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DAY, THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN."

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often when the clouds are blackest, and the tempest is fiercest and hope is faintest, a "still small voice" will be heard saying, "Come hither—you are wanted," and all your powers will find employment.—Therefore take heart, young man, for ere long "you will be wanted."

### Wife Sold by her Husband in Georgia.

—Not long since, a late merchant of Stewart county, took a fancy to the wife of a citizen, in his neighborhood, and desired that she would accompany him to a distant clime. But how to get legal possession of the prize was a problem of no easy solution, yet solved it was, and by the potent magic of the "almighty dollar." A bargain was effected, whereby the merchant was to pay the bereaved husband \$150, on the relinquishment by the latter, of all right, title and immunity which he held in the person of his spouse. No sooner said than done. The money was paid, and the wife removed from the custody and control of her husband and delivered into the safe keeping of the purchaser, who has taken his newly acquired piece of property with him to New York! We did not learn whether the seller put a halter around the neck of his wife and led her out thereby, as is practised in old England, but we think it quite likely that he, by that sale, slipped his own neck out of a very disagreeable noose that had been thrown around it.—*Muscogee Democrat, 10th inst.*

**Vessel Burnt.**—The Wilmington (N. C.) *Commercial* of Tuesday, says:—"We learn from Capt. Marshall, of the steamer *Wilmington*, that the brig *Samuel Potter*, Capt. Douglas, from this port, bound to Rio de Janeiro, (cleared by DeRosset & Browa, with a cargo of 73,000 feet Lumber, 24,000 feet timber, 18 bbls. Kerosin, and 50 bbls. Spirits Turpentine) took fire while lying at anchor opposite Smithville, on Sunday night last, about 7 o'clock, and was still burning when Capt. M. passed her on Monday morning, 27th inst. She was burnt nearly to the water's edge. Crew and part of the rigging saved. We have not learned how the fire originated."

An English writer uses the following language in reference to the conduct of a daily paper:

"In itself it appears nothing. The labor is not manifest, nor is it the labor, but it is the continual attention which it requires. Your life becomes as it were, the publication. One paper is no sooner corrected and printed, than another comes. It is the stone of Sisyphus, an endless repetition of toil, a constant weight upon the mind, a continual wearing upon the intellect and spirits, demanding all the exertion of your faculties, at the same time that you are compelled to do the severest drudgery. *To write for a paper is very well, but to edit one is to condemn yourself to slavery.*"

There is so much of truth in this remark, that we cannot forbear giving it a place in our columns. The readers of a daily journal are unconscious of the immense labor of body and mind required to produce the sheet that affords him the opportunity of learning the occurrences of the day—that gives him the intelligence of the progress of events in all quarters of the world—that makes him, from knowledge obtained through that medium, a conversable man on matters of general intelligence—that instructs him on subjects connected with his daily avocations—in fine, that conveys to his mind ideas that would not otherwise ever enter his imagination, exercising a large influence in rendering him really fitted to act out his part creditably on the great theatre of life.

The toils, the labors, the anxieties and troubles of newspaper conductors, therefore, should be considered by those who reap such advantages from their perusal. It is important to all to have access to the columns of a newspaper—it is a duty to compensate, liberally and promptly, the publisher who issues it.—*Charleston Courier.*

**APPROPRIATE EPITAPH.**—A lady who had died of cholera in Sandusky city, and was laid out by her friends, was found the night following standing at the cupboard eating cucumber pickles; whereupon the Louisville "News" says:

They left her "a laying" in white,  
Prepared for the grave's quiet slumbers,  
But they found her the very same night  
A laying in pickled cucumbers.

Non-resident debtors, it appears by the new code of New York, may be held to bail, or in default, imprisoned, on the making an affidavit of fraud against him. The law applies to citizens of other States, or persons coming from abroad.

**Overseer Killed.**—A gentleman from the neighborhood informs us that a most melancholly occurrence transpired in the vicinity of the Burnt Factory, Spartanburg District, on last Friday, which resulted in the death of Mr. Henry Ferguson's overseer. One of Mr. F's negro fellows had been in the woods some days, and the overseer—whose name we were unable to learn—went in pursuit of him. Upon coming up with the boy, he was found to be armed with a large knife, and refused to return home. The overseer endeavored to force him, and in the scuffle the negro wounded him so severely, that he died on Sunday last. The negro escaped at the time, but we trust he has been taken ere this, and will receive promptly the punishment his atrocious merits.—*Laurensville Herald, 31st ult.*

### INDUSTRIOUS GIRLS.

A clever female writer, speaking of the physical training of girls, observes:

"Real cultivation of the intellect, earnest exercise of the moral powers, the enlargement of the mind, by the acquisition of knowledge and the strengthening of its capabilities for firmness, for endurance of inevitable evils, and for energy in combating such as may be overcome, are the ends which female education has to attain; while, on the other hand, weakness, if met by indulgence, will not only remain weakness, but become infirmity. The power of the mind over the body is immense. The physical unhealthy and morbidly-delicate predicament of thousands of young females arises from the neglect of the homely adage, 'Keep your children busy.' It is a fatal mistake to allow the mind to prey upon itself, and run to waste. The compiler of a 'Present for an Apprentice' introduces an opinion somewhat strongly, in advising his young ward, if he would avoid falling in love, to keep employed; for he observes, 'nothing fosters love so much as idleness.' Now, without subscribing to the full extent of that opinion, as a rule, it is quite certain that idle, sentimental young men and women, are extremely apt to fall in love, if their passionate attachments deserves the name; and generally their attachments are of any character but that which bids fair for lasting happiness in domestic life. Who are the girls that forget themselves, and form low, improper alliances? Not the industrious, the happily employed. No, as a class, they are mostly the delicate victims of laziness, and beggarly, proud, false, gentility. In a word, the grand mistake of the present day, as we take it, is the cultivation of the intellect, to the exclusion of the moral sense and the affections."

**Extensive Conflagration.**—A tremendous fire occurred this morning between two and three o'clock, on the large wharf on the Delaware river at the lower side of the Chocksink Creek, in the Northern Liberties, which laid in ruins the extensive stone sawing and planing establishment, known as 'Patton's Planing Mill,' and consumed 1,000,000 feet of Susquehanna and Carolina lumber.—*Philadelphia Bulletin, 24th ult.*

The Emperor of Russia has sent a sack of wheat to Kossuth, and desired him to count the grains. Kossuth wrote back, saying, "The sack holds many grains, but I have three hawks and three ravens who will pick them up." The hawks are supposed to be Bem, Dembinski, and Georgy, the ravens to be June, July, and August, when the fever generally rages.

**Japan.**—The attention of Government is being directed by the mercantile interest to the sealed empire of Japan. That country is said to contain over forty millions of people, who have for two hundred years isolated themselves from all nations but the Dutch.—*Carolinian.*

**Coming Sister of the South.**—At the late dinner given by the Virginia Legislature to Ellwood Fisher, a Mr. Gogalez, whom it is inferred is a resident of the Island of Cuba, toasted that much-talked of island as "the coming sister of the South—the future gem State of the Union."—*Carolinian.*

**FATAL EXPLOSION.**—The Baltimore Sun contains a despatch from Erie, N. Y., dated August 27, in which it is stated that in firing a salute from the United Steamer Michigan, that morning, in honor of Vice President Fillmore, a cannon used upon the occasion unfortunately exploded, by which a man named Gilbert was killed on the spot, three others blown overboard, and another had both hands blown off, who is since reported to have died.

Silence is sometimes more significant than the most expressive eloquence.