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Evening Musings.

Written in a young lady's Album—June, 1838.

I love to sit at close of day Beside some rippling brook, And watch the sun's last golden ray Receding whilst I look:

SUNBURY AMERICAN.

AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL.

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

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Wight, who, having prevailed on the mother of the child to leave his future fortune to her guidance, declared in the most friendly manner, "that as the boy had begun his naval career on a lamb, she would never leave him till he was able to end it like a lion."

At Bisaccio, Manso had an opportunity to examine the singular effects of Tasso's melancholy; and often disputed with him concerning a familiar spirit which he pretended to converse with.

hinders the sun from coloring the parts covered; and when the fruit is ripe, and the wax removed, it will be found marked in the manner desired.

EARLY CUCUMBERS.—A correspondent of the Southern Planter, furnishes the following plan, which he says has been very successfully used by an old gardener of his acquaintance.

EARLY POTATOES.—The best mode we ever tried to procure early potatoes was to spread out those designed for seed on a grass plat, in a garden, so thin that one should not lie upon another.

weight of sulphuric ether till it is dissolved: This solution may be applied to the edges of the broken glass, with a camel hair pencil, and the pieces must be put together immediately, and pressed close till they adhere.

CLEAN YOUR TEETH.—Shaw, in his "Microscopic Objects," says: "If the whitish matter sticking between the teeth be removed by a tooth-pick, mixed with a little water, and examined by the microscope, animalcules will appear so active and so numerous that the whole mass seems to be alive."

TO CURE A SCALD OR BURN.—Dissolve a piece of alum, about the size of a walnut, in a half pint of warm water, in which immerse a linen cloth.

Washing in alum water, is said also to be an effectual cure for chilblains. We witnessed, ourselves, a few days since, (says the Editor of the Southern Planter.) the most miraculous effects from the above recipe, applied to a little boy who had been unfortunately scalded.

PEAS AND BEANS.—Noviciates in gardening should bear in mind the great difference in vegetables in regard to their endurance of frosts.

RECIPE FOR MAKING THE MOST SWEET, WHITE, LIGHT AND BEST BREAD, WITHOUT THE USE OF YEAST.—Take a table spoonful of pounded Saleratus, dissolve it in half a teacup full of warm water, rub it well through three pounds of flour, and then mix it up with buttermilk till it is quite soft.

BEST CEMENT FOR JOINING CHINA OR CRACKERY.—Heat a piece of chalk to a full red heat in a fire; and while this is heating, take the white of an egg, and mix and beat together with it one fourth of its weight of powdered or scraped cheese, (such as is most void of cream, or oily matter, is preferable.)

BEST CEMENT FOR JOINING GLASS.—If the glass is not likely to be exposed to moisture, the pieces may be joined by a solution of equal parts of gum-arabic and loaf sugar in water: or if these are not at hand, the white of an egg may answer nearly as well.

Effects of Tobacco on Man.

In small doses, tobacco causes sensation of heat in the throat, and sometimes a feeling of warmth at the stomach; these effects, however, are less obvious when the remedy is taken in a liquid form, and largely diluted.

In excessive doses the effects are of the same kind, but more violent in degree. Snuff, Lazzoni states that one individual fell into a state of somnolency, and died lethargic on the twelfth day in consequence of taking too much snuff.

The habitual use of this substance blunts the sense of smell, and alters the tone of the voice; but I am unacquainted with any other well ascertained effects, though Cullen ascribes loss of appetite and dyspepsia to it.

A very interesting case, which had almost terminated fatally, is related by Dr. Marshall Hall. It was that of a young man, who, for his first essay, smoked two pipes. Gwelin mentions two cases of death from smoking, in one of seventeen, in the other eighteen pipes at a sitting.

A GENIUS.—The Cecil (Md.) Gazette mentions that a black boy in that vicinity has made an entire miniature steamboat, with cabins, berth deck and upper deck, carved stern and figure head, forward and after cabins, with windows, wheel-chairs and paddles, stowage house, barber's shop, capstan, cable-box, settees, bell, pistons, boilers, levers, chimneys, and all other appliances complete.

DELLING ANECDOTE.—When the late James Hillhouse was in Congress, he was on a certain occasion challenged by a hot-headed member to fight a duel.

Two strangers recently visited Bunker Hill, and ascended to the top of the Monument. After they had asked a number of questions, which the superintendent answered very politely, he told them it was customary to pay a small sum for ascending the Monument.

GAMBLING AWAY A DAUGHTER.—"A few days since," says the Journal de la Meuse, "an inhabitant at Void, playing at billiards, staked the hand of his only daughter, a handsome girl of 18, against his adversary. The imprudent father lost, and the winner has since insisted on payment being made, claiming the young lady, fortune and all, or else a sufficient indemnity. The daughter, however, objects to the validity of the bargain, and gaming debts cannot be enforced by law."

Joe Smith, the leader of the Mormons, has been compelled to absquatulate. His successor is another of the Smith family. We would advise him to join the "Holy Rollers" and become a "Sweezerite."

Anecdote of Decatur.

The gallant Decatur was a sailor to the heart's core, and loved to tell anecdotes of the common Seilors. I recollect one which he used to relate, to the following purport. In one of the actions before Tripoli, while fighting hand to hand with a captain of a gun boat, Decatur came near being cut down by a Turk, who attacked him from behind.

The Rising Generation. We once "visited" a country school in Pumpkintown, kept by a Mr. Obadiah Snooks, between a clump of alder bushes and a noted frog pond.

Having seated our dignified self in the master's arm chair, we threw one leg over the other, looking as serious as a psalm book, and waited for the exhibition.

"Timothy, spell hoax." "H, o, o, hoc, a, x, az—hee-axe."

The next, &c. "Toe the mark, Timothy, and spell goat." "G, o, go, i, t, go-it."

Next came a class in parsing. [Master reads.] "Boys are less studious than girls, Ichabod parse boys."

"Boys is an indefinite article, imperative mood, singular tense, objective case, and agrees with girls. 'Give your rule.'"

"Conjunctions always connect sexes and a kinds of genders." We sat as composedly as a keg of oysters all the while they were committing an assault and battery upon poor Lindley Murray, and never uttered word in his defence.

"Class in geography," was the next move. "What are the chief productions in Connecticut?"