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TO MY WIFE. Written in absence, on the Anniversary of our Marriage.

When I did think thy youthful mien to sing, How long my heart, and claimed her earliest strain; Here I have met, and I am glad to find, And I will wake it up, and sing again.

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GAS AND MOONSHINE!

To the Editors of the American Telegraph. GENTLEMEN: I hasten to inform you that an arrangement has been made with the clerk of the weather to protect the better regulation of our moonlight.

By either neglecting to light the orb, or by hiding it behind obstructions in the atmosphere; especially hath he done this upon those nights on which the city fathers deem it prudent not to light the street lamps.

Now, I emphatically object to it. It is an axiom with the world that the growing generation is wiser than those which have preceded it.

Hence, if our body politic, as the result of observation and experience, insist that the gas must burn on such and such nights, and that the moon must give its light on such and such other nights, the moon-keeper, when he refuses to let her light so shine, assumes a wisdom which does not belong to the date of his generation.

However, the clerk of the weather has consented to regulate the moon, and cause it to obey the scriptural intention, by giving its light at night while the sun giveth his by day.

He has promised to introduce a new cloud-machine, that will keep the track of the moon entirely clear of vapor; but will have one or two small clouds on hand with which to obscure the moon's visage, for the better display of fireworks, &c.

WASHINGTON, June 19, 1851. (Communicated.) WORKING SCHOOLS.—Messrs. Editors: The young ladies of Dr. Mark's school, in Columbia, S. C., perform chemical experiments with their own hands.

A member of Congress from the South, on speaking last winter of the importance of chemistry and other subjects of practical science for early instruction, stated that he was greatly injured by mere book lessons while at school; receiving from them many wrong impressions, which he had found it difficult to remove from his mind.

"I receive, however," he added, "some benefit from the more correct school instruction of my wife. She is a practical chemist; she attended a seminary where the pupils not only study chemistry but perform experiments as illustrations to each other."

Now, gentlemen, the simple fact in the case is, that every girl and every boy in all schools, everywhere, ought to have the privilege of performing chemical experiments.

And when a full supply of common sense shall be brought into our school systems, much of the apparatus for chemistry and other practical sciences will be made by pupils for performing their own experiments.

When such employment shall be provided for scholars, and a plenty of it, we shall hear no more of trunants, and the large amount of space now idly occupied in our papers for reporting the proceedings of rowdies will be filled with discoveries in science, and the application of science to agriculture, the mechanic arts, domestic economy, and other pursuits essential to human progress and human elevation.

I hope in a few days to be able to show you a microscope, made by a lad of twelve or thirteen years old—the grinding of the lens, mounting and all, the work of his own hands, unaided by any one.

A few days since I saw, suspended in a school-room of this city, an oratory, made by one of the pupils. We of course have the pleasure already of seeing some bright spots in the horizon; enough, doubtless, to add courage to our minds and vigor to our hands, and still to persevere.

THE DETROIT TRIBUNE has got off this one: "One of the gentlemen who came forward to bail Abel F. Fitch was questioned by Counselor F. 'Oh, yes,' said he, 'my old 'oman!'"

THE CHICAGO JOURNAL states that those who arrived by the Queen City, on Friday evening, were but fifty-two hours from New York City. And yet an individual, before the boat reached the landing, made desperate efforts to get off by climbing over the guards. Fifty-two hours from New York, and yet the man was in a hurry!

THE OVERLASTING PERSEVERANCE of the Yankee is admirably illustrated in a case that lately occurred at Lynn, away down east. A cute chap cutured himself to a boot-maker for two weeks, to learn to fit boots. At the end of three days he bought out his time, and set up for himself!

A VIOLIN ATTACHMENT TO THE PIANO.—Dr. Smith is writing letters to the Boston Transcript descriptive of the curiosities exhibited in the Glass Palace at London. In his letter of May 23d, the following paragraph occurs: "In the group of musical instruments is an invention by P. S. Wood, of Virginia, that is never without a crowd about it, when the doors are opened. It is the attachment of a violin to a piano. It is a bona-fide fiddle, played with four bows, producing the softest vibrations of sound. Paganini could not have excited more wonder in the meridian of his celebrity. If the performer is master of the piano, the horse-hair rasps to and fro on inclined planes with an activity that puts all common elbows at defiance. It is an original idea, clearly an American one, to fiddle by machinery. Sir George Smart, the distinguished composer and organist, the chairman of the music jury, contemplated its movements a long time with evident amusement. If there could be invented some time-keeping attachment to the heel of ungraceful dancers, the American Eagle might flap his wings in triumph!"

THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.—The incorporation of a clause for Homestead Exemption saved the new Constitution of Maryland, and that instrument is carried by about 12,000 majority.

THE LEGISLATURE of California has exempted a homestead of \$5,000, the Constitution making provision for this measure.

THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION feature not having been engrafted in the new Constitution of New Hampshire, and the document being otherwise imperfect, it was consequently lost. The \$500 Homestead Exemption Bill was submitted by the Legislature of New Hampshire, and was carried by a vote of 11,886 for, to 7,923 against; majority for Land Reform, 3,762.

THE MASSACHUSETTS legislature, before adjourning, exempted a homestead of \$500, and the new constitution of Ohio, which is to be submitted to the people to-day, exempts \$200.

CURE FOR ERYSIPELAS.—Miss Mary Ann Pettit, of Penn Township, has furnished us the following receipt for the cure of erysipelas, which, she assures us, has never been known to fail in any instance where it has been used in early stages of the disease: "Take a quantity of saffron bark from the root, boil it well, add weak ley, drain off the liquor, thicken it with wheat bran, (or shorts, if bran cannot be had,) make a poultice of it, and apply it to the parts affected, renewing it as often as it becomes dry. While using it, in the water the patient may desire to drink add a piece of saltpetre the size of a pea to a pint of water.—Indiana Patriot.

THE NATIVES of Australia formerly believed that after death they were changed into some animal, but now they think that they return to earth as white men. "Never mind," said one of them, about to be executed at Melbourne, "I jump up white fellow, plenty of sixpence."

MANY of the constellations are believed to have been in former times black men, now translated to the heavens.

THE RIGHT HON. RICHARD LALOR SHIEL, M. P., died at Florence on the 25th ultimo, from an attack of gout in the stomach; aged fifty-nine years. He has long had the reputation of being one of the most brilliant speakers of his age, and has occupied many public posts of high honor and great responsibility.

THE STEAMER JONATHAN MYERS arrived at Cincinnati on Thursday last week, from Pittsburgh, with one hundred and fifty Swiss passengers, on their way to Iowa, to form a settlement—\$3,000 acres having been purchased there about a year ago, for their exclusive use. The land is located in Wisconsin.

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AN editor in Vermont says that a person who can write editorials when suffering with the toothache can kick up his heels over the grave of hope, and snap his defying fingers in the face of time and sorrow.

HON. A. H. STEPHENS.—The Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionalist, of June 16th, says that the latest intelligence from this gentleman is, that he is decidedly better, and is considered out of danger.

ONE of the Saratoga hotels, to increase its Summer attractiveness, announces that several ladies who wear the new costume have already taken board.

A CHINESE AXIOM.—The Chinese have an axiom, that when one person is idle a single day, without just cause or necessity, some one must suffer by it.