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An American Exhibition of Pumpkins, Squashes and Ornamental Gourds.

In April last, Orange Judd, proprietor of The American Agriculturist, published a remarkably liberal offer, to encourage the production of a great American vegetable. Mr. Judd says:

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The exhibition was held Nov. 5th, at the Agriculturist rooms, 41 Park Row, New York, with the following result:

For the largest specimen a prize of $20 was offered. Wm. D. Hall, of Wallingford, Conn., secures this by a pumpkin which weighs 270½ lbs.

The second premium was taken by J. W. Somerndyck, of Long Island, whose specimen weighed 221 1-2 lbs.

The third was awarded to W. D. Hall for one of 208 lbs.

A fourth prize of $10 was secured by Mr. Hall for the largest yield from a single vine—the total of which weighed 1,259 lbs., and 42 in number, or an average of 30 lbs, each. Mr. Hall took also the second prize for the greatest yield, being 429 lbs from a single vine.

For the largest and best varieties of gourds, fancy squashes, &c., W. P. Heins, of Woodstock, N. Y., took the first prize who exhibited 75 varieties.

The Second prize under this head was taken by B. K. Bliss, the famous seedsman of Springfield, Mass.

The news from the English Exhibition arrived about the same time. The largest specimen weighed 176 lbs. America is ahead.

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A Musical Prodigy.

THE French papers give the story of a strange and, in its way, touching police trial, worth recording on the chance of its being true. Platreux, a boy apprenticed to one Dervich, a turner, and bearing an excellent character, was brought into court for stealing an organ, deposited by a Piedmontese stroller in the passage of the house. The culprit's defence was that he could not resist the desire of borrowing it to make music with it. Dervich, the turner, attested in evidence that the boy's determined passion for music broke out in every conceivable form. Platreux could remember, said the master, and he could sing, every tune he ever heard—saved up all his sous to buy a flageolet or pipe, or any toy he could get a sound out of—and failing these, play at whistling to the leg of a table or chair, or other make-believe substitute lying about in the turner's shop. He had secretly possessed himself of the irresistible organ; and when the neighbors had complained of the noise coming out of the garret in the fifth story after nine o'clock at night, he had covered it (he owned in his defence) with a quilt, so as to stifle the sound—not so thoroughly, though, but that the Piedmontese, on returning and finding his treasure gone, was directed, by scraps of a known tune, to the place where the boy was enjoying himself. The magistrate, on the strength of the testimony artlessly given by the turner, the Piedmontese, and the offender, acquitted the boy of any intention to steal. Should the name of Platreux ever become famous in music, here is a tale to range with those of the pilfered candle by which Sebastian Back sat up to copy Buxtehude's figures; and of the harpsichord clandestinely studied by Arne in the top story of the upholsterer's warehouse in Covent Garden; and the thousand other devices of strong propensity unde difficulties.

A CURIOUS and somewhat improbable story is told by the Salut Public of Lyons, France, as follows: "A woman, while lately watching a flock of sheep in the neighborhood of Lyons, was caught in a violent storm and took refuge under a tree. A short time after a branch was torn from the trunk by the wind and fell at her feet, accompanied by a number of pieces of gold. Looking up in astonishment she saw a hole in the trunk whence the branch had been torn, and putting her hand into it found a further lot of gold pieces, amounting together to twenty thousand francs. The news of this discovery spread rapidly in the village, and every one was lost in conjectures as to where the money could have come from. At length some of the ancients solved the enigma by stating that, about thirty years ago, a rich landed proprietor residing in the neighborhood had been murdered by his servant and robbed of a large sum of money which he was known to have had in his possession. The servant was tried and executed, but he would never confess where he had concealed the treasure. Is this the gold stolen?"

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The said Margaret Alfred will take notice that the said William Alfred did, on the 21st day of April, 1862, file his petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Champaign county, Ohio—the object and prayer of said petition is, that the bonds of matrimony may be dissolved between the said parties for the following causes: adultery and gross neglect of duty; and that unless said defendant shall appear, plead, answer or demur to said petition according to the rules of said Court, the same will be taken *pro confesso*. The said defendant is further notified that the depositions of witnesses will be taken at the office of H. C. Cearhart, in the town of Gamion, county of Crawford, Ohio, on the 18th, 19th and 20th days of September, A. D. 1862, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A.M. and 4 o'clock, P.M. of said days, and the examination adjourned from day to day, thereafter, until all is taken.

H. C. CEARHART, CORWIN & DOUGHTY,
Aug. 26, 1862. Attys for Petitioner.

TO THE CREDITORS OF JOHN SNAPP, Dec'd.

On the 21st day of July, A. D. 1862, the Probate Court of Champaign co. declared the estate of John Snapp, deceased, to be probably insolvent; creditors are therefore required to present their claims against the estate to the undersigned, for allowance, within six months from the time above mentioned, or they will not be entitled to payment. And all claims against said estate which have been presented to, and allowed by, the former administrators of said estate, and not filed with the undersigned, must be so filed within the time above mentioned. DAVID LOUDENBACK,
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