

JAMES TOPLIFF, ESQ.
The death of this aged and venerable man, was published in the Age of the world.

We intended to have made such inquiries, as to be able to give a particular account of his long and useful life. But ill health has prevented. At this late hour we must suffice to say, that he was one of the early and respectable settlers in New Hampshire, and is mentioned as such, in Thompson's "Vermont," with a "Jones," end all, "Hawkins," "Shaw," "Southgate," and others. Mr. "Topliff" was emphatically one of the fathers of the town, and various important offices, and was representative, for many years, on the Jeffersonian principles. He was an ardent believer in universal grace and holiness,—prosperous in worldly things, as virtuous men should be,—and with a worthy and amiable companion reared a respectable family, some of whom have the privilege of kindly ministering to the wants in the infirmity of years and imbecility of dotage. No one among the reputable family connections of the deceased, shared more largely than he the confidence and friendship of a wide circle of acquaintances. But, a man of great virtue and usefulness has died, and the surviving relations and friends will cherish the most respectfulollections for one, so universally beloved, esteemed, and venerated. R. S.

MAIL CONTRACTS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
CONTRACT OFFICE, April 1st, 1845.

Sir—My attention has been called to a article taken from the Albany Argus, respecting the authority of the Washington "Constitution," that the Postmaster General had determined to postpone the letting of contracts to carry the mails in the northern sections of the Union, to the 1st of July. This is entirely erroneous, and has been corrected by the institution. Will you have the goodness to make a similar correction in the Argus? This has not already been done?

S. R. ROBBIE,
1st Ass't Postmaster General.

LAUGHTER.

No man who has once heartily and fully laughed, can be altogether irrelatable. How much lies in laughter—cipher-key wherewith we decipher the sole man! Some men wear an everlasting smile; in the smile of others lies a glimmer as of ice; the fewest are able to laugh what can be called laughing, but only snuff and titter and snigger from the coat outward, or at best produce some ill-fitting, husky exclamation, as if they were laughing through wool; of none such as good. The man who cannot laugh not only for treasons, stratagems and evils, but his whole life is already a treason and a stratagem.—*Cartyle*.

FITZ-BOODLE'S HINT TO THE LADIES. whilst ladies persist in maintaining the idly defensive condition, men must surely as it were, take the opposite side; that of attack; otherwise, if both parties held aloof there would be no more marriages; and the two hosts would die in the course of my life, at least a score of chivalrous attacks upon severely injured hearts.

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THE BATTLE OF CONCORD BRIDGE, BY FRANKENSTEIN, GERMANTOWN BATTLEGROUND, BY RUSSELL SMITH, TRENTON BATTLE GROUND,

BY HAMILTON.

with a large number of others, engaged but not yet sent in by the artists. Another new and striking feature we now propose for the first time in public, having had artists engaged for twelve months in working it out. Our readers will please note the date of the announcement of this feature. It will consist of

CHARACTERISTIC STATE VIEWS, in which the peculiarities of scenery, costume and customs of every State and Territory of the Union will be presented in succession. This idea will of course be claimed by others, but our readers will not forget to mark dates.

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