

Extract from Barnum's Letters.
CANDOR AND LIBERALITY.
In speaking of the duties we owe society, and the sins we may commit against it, I forbear to advert to the disposition to censor, liberality and tolerance in judging of the opinions and sentiments of others, and to warn you against the opposite spirit, that of dogmatism, uncharitableness and self-sufficiency. This is a most unforgivable fault, to which all are liable, but especially the young. Their own opinions are most of them derived from tradition, not examination. They are, therefore, implicit and undoubted. Having never examined, they suppose that their opinions are thus and so, because the thing is so. Having never investigated the grounds of their own sentiments, they are ignorant of the reasons there may be for the opposite. Setting their own opinions as truth, all others of course are heresy. They are ignorant of the great fact that we live in a world of probabilities, not of certainties. It is impossible then for any man being to be infallibly sure that he is right on any subject beyond the narrow limits of the senses, of consciousness and memory. This being the case, it requires a great deal of fairness, and a great deal of good feeling to behave right under it.

A man is tempted, especially when he comes in contact with one not so acute or quite so well informed as himself to take up by dogmatism, positiveness, and pertinacity, what he wants in candor, and lacks in good arguments. Such conduct as this is a species of social immorality, besides being unfair and ungenerous. The effect of it is to impair the pleasure and the benefits of society, and to be the cause of truth, which ought to be more precious than any temporary or personal triumph. No one was ever convinced by such means, and cannot but feel oppressed and ill-will. Difference of opinion in such cases, instead of shedding light on either mind, is converted into a situation of personal feeling, the worst possible result of social intercourse.

As we are to be surrounded all our days with those who differ from us in opinion, and as the lips cannot be closed of bringing all to think as we do, it must be a principal part of the art of living happily with those about us, to differ from them in peace and mutual good will.

All sincere opinions are to be treated with respect. This is just as well as wisdom. The natural bias of our mind is to agree in sentiment with those who differ from us. If another differs from us, we have every reason to believe that he is from sincere conviction. It is ungrateful in us then to attribute any opinion to us of stupidity. The instant we do so, we not only insult a fellow being, but we lay ourselves under the same obligation to receive treatment in return.

The fact is, that truth is infinite. No human mind has ever seen the whole of it. It is not confined to any set of opinions, but is scattered in fragments through all. If it was not so, there could not be such a variety of opinions. Each mind is not congenial with the human mind, and no man will willingly embrace it. Numbers have nothing to do with the thing, for the time has been when the most important truths, which are now universally acknowledged were held by a few, and these few were ridiculed and persecuted by the majority. Galileo was obliged to confess, amid the scorn and insults of the world, that the earth does not revolve on its axis. Now he who respects the doctrine, which he was obliged to confess true, would be equally ridiculed by intelligent men. Nothing can show a clearer mind, than to attempt to oppress or to crush, or to diminish at all that respect, which his talents, his character and his acquisitions justify a challenge at our hands. To overcome this narrowness and prejudice, with which we are all more or less educated, I cannot but recommend to you to associate with all sects, opinions and parties. It is the interest of partisans to inflame prejudice, but parties may be disciplined and kept together. But it is your interest to know and appreciate and esteem all good men of all ranks and all parties. At a distance, we are apt to think that those who differ from us have scarcely the attributes of humanity. When brought in contact, we are surprised that the peculiarities of their opinions are as the small dust of the balance, which compared with the great and universal attributes of humanity, and we are surprised to find that very person, whose strange opinions seemed to isolate him from all connection with his species, we are all very much alike, and we are all very much alike, and we are all very much alike.

The more we associate with mankind the more we shall be convinced that speculative opinions have very little influence upon the character, and have little power to modify individual disposition. There are good and honest men of all parties and opinions. There is no more reason to esteem the truly excellent of differing opinions, than the undeserving of our own party. We do nothing more or less, than commit a stupendous fraud on our own happiness, when we suffer the prejudices of party or opinions to diminish us from the friendship and society of one human being, whose moral qualities entitle him to our esteem, our confidence and affection.

LAUGHABLE INCIDENT.
A laughable incident occurred in this county some time since, the circumstances of which we give just as we got them from one who professed to be acquainted with the transaction. An old gentleman farmer, who had two or three very handsome daughters, was so very cautious of his charge, that he would not permit them

to keep the company of young men; however, they adopted the following expedient to enjoy the company of their lovers without the knowledge of their father.—After the old man had retired to rest, the girls would hang a sheet out of the window, which was quite a good distance from the ground, and the beau would seize hold of the sheet, and with the assistance of his lady-love, who tugged lustily at the sheet above, would thus gain an entrance. But it so happened that one evening the girls hung out the sheet rather too early, and accidentally blown around the corner, and spying the sheet, could not conjecture the meaning of its being there; so he caught hold and endeavored to pull it down. The girls above, supposing it to be one of their beaux, began to hoist, and did not discover their mistake until the head of the old man was level with the window sill, when one of them exclaimed: "Oh Lord! it's dad!" and letting go their hold of the sheet, sons came down the old man on the hard ground and stones, dislocating one of his shoulders; which convinced him that his efforts to make "old maids" out of his daughters, was a matter not so easily accomplished; and withdrawing all further opposition to their keeping company, he was soon a father-in-law.—*Freeman's Ad.*

DEATH.
Attend young friends while I relate,
The dangers you are in—
The evils that around you wait,
Write subject unto sin.
Although you flourish like the rose,
Whose on its branches green,
Your sparkling eyes in death must close,
And never more be seen.
In silent shades you must lie down,
Long in your graves to dwell,
Your hands may then stand weeping round,
And bid a long farewell.
How small this world will then appear,
In that tremendous hour,
When you Jehovah's voice shall hear,
And feel his mighty power.
In vain you'll mourn your days are past,
Alas your days are gone,
When you must leave your friends at last,
And never more return.
They came this morning sad and begin,
While life's sweet moments last,
Turn in the Lord Jesus Christ your son,
And he'll forgive the past.

CROTON WATER WORKS.
At the invitation of the Commissioners who have the charge of this magnificent work, the municipal authorities and a number of gentlemen of New York recently made an excursion to examine some portions of it. We find the following brief notice of the work in the Journal of Commerce, one of the editors of which accompanied the party:—
The dam across the Croton is placed where the river enters between the hills, after having passed for several miles through a more level country. The hill on the South side is solid rock, and on the North, excellent earth for constructing the dam. The dam itself, as might be conjectured from its position, is not of great length, but is one of the most ingenious works of substantial masonry anywhere to be found. The highest point of the structure is rather more than fifty feet above the natural bed of the Croton. The water will be thrown back by this elevation more than 3 miles, forming a beautiful lake of four hundred acres; the whole margin of which is to be excavated, so that the water will be no where less than three feet deep. The water is drawn into the aqueduct by means of a tunnel cut into the rock which constitutes the hill on the South side.—
The lower side of the dam is faced with a well-laid wall of stones, not in mortar, falling backwards as it ascends, by a rapid slope. The various preparations in the masonry of the dam for controlling the water under all possible contingencies, it would require a long and scientific article to describe, and with that our readers would have a very inadequate idea of the work.

There has been very little rain on the line of the Croton for two months past, yet no one who looks at the present magnitude of the stream, would doubt its capacity to supply our city for ages to come, though it should continue to grow at the most rapid rate of any previous years. At distances of one mile, a circular, hollow tower is erected over the aqueduct, for the purpose of ventilation. These being composed of white marble, produce a very pretty effect. Every three miles is an apparatus for drawing off the water in case any internal repairs should be necessary. Just above Sing Sing the trunk penetrates by tunnels through several hills, and passes the ravines between these by alternate embankments. At this point a party of gentlemen walked through a section of the aqueduct half a mile long, which had been lighted for the purpose by candles upon the wall at distances of thirty or forty feet. The effect was peculiar and beautiful. The passage afforded ample breadth for three men to walk abreast.

The most imposing structure of the whole work is the great bridge at Sing Sing. It is composed chiefly of one grand arch of eighty-eight feet span, thrown over a deep ravine, so that from the apex of the arch to the bottom of the ravine, must be a hundred feet. This vast arch was so firmly laid in its abutments, and so accurately built in its superstructure, that since the uprights were removed from beneath the arch, it has settled but one inch. One inch in an

arch of eighty-eight feet, with an elevation of one hundred. So little settling in such a work, we are told, has never before occurred. The whole quantity of land which the Water Commissioners have been compelled to buy on the forty miles of the works, amounts to nine hundred acres; and the average price has been nearly five hundred dollars.—
The prices have uniformly been enormous, being fixed by the appraisement of neighbors, who in many instances, had lands of their own to be appraised in the same way. The land still remains, a large part of it, for the use of the former owners, and well nigh as valuable for their use, as before the aqueduct was run through it.

PROCLAMATION.
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.
WHEREAS, It is provided by the first section of the act entitled "to provide for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States," passed Feb. 15th, 1837, that the electors of this State, sixty days previous to the time provided by this act for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, shall, by proclamation, be inserted in one of the newspapers printed in each county, in this State, where any such paper is printed, and the number of Electors of President and Vice President, there to be chosen;—
Therefore, in discharge of the duty required by the provisions of the above-mentioned act, I, WILSON SHANNON, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby order and direct the qualified electors of this State, to assemble in their respective townships at the several places designated for holding elections, on the first FRIDAY, being the THIRTIETH day of OCTOBER next, and then and there proceed to elect TWENTY-ONE ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State.

In testimony whereof, I, WILSON SHANNON, Governor of the State of Ohio, have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Columbus, the 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty, and in the sixty-first year of the Independence of the United States of America.
By the Governor:
WILSON SHANNON.
WILLIAM TREVITT,
Secretary of State.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
BY virtue of a writ of *Fi. fa. et Le. fa.* to me directed by the Court of Common Pleas for Brown County, Ohio, I will offer for sale, at the front door of the Court House, in Georgetown, on Saturday, the 10th day of October, 1840, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock on said day, the following real estate, to wit: All that tract of land lying and being on the waters of White Oak creek, in Brown County, Ohio, being part of an entry of 1000 acres, made in the name of James Curry, number 1331, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a walnut and a walnut tree south, 115 poles, to a double beech; thence west, 153 poles, to two sugar trees and a hickory; thence east, 100-2-0 poles, to the beginning.—Containing ninety-three acres, two rods and thirty-four poles, be the same more or less.
To be sold as the property of John D. Lilly, at the suit of Charles White against said Lilly.—
JOHN J. HIGGINS, Sheriff B. C. O.
Sheriff's Office, Sept. 1st, 1840.

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BY virtue of a writ of *Fi. fa. et Le. fa.* to me directed by the Court of Common Pleas, within and for the County of Brown and State of Ohio; I will offer for sale, at the front door of the Court House, in Georgetown, on Monday the 13th day of October, 1840, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock on said day, the following real estate, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, being part of No. 261, bounded on the North by lands of John Perce, on the West by John Eddeberg and on the South and East by the heirs of the late Mical and Robert Crist's land; containing about one hundred and twenty-five acres be the same more or less, and being the farm on which David Noward now lives.
To be sold as the property of David Noward at the suit of Thomas G. Bunker against said Noward. Valued at 25 dollars per acre.
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LIFE OF MARTIN VAN BUREN.
BY MOSES DAWSON.
Will be published ready for delivery, and on sale by the publisher, Subscribers for the same, and the community at large, can obtain them on application to the publisher, or on order from a distant city, by mail.
J. W. ELY, Publisher,
Cincinnati, No. 3, No. 10, Lower Market St.
They may also be had at Democratic Hall, of Messrs. Dawson & Ford, or the Agent of the City, Mr. J. C. Ford.

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BY virtue of a writ of *Fi. fa. et Le. fa.* to me directed by the Court of Common Pleas for Brown County, Ohio; I will offer for sale, at the front door of the Court House, in Georgetown, on Saturday the 31st day of October 1840, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock on said day, the following real estate to wit: A piece or parcel of land situated in Brown County, Ohio, being part of John Watt's survey No. 277, and being described as follows: Beginning at a stone corner to N. Moore et al. and Thomas W. Kennedy; thence North two-thirds deg. E. 16 poles thence South 4 deg. W. 6 poles; thence S. 5 poles and 12 feet; thence South-west 33 poles to the State road; thence N. 33 deg. West 10 poles and 12 feet to the place of beginning, supposed to contain one acre and a half, being part of John Watt's survey No. 277.
To be sold as the property of William Dowdell at the suit of John Reeves against said Dowdell, John W. Kennedy and Benj. Appleton. Terms, cash in hand.
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NOTICE.
THE firm of T. MYRES and B. C. BAKER is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to them are requested to call at the store room and settle. The books and notes of the firm are left in the possession of A. W. Baker, who is authorized to settle the business.
THOMAS MYRES,
B. C. BAKER.
Georgetown, O., Sept. 13th, 1840.
P. S. The property which they owned is now for sale, apply to P. L. Wilson, of Georgetown, or Thomas Myers of Augusta, Ky.

PROSPECTUS
OF THE DEMOCRATIC STANDARD.
Having purchased the Democratic Standard printing materials, the undersigned has made arrangements for its regular publication hereafter. When the proposals were first issued, another person contemplated publishing it. A delay of about two months has taken place in consequence of his abandoning the project.
The Democratic Standard will be devoted to the dissemination of correct political information, to the advocacy of the cause of equality of rights, and to the exposition of the deception and designs of Federalism.
Never, since the formation of our government, was there a greater necessity for an extensive circulation of political truths than at present. Although democracy must always be triumphant if rightly understood; yet if the widespread misrepresentations of its opponents be not promptly exposed, experience proves that Federalism may gain a temporary ascendancy. But such ascendancy at the coming election would prove most ruinous to the country and dangerous to our liberty. The money power of the land, which has gradually grown up under exclusive privileges, since Alexander Hamilton's financial system was introduced, to its present giant strength, has assumed the office of supreme dictator, and threatens wide spread ruin if its will be disregarded. Encouraged by this state of affairs, foreign aristocrats and money lenders have demanded that the general government assume the debts of the different states and thus make the prudent and economical responsible for the debts of the imprudent and profligate. But our democratic administration, sustained by a democratic Congress, has resisted this attempt to encroach upon the rights of the people and the sovereignty of the states. And to avoid a recurrence of such circumstances, it has been found necessary that the financial operations of government be conducted in strict conformity to the letter and intent of the Constitution; and, accordingly, the independent treasury bill has passed as the only constitutional mode for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer and disbursement of the public revenue.

The most important questions now presented for the consideration and decision of the people are:— Shall the President and Congress be sustained in the position they take? Shall the independent treasury system continue in force? or shall we have in its place a United States Bank, through which foreigners may control all the business operations of the country, render our government subservient to their interests, and finally overthrow our free institutions and place a monarchy in their stead? Shall the democracy of Ohio be sustained in their endeavors to render the currency more sound and uniform, by making stockholders in banks responsible for their notes? or shall all restrictions be removed, and the country flooded with a currency as unsafe and worthless as abundant?

The Standard, besides the political matter, will also contain a summary of general news and miscellaneous reading.
"THOMAS"—The Democratic Standard will be printed on an imperial sheet, and issued once a week, at two dollars per annum, if paid in advance, or within one month from the date of the first number; five dollars and fifty cents, if paid within the year; or three dollars after the expiration of the year.
D. P. PALMER.
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