



POETRY.

[For the Messenger.]

TO MISS E. Z.
 Oh! lady fair, a stranger's heart,
 In captive to thy will;
 He deeply feels love's rankling dart,
 Thy charms his bosom fill;

He's seen thy blush, thy magic smile—
 And drank the luring draught,
 Until thine image can beguile,
 His every vagrant thought.

Who could be sad, when eyes like thine,
 Should beam to make him blest?
 Who could be gay, when they should shine,
 To cheer another's breast?

Then may love's mantling chalice long,
 Banish sad care away;
 Inspire the lowly poet's song,
 And gild life's transient day.

G. K. LUTHER ADAMS.

Asheville, July 17, 1840.

[From the Episcopal Recorder.]

I am weary.

I am weary of straying—O vain would I rest
 In that far distant land of the pure and the blest,
 Where sin can no longer her blandishments
 spread,
 And tears and temptations for ever are fled.

I am weary of hoping where hope is untrue,
 As fair, but as fleeting, as morning's bright dew:
 I long for that land whose blissful promise alone
 Is changeless and sure as eternity's throne.

I am weary of sighing o'er sorrows of earth,
 O'er joy's glowing visions, that fade at their birth,
 O'er the pang of the loved, which we cannot as-
 stinge,
 O'er the blightings of youth, and the weakness of age.

I am weary of loving what passes away—
 The sweetest, the dearest, alas, may not stay!
 I long for that land where those partings are
 o'er,
 And death and the tomb can divide hearts no more.

I am weary, my Saviour, of grieving thy love:
 O when shall I rest in thy presence above?
 I am weary—O let me never repine,
 While thy word, and thy love, and thy promise
 are mine.

VARIETY.

YANKEE DECISION.

Some time between the year 1812, and 1813, when considerable animosity existed between the people of Canada and the States, and when some of the British subjects, who were "dressed with brief authority," looked upon the Yankees as but little better than brutes,—the following is said to have taken place at the Custom House at St. Johns.—*Raleigh Register.*

A Yankee of considerable dimensions entered the office and informed the officer that he wished to enter his load and receive a passport. The officer cast a sarcastic look at him, and said that it was customary for people when they entered his office to receive passports, to take off their hats, and requested him to do so instantly.

"No, I thank you," said the Yankee, "I paid four dollars for that hat to keep my head and ears warm."

"You impudent puppy," says the officer, working himself into considerable of a passion, "how dare you insult me? Off with your hat immediately!"

"No sir, can't do it, keeps my head proper warm."

After several orders of a similar kind, accompanied with curses and threats, which met with no better success, he stepped up to him and gave him a blow that sent it to the adjacent corner of the room.

The Yankee paid no attention to this, but waited patiently until he had received his passport, folded and deposited it safely within his wallet and was ready to pursue his journey, when turning to the officer he requested him to pick up his hat, and put it on his head.

The officer much wroth, ordered him to leave the office or he might get into trouble—for he did not often make words with men of his description.

"I say, mister," says the Yankee, "you must pick up my hat and that in just about one minute's time, or feel the weight of the death maul," shaking his fist nearer his lordship's face than was agreeable.

The officer raved and swore all to no effect, and finally threatened to cane him if he did not depart.

"Mister," says the Yankee, "time flies considerably kinder fast," and at the same time beginning to unbutton his coat, "and you had better be going after that hat."

After several more threats, which had the desired effect upon his opponent, and the time set being nearly expired, he sneaked off and picked up the hat and offered it to its owner; but he was not satisfied with that, and ordered him to place it on his head precisely as he found it. The officer hesitated, but seeing the determination of the Yankee, he set it upon his head, and was about to depart, when he was collared and ordered to place it as he found it.

"Here," says the Yankee, "tuck this ear under, now the other one, pull it down a little in front, &c." All of which orders the officer reluctantly fulfilled. "There, sir, that's right," says the Yankee, "and now friend, before I leave I will give you a word of good advice—never meddle with a Yankee's hat, unless you are prepared to take a peep into futurity. Good day, sir."

In a personal rencounter at or near Dadeville, Tallapoosa county, Florida, a few days since, Mr. Butler was killed, and his antagonist, name not recollected, mortally wounded.

The Albany Bee states, that a pigeon was shot near Pittsburg, a few days ago, having fastened around his neck a piece of paper on which was written, "Rocky Mountains, May 6, 1840."

SINGULAR CUSTOM IN REGARD TO CRIMINALS.—

We extract the following from a new work recently published, entitled "Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Mount Sinai," by Baron Gerards.
 "There prevails at Lucerne a very extraordinary custom, a custom that makes one shudder, and that exists no where else. The law directs that sentence of death shall not be pronounced upon any who have not confessed their crime. Confessed criminals, from whom no confession can be obtained, are punished with hard labor only. But what a horrible condition is tacked to the miserable life which is left them! At the next execution, the last condemned criminal is compelled to repair to the spot where the scaffold is erected, to catch the head as it falls, and to carry it to the grave, in the presence of the whole population. Some months ago, an unfortunate young woman was convicted of infanticide, and executed. Her wretched accomplice, condemned only to forced labor, because he would not confess his crime, was therefore obliged, as the last person condemned, to take the head of her whom he had loved, whom he had seduced, whom he had ruined. At the sight of that pale and lived head, of that blood-stained hair he started back in horror and affright. In vain he refused to obey; the application of the whip forced him to perform the task.

MATRIMONIAL EXPORT.—In the early settlements of Virginia, when the adventurers were principally unmarried men, it was deemed necessary to export such women as could be prevailed on to quit England, as wives, for the planters. A letter accompanying the shipment of these matrimonial exiles, dated London, August 12, 1621, is illustrative of the manners of the times, and the concern then felt for the welfare of the colony, and for the female virtue. It is as follows:
 "We send you in a ship, one widow and eleven maids, for wives for the people of Virginia; there hath been especial care had in the choice of them, for there hath not one of them been received but upon good commendations.
 "In case that they cannot be presently married, we desire that they be put with several householders that have wives, till they can be provided with husbands. There are nearly fifty more that are shortly to come, and are sent by our Hon. Lord and Treasurer, the Earl of Southampton, and certain worthy gentlemen, who, taking into their consideration that the plantation can never flourish till families are planted, and the respect of wives and children for their people on the soil, therefore having given this fair beginning; for the reimbursing of whose charges, it is ordered that every man that marries them, give one hundred and twenty pounds of leaf tobacco for each of them.
 "Though we are desirous that the marriage be free, according to nature, yet we would not have these maids deceived, and married to servants; but only to such free men and tenants as have means to maintain them. We pray you therefore, to be fathers to them in this business, not enforcing them to marry against their wills."

TO PREVENT HORSES BEING TRAZED BY FLIES.—Take two or three small handfuls of walnut leaves, upon which pour two or three quarts of cold water; let it infuse one night, and pour the whole next morning into a kettle, and let it boil for a quarter of an hour—when cold, it will be fit for use. No more is required than to moisten a sponge, and before the horse goes out of the stable, let those parts which are most irritable be smeared over with the liquor, viz: between and upon the ears, the neck, the flank, &c. Not only the lady or gentleman who rides out for pleasure will derive benefit from the walnut leaves thus prepared but the coachman, the wagoner, and all others, who use horses during the hot months.
 A little boy in Boston has been induced to try the experiment of selling ice water at one cent a glass! The first day he sold 80 glasses, the second 184, and the third 201, making 474 glasses in three days.—The ice having cost 25 cents, he cleared about one hundred and fifty cents a day.

A writer in the Mississippi Free Trader recalls some remarkable coincidences of date on the occurrence of tornadoes in that region. In the month of May, (some say on the 7th) 1822, a very violent hurricane crossed the Mississippi, some 8 miles below Natchez, passed over Saragossa, six miles south of the city, on the Woodville road and the Mendville road in the north easterly direction. The year 1824, on the same date, precisely, another tornado followed in its track, and did much violence in sundry places. The branches and leaves of trees fell in Natchez, and living fish, of three to six inches in length, were picked up in the streets. On the 7th May, 1832 after an interval of eight years, a tornado passed Kingston, Pottsville, and onward in the same direction as the previous, prostrating trees, houses, and every thing it met.
 The tornado in 1840, was on the 7th of May. Here are four tornadoes occurred within a period of 18 years at different intervals, but all on the same day of the same month.—*Journal.*

SWEARING.—Profit or pleasure, there is none in swearing; nor any thing in men's natural tempers to incite them to it. For though some men pour out oaths as freely as if they came naturally from them, yet surely no man is born of a swearing constitution.—*Tillotson.*

A CLEAR CASE.—The Scioto Gazette says: "Mr. Forsyth, in his testy letter about the Vice Presidency, declares that no friend of the Administration can now hope to be elected by the people; and the Administration paper at Pittsburg, (the Mercury) says that, if Col. Johnson cannot be elected, neither can Mr. Van Buren." They are both right; and between them, they make out as clear a case against the Administration as could be desired.

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JAMES CASE, vs. THOMAS TAYLOR. Original attachment levied on land.
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Ten Dollars Reward STOLEN out of the stable at John Love's, in Haywood County, North Carolina, on Saturday night, the 20th instant, a yellow sorrel horse, with a pretty large blaze in his face, extending to his mouth—three white legs—his hind legs both white, with wind-galls on the ancles; he is about fifteen hands and a half high—very heavy bodied, with a beautiful ear, head and neck; he steps short and quick—walks and trots well; one of his hips is a little lower than the other; he is eight years old—he will match himself, if he can, in any place. I wrapped for him four years ago, last February, with a man by the name of Phelps, in Greenville District, S. C. I have since rode him on the Blainville, Lafayette, and Spring Place Circuits, in Georgia, and Franklin Circuit, N. C. DANIEL PAYNE. Franklin, June 26, 1840. 3t-4

NOTICE.
 ALL persons are hereby forewarned against trading for five notes of hand, executed by me to Henry Hill, and witnessed by William Hillman, bearing date Feb. 24, 1837, and payable in the years 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, and 1843. The amount of each particular note is not recited, but the amount of the whole was \$900. Said notes are supposed to have been stolen, and I have this day settled the entire amount. DAVID HILL. June 24th, 1840. 3w-5

State of North Carolina, BUNCOMBE COUNTY, In Equity—Spring Term, 1840. JAMES OSBORN, vs. SAMUEL SMITH, and others.
 UPON the coming in of the answers, the Injunction was dissolved, and the Bill continued over as an original bill. At a subsequent term, leave was given to amend the bill by making James Allen a party. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said James Allen is not an inhabitant of this State, it was ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the "Highland Messenger," for the defendant James Allen to appear at the next Court of Equity to be held for the county of Buncombe, at the Court House in Asheville, on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in September next; then and there to plead, answer or demur to said bill, or the same will be taken pro confesso and set for hearing ex parte. A true copy from the minutes. Test, E. H. McCLUIRE, C. M. E. [Pr's fee, \$5 25.] 1t-2

State of North Carolina, HAYWOOD COUNTY, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, June Sessions, 1840. GEORGE W. HAYS, vs. W. W. WELCH. Original Attachment, levied on Land.
 IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this State, it is ordered by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the "Highland Messenger," for the defendant W. W. Welch to appear before the Justices of the Court aforesaid, at the next Court to be held for the county of Haywood, at the Court House in Waynesville, on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in September next, then and there to reply and plead to issue, or judgment will be entered against him, and the land levied on condemned to satisfy said debt and costs. Witness, WILLIAM WELCH, Clk. July, 1840. [Pr's fee \$4 00.] 6w-5

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