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"I have sworn upon the Altar of God, eternal hostility to every form of Tyranny over the Mind of Man."—Thomas Jefferson

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### MISCELLANEOUS

#### SPOON FASHION.

BY FREDERICK MARYLAND

"Talking of peculiar situations, gentlemen," said Mr. Tatem, "I was once in rather a singular fix myself."

"How so—how was that?" said we.

"I will tell you. Sagers and myself had gone to Cape May, that favorite resort of fashion and folly, during one of the hottest seasons ever got up on this continent. I was intensely hot! Have you ever been at Cape Island, gentlemen?"

A general negative shake of the head followed the question.

"Then permit me, as a friend and well-wisher to warn you against the place. A more uninviting resort is not to be found. I have good authority for stating that it is only an unfinished portion of creation. They have a legend down there which runs thus:—The hands were at work on this spot at the tail of the sixth day, but, night overtaking them, they were compelled to suspend operations, and thus the island was left incomplete! To those who are familiar with the locality, this is certainly a plausible story. I have more than once heard it called the 'jumping off place.' Sunburn and sand knee-deep are the strongest inducements to pay a second visit. To be sure, they say something about the advantages of sea-bathing—but look at the risk. If you venture beyond your nose, the under-tow carries you out, and death by drowning is inevitable. After which follow 'grappling irons,' and then the dignity of a 'corner's inquest!' The spot is distinguished by a half dozen stunted trees, two or three apologies for hotels, and three or four cabins painted red."

"But the story, Mr. Tatem—the story?"

"All in good time, gentlemen, I said Sagers and myself were foolish enough to go down. Some two or three thousand people were there when we arrived, and every nook and corner was jam-full!—After repeated solicitation, we finally succeeded in getting a small room with the privilege of sleeping two in a bed. The thermometer at 50 and two in a bed! thought is a warm bath of itself!"

"Don't descend to particulars, but give us the story."

"Certainly. In the room adjoining ourselves two beautiful girls—sisters—who, for reasons best known to myself, shall be nameless. One night about a week after our arrival, I had gone early to bed, not wishing to participate in any of the about-nable 'hops' that were given at our hotel."

"Pooh, pooh! it's a ghost story," said Nathan.

"No—gentleman."

"Then you were ducked with cold water," remarked Mr. Blanchard.

"Wrong again! Although a cold bath would have been acceptable at the moment, I had been asleep for some time when I was awakened by the most musical voice imaginable, which said—

"Kate suppose we lay spoon fashion!"

"Lay how?" inquired I.

"Gracious heavens! where am I?" ejaculated my unknown bedfellow jumping three feet from the bed, and she (for it was a woman) would have jumped further, but want of room permitted no striking display of a guilty. Here was a situation for a modest man! Before I could say 'angels and min-

isters of grace defend us,' she had gathered up her 'dry goods' and made good her retreat from the room. I am not a coward, still reproached him with ingratitude in gentlemen—yet, I am free to confess that all her behaviour, as said, she behaved her-ly nerves were slightly agitated. Who self with great decency and suitable to her can she be! What can she have wanted here! Were questions that I could not answer. Had I been a believer in ghosts, I should probably have gone down to the grave with the conviction indelibly impressed upon my mind that I had actually been in bed with one of the long faced gentry."

"Well, what took place then? Who was she?"

"Be patient, you shall know everything. The two young ladies before mentioned sat opposite to me at the table. I had a very faint suspicion that one of them was a party to the transaction, and in order to remove all doubt, the next morning at breakfast, I enquired—

"Miss B. shall I help you to a little of this omelet?"

"If you please, sir."

"Will you have it spoon fashion?" said I carelessly.

The deep blush that mantled her handsome face told more plainly than words that she was my ghost of the preceding night. Having gone up without a light she had mistaken my room for her own, and but for the 'spoon fashion' arrangement Sagers would have probably discovered us in bed together. I am happy to add, gentlemen, that the affair had a pleasant denouement. Miss B. and myself are now engaged to be married. When the ceremony takes place you shall be present, and if you do not pronounce her the loveliest and most accomplished of her sex, then I will hesitatingly admit that there is romance in the phrase 'spoon fashion!'"

CAPTURE AND MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCESS POCAHONTAS.

It was in this year (1612) that the marriage of Pocahontas took place, and it was the accidental result of an act of treachery. A scarcity prevailed in Jamestown. Captain Argal was despatched to the Pointon for a cargo of corn.

Here he learned that Pocahontas was lying at no great distance from him. Hoping that Powhatan, in order to ransom his daughter, would offer provisions, he entered her on board his vessel and sailed to Jamestown where she was kept in state of honorable captivity—Powhatan more indignant at such treachery than overcome by misfortune, rejected the demand of a ransom, but promised, if his daughter were restored, to forget the injury, and supply the wants of the colonists. During her residence in the settlement, Pocahontas made such an impression on Mr. Rolfe, a young man of rank among the settlers, that he offered his hand in solicited consent of Powhatan to their marriage. This was granted, and the ceremony was performed with great pomp. The old king was ever after the firm friend of the colony and this event had a very favorable effect on the neighboring Indians, a treaty was concluded with the Chickahominy, who to be called Englishmen, consented to assist the colonists with their arms in war, and in peace with their provisions.

The reception and marriage of Pocahontas in England, whether she accompanied her husband, are thus described by Salmon King James' queen and court paid her the same honor that was due to European lady of the same quality, after they were informed by Captain Smith what services she had done the English nation; and particularly how she had saved the captain's life, when his head was upon the block. Both seems before this princess married Mr. Rolfe, she had been given to understand that Captain Smith was dead; for he was the first man she had set her affections upon, and I make no doubt he had promised to marry her when he was in her father's court; for when he came to wait upon her, on her arrival in England, she appeared surprised, turned away from him with the utmost scorn and resentment, and it was some time before she would be prevailed upon to see him. She could not believe any man would have deceived her, for when

in the very middle of the room, a hawk flew to the sneezes and laughter of every one in the room!"

"Hush!" said she "hush!" putting her hand up to his mouth, 'my bosom has alighted round to one side.'—N. O. Democrat.

#### A KNOTTY CASE.

Mr. Henson, a shoemaker, who resided at Woodend, near the spot where the Village House is now kept, was not remarkable for acuteness in his mental perceptions. He kept for sale in the front of his shop a few little matters—such as beer, candies, fruit, bread, &c. One morning a wag stopped in and purchased a bottle of beer. He stood talking a few moments, and finally said that he was sorry he had purchased the beer, and requested Mr. Henson to exchange it for a loaf of bread as the price was the same. To this the worthy cordwainer readily assented; the wag took the loaf and ate it while in the shop. As he was going out, the vender hesitatingly reminded him that he had not paid for the bread.

#### A PRECIPITANT.

"No! let the eagle change his plume, The leaf its hue—the flower its bloom. But ties around the waist were spun That could and would and were undone."

Many evenings have elapsed since music, with its voluptuous swell, resounded in one of our public saloons, and bright lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men!

eye, women as fair and men as brave as ever assembled to pay to Dame Terpsichore. It was on the occasion of one of our public balls, and all that quiet and variety prevailed which are so peculiarly characteristic of elegant intercourse and refined society in New Orleans. In that set danced the dainty girl of the North, with auburn locks and agile motion. A general rule the dresses were faultless; at least, they were fashionable, and a great taste was bestowed in the dressing of the hair. Of the male members present it is unnecessary to speak at any length; they were as neat and as spruce as polished patent leather shoes, kod gloves, and white vests could make them.

any, there was one whose evident acquaintance with city life, and apparent unsophisticated artlessness, attracted the attention of more than one 'looker on a Vienna.' She was still in her teens—just verging into womanhood—her hair with all its sweet leaves folded!

Her dress was such a Parisian mode she would not turn out, and though somewhat awkward, she danced not ungracefully. The fact is she came in from the eastern part of the State to pay a visit to some city cousins, and they, without much making up for the occasion, prevailed on her to accompany them to the ball, for which they had tickets of invitation. Native beauty she wanted none, though she certainly stood in need of that easy elegance of manner which intercourses with refined society alone teaches. A proud pennyless, would be a member of the 'supper husband,' noticed her in a dance, and looking at her through his quizzing glass, had the magnanimity to remark in an audible tone of voice, that 'altho' tolerable good looking, she is the most ignorant, awkward Jewitaw I have ever seen."

"Hush," said the person to whom he spoke, "that is Miss—, from—, the only child of the richest planter in the State?"

"Aw," said the empty purse, that always the case. I should not have an objection myself to assay a plantation and a handful of negroes.—D—n me! I'll engage her for the next set."

When Miss— had finished her dance and taken her seat, this gentleman in search of a witty quip, or a little thought polite bow, he asked her if she would not have 'pleasure' of dancing with her in the next set?"

She replied, with much ingenuousness, 'certainly,' for in truth she seemed to like the amusement.

Places were ordered to be taken for the next set, and he led out the unsophisticated heiress.—She danced with great spirit about the middle of the third figure, when she abruptly and precipitately retired to her seat, leaving her partner alone in his glory.

He was thunder-struck—could not account for such conduct; for little as he gave her credit for knowing, he had not anticipated that she would serve him such a trick as that. Following her over to where she sat, he addressed her in a tone of displeasure, saying, 'Madame, to what may I attribute your conduct as you have just been guilty of? You accept me for a partner, and then

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"Certainly I have paid for the bread, I gave you the beer for it."

"But then you haven't paid me for the beer?"

"I didn't take the beer. It is before you at this moment."

The worthy crisp was astounded. He looked sedately, and rubbed his forehead, but all to no purpose. The case was still a mystery.

"True said he, 'you gave me a bottle of beer for the bread, and as I still have the bottle of beer I can demand pay for that; but I had both. One now is gone and I received no money.' Then he again gravely considered the matter, and finally, abruptly broke out with the conclusion:—

"Search, take it neighbor, it is just as it is."

A Modern Newton—A debating society on in Michigan had lately submitted for discussion the subject, 'Does the world go round or does it not?' The chair remarked that he did not propose a because there was any doubt on the subject, but to 'fetch out' the orators. After the first speaker had occupied a hour ten minutes in the discussion, he sat down and was succeeded by one of the 'lights' of the town, who delivered himself thus:—

"If the world was round, it would be regular and even as it is. After you'd travelled a little ways, you'd begin to slide and slide, and bimby you'd tumble off at the edge if you didn't catch hold on something to hold on by. And then they ask of sliding round the world. Why if the world was round and went round as they say it did, the captiv'd have nothing to do, but tie his ship to a tree, and 'd'd go round of itself. My opponent has asked, 'If the world does not go round, how does the sun get round to the right place again?' I answer for a very plain reason, when I don't tie so dark you can't see it!'"

Time! said the chairman, and the young man sat down, and it was several minutes before he recovered from the sudden shock his imagination had experienced—like some of the orators in Congress, who, at the expiration of the hour, are frequently lost in the obfuscation of their ideas.

FROGS IN STONES.

We have several apparently well authenticated instances on record of frogs and toads having been found enclosed in masses of rock, to the interior of which there was no perceptible means of ingress. It has been the fashion, however, with naturalists, to dismiss such cases on the assumption that there must have been some cleft or opening by which the animal was admitted while in embryo, or while in a very young state; no one, so far as we are aware, believing that the sperm or young animal may have been enclosed when the rock was in the process of formation at the bottom of shallow waters. Whatever may be the true theory regarding animals so enclosed, their history is certainly one of the highest interest, and without attempting to solve the problem we present our readers with an instance taken from the Mining Journal of January 18, 1845:—A few days since, a miner, named W. Ellis, was working

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