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General Intelligence.

announcing that Santa Anna was making arrange-

much exasperated at the design of a few traitors to sell the country to foreign popers, after the vill become his fidus Achdes-for money he will adjust the Texan boundry and cede California, efending himself to his countrymen upon the olea that this was the only method left to preserve attacks of Foreign Cabinets upon her liberties, to preserve them form a return to the Spanish yoke osition among the nations of the earth as an in-

Paredes must either side with the foreign powrs or with Santa Anna. If he choose the latter, othing can prevent the tyrant from taking the eins-if the former, nothing can resist the grito hat Santa Anna will raise for liberty. No one that is well informed on the subject believes that he people of Mexico will be content that their intry share the fate of Greece.

BURGLARY AT CUMBERLAND -The Cumberand Civilian states that the book store of E. H. l'urner, in that city, was burglariously entered on Tuesday night last, and robbed of about \$50, a pountity of knives, &c., and one of Colt's Revolvers. The dry good store of W. H. Magruder was nlso entered the same night; the stores of Mesers. Mullin & Shryer, Mesers. Kehler & Clark, and others, were attempted to be broken into.

A TREMEMBOUS JAM. On Tuesday evening, and very brilliant party was given by the Hon. John Y. Mason, Attorney ieneral of the United States. The number of inincluding all the members of both Houses, Judges vy, President of the United States and members of inguished strangers at the seat of government, &c.

ouri are about to be adjusted by bringing the mat-Supreme Court of the United States."

RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN.-A bill has assed the Legislature of Alabama, which provides that property which a woman has at the time of her marriage, shall not be liable for the payment of debts contracted by her husband previous to marriage; and also providing that the husband shall not be liable for the payment of debts contracted by the wife before marriage, except so far as the same can be paid by the property of the

chanism to prevent any removal of their deposits. him notice that his presence is required in the room below. Should this watchman not get down by resistless and adverse tempests. to the assistance and release of the wretch held by the iron arm in fifteen minutes time, then a blunderbuss is discharged into the body of the youth of our country, and its effects carried out blunderbuss would have been discharged.

ANECDOTE OF CHIVALRY .- It is related in Mr the reign of Edward III, a troop of Knights being spire them with invincible fortitude, kissed them but faint gleamings of the knowledge of a Christoner one in the court one in the court of the cour every one, in the open street, in the presence of tian's and a Patriot's duty. Need I refer you to thousands of admiring spectators! The day of the condition of our own State, as compared with chivalry has passed away.

For the Spirit of Jefferson. OUR COUNTRY. NUMBER III.

Tr moral world seems also inspired with the sar genius of improvement. The human intelyear-or \$3 00 if not paid until after the ex- ed the slumbering energies of man, raised a tone No paper discontinued, except at the option of se of moral and mental action and daring, and produced combinations, mechanical, scientific, political, moral and religious, throughout the globe .--The christian and philanthropist are engaged in spreading light and knowledge to those who are shrouded in the depths of ignorance and superstition, or are sunk to the lowest grade of social degradation by vice and crime. They are in the field of humanity, toiling in the sunshine, and blessing the shower, and scattering abroad and afar, even to the most benighted corners of the globe, the seeds of a rich and glorious harvest .-MEXICO AND SANTA ANNA.-The Havanna The frozen regions of the polar circles, where the correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune, after soul would seem to be bound in fetters of ice and the burning plains of the tropical zone, where ments for an immediate departure from Mexico, all its organs and faculties of action would seem to be relaxed by the exhuberant heat of an equi-"There are other on dits about him that I give | noctial sun; even these extremes of climate afford for what they are worth. It is said that he is a theatre for the development of man's intellect, ample enough to show to the christian engaged in wasting of so much blood and treesure to achieve independence. His return to Mexico will be fined to those more favored climes where it shines this cause, that its operations are not wholly conmarked by an entire change in his policy. The United States, if her minister is of the right stamp, ters of superstition, are dispelled and broken, and I that would burn to ashes all the petty passions, forms of living light and beauty leap from the prejudices and interests of the hour, and infuse a vast chaos "like the kindlings of a new creation." he integrity of the tepublic, to resist the insidious | We have but to turn our eyes to those lands where christianity and knowledge are cultivated and difwhich they so toly threw off, and to retain their fused among the people, and we will behold every where the benefits of civilization, the supremacy of the law, and the blessed sanctity of religion : We will discover a contrast as marked as that which exists on the physical globe, between that portion "where the day-beams rest, and the hemisphere which sleeps in star-light and in shadow." Religion is a conservative principle of society it has an influence where the civil law cannot operate. The sanctions of the latter cannot remove all the causes of evil, nor produce every form of Every day we believe to be big with events in good. They can guard from the outer and grossis distracted country, pregnant with interest to er vices, but they cannot go down into the heart and move upon the springs of private actions .-This, christianity only can do; and being capable of doing this; it must be vitally essential to accomplish the ends of all just government, and to secure the real prosperity of a nation. "Could we, from the chrystal battlements of some near star, overlook the wide earth, wherever we behold the Isles of beauty and the places of light, there is christianity-there are its precepts and its practi-

ces-its shrines and its temples. nges among the darkened and er of other countries, exerted in the great cause of diffusing light and knowledge within our own borritations are said to have exceeded one thousand, ders. We would have it work out results more honorable and Blessed for our State, by raising of the Supreme Court, officers of the army and na- her to that intellectual and moral eminence which she is so well fitted to adorn. And may we not ae Cabinet, foreign Ministers and attaches, dis- view the spirit of enthusiasm which is now awakened among us, as a cheering omen to the future prosperity and eminence of our State ?-Iowa and Missouri.-The difficulties with May we not had it as an omen, that the bright egard to the boundary between lowa and Mis- gem of intellect will be no longer permitted to slumber, buried in the deep rubbish of ignorance er, under the authority of both States, before the and prejudice? No longer by neglect to lie hidden like the poarl of purest ray serene in the dark unfathomed cave of ocean!" Or, like the FOR SORE THROAT .- Mix a penny's worth of flower in the wilderness, which "wastes its sweet ounded camphor with a wine glass of brandy, on the desertair," but that the gem will be brought our a small quantity on a lump of sugar, and al- into the full light of day, and exhibited in all its ow it to dissolve in the mouth every hour. The beauty and spleador, and intrinsic worth. That hird or fourth enables the patient to swallow with the flower will be permitted to bud and blossom case. This has cured in the last stages of the and expand, and shed its sweet and healthful fra grance on the haunts of domestic, social and public life. Now, without Education, all these endearing qualities, which are capable of exerting such an extensive and kindly influence, would lie dormant and useless. It is the design of education to bring them into active operation, and direct them to their proper objects; to form the first germs of the expanding mind to principles of integrity, honor, virtue, patriotism, and all the moral and religious qualities which adorn and ennoble the forming character. "The soul of man, without principles of moral and religious action A WELL GUARDED SAFE .- The Rothscilds of even if it should reach all unguided by its better France have invented a wonderful piece of me- nature, a mighty energy and a broad expansion of intellectual power would be wild, chainless, and If a person attempts the lock, or tampers with it dangerous; wandering forth like some terrible in the slightest degree, an iron hand and arm is principle in nature, not bound in the fixed paths thrust out from the door, clenches the offender of the planets, or subject to any known law of orand holds him motionless in its iron embrace, der, threatening to commingle and crush worlds; while at the same instant a bell is struck in a or like the eagle, who, while soaring to the orb of room over head, occupied by a watchman, giving day, with glory in his eye and sun-light on his wing, is lost amid stormy clouds, and beaten about

It is through this medium that a happy influence trespasser. Thus he is mercifully allowed 15 into the most active and busy scenes of life. The minutes grace to reflect upon the enormity of his | influence which they will exert upon our country, It is told that a few years since a man will secure its good or its evil destiny. The great was caught by the iron nippers and the watchman | truth has been practised upon, and is felt where came to his release only two minutes before the it is not practised, that Government belongs primarily to the people, and all the authority of empire springs among, and must flow from thein, New ATTACHMENT TO THE PIANO.-We saw and should be ultimately controlled by them, and on Monday last, says the N. Y. Sun, at Dunning's no earthly power may lawfully pluck this right Hotel, Courtlandt st., a new and ingenious instru- away. A voice of triumph has gone forth in ment, called the Piano Violino, being no less than the uprising and progress of millions, and we a violin attachment to the piano. It consists of present to the eyes of an admiring world, the groa Piano, on the top of which is fastened in a pecu- rious spectacle of a self-governed people. It is liar manner, a common violin. A pedal, operated not empty declamation-there is a thrilling and upon by the foot, causes four bows, one for each sublime meaning in the announcement, that the string, to move back and forth. When the piano dweller of the mountain cabin, and of the far-off is played upon, corresponding notes, whether flat | corners of this land, has a voice in the councils or sharp, are produced from the violin, and the of the mightiest nation on the globe, and adds his music caused by the perfect union of these two impulse to that power which may deepen its broad sweet instruments is exquisite. By means of foundations and erect the pillars of its future another pedal, the violin part may be instantly de- strength. I would have, as an exhibition of the tached from the piano; the performer being thus genius of Republicanism, the child of the poor enabled to intersperse his music at pleasure. By and obscure man, of the war-worn veteran, or this instrument any lady or gentlemen having a brave defender of his country, (by some system of knowledge of the piano, may likewise play upon the violin. It is the ingenious invention of Mr. with the opulent and mighty. Knowledge should Jas. S. Wood, of Virginia, and since it is easily be open to all-her portals unclose at our touch; kept in order bids fair to become a most fashiona-ble instrument.

de open to an and the fountains of intelligence, gushing from a thusand sources, freely quaffed. And as connected with this point, I would mention again the wast importance of bestowing moral and religious Wharton's History of English poetry, that during knowledge upon the poor and destitute classes. This is necessary for all classes, but we speak new drawn up, prepared to proceed on some very gal- of those who are found in almost every part of our lant and perilous enterprise, the Countess of Sals- land, and particularly in the perlieus of our large bury, one of the most accomplished and beautiful towns, whose years are spent in ignorance, their ladies of that day, came forth, and in order to in-

the high tone of morals which everywhere per-

vades society, where the common school system prevails? I might refer to the Governor's message, which points to the deficiencies of our school system in intelligence, and the alarming state of igurance among thousands of our people in the lowest elements of knowledge as manifested by pt, not individually, but by nations or communi-nes, has received an impulse which has awaken-thought and action must, in their operations, prothe census of 1840. These vast elements of duce some important ends. This mass will not be inactive-it will put forth a power which will be felt through all the veins and arteries of the body politic. And it depends upon the Christian, the Philanthropist and the Statesman, whether there shall go forth from it the tenants of our prisons and penitentiaries, pollution and guilt, to darken and to blight—or a blessed, redeeming, regenerating influence, which shall purify and refresh the obscure places of society. Then, and then only, may we look to the domestic fire-side as a place where confidence can repose herself, and where the best and purest affections of our nature can find their solace. Then, indeed, may we hope to regain our former proud pre-eminence and fame. When all the virtue, genius, and patriotism, which now slumber, shall be enlightened and liberated, and Virginia wield all the united energies of her people-then shall our State commence a growth ir prosperity and true greatness, which the saga-

> that I could express my feelings " In thoughts that breathe, I would kindle a flame on the altar of every heart, pirit which would direct us onward to the permaneut welfare, salety and prosperity of the people of

> city of the Statesman cannot foresee, and which the

ancy of the Poet cannot describe. Then shall

her ennobling and exalted influences extend to the

emotest bounds of earth, and her name be loved

and venerated wherever Christianity kneels or

stice to this interesting subject. I would to God

CHANCES OF MARRIAGE .- The following curious tatement by Dr. Granville, is taken from an Engsh paper. It is drawn from the registered cases 76 women, and is derived from their answers to the age at which they respectively married. nules their chances of marriage at various ages. Ol 876 females, there married

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From this curious statistical table our fair readmay form a pretty accurate judgment of the chances that they have of entering into the holy state of matrimony, and of enjoying the sweets, we say nothing of the bitters, of wedded love.

REVIVAL .- The revival of religion which we notired a few weeks since, says the Cumberland Ci-vilian of the 29th ult., as being in progress, in the M. E. Church, of this town, under the pastoral We would have the same liberal and indefating guide spirit which is preducing such magical an important addition to that charge. Between white persons. out twentyfive colored were received, on probation in the course of four or five weeks.

> MECHANICS IN CONGRESS.-It is a well known our times. Hear him :-

" If the present Congress errs in too much talkpeople send 150 lawyers, whose trade it is to quesm every thing, yield nothing, and talk by the hour? That one hundred and fifty lawyers should do business together, ought not to be expected."

Hon, W. L. Yancy.-Both branches of the egislature of Alabama have, by the requisite ajority, exempted this gentleman from the lialities incurred under the laws of that State, by his duel with Mr. Clingman of North Carolina. thus annulling the Governor's veto.

STRANGE SIGHT .- On Monday afternoon, as a tove of cattle was passing up the Bowery, a bull errier jumped from the top of a stage on which was chained, in front of the theatre, broke his rain in the fall to the ground, dashed into the rd, and seized a young steer by the nose. The affrighted bullock, smarting with pain, went off at full speed up the Bowery, with the dog clinging his nose, and all the time swinging clear of the ground. The steer would stop occasionally, and ndeavor to rid himself of the ugly jewel in his nout, by dashing it on the ground, and against he walls, the posts and the trees, in his course, but still the dog held his grip. The bullock kept on up the Bowery, with his head and tail high above the altitude of the heads and tails of "the ommon herd," until he was arrested at Vanxhall jarden, by some men, who to their astonishment scertained that the dog was dead! We underand that this dog was raised by a Mr. Kelly, of he Sizth ward, who has more than once refused wo hundred dollars for him. He was a sporting log, and was trained for fighting in "the ring."
[N. Y. Globe.

BEAUTY OF IRISH FEMALES .- Du Solle, in his ast letter to the Philadelphia Times, dated at

Dublin, says :-"The mud renders a promenade somewhat uneasant; but it caused us to notice to-day one ing that it may not seem improper to mention the ladies in walking, raise their apparal still higher than they do in London. Nor have they any reason, generally speaking, to be ashamed o that same, (you see we have caught the Hiberianism already) for their boots are small and rettily made, and-they fit them! Speaking of ish women, let us add, while we think of it, hat we met with more really handsome faces in one hour's walk this morning on the Grand Parade, and along St. Patrick street, than we beheld uring a three weeks sojourn in England. A ighly graceful carriage too seems common. and even among the humble, the scanty clothed irls in the markets; or those hard-working ones that go staggering under the weight of large lubs on their heads, or larger baskets strapped

their shoulders, we observe much of the ele-

ments of female beauty."

ANONYMOUS LETTERS .- The Boston Transcript anonymous letter writing :- " Few persons have ufficient mastery over their own feelings as at | war any more." once to scout at the contents of such letters, and pass them by disregarded. The mind is too are to give some credence to the insinuations thus onveyed, and diligently to set to work to suspect he author. In this way the innocent becomes the accused person, friendship is broken, and love

THE LAND OF OUR BIRTH. There is not a spot, in this wide peopled earth,
So dear to the heart as the land of our birth:
Tis the home of our childhood! the beautiful spot,
Which mem'ry retains when all else is forgot.
May the blessings of God
Ever hallow the sod,
And its valleys and hills by our children be trod.

Can the language of strangers, in accents unknown, said a thrill to our bosom, like that of our own? The face may be fair, and the smile may be bland, but it breathes not the tones of our dear native land!

There's no spot on earth
Like the land of our birth,
Where heroes keep guard o'er the altar and hearth. flow sweet is the language that taught us to blend Ple dear names of parent, of husband, and arend;
Which taught us to lisp on our mothers soft bread,
The beliads she rung as she rock d us to rest.

May the blessings of God
Ever hallow the sod,
And its valleys and hills by our children be trod!

Miscellaneous.

The Seasons.

You will agree with old Humphrey that Spring a pleasant time; and when the sun is shining the flowers blooming, the green trees waving, the birds singing, the balmy breeze blowing, the spirit rejoices, and the lips burst into a song.

Summer is a pleasant time, when the noontide ray glides up the woods, the waters, and the mountain-tops; when the air is filled with odors, and the laugh of the merry haymakers Precdom breathes. I regret my inability to co is heard in the meads. Autumn is a pleasant time, and we cannot

look without gladness on the golden grain, the laden fruit trees, and the varied foliage, and the kindling heavens. Winter is a pleasant time to all who are hardy

enough to walk abroad when the frosted snow lies on the ground, and the trees are hung fantastically with rime; for then wonder is awakened in the mind, and the pure, sharp, bracing air, gives a cheerfulness to the spirit.

Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter are pleasant seasons, and if any thing can make them more pleasant, it is the heartfelt remembrance that they are the gifts of God. Yes, He that hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance; He, with whom the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance, who 'taketh up the aisles as a very little thing;' for whom 'Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering;' He has given them to me. And what have I given in return? the fragments of my feelings, and the mere shreds of the joyous days and peaceful nights he has bestowed upon ine.

Oh let me then with all my powers,
Prolong his sacred praise,
Through Spring and Summer's rosy hours,
And Autumn's pleasant days! And when the keener wintry skies Shall freeze the sterile ground, Then let my halelujahs rise, And more and more abound.

ful it is that so many millions of persons should exist, and no one voice should exactly resemble another. To our finite ideas it appears reasonable that the same organs should produce the same sound: it is thus in other animals: in birds and act that several of the most prominent and useful in music; but for man's convenience, and increase numbers of the present Congress, are practical, of pleasure, it is otherwise; the great and benefit ord-fisted Mechanics. We wish there were more cent Creator, in his labor for our comfort and hapthem; and if they do not possess to a great ex- piness, has not overlooked the sound of a voice. ent "the gift of gab," so much the better. What Of all the variations of which the human voice is Mr. Jefferson once said, will apply with great force capable, perhaps it is never so grateful to the ear as when venting itself in sympathy; the utterance of gratitude is pleasing when we may have been g, how can it be otherwise, in a body to which so happy as to have it in our power to confer a favor on another, but from it we would oft times escape; the tones of gladness may intrude in our melancholy moments, and increase, instead of lighten, our sorrows; the voice of praise may even pain, for we may fear it to be flattery; or fee it to be undeserved-the utterance of pity may wound where it is intended to heal, but that of sympathy must make its way to the heart. There

is something in our natures which seeks a corres-

ponding feeling, let that be either of joy or woe.

LIFE.-What a varying thing is the stream of life! How it sparkles and glitters! How it bounds along its pebbly bed, sometimes in sunshine, sometimes in shade, sometimes sporting round all things, as if its essence were merriment and brightness; sometimes flowing solemnly on, as if it were derived from Lethe itself. Now it runs like a liquid diamond along the meadow; now it plunges in fume and fury over the rock; now it is clear and limpid, as youth and innocence can make it; now it is heavy and turbid, with the varying streams of thought and memory that are overflowing into it, each bringing its store of dulness and polution as it tends towards the end. Its voice, too, varies as it goes; now it sings lightly as it dances on; now it roars amidst the obstacles that oppose its way; and now it has no tune but the dull low murmur of exhausted energy. Such is the stream of life! yet perhaps few of us would wish to change our portion of it for the calm regularity of a canal-even if one could be constructed without looks and floodgates upon it to hold in the pent-up, waters of the heart, till they are ready to burst through the bands.

A KISS FOR A BLOW .- A visitor once went into a school in this city, says the Boston Sun, where he saw a boy and girl on one seat, who were brother and sister. In a moment of thought-less passion, the little boy struck his sister. The little girl was provoked, and raised her hand to return the blow. Her face showed tha rage wast working within, and her clenched fist was aimed at her brother, when her teacher caught her eye. "Stop my dear," said he, "you had better

kiss your brother han strike him. The look and the word reached her heart. He hand dropped. She threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. The boy was moved. He could have stood against the blow, but he could not withstand a sister's kiss. He compared the provocation he had given her, with the return she had made, and the tears rolled down his cheeks. This affected the sister, and with her little handkerchief she wiped away his tears. But the sight of her kindness only made him cry the faster; he was completely subdued.

Her teacher then told the children always to return a kiss for a blow, and they would never get any more blows. If men, women, families and communities and nations would act on this same principle, this world would almost cease to pakes the following remarks on the subject of be a vale of tears. "Nation would not lift up the sword against nation neither would they learn

IN THE WRONG .- You do not like to acknow edge you have been in the wrong; but it is better than to persist. Who will laugh at you for saying you were in error? No one whose opinion is worth a great. Come out speedily and manfully perhaps turned insensibly into hate. This is certainly a fearful consequence, and one of the worst features of anonymous letter writing."

and confess your fault, and hundreds stand ready to take you by the hand and give you a God speed in the path of truth.

A Tale of the Heart. The following affecting story is related by the Rev. H. Ed rards, of England, in a work recent-ly published. It shows that the most determined pride of purpose cannot always conquer love, and that the latter emotion secretly encouraged, some-

From the Boston Transcript.

ing such a state of things, and attribute such effects to weak mindedness. All hearts, however, are not constituted alike, and the annexed simple tale may be regarded with sympathy by some reader:

"The daughter of a country curate in Hampshire, being, reduced by the death of her inthem and African slaves.

"He knows the whole map of the ancient dominating of the country curate in Hampshire, being, reduced by the death of her inthem.

times preys upon the life and produces death.

There are those who laugh and sneer in sappos-

of seeing the young man, and fell in love with sentiment in her heart. When she did perceive violent were her struggles, that her health was riend at twenty miles distance, to try whether change of air would be of any service to her .-The absence of the object of her affection, no doubt, contributed to her recovery. She returned to her mistress, and having the same opportunity as before, her passion revived. Firmly resolved to conquer it or to die rather than give way to an attachment in spite of her, she relapsed into a de-plorable state of health. The physician not being able to discover the cause of her disorder, thought that she must be affected by some deep sorrow, and pronounced her in danger. Her affectionate mistress entreated her to entrust her with the secret; and to induce her to do so told her the danger she was in, and promised not only not to betray her confidence, but to do her utmost to obtain the means necessary to her cure. Overcome by the affection of her mistress, she acknowledged her passion, begged her to conceal it from him who was the object of it, and received with resignation the news of her approaching dissolution, which would at last deliver her from an unfortunate passion that all her efforts hed been unable to vanquish. Her mistress could not help informing he husband of the discovery. They began to sound the young man upon the subject, and finding, by degrees, that he had observed the merits of Emelia, they prevailed upon him to pity her situation. He consented; asked to see her (she being previously prepared for it by her mistress;) entered into conversation with her; tes-

How TRUE .- A very eminent writer has said, that although we seem grieved at the shortness of life in general, we are wishing every period of t at an end. The minor longs to be of age; then to be a man of business; then to make up an estate; then to arrive at honor; then to retire. The usurer would be very well satisfied to have all the time annihilated, that lies between he present moment and the next quarter day: olitician would be content to lose three years of his life, could be place things in the posture which he fancies they will occupy after such a revolution of time; and the lover would be glad to strike out of existence all the moments that are to pass away before the next meeting.

and fixing her eyes upon him, "Marry me!" and

throwing her head back, she instantly expired.

DIGNITY .- Some men are dignified-very. But what is dignity? It is not to feel yourself superior to a neighbor and seldom condescend to speak with him. It is not to wear a sober face and think it betrays a weak mind to laugh. True dignity consists in treating all men with proper respect; in condescending to nothing mean or small; in recieving and returning favors alikeno matter from whom received or to whom returned-the rich and accomplished-the poor and illiterate. We love real dignity, wherever we find it. Generally it is found where we least expect it, and it is often banished from those whose actions it might govern.

CHARITY -How noiselessly the snow comes down! You see it, feel it, but never hear it. It. is like true charity. Charity makes no noise in the world, but distributes wherever there is poverty. A person who does good out of pure benevolence, never spreads it abroad in the circle in which he moves, or makes it public through a

FOR PARENTS.-The ordination of Providence, says a distinguished writer, is that home should form our character. The first object of parents should be to make home interesting. It is a bad sign when children have to wander from the parental roof for parental amusement. Provide pleasure for them around their own fire-sides and among themselves. The excellent Leigh Richmond pursued this plan-had a museum in his house, and exerted every nerve to interest his little flock. A love of home is one of the greatest safeguards in the world of man. Do you ever see men who delight in their own fire-sides, lolling about taverns and oyster cellars? Implant this sentiment early in a child; it is a mighty preservative against vice.-Presbyterian.

THE RIGHT .- Always pursue what you have reason to think is the right course, without regard to ease on the one hand and interest on the other. Go straight forward, determined to breast the floods of iniquity, or perish in the effort. Never stav with the multitude through fear or worldy policy and never listen to the advice of those who, rotten at heart, move on with the popular current .- Feel that you have something to do in the world, and go about it forthwith-taking Truth for your guide and Virtue for your companion. Then you will have nothing to fear.

The following maxim is worthy of consideration about these days:—"Climb not too high, lest you fall: lie not on the ground lest you be trampled on. Consider yourself the safest when your own legs

bear you. Be not the fourth friend of him who had three

before and lost them.

A curse is like a stone thrown up towards heaven and most likely to return on the head of him that sent it. He who pretends to be every body's particular

friend, is nobody's. "What right have you to be sick?" said a school-naster to a supil," "A constitutional right," was master to a pupil,"

"THE UNIVERSAL YANKEE NATION."-The Knickerbocker has the following jeu d'esprit, evi-dently intended as " a touch at the times," and being a somewhat successful one:

It is harder than a Chinese puzzle to put your finger on a bit of territory, disputed or undisputed where the Yankee-Doodle is not. If you go to Land's End, he is there; to Mount Ararat, he is there: to Cimborazo, Himalays, the Mountains of

reader:

"The droghter of a country curate in Hampshire, being reduced by the death of her father to the hard necessity of seeking some mode of subsistence, could find no other than sing into the service of an old lemale friend of nor mother, as her maid. Emetia (that was her name) received from her parents the best education. She was handerme, had a very pleasing figure, was handerme, had a very pleasing figure, was the necessary of the angle of the name of her was handerme, had a very pleasing figure, was the necessary of the angle of the name of her was handerme, had a very pleasing figure, was the necessary of the angle of the ang was handsome, had a very pleasing figure, was two and take possession of it in the name of her sensible, discreet, reserved, and of very modest | Majesty, imagine his concernment to discover a deportment. Unfortunately for her, a young gen-tleman of good fortune, who was a friend of the cavern, scooping it out with their fingers, and a family with whom she lived, frequently visited at Bangor schooner bouncing up and down in a little the house. The master and mistress keeping on-ly one footman, poor Emelia, who generally as-walk on the sea-shore of Bildaraxa, you will find sisted in serving the tea, had thus an opportunity | that you are not the first there, perhaps to your great sorrow, as Captain Jix swore violently when him before she was aware of the progress of that | in walking through the streets of Rundown, at the very limits of the dominions of Prince Pompadelit, her reason induced her to oppose it, and she la, in Africa, he heard a sharp whistler going made effectual efforts for that purpose, indeed, so through the tune of "Yankee Doodle," with an easy execution and a devlish unconcern, which seriously affected by them. Her mistress, who threw him at once into a coast fever. And just loved her tenderly, after having consulted several so it was with the poor soul who discovered Bimphysicians in vain, sent her to the house of a pez, and was just uncorking a bottle of Maderia in commemoration of the event, when he saw a Yankee on the hill-side administering the cold water pledge to three natives.

THE PROBABILITY OF THE EXTINCTION OF EGYPT .- If we return to the valley of the Nile of Egypt, we shall see at this moment the very process going on by which the lower part of the Ni-ger or the Nile of Bournou, has been choked up and obliterated by the invasion of the great Sahara under the name of Deserts of Bilmah and Tibia. Thus has been rubbed out from the face of the earth, a river which had once its cities, its sages, its warriors, its works of art, and its inundations! like the classic Nile; but which so existed in days of which we have scarcely a record. In the same way shall perish the Nile of Egypt and its walleys its pyramids, its temples, and its cities-the Delta shall become a plash of quicksand; a second Syrtis and the Nile shall cease to exist from its lower cataract downwards; for this is about the measure or height of the giant principle of destruc-tion treading on the Egyptian valley, and which is advancing from the Lybian Desert, backed by other deserts whose names and number we do not even know, but which we have endeavored to class under the ill-defined denomination of Sahara -advancing, I repeat, to the annihilation of Egypt and her glories, with the silence, but the certainty too, of all-devouring time! There is something quite appalling in the bare contemplation of this tified the greatest desire to see her health re-established; and even went so lar as to say that if she could recover he would be happy to marry her. "Marry me!" cried she, raising her arrs, and fying ther even monthly "Marry me!" and sping there even monthly the state of the same and fying there even monthly the same and fixing there even monthly the same and fixing there even monthly the same and the same and the same arrangement of this inexorable, onward march of wholesale death to inexorable, onward march of wholesale death to more so when we reflect that the destruction must, from its nature, be not only complete, but eternal !- Professor Durbin.

> WORKING MEN SHOULD STUDY POLITICS .- I respectfully counsel those whom I address (the working men of America,) to take a part in the politics of their country. I counsel you to labor for a clear understanding of the subjects which agitate the community to make them your study, instead of wasting your leisure in vague, passionate, talk about them. The time thrown away by the mass of the people on the rumors of the day, might, if better spent, give them a good acquaintance with the constitution, laws, history, and interests of their country, and thus establish them in those great principles by which particular measures are to be determined. In proportion as the people thus improve themselves they will cease to be the tools of designing politicians .-Their intelligence, not their passions and jealousies, will be addressed by those who seek their votes. They will exert, not a nominal but a real influence on the government and destinies of the country, and at the same time will forward their own growth in truth and virtue .- Dr. Channing.

> ROBESPIERRE.-The following description of the personal appearance of the infamous butcher of the French Revolution, Robespierrie, is taken from the "Count de Vigny's Consultations of Dr. Blaeb." If the portrait is a correct one, the countenance of the sanguinary monster was as strongly marked as his character '-"He was then in his 36th year; his face was

> crushed between the forehead and chin as though two hands had tried forcibly to unite them over the nose. The skin was of a papery paleness, dead as if plastered; moreover deeply with the hail of small-pox. Neither blood nor bile circulated. His little eyes dull and heavy, never looked one full in the face, and a perpetual disagreeable winking lessened them yet more, whenever they chanced not to be quite hidden by his green spectacles. His pinched and wrinkled nouth was convulsively contracted by a sort of laughing grimace, whence Mirabeau likened him to a cat who had just drank vinegar. His air was spruce, pompous, and full of pretentions.-His fingers, shoulders and neck, were incessantly and involuntarily twitched, twisted and shaken, by little spasms of nervous irritation. He was dressed from early morning, and never did I catch him in

> When we see a neat, pretty girl, with a free but innocent air—dressed tastily, yet simply—with cheeks we can hardly help kissing, and with a pair of heavenly blue eyes, which seem to reg pose in perfect security beneath their silken lashes how can we help loving her? But when we see a gamboge visaged spinster, whose looks seem to say that she is sojourning somewhere about the region of 39, dressed off in pink ribbons, mock gold chains, and pinch back breastpins, and mincing her steps as if treading on eggs, she reminds us of an old piece of furniture scouring up to sell.

> "THE DAYS OF QUEEN BESS."-There was a time in the reign of Queen Elizabeth when rum and brandy were sold by the onnce ly apothecaries as medicine; and a teaspoonful was considered a dose by all the regular physicians.

ESTIMATES OF LIFE .- Measure not life by the hopes and enjoyments of this world, but the preparation made for another; rather looking forward. to what you have been.

A GOLDEN SENTIMENT .- A heart dead to the claims of man cannot be alive to the claims of God: and religion cannot flourish on the ground where humanity withers.

"Do you like novels?" said a Miss Languish to her country love. "I can't say," answered he, "for I never ate any; but Pil tell you what, I'm tremendous on young possums."