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### AMUSING NAVAL ANECDOTE

Shortly before the declaration of the war of 1812 against Great Britain, Captain—commanded a ship which sailed from the United States to Portsmouth, England, by the way of the West Indies. A number of British naval officers, stationed at one of the West India Islands had been ordered home, and took passage by his ship. Conversation during the voyage turned frequently upon the prospect of war between the two countries. "If," said the English officers, "war should take place, we shall capture every ship in the American navy. It is impossible that we should fail!" To this accustomed bragado of John Bull, the Captain simply replied: "Gentlemen, you may live to find yourselves disappointed." This English spirit of boasting was kept up during the entire voyage, without, however, disturbing friendly feelings. They reached Portsmouth in safety, but had only been in port a few weeks, when the startling news arrived, that Hull had taken the English frigate Guerriere, commanded by Captain Decres. The day after the reception of the news, the old Captain purchased a white hat, small clothes &c. &c., and went to the Navy Yard to which his passengers had been ordered. He found them grouped together, talking over the serious news. "Good morning, gentlemen," said he, "have you heard the news?" "Oh, yes, Captain! we suppose you refer to the victory of Hull?" "Not at all, gentlemen; my news is, that he has been broken by a Court Martial!" "Why, Captain you are not in earnest? What do you mean? We are astonished, indeed!" "Yes," continued the Captain, "the American Congress passed a resolution, that if an American frigate did not take a British frigate in fifteen minutes, the commander should be cashiered; and you know it took Hull just *seventeen minutes and a half* to take the Guerriere!" His audience dispersed, as if the riot act had been read; but not without showing evident tokens of deep mortification. As for the Captain, he made it a rule to mount his white hat and shorts, and call at the Navy Yard, as the news of each successful victory reached him, to congratulate his former boasting English Naval friends.

**SEPARATION OF EDWIN FORREST FROM HIS WIFE.**—The N. Y. Sunday Atlas of the 29th ult. announces that Edwin Forrest, the tragedian, has been separated from his wife, Caroline Norton Sinclair Forrest, daughter of the vocalist, John Sinclair. They were married in 1830, in London, and have lived happily, as the Atlas states, until the beginning of the last winter, when Mr. F. became moody and melancholy. The Atlas says:

In the month of December Mr. Forrest returned on a professional engagement in Philadelphia, in a most unhappy state of mind, and at once demanded a separation. He assigned no cause, offered no apology for the position he assumed, and when the immediate friends of the parties interfered, and asked to be informed why it was that he asked for repudiation, his only reply was a studied, incomprehensible silence.

He was not to be interrogated: he demanded a separation, and he has accomplished his object. Mr. Forrest and his wife have eternally separated.

Mrs. Forrest is described as a lady of talent and beauty. She has been the mother of four children all of whom, however, died in infancy. *Picayune.*

**PROCESS OF KEEPING POTATOES.**—By *Mon. Bressa Focus.*—Nothing is more simple and economical. My discovery is so easily put to practice, that you are almost led not to believe it. Nevertheless, all conjectures are vain; and whoever wishes to convince himself of what I say, let him try the plan here recommended.

Put some lime in a large tub or a hole dug in the earth, and slake it in the same way as the masons do. As soon as the process is completed, throw in the potatoes you desire to preserve (being careful that the lime entirely covers them,) and leave them there twelve hours; at the expiration of which time take them out, wash them, and dry them in the sun. By employing this extremely easy and simple method, you can preserve your potatoes for several years without the loss of flavor, and they will never vegetate.

**THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.**—The convention of the Locofoco party, which assembled at Baton Rouge on Monday last, nominated JOSEPH WALKER, of Rapides, for Governor; J. B. PLAUCHE, of New Orleans, for Lieutenant Governor and ZERON LEDOUX, for Auditor. The first two names on the ticket are very strong. Our Locofoco brethren know the battle of November will be hard fought, and have started their stoutest warriors for the conflict.—*Bee.*

**A Clever Boy.**—A farmer's wife, in speaking of the smartness, aptness, and intelligence of her son, a lad six years old, to a lady acquaintance, said, "He can read fluently in any part of the Bible repeat the whole catechism, and weed on as well as his father." "Yes, mother," added the young hopeful, "and yesterday I killed Ned Rawson, throwed the cat into the well, and stole old Hicockly's gimblet."—*Ex.*

**A NEW VEGETABLE.**—*The Taro.*—We have just seen a specimen of this new vegetable obtained from Dr. J. G. CARSON, of Tompkins Bend, who has been cultivating it for many years on his plantation. The Taro is a tropical plant peculiar to the islands of the Southern Pacific, where it grows spontaneously and in the greatest abundance. Among the natives it forms one of the principle articles of diet. It is a bulbous root, not unlike the potatoe in form, but in many respects it is superior. Although in flavor not so delicate as the potatoe, it is said to be far more productive and less liable to be injured by the frosts. For this latter reason it would be well for planters to turn their attention to its cultivation. It sometimes happens that the whole potatoe crop is destroyed by early frosts, in which case the Taro would form an excellent substitute. It may be easily preserved the whole year round and even if left in the ground it would live through the winter, and grow up again in the spring. On plantations it would be of peculiar service at seasons when other vegetables are scarce. For all who wish to obtain a new and delicious article of diet for the table, and provide amply and in the cheapest way for their negroes, the Taro deserves at least a trial.—*From the Lake Providence (La) Republican.*

**A PROPHECY ABOUT TO BE FULFILLED.**—It was roundly asserted by a speaker in a democratic convention in Charleston, previous to the presidential election—that "the northern branch of the defeated party would go over to the Abolitionists." Look at the following declaration from a northern democratic paper:

[From the Daily Wisconsin, of April 9]

**THE UNITED DEMOCRACY OF WISCONSIN.**—We learn that, previous to the adjournment of the Legislature, the Democrats and Free Soilers perfected a union on the basis of sound principles, and that, in consequence thereof, but one State Convention is to be called next fall for the nomination of Governor, etc., to be represented by two delegates from each Assembly District in the State.

It has long been perceived that the differences were a mere matter of organization. That tenacity has fortunately yielded, and now the Democrats who supported Cass and Van Buren will work together, and thus secure in Wisconsin a Democratic majority alike impregnable to the effect and seductions of the Taylor administration. The united majority of Cass and Van Buren over Taylor was 11,000. We can scarcely expect so large a majority hereafter, as many Whigs who acted with the Free Soil party will join the Taylor party; but we can give the largest Democratic majority of any in the Union.

It is pertinently suggested that the example of the Democracy of our glorious State will be found worthy of emulation in other States. We have a natural pride in saying that Wisconsin is the pioneer State, where this union has been first consummated.

**A YOUNG GIRL TO BE HUNG.**—Letitia Blaisdell, the young girl who confessed to having administered morphine to several members of Benjamin Blaisdell's family, at New Boston, Mass. by which one child died, has been sentenced to be hung next August.—The girl is said to be young and pretty. She was an adopted daughter in the family. Her motives for attempting to destroy the family remain in mystery.—The Judge, in his sentence, said—"We cannot account for them upon any satisfactory principles of human action."—*N. O. Bee.*

**CANADA.**—A despatch of the 29th ult., gives the following particulars of an affray in the streets of Montreal, between the French and English population:

In consequence of the announcement that the Governor had given orders to put under arms five hundred French constables, and the fact that these men actually appeared in the streets, the mob became still more exasperated. A party, composed of twenty English gentlemen, turned themselves into a body and encountered these armed police, or constables in the streets, when quite a fierce engagement ensued. Shots were exchanged, and in the conflict two men were badly wounded, and others slightly. The Government authorities perceiving that they had adopted rather an unpopular measure, and in order to preserve peace, countermanded the order in regard to the constabulary force and had them dismissed.

The Louisville Journal contains the annexed frightful narrative:

**Matricide.**—On Friday or Saturday a man named Newkirk, living twelve or fifteen miles from this city, between the Bardstown and Flat Lick roads, shot his own mother, nearly a hundred years old. After the perpetration of the deed he re-loaded his gun, and, with fierce threats, ordered a negro boy about twelve years old to shoot him. The boy fired the gun but purposely missed him. Newkirk whipped the boy terribly and then sent for a neighbor to whom he remarked: "I have shot my mother—do you think they will hang me?" He soon afterwards disappeared, and, at the last accounts, all the efforts of the officers of justice to find him had been unsuccessful. We believe his neighbors generally think that he is insane.

**EXTRAORDINARY SURGICAL OPERATION.**—We learn, says the Boston Journal, that Dr. Warren, of this city, recently took from the stomach of an Irish girl, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, by means of an incision a tap worm forty one feet and eleven inches in length. The operation was performed while the sufferer was under the influence of ether. She observed, in coming to her sense, "Oh! I have had a pleasant dream, and feel relieved." The wound was dressed with great care, and she has scarcely complained of pain since the operation. This, we are told, is the only case on record, where the tap worm has been literally cut from the human stomach.

**AN ENTERPRISING CHILD.**  
Child.—Mother, I want a piece of cake.  
Mother.—I haven't any—it's all gone.  
C.—I know there is some up in the cupboard—I saw it when you opened the door.  
M.—Well, you don't need any now; cake hurts children.

C.—No it don't—(whining)—I want a piece M.—Be still, I say, I shan't give you a bit if you don't leave off crying.

C.—(Still crying)—I want a piece of cake; I want a piece of cake.

M.—(Rising hastily and reaching a piece)—There, take that and hold your tongue! Eat it up quickly; I hear Ben coming. Now, don't tell him you've had any.

(Ben enters.) C.—I've had a piece of cake; you can't have any.

Ben.—Yes, I will; mother, give me a piece. M.—There, take that—it seems as if I never could keep a bit of anything in the house. You see, sir, (turning to the child,) if you get any thing next time.

(Another room.) C.—I've had a piece of cake!

Young Sister.—Oh, I want some too. C.—Well, you *baul*, and mother'll give you a piece.

**An Antidote for poison.**—A correspondent of the London Literary Gazette, alluding to the numerous cases of deaths from accidental poisoning, and particularly the melancholy fate of the late Royal Academician, Mr. Owen, adds: "I venture to affirm, there is scarce even a cottage in this country that does not contain an invaluable, certain, immediate remedy for such events; nothing more than a desert spoonful of made mustard, mixed in a tumbler of warm water and drank immediately. It acts as an instantaneous emetic, is always ready, and may be used with safety in every case where one is required. By making this simple antidote known, you may be the means of saving many a fellow creature from an untimely end."

**Destruction of Snakes.**—For about a week past, says the St. Francisville Chronicle, some few of our citizens have enjoyed themselves shooting these terrors to man, in the back water near our town. They seem to seek refuge in the trees, where it is supposed they resort to bask in the sun. They have succeeded in destroying upwards of one thousand, and they still exist in abundance. They have been known to take lodging in some of the houses in Bayou Sara, when occupants of the dwelling are occasionally greatly frightened by discovering them snugly ensconced in the beds prepared for their own comfort and convenience. We have not yet participated in the sport, but have been informed that it is rare fun.

**DEMOCRATIC.**—Major Lewis Figg offers himself as a candidate for the convention to remodel the Constitution of Kentucky. He announces that he will not only advocate the election of Judges, Magistrates, &c. &c. by the people, but will also go for the election of Preachers, School masters and Tavern keepers. As to Sheriffs, Constables, &c. he regards them as nuisances, and says he will go for abolishing them. He considers it quite Anti Democratic to grant any set of men exclusive privileges, merely to bedevil and harass other people about paying their debts, while they never pay their own.—*Exchange.*

**"PROSCRIPTION! PROSCRIPTION! PROSCRIPTION!!!"**—*The Gullotine at work—Another Head Off!*—The faithful Democratic Postmaster of this place has been proscribed for his opinions, guillotined for his political faith, by the 'no party' President! Democratic papers throughout the Union please copy.

We are pleased to add, in connection with the above, that Washington Chapman, Esq., removed a few months since for being a Whig, has been reinstated as Postmaster at this place. [Florida Whig.]

**VERY CONSIDERATE.**—A man in New York lately stood in the street and ate nine bananas at four cents a piece, remarking that if they were not so high he would take a couple home to his family.

"When I goes a shoppin," says Mrs. Partridge, "I allays asks for what I wants, and if they have it, and it's suitable and I feel inclined to buy it, and it's cheap, and can't be got at eny other place for less, I most allays takes it without chapperrin' about it all day long, like some people does."

"You want a flogging, that's what you want," said a parent to his unruly son. "I know it, dad, but I'll try to get along without it," said the independent brat.

A son of the Emerald Isle meeting a countryman whose face was not perfectly remembered, after saluting him most cordially, inquired his name.

"Wash," was the answer. "Wash, Wash," responded Paddy, are you not from Dublin? I knew two old maids there of that name—was either of them yer mother?"

The nutmeg tree flourishes in Singapore near the equator.—*Cleveland Times.*  
The Boston Times says it flourishes in Connecticut also, where it is commonly called white oak.

We intend to show up some of the no-souled fellows who are in the habit of borrowing their neighbor's newspaper. A man who is in the habit of borrowing a paper because he is too penurious to subscribe for one which costs six cents a week, we look upon as but little better than a thief, for he takes that which the poor editor perhaps spent hours in cudgelling his brains to produce, without leave or license, thus defrauding him of his just dues. If this meets the eye of a borrower let him reform and send in his bill.—*Knickerbocker.*

**Another Substitute.**—As a sample of the meanness that presides over the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad, they are too penurious to even buy whistles for their locomotives. They use pork as a substitute, or in other words, they keep a hog on each engine, and when they approach a crossing, they just twist his tail till he squeals.—*Rocheater American.*  
This shows it is possible to make a whistle out of a pig's tail *Troy Post.*

**THE OVERFLOWED LANDS.**—The last Concordia Intelligencer says that in 1816, in 1828 and 1844, the lands overflowed were free from sickness; but it has been observed and deemed rather remarkable that the summer of the year succeeding the year of overflow has always been sickly on the overflowed lands.

The N. O. Bulletin states that the steamer Missouri, which left N. Orleans on the 29th ult. lost on her trip thirteen deck passengers by cholera. Several others were sick, and with but little chance of recovery.

**STATISTICS OF FORKS AND SPOONS.**—A work on the "History of the Precious Metals," recently published in Hartford, Conn., says the value of the Silver Tea-spoons in the United States is estimated at \$36,000,000, of Silver Table spoons \$27,000,000, of Silver Forks \$4,500,000, and of plate and dining service \$5,500,000.

If the speculator misses his aim, everybody cries out "he's a fool," and sometimes "he's a rogue." If he succeeds, they besiege his door, and demand his daughter in marriage.

**Deaths in New York city for 1848, 1849;** adults 7020, children 8999.

**RATHER STRONG.**—The Wilmington Blue Hen's Chicken says, that the last Legislature of Delaware "was characterized by two strong and predominant principles—the love of rum and the hate of niggers."

"A lawyer," said Lord Brougham, in a facetious mood, "is a learned gentleman who rescues your estates from your enemies, and keeps them himself."

**NEWSPAPER DEBTS.**—There is owing to the National Intelligencer at Washington, from delinquent subscribers and others, \$400,000.

The subscriber having been authorized to act as agent for the firm of Townsend, Carr & Co., of Pittsburgh, to contract for and furnish planters and others with IRON and WOODEN AXLE-TREE CANE CARTS, Light One Horse Carts, Bagasse Carts, Drays, Waggon for two or four horses, Light one horse Pleasure Waggon, Canal Wheel Barrows, Porters' Barrows, Wood Barrows, and Timber Carriages, is enabled to furnish the above work on as good terms, and as cheap as can be furnished by any establishment in the U. States. The subscriber, also continues to furnish work from Wheeling, Va., as usual. He has now for sale:

- 28 Iron Axle Cane Carts, without bodies,
- 17 Mule and Ox Carts with bodies,
- 1 Four horse Iron axle Waggon, without body
- 1 Four horse Wood-axle Waggon do.
- 6 Canal Wheel-Barrows,
- 2 Wood wheel-barrows, for sugar house use, Harness and Hames;
- Straths Patent Corn-Mill,
- Double geared Horse Power,
- Belt motion do., do.;
- Metallic Juice Pumps made in Cincinnati, expressly for cane juice;
- Plantation Bells,
- Anti attrition metal;
- Globe Cocks, for steam engines,
- George Cocks, for steam engine boilers,
- Cylinder Cocks for steam cylinders—3 sizes.

N. B. Old copper, brass, composition boxes and broken Bells, bought at fair prices according to quality. m29

JAMES S. SIMMONS.

### Franklin Saw Mill.

The subscribers now ready to receive and fill orders for Sawing or for Planing Lumber at the following prices, to wit:

- For all merchantable Lumber sawed to fill any bill as per direction at \$20 per thousand.
- For Palings sawed or ripped, from one inch stuff, at \$10 per thousand.
- For Lattice work at \$5 per thousand, running measure.
- For planing, tonguing and grooving, flooring or ceiling, \$10 per thousand.
- For planing the face without the tongue and groove, \$7.50 per thousand.

They feel confident that the quality of their Lumber, and neatness of their work will please the most fastidious—and feeling thus, they would respectfully invite all those who want Lumber, to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere. All they ask is a reasonable share of patronage, which they will endeavor to merit.

April 24. GATES & BARNARD.

### Blacksmithing and Carriage Work.

The Partnership existing under the style of James Emison & Co., was on the 1st of March last dissolved by mutual consent.

The subscriber will carry on business on his own account at his shop on Jackson street, where he is prepared to do all kinds of plantation and carriage work on the most reasonable terms. Those having carriages can have them repaired at the old stand of Mr. Satterthwait as heretofore. ROBT. LASHLEY. Franklin, April 28, 1849.

### Splendid Jewelry.

Just received the largest assortment of JEWELRY, WATCHES, and FANCY GOODS ever brought to Franklin. The Ladies and gentlemen are respectfully invited to call and examine my stock of Jewelry, consisting of the latest style of Ladies' Coral, Cluster and Cameo Broaches; Coral Necklaces and Beads; plain, chaste, Garnet, Turquoise and Alliance Finger Rings; Plain, Chaste, Cluster, Coral, Jet and Garnet Ear Rings; Octagon, Oval, Round and Hunting Locketts; Plain, Chaste, Box, Cameo and Coral Bracelet Clasps; Cameo and Coral Bracelets; Illuminated Motto Visiting Cards, and Card cases; Gold Waist-Buckles, Steel Beads and Rings.

I have for the Gentlemen, Gold and Silver Watches; Diamond, Coral, Garnet, Turquoise, Box, Plain and chaste Studs; Gold Fob and Vest Chains; Vest Buttons, fine watch Keys; Gold Pens; Gold and Silver Pen-holders; Gold and Silver Suspender-Buckles; Diamond, Coral and Garnet Pins; Topaz, Cornelian and plain Signet Rings, and many other articles too tedious to enumerate.

A. F. McLAIN. Franklin, March 29, 1849—3m.

### Bishop Polk's Remedy for Cholera.

The prescription for the above preparation has at last reached us, and the very judicious combination of several potent Stimulants, Anodynes, Anti-spasmodics and Sudorifics, make it invaluable in the early stages of the disease. From the nature of its ingredients, it will promptly produce a warm perspiration—settle the nausea and vomiting, and thence will bring about a reaction, and the purging will cease, independent of the strong opiates generally used. It has been carefully prepared at my shop where it is for sale, and where I will furnish written and verbal information of its use from observation and otherwise.

C. RABE, M. D. April 24, 1849, Apothecary's Hall

### Morgan's Literary Depot.

EXCHANGE PLACE, ADJOINING THE POST-OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS.

At the above establishment may always be found Books of every description, consisting of Novels, History, Biography, Scientific, Commercial, Geographical and Medical Works Also, a Complete Assortment of Stationery, together with all the principal Daily and Weekly Newspapers and Magazines.

Country orders for any article in the trade supplied and forwarded with dispatch. Books mailed. Prompt attention paid to any work ordered by mail. Foreign Books imported to order.

J. C. MORGAN, Literary Depot, adjoining the Post Office, New Orleans, La.

P. S. Complete arrangements have been made with the principal Publishers throughout the Union, for a supply of new works as fast as issued. J. C. M.

### Tailoring.

Frederick Ehrhardt would respectfully inform the citizens of Franklin and the public, that he has lately opened a shop on Main st., on the corner of Wexel's lot, and nearly opposite Messrs Hare & Birdsell's store, where he will carry on the Tailoring Business, and will at all times be ready to attend to the wishes of those who may favor him with his custom. His experience as a tailor, and his knowledge of his business, he trusts, will enable him to give the best of satisfaction to his customers. Franklin, Dec. 28, 1848

### Brick Making.

The undersigned being now prepared to engage actively in BRICK MAKING, tenders his services to the public. He will be able to perform jobs with dispatch, and guarantees his work. FREEMAN WELCH.

Orders left at this office will be punctually attended. Franklin, Feb. 22, 1849.

### Clothing! Clothing!

The subscriber is now opening at his NEW STORE,

the most extensive assortment of SUMMER CLOTHING ever offered in this Market, to which he would call the attention of his numerous customers and the people generally who desire Cheap Bargains and a No. 1 Goods. The Stock has been laid in with great care and cannot fail to suit all who will call and examine it.

CHARLES B. BAYLIES. Patersonville, March 11, 1849.

### Notice.

I have appointed Mr. John Yaney of this place, my agent during my absence from the country. All persons indebted to me, or having claims against me, will please call on him for settlement of the same.

I. P. YANEY. Centreville, March 12, 1849.

### Apothecary Hall.

The undersigned will always keep on hand a large and select assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, Family and Patent Medicines, Window Glass, Oils, Paints and other articles in his line; all of which he offers to the public on accommodating terms and low prices.

The assortment of Botanic Medicines will be kept up as complete as heretofore. CHARLES RABE, M. D.