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### N. Orleans Advertisements.

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ARE now receiving from the manufacturers in England and France, a complete assortment of
**HARDWARE & CUTLERY;**
which were selected from the best patterns; and by the long experience of the senior partner, insures good and suitable articles for the Louisiana trade. They have made a good selection of
*AMERICAN HARDWARE,*
and purchased at low prices, which will insure to the Country dealers a good assortment, and at very reduced prices. Their assortment is complete, and includes the greatest variety of *SADDLERY* ever brought to this market. They would beg a call at their well known establishment, No. 38 Old Levee.
☞ The St. Martinville Gazette will please copy in both languages, and send their bill as above.
Opelousas, Dec. 5, 1844. d5-2m

HENRY F. WATSON. SAMUEL T. M'ALISTER.
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**Cotton Factors,**
*Commission and Forwarding Merchants,*
corner of Gravier and Tchoupitoulas streets, New Orleans. n28-6m

**DRY GOODS,**
AT WHOLESALE,
*No. 26 Magazine street, New Orleans.*
THE subscriber has removed to his new store, No. 26 Magazine street, and is now receiving every description of *DRY GOODS*, purchased since the decline, which will be sold very low.
n28-6m MOSES BROWN.

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*No. 10 Conti street, New Orleans.*
**COMMISSION MERCHANTS,**
and importers of Wines, Brandies, Cordials, &c.
n28-1y

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**Commission Merchants,**
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nov.21-1y

ISAAC BRIDGE,
**Commission Merchant,**
FOR the sale of *GROCERIES, DOMESTIC GOODS, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES and BROGANS*; also, Rich's Improved Patent Salamander *BOOK SAFES*; Stevens' Patent *BALANCES*; New York & Williamsburgh Co. *WHITE LEAD*, &c.
*No. 76 Magazine st., New Orleans.* o3-1y

J. W. STANTON & CO.,
**Commission & Forwarding Merchants,**
*Corner of Magazine and Lafayette streets,*
NEW ORLEANS. s12-1y

P. L. MASSEY & BLACK,
**APOTHECARIES & CHEMISTS,**
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Medicines, Drugs, Chemicals, &c.,
*No. 46 Camp st., corner of Camp & Gravier sts.,*
NEW ORLEANS.
Orders carefully put up, and articles of warranted quality. s12-1y

JARVIS & ANDREWS,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
**Window-glass, Paints, Oils & Medicines.**
Agents for Philadelphia Eagle Glass Factory, and Philadelphia and New York White Lead.
*No. 20 Common street, and 7 Canal st. Row,*
NEW-ORLEANS. s12-1y

**BOTANIC DRUG STORE,**
*No. 90 Magazine street, New Orleans, La.*
Where may be obtained a general assortment of Thomsonian Botanic Medicines, Simples and Compounds, all of which are warranted genuine and of a superior quality. The subscriber respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage, and confidently anticipates as liberal encouragement as he received while conducting a similar establishment in Natchez, Miss. Sold, wholesale and retail, as low as articles of the best quality can be obtained anywhere in the South, by
a12-1y Dr. A. A. JONES, Agent.

**RICE & HATHAWAY,**
**Commission and Forwarding Merchants,**
*No. 72 Magazine street, New Orleans.*
☞ Agents for N. Goodale's Sugar Refinery. Loaf, Crushed and Powdered Sugar constantly on hand.
New Orleans, Aug. 16—1y*

JNO. MORGAN HALL. JOHN KEMP.
**HALL & KEMP,**
**GROCERS,**
(12 Tchoupitoulas st., next door to Canal st.) NEW ORLEANS.
Dealers in general assortment of Groceries. oct3-6m

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of every description, neatly and expeditiously executed at the office of the "St. Landry Whig." s6.

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THOMAS B. WINSTON,
*GENERAL GROCER,*
*Wholesale and Retail Stores, Nos. 17, 19, and 21, corner of Poydras and Commerce streets, New Orleans.*

HAVING taken these *THREE STORES* for a long term of years, I am determined to do business in such a way as to entitle me to the patronage of the *Country* and *City Merchants*, of *Planters* and of *Families*. One store intended solely for the *Retail* business, the other two entirely to the *Wholesale* department. To the Grocers, I have added a general *Provision* business—Pork, Lard, Bacon, Flour, &c. I shall be as liberal in terms as any established house in New Orleans, and for good paper I will give liberal time.

I am now receiving my *First Supplies*, and shall continue to keep (what has always been admitted, even by competitors) the best and cheapest assortment of Groceries, Liquors and Provisions in New Orleans.
*New Orleans, Nov. 1844.* n14 1yr

GREINER'S CODE of Practice—New Edition.—Just received and for sale by the subscriber, a new edition of Greiner's Code of Practice of Louisiana, much enlarged and improved, with additional notes of, and reference to, the decisions of the Supreme Court, and also the statutory law upon the subject of practice. In preparing the present edition of the *Code of Practice* for the press, the editor has incorporated the Acts of the Legislature which specially amend any article of the text. The existing laws of the Legislature relating to practice, but which have not changed any article of the Code, have been, with the points of decisions of the Supreme Court, inserted in notes, under the appropriate articles. References are made to the law in all cases; so that any error that may have occurred in the hurry of expedition with which the work has been got up and carried through the press, may be hastily detected.

The index has been entirely remodelled, and no exertion spared to render the work useful to the profession and others interested in the subject matter of its contents.

The expense of printing the Code has greatly exceeded the expectations of the publisher, and hence those who did not subscribe to the work will be required to pay ten dollars per copy. *Subscribers* will receive theirs at the subscription price, $5.
J. B. STEEL, *Publisher and Proprietor.*
New Orleans, Jan. 9.

**Annuals.**

A NEW and splendid collection of Pictorial Books, and articles of fine and beautiful workmanship, expressly designed for gifts during the holidays. This elegant and extensive collection is not excelled by any house in the United States, and the prices are such as will meet the times.

*London and American Annuals for* 1845.
Drawing Room Scrap Book, 36 fine engravings,
Keepsake, 13 fine engravings
The Book of Beauty, 13 engravings
The American Book of Beauty, 9 engravings
China, (illustrated,) 32 engravings
Montgomery's Sacred Gift, 20 engravings
Juvenile Scrap Book, 16 engravings
Historic Illustrations of the Bible, 31 engravings
Friendship's Offering, 9 engravings
Forget-me-not, 11 engravings
Literary Souvenir, 10 engravings
The Gift, 9 engravings
The Diadem, 21 engravings
Leaflets of Memory, 12 engravings
Gems of Nature, 20 engravings
The Rose, 10 engravings
The Opal, 8 engravings
American Poets' Gift, 35 engravings
Poets and Poetry of America
Illustrated Book of Christian Ballads
The Green House
The Flower Garden
Flora's Gems
Flora's Dictionary, Illustrated
Language of Flowers
Female Beauty
Finden's Illustrations of Byron's Works
Illustrations of the Danube
Illustrations of Bosphorus
Illustrations of Froissart's Chronicles
Woodworth's Greece, Illustrated
Cunningham's Gallery of Pictures
Youth's Keepsake
Byron's Works Illustrated
Lady of the Lake, Illustrated
Lalla Rookh, Illustrated
Rogers' Poems, Illustrated
Cowper's Poems, Illustrated
Mrs. Sigourney's Select Poems
Paul and Virginia, Illustrated
Ages of Female Beauty
Spanish and Moorish Scenes
Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress
Shakspeare, Illustrated
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Robinson Crusoe, Illustrated

Together with all the New Illustrated Standard and other Books adapted for *Presents*: Common Prayers, Catholic Books and Bibles, in elegant bindings, with illustrations; Books, Games, and Puzzles, expressly adapted for the moral and pleasing instruction of both sexes; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Work and Dressing Cases, of the most splendid description; Gold Pencil Cases, Penknives, Folders, Inkstands, etc., for centre tables, etc., etc.

No exertion or expense has been wanting to present to my numerous customers the most splendid and complete variety for presents ever before offered in the city. The public are invited to call and examine the assortment.
Jan. 9 J. B. STEEL, 14 Camp st.
successor to Norman, Steel & Co.

**IRON, NAILS, TIN PLATE, &c.**

*RICHARDS & MONTGOMERY,*
No. 11 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS,

HAVE just received, per ships New Hampshire, Sweden, Huron, Bombay, Isaac Allerton, Hampden and Alhambra from Liverpool, and by various other ships from the north, large additions to their stock of Sheffield, Birmingham and domestic goods, making their stock of *HARDWARE, CUTLERY*, &c., as extensive, complete and cheap as can be found in the southern country. Among their heavy goods are—
400 tons Swedes, Tennessee and English Iron, assorted, all sizes;
3000 Swedes, Tenn. and English Ploughshare Moulds;
300 bundles hoop and band Iron;
3000 kegs best Boston Nails;
500 boxes Tin Plates, of most approved brands;
300 dozen Collins's Hartford, King's, Davis's and Simmons's Axes;
500 dozen Whittemore's best Cards, assorted—cotton, wool and horse;
5000 steel cotton-gin Saw Plates; also, Gin Saw Sheet Steel;
100 tons Savery & Co.'s, and other castings, assorted;
2000 French Pots, assorted, 2 to 108 pints; Pointe;
5000 gal's best winter strained and bleached Sperm Oil;
2000 do do do Whale do;
1000 do Linseed Oil;
25 bbls Spirits of Turpentine;
25 do best Tanners' Oil;
5 do Copal Varnish;
500 kegs White Lead, assorted;
1000 boxes Window Glass, assorted, 8 x 10, and 10 x 12;
10 casks Sheet Zinc;
300 kegs buck and drop Shot;
2000 Jabez King's genuine Carey Ploughs, assorted—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4;
3000 dozen best Carolina Hoes, assorted;
100 pairs Cologne Mill Stones, assorted;
12 do French Burr do;
25 pieces superior Bolting Cloths, assorted, 6, 8 & 9;
ALSO—A general assortment of Mill and Gin Irons; Curriers' Tools, assorted; Houghton & Wallace's superior patent Lard Lamps.
Their stock of *CUTLERY* is not surpassed.
—ALSO—
3000 pairs Trace Chains;
400 dozen painted Wood Buckets;
500 coils Manilla Rope, assorted sizes.
New Orleans, Nov. 1844—n14-6t

### N. Orleans Advertisements.

**UPHOLSTERY & PAPER HANGINGS**
*At No. 41 Royal street, New Orleans.*

THE subscriber has constantly on hand a large supply of CURTAIN STUFFS, comprising a large quantity of splendid embroidered Swiss muslin curtains,
Satin medallion curtain stuff,
Silk damasks, of various colors,
Worsted and silk mixed damask, various colors,
Cotton and worsted Mexico do do do do
Cotton damask do do do
Also, a large variety of silk, worsted and cotton borderings and trimmings, of the most elegant colors and sizes.
Silk and worsted fringes, assorted colors, etc.
Silk and worsted cords, do do do
And, in short, all the various different styles of curtain stuffs and trimmings now in use. Also, a large assortment of
GILT WINDOW-CURTAIN ORNAMENTS,
consisting of Window cornices,
Gilt poles, of different sizes,
Gilt ornaments and rings, different sizes,
Gilt eagles, do do
A splendid assortment of Embroideries, suitable for ottomans and footstool covers; embroidered bell-pulls, etc. etc., at remarkably low prices; together with a very large and splendid assortment of
*PAPER HANGINGS,*
which comprises the most splendid 'Historical Decors,' suitable for the decoration of fine saloons, etc.
'Decors,' representing the five senses, very fine.
Gold and silver paper hangings,
Velvet and embossed do.
Satin and plain do.
Velvet, gold, and silver borderings.
Bed top papers, with suitable borders, and a large assortment of fire board papers and borders.

The subscriber has constantly on hand a large assortment of hair and moss mattrasses, bedsteads, feather beds, sheets, musquito bars, and general bed furniture, together with parlor furniture. All of which will be sold low, by H. SIEBRECHT,
sep12-tf 41 Royal street, N.O.
N. B. Orders thankfully received, and punctually attended to.

**MUNROE'S CLOTHING STORE,**
*No. 34 Magazine St., at the North East corner of Magazine and Gravier Sts., New Orleans.*

ALFRED MUNROE, would inform his friends and customers, that he is now receiving his fall supply of ready made Clothing and Furnishing Goods; and he is happy to say that his stock will constitute without exception, the very best assortment of goods ever offered in New Orleans.

THE ONE PRICE SYSTEM, which he has already established, will be strictly adhered to, and goods will be offered at such prices as shall at all times command the attention of purchasers who study economy. Large additions will be made to the stock by the arrival of every ship from New York.

A. M., thankful for past favors, confidently hopes, by the system of business which he has adopted, to merit a full share of public patronage. Among other goods already received are the following, viz:

Superior French and English black cloth Dress and Frock Coats; do do do double and brown do do do do do; do do cassimere and beaver walking do; do do do over do; business coats of every description; Kentucky Jean Frock and Dress Coats; satinet do do do do; Blanket Coats of all sizes; superior French and English cassimere pantaloons; fancy cassimere do; do plain English buckskins; Victor do plaid and striped buckskin cassimere do; navives Jean and satinet do; super black velvet Vestings; do do do; do silk and wool do; do black and fancy satin do; double breasted cassimere and Cashmere do; single breasted do do do; large assortment of hall do; white Marseilles do; linen Shirts; cotton Shirts with linen bosoms and collars; colored Shirts of all kinds; red flannel do; flannel, lambswool, merino and cotton Under Shirts and Drawers; Shirt Bosoms and Collars; rich Scarfs and Cravats; silk and linen Handkerchiefs; gum elastic and silk Suspenders; Gloves of all kinds; lambswool, merino, and cotton Stocks; satin and bombazine Stocks; Trunks; Valises; Carpet Bags; Umbrellas. Also a handsome assortment of Otter, Fur, Seal and Muskrat Caps. Also, Hats of every description, which will be sold much lower than at the regular hat stores.

Every article will be offered at the lowest price that it can possibly be sold for, and no deduction from that price will in any instance be made.
ALFRED MUNROE,
n14-3m No. 34 Magazine St.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, No 6, for October, 1844
*The American Almanac and Repository of Useful Knowledge*, vol. 16; for the year 1845.
*The American Poets' Gift*, Illustrated by one of her Painters. Edited by John Reese.
*Jarves' History of the Sandwich Islands.* 1 volume octavo.
*Notes on Cuba.* By a Physician.
*Emerson's Essays.* second series.
*Dr. Channing's Works*—complete in 6 vols.
*Sparks' Letters on Episcopacy.*
*A Pictorial Natural History.* By S. G. Goodrich, author of "Peter Parley's Tales.
*Life of Lord Eldon.* By Horace Twiss.
*Life of Richard the Third.* Halstede.
*The American House Carpenter*, illustrated by more than 300 engravings. By G. Hatfield.
*Punch's Letter Writer.*
*Oracles from the Poets.* By Mrs. Gilman.
*Bush on the Restoration.*
*Keith's Land of Israel.*
*Parley's What to Do and How to Do it.*
*Parley's Wit Bought.*
Also—A few copies of *Dickens' Christmas Carol.*—new edition.
*Bingley's Tales about Travelling*—new edition.
*Percy's Tales of the Kings of England.*
*Helen Halsey, or The Swamp State of Cenelachita;* a Tale of the Borders, by W. Gilmore Simms, author of "Richard Aurdin," "The Yamassee," "The Kinsmen," etc.
*The Beautiful Unknown*, by professor Ingraham.
*The Belle of Boston, or the Rival Students of Cambridge*, by Henry Hazel.
*No. 9, Wandering Jew*, by Eugene Sue, Herbert's translation.
—ALSO—
All the English and American Annuals, for 1845, and other illustrated works, got up in a style of superior elegance, suitable for the season.
Just received, and for sale at the New Orleans Stationer's Warehouse. J. B. STEEL, 14 Camp st.
Jan. 9. successor to Norman, Steele & Co.

TOOTH-ACHE CURED.

CONSIDERING *Dental Surgery* a branch of one of the liberal sciences, the subscriber boasts of no *secrets* or *traps* by which to entice patients; but will say, that, having spared no expense in acquiring a thorough knowledge of all the improvements which have been effected in the dental art, either in Europe or America, and having every facility for the performance of any operation which may be required; and having greatly reduced the formerly extravagant prices, he hopes, by prompt attention to, and a conscientious discharge of the duties of his profession, to merit and obtain a liberal share of public patronage.

Artificial palates inserted, to answer the purposes of the natural palate. J PEARSON, M. D., Dentist,
Office and residence Barrosme st. near Canal, N. O.
N. B.—A vacancy for one student.
New Orleans, Jan. 9.


**AVIS.**

**Pierre M. Guillory, de la Paroisse St. Landry, Etat de la Louisiane,**

A FAIT la demande, par pétition, d'être nommé administrateur des biens de feu
PIERRE LOUIS GUILLORY,
dans la dite paroisse.

Toutes les personnes qui auraient des raisons légales pour s'opposer à la dite nomination, devront les présenter a mon bureau, dentes, dans les dix jours qui suivront la date du présent avis.
A. GARRIGUES, *Juge de Paroisse.*
Opelousas, 9 Janvier 1845.-2t

# PROBATE SALES.

## PROBATE SALE.

WILL be sold at *PUBLIC AUCTION*, by the undersigned, Parish Judge in and for the Parish of St. Landry,

*On Tuesday, the 21st day of January next*, 1845,

At the COURT-HOUSE of the Parish aforesaid, the following Property, belonging to the Estate of *CHARLES A. EDWARDS*, late of the Parish of St. Landry, deceased, consisting of a

**Tract or parcel of Land,**

situated in said Parish, and being the North-east Quarter of Section No. 3, Township 3, South Range 4 East, containing one hundred and sixty 64-100 superficial acres.

*ANOTHER TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND*, situated in said Parish, and being the North-west Quarter of Section No. 3, Township 3, South of Range Forty-three, containing one hundred and sixty-two 64-100 superficial acres.

*Five SLAVES, of different ages and of both sexes; One BEDSTEAD; one TABLE, and one double-barrelled GUN.*

☞ Terms at sale.
A. GARRIGUES, *Parish Judge.*
Opelousas, December 19, 1844.—ts.

## PROBATE SALE.

WILL be sold at public Auction, by the undersigned Parish Judge in and for the Parish of St. Landry,

**On MONDAY, the 10th of Feb'ry next,**

At the last residence of *PIERRE LOUIS GUILLORY*, late of the parish aforesaid, deceased husband of Advise Deshotel, situated in

*Grand Prairie, near Flat Open,*

All the property belonging to the estate and community between said Advise Deshotel and the children and heirs of said deceased, consisting of

**The Tract of Land,**

on which said deceased last resided, containing 160 superficial acres. Another

**Tract of Wood and Prairie Land,**

situated also in *Grand Prairie*, and containing 200 superficial arpents.

**Six Slaves; 150 head of gentle horned Cattle; 150 head of Vacherie horned Cattle; about 30 head of broke Horses; about 80 head of unbroken Horses; Mares and Colts; Implements of Husbandry; Household Furniture, &c.**

Terms at sale.
A. GARRIGUES, Parish Judge.
January 9th, 1845-ts.

## PROBATE SALE.

WILL be sold at public auction, by the undersigned Parish Judge in and for the parish of St. Landry,

**On WEDNESDAY, the 12th of February next, (1845,)**

At the store of *WALTER P. REDMOND*, late of the parish aforesaid, deceased, situated in

*Grand Coteau, in the town of St. Charles,*

in said parish,—all the property, moveable and immovable, belonging to the estate of said deceased,—consisting of

*TWO SLAVES;*

**Five Lots of Ground,**

situated in the town of St. Charles, the same where the deceased last resided, bounded on one side by Robin Frères, and on the other side by Edmond Estillette.

*Another Lot of Ground,*

situated also in the aforesaid town, bounded on one side by lot of Dr. Weston, and on the other side by Auguste Lambre.

**Two American Horses; four Mules; one Wagon and Harness; one Sulky and Harness; horned Cattle; one lot of Dry Goods; one do. of Hardware, etc., etc.**

Terms on the day of sale.
A. GARRIGUES, Parish Judge.
January 9, 1845. j9-ts

*Will be also Offered for Sale at the time and place above mentioned.*

*A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND,*

Situated in Prairie Laurent the said Parish of St. Landry containing 1,600 superficial arpens, bounded on one side by land of Jean B. Dejean aîné and on the other side by land belonging to the Estate of V. Auzenne deceased.—Said tract of land will be divided in lots of two, three or four hundred arpents, to suit purchasers. The terms of said sale, will be advantageous to purchasers, and will be announced on the day of sale.
A. GARRIGUES, *Parish Judge.*


**FRANKLIN COLLEGE,**
*OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA.*

THE Trustees of Franklin College take great pleasure in announcing to the Public, that the regular session of this institution will open on the First Monday of November next. The Rev. JOHN BURKE, lately of the Parish of Natchitoches, has been appointed President; and his profound erudition in the various branches of collegiate education, coupled with his hitherto successful experience as a classical instructor, fully warrant the Trustees in recommending him to the Public as an instructor worthy of their patronage.

All the branches of a regular Collegiate Education will be taught in this Institution, embracing the *English, French, Spanish, Latin* and *Greek* languages, *Mathematics, Natural Philosophy*, &c. Particular attention will be directed to a thorough and practical instruction in the French language.

The session will consist of ten months, beginning from the first Monday of November next.

The price of Tuition is $40 per session, and boarding has been reduced to $120 for the session—both payable one-half in cash, and the other half on the first of May next.

The Trustees wish it to be distinctly understood, that no *extra charges* will be made; and that the price of tuition, boarding, lodging, washing, fuel and lights, will amount only to $160 per session—parents being required to furnish their children with books and stationery.

The Professors are required to furnish the pupils with boarding; but parents may board them in the neighborhood, if it be their option to do so.

The Dormitories in the College building are admirably adapted to the preservation of good health among the students, being amply large, well ventilated, and furnished with fire-places; and not more than two students are ever permitted to occupy the same room.

In conclusion, the Trustees and Faculty of Franklin College will spare no pains in providing for the comforts of the Pupils entrusted to their charge.

*By order of the Board of Trustees.*
Opelousas, Oct. 24, 1844.

**Ville Plate Hotel,**

About a mile from the town of Ville Plate, on the public road leading from Opelousas and Washington to Bayou Chicot. Terms moderate.
d25-3t LEMUEL SHAW.

ALMANACS for 1845.—On hand for sale, Elton's Comic Almanac for 1845; Louisiana Merchants do. Planters do. do.; Pocket do. do.; Counting-house anddo. (in French). Enquire at this office. o31


POETICAL.

### HOPE.

If Hope be dead, why seek to live?
For what besides has life to give?
Love, life, and youth, and beauty too,
If Hope be dead—say! what are you?

Or,

Love without Hope! ... cannot be.
There is a vessel on yon sea,
Becalmed and sail-less as despair,
And know, 'tis hopeless Love floats there!

Life without hope!—oh that is not
To live; but day by day to rot,
With feelings cold and passions dead;
To wander o'er the world and tread
Upon its beauties; and to gaze
Quite vacant o'er its flowery maze?
Oh! think, if this be life, then say—
"Who lives when hope has fled away?"

Youth without Hope!—an endless night.
Trees that have felt the cold spring's blight,
The lightning's flashes and the thunder's strife,
Yet pine away a weary life,
Whilst older would have sunk and died
Beneath the strokes their youth defied;
But cursed with length of days, are left
To rail at Youth, of Hope bereft.

And Beauty, too, when hope is gone,
Has lost the ray in which it shone;
And seen without this borrowed light,
Has lost the beam that made it bright.
Now what avail the silken hair,
The beaming eye, and glance refined,
Faint semblance of the purer mind,
As gold-dust sparkling in the sun,
Points where the richer strata run?
Alas! they now just seem to be
Bestowed to mock at misery;
They speak of days long, long gone by,
Then point to cold Reality,
And, with a death-like smile they say:
"Oh! what are we when Hope's away?"

Thus Love, Life, Youth, and Beauty, too,
When seen without Hope's brightening hue,
All sigh, in Misero's saddest tone,
"Why seek to live if Hope be gone?"

SCRAPS AND SNAPS.

A snipe, a musquitoe, and a fellow who is always ready to drink at your expense, get their living by suction.

A man who runs a nail in his foot, ought to have six toes, and then he would certainly have a nail for each.

A fop was telling an interminable story to a young lady, of which he himself was the hero.—She, tired of his egotism and loquacity, interrupted him by saying—"Sir, I beg you will proceed no further; my ears have been already *bored*—for ear-rings."

Pitching quoits learns one how to cast iron.

When a young lady threatens to slap your chops, you ought to go and tell her mother.

"Why am I like Texas?" said the unmarried Miss Starr to a bashful wooer who did not "spunk up," as the saying is. "I don't know," replied the green one. "Because I'm a *lone star*."—"Then," said the fellow, brightening up, "let me propose annexation."—*Boston Yankee.*

A shoemaker in Boston having pasted a notice in his window to the effect that his shoes would last forever, a contemporary shrewdly remarks that the man is undoubtedly a believer in the immortality of the *sole*.

Upset a loaf into a keg of ground ginger, and you will speedily have gingerbread.

By throwing a coal of fire into the muzzle of a loaded gun, you can save the priming.

Toes are an *imposing stone*, as the printer said to the false diamond.

Titles of honor are like impressions on coin—which add no value to gold or silver, but only render brass current.

A lady at Reed's bowling saloon, at Cincinnati, the other day, made four successive ten strikes, knocking down forty pins with four balls. Beat that, if you can, ladies of the Union.

Mr. Warner, a watchmaker and jeweller, of London, has completed a working model of a high pressure steam engine, so small that it stands on a four-penny piece, with ground to spare.

A pine-apple, from the gardens of the Baroness Rothschild, weighing 15½ pounds, was lately sent as a present to Queen Victoria. Just the weight and almost as sweet as a "baby!"

Candles can be made to last any length of time, if you don't burn them.

"I came of a high family," as Goliath's grandson said to King Solomon.

Why is it that in the same moment we acknowledge a dog to be a faithful animal we stigmatize a villain as a dog?

A man was once imprisoned for picking up a little information. There had been a fire in a bookstore, and he appropriated a few trifles that were strewed around on the floor.

A chap out south boasts that a certain statesman is possessed of great moral courage; for he knows of three duels that he fought in one year.

Perhaps it will hardly be believed that one of the most celebrated historical painters in the world was *drawn* by a truckman.

The last case of absence of mind is that of a gentleman named Silver, who intending to ring for a servant, flung himself down on the hearth. He soon discovered himself to be bad silver, as he could not ring.

When you hear a mysterious human cry at the dead hour of midnight, it is a sign that somebody has got a tongue, and you have got ears.

Go barefoot rather than do a dishonest thing. It is better to have one's feet dirty than his hands.

A temperate man, when drunk, has the same stupidity about him that a drunkard has when sober.

A gentleman once tried to be jealous of his wife, in a fit of absent mind. He discovered his error when he found her so homely he could not bear to look at her himself.

A jockey once selling a nag to a gentleman, frequently remarked, with emphatic earnestness, that "he was an honest horse!" After the purchase, the gentleman asked him what he meant by an honest horse? "Why, sir," replied the seller, "whenever I rode he always threatened to throw me, and he certainly never deceived me!"

The Yazoo Democrat tells the following:—"Hallo, mister, did you see a dog come by here that looked like he was a year, or a year-and-a-half, or two years old?" said a Yankee to a countryman at the road-side.

"Yes," said the countryman, thinking himself quizzed, "he passed about an hour, or an hour-and-a-half, or two hours ago, and is now a mile, or a mile-and-a-half, or two miles ahead: and he had a tail about an inch, or an inch-and-a-half, or two inches long."

"That'll do," said the Yankee; "you're into me a feet, or a feet-and-a-half, or two feet!"

O'Blanis, the man who murdered young Frank Coombs a short time since, has been arrested,

MISCELLANEOUS.

### NATIONAL SONGS.

Mr. John Wilson, in an address to some young ladies assembled near Baltimore at a May celebration, thus speaks of the origin of two of our popular songs.

*Hail Columbia* stands at the head of our patriotic songs, and is somewhat remarkable in its origin. About fifty years ago Mr. Fox, a young vocalist of fine talents in the line of his profession, was desirous to bring out something new on his benefit night, being then performing in Philadelphia. He applied accordingly, to the late Judge Hopkinson, who was known to be a votary of the Muses, to write him a song for the occasion; but the Judge's numerous engagements prevented him from entering on the task until the very morning of the benefit.

When poor Fox called, and found the matter thus he was almost distracted—Mrs. Hopkinson pitying his situation, took her seat at the piano—and beckoning to her husband, he took up his pen struck off the first verse, which his lady played to its present air. Fox, almost frantic with joy, ran for Mr. Reingle the composer who set it to music. The song was finished off hand—and sung from the manuscript the same night with rapturous applause. Fox made a fortune by it—and nothing was heard that whole season but Hail Columbia.

You all know the history of the "Star Spangled Banner," and, without knowing it, it is impossible to sing it with suitable feelings.

The late lamented Francis S. Key, Esq., also an eminent lawyer and patroit, was sent to the British Admiral with a flag of truce, and was detained on board his ships during the bombardment of Fort McHenry. The happy manner in which he has embodied the feelings of that awful night, has been considered but little short of inspiration—and the Star Spangled Banner shall continue to be sung, and side by side with Hail Columbia, will go down to the latest posterity, as among the happiest effusions of the human mind

THE RIGHT OF PETITION.—The repeal of the "gag law," respecting the right of petition, is announced in the papers. The vote stood 108 to 80.

*Nays*—Southern whigs 16, Southern Democrats 16. Northern whigs 0—Northern Democrats 48.

*Yeas*—Southern whigs 5—Southern Democrats 0. Northern whigs 48—Northern Democrats 55. Louisiana voted against receiving the petitions, as well as Mississippi; and, with the exception of one or two votes, the whole Southwest.

Of the whole matter we would say, that the "gag law" cost the United States hundreds of thousands of dollars, and *increased the abolition vote from a mere contemptable fraction* into a "RESPECTABLE MINORITY." The right of petition is sacred—they must be received—they can be laid on the table, or under the table—referred to a committee, or passed over in silence, but it is striking at the very foundations of liberty to say petitions to Congress shall not be received. We hope now, that the abolition petitions will be referred to a committee, the ablest and best the House can form, and that the committee will, after due deliberation, make such a report as will squash these Northern fanatics for a century to come. If we can have such a report, as the "Sunday Mail" petitions brought forth, it will save the South much heartburning, save the North a great deal of tom-foolery, and be honorable to the world at large.—*Concordia Intelligencer.*

Mrs. Madison, through Mr Dromgoole, offers to the nation the Miscellaneous Papers and the Correspondence of her illustrious husband. They no doubt form a very interesting body of materials for our political and civil history. Mr. Phenix, in some sort, intimated that those of Alexander Hamilton would also be offered, and they too would be of very high value. Both will, it is to be hoped, be accepted and liberally compensate.

☞ Mr. Henry Hubbasd, whom the Legislature of Massachusetts sent to New Orleans to take care of free negroes, found that city to be getting *too hot* for him, and, like his co-laborer in Charleston, packed up and packed off. Discretion is the better part of valor.

SMITHSONIAN FUND.—At this time, the interest due to the Smithsonian bequest fund, by the Treasurer of the United States, amounts to $182,000, and the whole fund to $690,000. It will be a matter for earnest discussion during the present session of Congress, as to the best means of applying this money.

A GOOD SHOT.—Mr. Rhett, of S. C., struck the northern "democracy" between wind and water, in the course of the debate on Mr. Duncan's bill for altering the mode of electing the President and Vice President. He gave them to understand that while South Carolina had only *talked* about Nullification, they had carried the doctrine into practical effect, having at the last session nullified the provisions of an Act of Congress. He said:

When the law of Congress was passed for electing members to this House by Districts, four States chose to retain, in spite of this law, the General Ticket System. These members, thus elected in contravention of the authority of Congress, you, by your votes, placed on this floor, where they now sit, in the very teeth of your statutes!

His Excellency Gov. Crawford, in obedience to an act of the Legislature of Georgia, has offered the Western and Atlantic Railroad for sale.

THE TROPHIES OF BATTLE.—Mr. Hammett, of Mississippi, has introduced a resolution in Congress proposing to place all the flags taken from our enemies in battle, in the Rotunda of the Capitol. This is a noble idea.

POWERS, THE SCULPTOR.—A late letter from Mr. Kellogg to Mr. Wickliffe, the U. S. Charge d'Affaires at Turin, says,—Power's "Slave" is really the great lion, or rather lioness of the day. His studio is overrun by visiters of the right sort. The statue would have been finished weeks ago, but his chief workman was obliged to leave on account of his health. He has now, however, resumed his labors.

MARL.—Large beds of this valuable restorative of exhausted soils have been found in South Carolina. It has likewise been discovered near Natchez, and Gen. Felix Huston is now applying it at the rate of 300 horse-cart loads to the acre.