,912,859 48

Falling off in 1857, \$1,134,257 08 The shipments during December, 1856, were \$4,496,151 94, showing that an export of \$6,829,379 02 for the current month is necessary to equal the total exports of 1856.

THE STEAMSHIP ISABEL, arrived at Charleston from Havana, reports that Walker's vessel, the steamer Fashion, had been seized by the American consul, her papers having been found to be irregular.

CORSICA. We spoke in our last, of a work translated by the Hon. E. Joy Morris, entitled "Wanderings in Corsica," and promised our readers some extracts from it. We here present them one, being an account of THE BONAPARTE HOUSE.

From St. Charles street (Ajaccio) you enter on a very small quadrangular place. An elm tree stands before a yellowish-grey plastered house, with a flat roof and a projecting balcony. It has six front windows in its three stories, and the doors look old and time-worn. On the corner of this house is an inscription, "Place Letitia."

THE BONAPARTE HOUSE, but little changed from its original state, as I was assured, although no palace, yet looks like the residence of a family of rank and condition. It is, indeed, a palace in comparison with the village town in which Pasquale Paoli was born. It is spacious, comfortable, and clean; but the furniture has all disappeared from the rooms, and the hangings only have been left on the walls, and they are discolored by time. The floor, which, according to the Corsican custom, is laid in small six-cornered tiles, is broken in several places. The gloominess of the empty rooms is increased by the closed shutters.

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Persons that cannot conveniently call, by sending the glasses in use, and stating how many inches they can read this print with their spectacles, can be supplied with such that will improve their sight. Circulars to be had gratis, at his office, No. 512 Seventh street, three doors from Old Fellows' Hall, up stairs.

After most careful examination of Mr. J. Tobias's glasses, I am enabled to testify that their hardness, clearness, and exact optical shape, render them particularly recommendable to those whose merely optical impairment of the eye is wrought by means of his construction. In addition, I further state, that Mr. Tobias has supplied some of my patients with glasses, to their mutual satisfaction. Physician and Surgeon, Berlin; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Member of the Medical Society of London, and of the Pathological Society of New York; late Surgeon of the Royal Orthopedic Institution of Manchester, England, and Surgeon of the B. O. Institution.

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