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TERMS OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN is published every Saturday at TWO DOLLARS per annum in advance...

SELECT POETRY. From the Jerusalem. Cata Will be Free. BY R. E. M.

of Laurens District. No sooner had he heard of all their arrangements than he mounted a fleet horse, and put off post haste to inform the Whigs of their danger...

PYTHIAS AND DAMON. When Damon was sentenced, by Dionysius of Syracuse, to die on a certain day, he begged permission, in the interim, to retire to his own country...

LETTER FROM MR. OWEN, THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT HAVANA. Mr. Owen, the U. S. Consul at Havana, has addressed a note to the Washington Republic, in which he says, he will satisfy every impartial mind that he is underscoring...

WOMEN AND RELIGION. A man without some sort of religion is at best a poor reprobate, the foot-ball of destiny, with no tie linking him to infinity...

THE CHRISTIAN. The real Christian is the only prudent man. He has laid up in store for the winter of the grave. He has seen, for eternity, the looks through all the future and provides for it all.

J. B. MASSER, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Residing at the corner of Northumberland, Union, and Columbia streets.

NEW STORE AT FOLLOWING RUN. At the Cross Run, near J. D. Couzard's, Lewisburg.

J. R. KAUFMAN. RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just received and opened a new stock of goods...

BERN GOODS. SUCH AS: Cloths, Cassimeres, Sateens, Merinos, &c.

GROCERIES OF ALL KINDS. Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Molasses, Spices, &c.

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING. EVERYBODY should embrace this opportunity to buy CLOTHING for Men, Youth and Boys...

DRESSES AND FROCK COATS. Habit Cloth do, Linen Dressing do, Tweeds, &c., &c., together with a great variety of Boys' Clothing.

FURNISHING GOODS. Consisting of Shirts, Stocks, Handkerchiefs, &c.; all of which are offered at the lowest possible prices...

ALDEN'S CONFIDENT REPORT OF PENNA. First Published, and for sale by the subscribers—The Second Volume of Alden's Confident Report...

NATIONAL HOTEL, SHAMOKIN. Northumberland County, Pa.

JAMES H. MAGEE. Removed from his old stand, No. 118 Vine street, to No. 52 Dillwyn St., (bet'n Cal'hill & Willow) where he has constantly on hand...

BROWN STOUT, PORTER, Ale and Cider. FOR HOME CONSUMPTION OR SHIPPING.

LYCING Mutual Insurance Company. Dr. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company...

JUSTICES' FEE BILLS. For sale by H. B. MASSER. Sunbury, April 26, 1851.

Had Lopez and his eldest hand, Triumph'd in Cuba's blood.

What thought the Cuban patriots fled, While fighting freedom's wars?

That thought the Cuban patriots fled, And cover'd with their stags?

But night has never been so dark, That day did not return;

The blood of martyr'd freedom now, Has stained that lovely isle.

But a million voices will arise, And million tongues decree.

That freedom's sons will lead their might, And Cuba shall be free!

THE TRAITOR BOY. AN INCIDENT OF THE REVOLUTION.

The writer has been indebted to his friends for many of the incidents which he has given to the public...

THE MISSISSIPPI BY NIGHT. By night the scene is one of startling interest and magical splendor.

ANOTHER NEW STATE. By the late treaty with the Seesawing and Wah-pay-ton bands of Sioux Indians...

ROBBERIES ON THE PENNSYLVANIA RAIL. The Pittsburg papers of Saturday state, that from circumstances that have come to the knowledge of the authorities...

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH TELEGRAPHING. In the way of telegraph lines, Michigan alone has now already more miles complete than has the whole of England.

AN EDITOR OUT WEST HAS MARRIED A GIRL named Church; he says he has enjoyed more happiness since he joined the Church than ever he did in his life before.

For some time during the latter part of the Revolution, young Montjoy belonged to an American garrison on the frontier of Georgia.

On another occasion, while in the same garrison, the Indians became so troublesome that it was dangerous to venture out at all.

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Shortly afterwards, the American residing here, who, it is said, called on me, came and mentioned the subject to me, when I said to him that it was too late, and that I could do nothing—that I should not have time to get permission to see the prisoners.

Of this I felt perfectly satisfied at the time and I have since been confirmed in this opinion by the highest authority in the island, who informed me that the execution, which had already been ordered before I reached the city, would not have been postponed for me to have an interview with the prisoners, inasmuch as I could have been asked to be permitted to do, had already been done by a gentleman known to some of the prisoners, and for whom they had sent.

Soon after the American referred to left my office, I received the information that a gentleman known to some of the prisoners had been sent for by them, and to him they had delivered the articles and messages they desired to be conveyed to their friends.

You will thus see that I had no time to act, and that it was not in my power to do anything for the unfortunate man who had been induced to invade Cuba, with the expectation that they would find the whole island in a state of revolution, and that they would be received with open arms by the whole native population at least.

The charge of indifference to the dreadful condition of such a number of men, the bitter enemy I have on earth will not believe; and all most believe it a base falsehood and an unfounded calumny.

If it were allowable on such an occasion, I would most solemnly declare before God that, in my judgment, at the time and under the circumstances, it was not in my power either to have an interview with the prisoners, or to have done anything in their behalf.

HOW THEY PRESERVE ORDER IN AUSTRIA.—The Vienna correspondent of the London News describes the following shocking affair as having taken place at Szent Maria, near Gross-Wardon, lately:—

"At a peasant's wedding, when the procession of the betrothed was moving towards the church, the gendarme approached the bride and summoned her immediately to divest of the red, white, and green ribbons which she had in her dress, according to the custom of the country girls, saying that these colors were revolutionary."

The bridegroom objected, saying that after the ceremony the bride would comply with the desire of the gendarme but that now they could not keep the priest waiting at the altar. The gendarme retorted, the procession proceeded to the church, but at the moment when the bride was kneeling at the steps of the altar to receive the benediction, the gendarme rushed forward and cut her tresses and ribbons with scissors from her head.

To Hungary it is considered a great insult to a female to cut her hair; it conveys a notion of infamy. Naturally an affray took place; the gendarme was assailed by the bridegroom, other gendarmes arrived in aid of their fellow official, the people, though without arms, rushed upon them, and the result was the slaughter of seven men, three gendarmes and four peasants, among them the bridegroom and the brutal assailant of the bride.

Mr House, who has acquired so much renown in London as the picker of unappreciable locks, is the agent of Day & Nowell, whose "American bank lock" has gained as much credit by his success as those of Chubb's and Bramah have lost. We do not know, however, but that it deserves its good fortune,—as a proof of which most be regarded its selection by the Bank of England to take the place of the detested Bramah's in its golden vaults. It is, in reality, a most remarkable and beautiful piece of mechanism, as we can tell from having inspected one intended for the safe of the State Treasury at Harrisburg. It is furnished by Oliver Evans, 61 South Second street, who is the agent for the lock in Pennsylvania.

FIFTY persons are now engaged in digging for gold at Stratford, Ct. They expect to find treasure to the amount of from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000, said to have been buried at Stratford by a Spanish captain!

Gov. MEANS, of South Carolina, discards all hope of co-operation, and recommends separate State action, at all hazards.

And that sweet truthfulness—that abiding love—that enduring hope, mellowing every page and scene of life, lighting them with pleasant radiance, when the world-storms break like an army with smoking cannon— who can bestow it all, but a holy soul-tie to what is above the storms, and to what is stronger than an army with cannon? Who that has enjoyed the counsel and the love of a Christian mother, but will echo the thought with energy, and allow it with a tear?

A COOL OFFENDER.—There was a time, many years ago, when no travelling was permitted on the Sabbath, in Connecticut.—The wooden-nutmeg justices were careful, as it were their duty, to fine all transgressors against the statute "in such case made and provided." On one occasion, one of the fast men of that day drove ten miles, on Sunday, to visit his family, who were living ten miles distant from the town where he was engaged in business. On his return, he was arrested and brought before his Honor, a Justice of the Peace, who ordered him to pay a fine of five dollars, and costs, amounting to five more. The hardened fellow thereupon drew forth his pocket-book, and dilated fearfully by presenting him a twenty-dollar bill, with this cool remark:—"There, Squire, to save trouble, you may give me a receipt for this affair, and credit me ten dollars on account, for, if nothing happens, I shall ride home again next Sunday.—Boston Museum.

WHOLESALE ADVICE. There is much wholesome advice contained in the following few lines: "Eat only what is proper food, Drink only that which does you good, Spend only what you can afford, Lend only what will be restored— Then you will have no cause to say, 'I was a fool on yesterday!'"

A GIRL WHO WORKED IN A PRINTING OFFICE.—A Cincinnati paper states that three years ago a poor orphan girl applied and was permitted to set type for that paper. She worked two years, during which time she earned, beside her board, about \$200, and availing herself of the facilities which the Printing Office offered, acquired a good education. She is now an associate address of a popular paper, and is engaged to be married to one of the smartest lawyers in Ohio. We should be disinclined to credit the above if we did not have so many evidences of the elevating influences of the Printing Office.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.—Carlyle says of him that he was "the largest soul in all England." Why should such men share the fate of poverty? In 1756, the year after publishing his dictionary, Johnson was arrested for a debt of five guineas, but was relieved by the interposition of friends. Throughout his whole life he seemed to be regardless of monetary matters, and, indeed, this seems to be the characteristic of most of the great minds that have lived, or are still living.

DESTRUCTION OF MAINE TIMBER LANDS.—Boston, Sept. 24.—We have accounts from Cherryfield, Me., stating that the fire in the timber lands of that section of the State continues to spread, destroying everything in its course. It is sweeping over the whole country, and scarcely a green acre of land is to be found along the seaboard. The fire has swept over Mount Desert, destroying several houses. Hancock is also suffering severely, and the roads in many directions, for miles together, are most impassable from smoke and flames. The timber lands owned by the Cutler Company, have been damaged to the extent of \$100,000, and the aggregate loss will amount to millions.

YOUNG MAN, do you know what relations you sustain in this world? said a minister of our acquaintance to a young member of the church. "Yes, sir," said the hopeful convert, "two cousins and a grandmother; but I don't intend to sustain them much longer."

A BLACK GENERAL.—General Avales, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mexican forces in Tamalulipas, is about as black as the present Emperor of Hayti. Dr. Miller, our Commissioner to settle the land claims on the Rio Grande, jestfully told Avales that if he were caught east of the Colorado he would readily sell for a prime negro, and be put to work in a cotton field.

GREEN and red candies have been ascertained to contain the most deadly poisons in the coloring matter. Let mothers and nurses beware of giving them to children.

It is said that when a Russian husband neglects to beat his wife for a month or two, she begins to be alarmed at his indifference.

TAUNT him little who praises all; him less who censures all; and him least who is indifferent about all.

AMATION is like a wild horse, which prances uneasily until it has thrown off its rider.

Every man ought to endeavor to shield others from the evils he has experienced himself.

The most ignorant have sufficient knowledge to detect the faults of others; the most clear sighted are blind to their own.

Who cannot keep his own secret ought not to complain if another tells it.

The greatest truths are the simplest, and so are the greatest men.

SINGULAR INCIDENT.—During the battle at Fort Duane, Florida, in 1847, a soldier of the name of Jackson, having just fired, received a shot from a tall Indian, not twenty yards distant, which broke through the outer part of his pantaloons and lodged in his right hand pocket. Feeling the slight sting of the spent ball, he thrust his hand into his pocket, drew out the bullet and dropped it into the barrel of his musket upon the charge of powder he had just before put in—then, with the unerring aim of a true marksman, levelled his piece, and as quick as lightning his adversary was measured upon the ground. The wound was fatal—the warrior survived the shot but a few minutes.—Boston Post.

STUMP SPEAKING.—"Fellow-citizens!" said a stump orator, "we have the best country in the world, and the best government. No people on the face of this globe enjoy more liberty than we do. Here we have liberty of speech, and liberty of the press, without onerous despotism. What, fellow-citizens, is more desirable than this? Do you want anything more, my countrymen?" "Yes, sir—no!" sang out a red-faced loafer, "this is dry work. I want a suck out of that pint flask sticking out of your coat pocket behind!"

Our ancestor was completely winged in his lofty flight, and came down floundering.—He suddenly vanished from that neighborhood.

What a hatred the old Romans must have had of kings! We read that, after the expulsion of Tarquin, a law was passed through the influence of Brutus, that no one should be king of Rome, and that any one who should form the design of making himself king, might be slain with impunity. At the same time, the people were bound by an oath that they would never suffer a king to be created.

"I find there are half a dozen partridges in the letter, said a gentleman to his servant who replied:—"Sir, I am glad you have found them in the letter, for they all flew out of the basket!"

"I see you are in black," said a friend of ours the other day. "Are you in mourning for a friend, Thomas?" "No, I'm in mourning for my sins," was the instant and keen reply.

A STUDENT OF MEDICINE out in Michigan, having courted a girl a year, and got the mitten, has turned around and sent her father for "the visits" he had paid her.

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