

Miscellaneous.



DEFENCE OF HOE-CAKES.

Dinah, in her kitchen seated
By the oven's vapor fann'd,
To herself these words repeated,
Sambó's letter in her hand:
"Hang de fellow!—dis is no cake,
Lorry marcy—what I say?
He has sent me dis here hoe-cake,
To eat upon de weddin' day!"
Then she sigh'd and mix'd the flour,
Roll'd the stubborn dough, and
Nothing said for near an hour,
Save—"Heigho—dem men—dem
men!"
Fiddle notes—the watchman's mis-
sion—
Fun and frolic—hopes and fears—
Crowded on her mental vision,
Till pots and plates dissolved in
tears!
Simple girl!—but see she raises
Her greas'd face—all's moonshine;
Marvel not—she loves like blazes,
Gaze upon that sable brow.
Now she pulls her knotted tresses,
Smiles, and turns the hoe-cake o'er,
To the smoke her love confesses,
Which she ne'er has done before.
Hush!—she speaks again!—oh, hear
her,
"Sambó, I am all yer own!
Tink my fection more sincere,
For hoe-cake and you alone!"
Sambó sought the dusky maiden,
Pressed her to his heart for life—
And with love and hoe-cake laden,
They became—like man and wife!
Do my readers ask, "Sir poet,
Wherefore spin a yarn so long?"
To instruct you—and I'll show it;
Mark me well, ye wooing throng:
Don't send your fair a sugar show
cake,
If you truly, fondly feel;
Send your love a real hoe-cake
Made o' the very best of meal.

OH HO!

Fair women win the hearts of men,
Men, the hearts of women too;
It has been so, the Lord knows
when—
What can the poor things do?
Their blue eyes will be blue eyes
still,
Will have fire, and lips will warm,
Lips will be lips, say what they will,
And to kiss them, where's the
harm?
To church, to marry, fair one go,
Bells in belfries toll ding, dong,
If your mother did not so,
Then your mother, child, was
wrong.

A College for Ladies.—The Legislature of Kentucky has made itself ridiculous by incorporating an Institution under the euphonious title of "Van Doren's College for Young Ladies," and has granted the Trustees and Faculty the power to confer a Diploma and the honorary degree of M. P. L. (Mistress of Polite Literature,) or as some say, Mistress of Petticoat Law, alias government) upon such young ladies as complete the prescribed course of study, and upon other distinguished literary ladies in the country. Also the degrees of M. M. (Mistress of Music) and M. I. (Mistress of Instruction) upon suitable candidates. We would propose an amendment to the charter, viz. that the said Trustees and Faculty have power to confer the degree of M. F. (Master of Folly,) and that the first recipient be Mr. Van Doren himself.

Texas.—A project has been introduced into the Mexican Congress, to separate the Province of Texas from the State of Coahuila, and erect it into a Military Commandancy. The object seems to be, to prevent too free an exercise of the popular will, which has manifested itself of late in a manner displeasing to the Mexican government.

Celebrated Horses.—We learn the following facts respecting some celebrated English horses, recently imported,) from the Philadelphia Inquirer:

Messrs. Avery & Merritt, of Virginia, have imported the celebrated horses Tranby, by Blacklock, and Whale, by Whalebone. The two first and the last are of the highest distinction, and Whale is a runner of fair character. Tranby is one of the horses that was ridden by Mr. Osbaldistone, in his great match against time, in which he did two hundred miles in eight hours and 42 min-

utes, having 10 hours allowed him. Tranby was the greatest performer of the day, in point of time and distance. He ran sixteen miles, and the third heat of 4 miles in 8 minutes, carrying 157 pounds. This was equal to the running of Eclipse and Henry, in their great race. The above gentlemen have, within the last three years, imported the following horses, viz: W. Godolphin, Luzborough, Fylde, Master Henry, Sarpedon, Chateau Margaux, Claret, Tranby and Whale. They lost on the passage, Godolphin and Master Henry. Chateau Margaux cost \$12,000, and is a horse of the highest reputation. Each of these horses is producing to the spirited owners at least \$5,000 per year, and some of them nearly double that sum.

A boy at Providence, a short time since crept under a planing machine to get some shavings, and raising his head incautiously, it was shaved clean off just above the ears.

Virginia.—Under the law of Virginia, making appropriations for the removal of the free people of color, it appears that during the year 1834, only 11 males and 9 females have left that State for Liberia. The expense of their transportation was \$580.—*Poulson.*

Tusculoosa, Feb. 26.

The Late Murderers.—The negro man who murdered his master, Mr. Trussels, in Greene county, a short time since, died in jail a few days ago at Erie; he was to have been executed tomorrow. His crime was of a most enormous character. The account, which we published of the horrid transaction 2 weeks ago was imperfect. We have since learned that he murdered 5 persons. He first killed his Master, then wounded his Mistress, of which wound she has since died. He then murdered a negro woman; he then set fire to the house, and in the conflagration, the infant child of Mr. Trussels and a small Negro were destroyed. We have been told that it is more than probable, this infuriated demon was concerned in the Southampton insurrection, two years ago.

The three negroes who murdered their young master, Mr. Sveringen, in Fayette county, have been tried and convicted. They were to have been executed yesterday.—*Flag of the Union.*

More Rail Road Disturbances.—On Friday, about 11 o'clock, an express arrived in this city, not to inform the President of the United States that the French had commenced hostilities, but to inform Gen. Hunter, the Marshal of the District, that a serious disturbance had broken out amongst the Dutch Laborers on the Washington and Baltimore Rail Road, about four miles from this city, not far from Bladensburg. The Marshal with his deputy, Mr. T. Woodward, and Samuel Stettinius, Esq. promptly repaired to the seat of war, accompanied by the following officers of police: R. R. Burr, L. S. Beek, M. Tippet, M. Jeffers, H. B. Robertson, C. F. Buexestine, H. Sengstack, Thomas Barrett, M. Reardon, D. S. Waters, and L. Ashton. On the arrival of the Marshal and his officers, they found themselves in the midst of the refractory laborers, who had been engaged in a very serious affray with muskets and other deadly weapons. Five or six Dutchmen were wounded with shot, one or two severely, but none (it is thought by Dr. B. Miller, who attended the wounded men) mortally.

The Marshal acted with great promptitude and energy. He succeeded, notwithstanding the great excitement which prevailed among the large body of laborers all along the road, in securing 12 prisoners, to wit: 11 Dutchmen and 1 Frenchman, and in taking from them about a dozen muskets! The prisoners were marched, under an escort consisting of the Marshal, his Deputy, and the officers above mentioned, & safely lodged in jail about 5 o'clock. We were present while the prisoners were under examination before S. Stettinius and J. N. Moulder,

Esq's. Two of the men we saw, were wounded with shot, though not severely. We understand that one of the wounded men can swear positively to the person who fired at him. The prisoners will undergo a further examination on Monday next. It appears that this riot originated in a determination on the part of a considerable number of the Dutch laborers to obtain higher wages, or have a fight about it. Another party, who, though not averse to higher wages, refused to make war upon the contractors, were themselves attacked by the war party. Hence the blows and wounds that followed. We consider the Marshal's promptitude and energy, aided as he was, by an efficient magistrate and police officers, has probably prevented murder or the loss of lives. It is much to be desired, that the real offenders and ringleaders may be brought to condign punishment. *Washington Mirror.*

Barbarity.—A mercantile house in this city has received a letter from a gentleman in St. Mary's, a border town in Georgia, on the river St. Mary, which separates Georgia from Florida. It is a shocking picture of the state of society in a certain class.

St. Mary's Geo. Saturday, 21st Feb.—On Wednesday night the most brutal, cowardly and horrible murders, were committed by Tom King, 3d, and his sons, on Nancy Casey and young James Scott, and it is presumed by this time, Baldwin Casey is also dead.—Mr. Demot and old Mrs. Casey, both dangerously wounded.

It appears that on Wednesday night, after tea, King's oldest unmarried daughter, about 18 years old, let his flat adrift, so he could not follow, and jumped into the boat, and paddled over the river, and met William Casey, to whom she was married. King mustered his sons, John, George, Hiram and Josiah, and crossed the river at my place (which is one mile below him) where he was joined by William & Simeon Rouse. They had sworn vengeance whenever this marriage, which they expected, should take place. They all proceeded to John Casey's house, the door of which was shut. John King, burst open the door, and said "there the way is clear." He, with the two Rouses, remained at the door. King and his other sons entered, and the old man went up to Mrs. Casey, cursed and stabbed at her. Demot and Scott had just accidentally stepped in to warm themselves. Demot partly caught the blow on his own arm, which was aimed at Mrs. Casey, and it severed her breast through, and King caught Demot by the waist and stabbed him in the back. Scott attempted to pull King off of Demot, when Hiram stabbed him. Scott retreated and Hiram pursued—cut his bowels through in several places. He staggered about 80 feet and fell to rise no more. King then went up to Nancy Casey, she begged for her life; said she had done him no harm, and to have compassion on a defenceless woman, with a child at her breast. He stabbed her twice, I believe she ran a little away, fell and expired. The next day, her child was found, vainly endeavoring to extract nourishment from the breast of a corpse. Baldwin Casey had been a little frost bitten. George King went to his bed, and stabbed and cut him as he lay, three times; his bowels completely cut through in several places; and Dr. Holland who sewed them up, and gave the foregoing relation, says he cannot possibly live. From their conduct and threats, it is supposed their design was, to kill all they found at Casey's, and thus destroy all evidence. The young couple, it appears, happened to go to Muzzle's, about three miles off, instead of to Casey's, and thus escaped the fate which awaited them. They have not even the miserable excuse of drunkenness. All the murderers were sober at that particular time. King had been drinking a day or two before. All of them fled, except John King and the two Rouses, who, as they did not use knives,

thought nothing could be done to them. They are now in jail at Jefferson, but the old man and his other sons have fled.—*U. S. Gaz.*

Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Rail-way.—We understand from the Engineer, that about 700 hands are now employed upon the line of this Rail-way, between Richmond and the North Anna River, and that the buildings are about to be commenced in this city, upon the ground purchased as a site for the depot. An agent will shortly be sent to England, to procure Iron for the 27 miles of road now under contract, and also to procure two Locomotives and Tenders. During the summer and fall, the Cars for passengers will be obtained; and in the course of next Winter, it is expected that the portion of road now under contract will be in use.

Richmond Enquirer.

Shocking.—A respectable widow lady of Philadelphia, Mrs. Rachel Quarles, residing alone in an apartment in Middle street, was found dead on Friday morning in the back-yard of the house; her clothes nearly all consumed by fire. It is supposed that her clothes took fire by accident, and that she ran out of doors to alarm the neighborhood and fell down suffocated by the flames, and expired.

The Mormons of South Hadley, Mass. were lately disturbed by a gang of idle fellows, who interrupted their devotions by violence and noise. The sect is extending in the Bay State. The religious exercises consist of dances and exhortations.

The bill for the suppression of Bank Notes of a less denomination than five dollars, has passed both branches of the Legislature of New Jersey, and has become a law.

A car on the Amboy and Camden rail-road caught fire on the 4th inst, as is supposed, from the locomotive engine. A part of the baggage, and a considerable portion of two bags of newspapers for the south were destroyed. The contents of the newspaper bags were separated at the Philadelphia post office, and whatever was legible was forwarded according to the directions; and the balance returned to N. York same evening.

Washington Globe.

We learn that the stage with the second mail from Baltimore, due at this city on the afternoon of the 10th inst. was overtaken by the Bladensburg branch. The following letter on the subject is from the Postmaster at Bladensburg.

"I wrote you late this evening a hasty note by one of the stage drivers, informing you of the serious disaster that happened to the mail from Baltimore. We saved the only two mail bags on the coach, viz. the way and the heavy mail from Baltimore with letters and papers for the District, as also a quantity of paper packages for the South, many of which, however, are entirely washed to pieces, having been under water upwards of two hours. I have at this time, 10 o'clock at night, nearly finished the drying of your letter and paper packages, and hope to get through with the South-to-morrow; the former you will receive with the way mail to-morrow. The papers for the South I shall have to envelope anew.

"Three gentlemen and two ladies were with great difficulty saved from drowning, and were taken out nearly exhausted. The body of the stage came against the bridge, and sunk entirely, from whence it has since been drawn by a cable.—*ib.*

The prisoners confined in the Baltimore jail made an attempt to free themselves some days ago. They had nearly accomplished their object, having already gained passage to the yard of the jail, but were frustrated by

the self possession and promptitude of the wife of the keeper of the prison, who gave timely alarm.

Horrors of the sea.—The brig Caroline arrived lately at Helford, from America, after a long and tempestuous passage. After having been about a week on her voyage, the man at the wheel cried out, "a rock ahead." The captain ran forward, and discovered a boat. It containing six living men, but in the last state of wretchedness, and one man dead, lying at the bottom of the boat, whose blood they had drank, and a part of whose flesh they had fed on in the morning! These sufferers were the only survivors of a crew of 14. They had been about 9 days in the boat, driving about, suffering what no tongue can describe, from hunger, and particularly from thirst. Two that had died could bear the pangs of thirst no longer, and in the bitterness of agony, drank salt water; the consequence was, they became deranged and died. The first victim had been thrown overboard; the second remained in the boat, whose mangled body manifested the irresistible cravings of the hunger that his barely surviving shipmates were suffering under.—*Welsh paper.*

Seventy Years Hence.—The Long Island Farmer, looking forward to the close of the present century—when the times that now are shall have become times that are long past, and but here and there an old man shall survive, who was a child in the hard winter of '35—quite prophetically describes a scene like the following:

"When the little urchins come in shivering with the cold, the patriarch will say, 'Oh, boys, this is nothing to the winter of '35, when I was a little fellow. Ah! we have had no such winters since. It was a cold time I assure you. Why, the quicksilver in the thermometers froze. Horses were frozen to death in the stables. Wells, 83 feet deep, were covered with a thick surface of ice."

A Prayer Answered.—We are credibly informed that about two weeks since, a Drover stopped for the night to a farmer's house between this place and Somerset, Pa., and in the morning upon counting the hogs, found several missing. Diligent search being made without success, suspicion led the Drover and Landlord to take out a search warrant for a suspicious neighbor's premises.

They went to and asked the suspected man if he knew anything of the lost Hogs, and received for answer, "No." They insisted upon and commenced a search, and whilst in the act of examining the house, the suspicious individual became irritated and alarmed, and with a view to deter them from further search, declared before his maker that he knew nothing of them—that if he did, he hoped that "God would strike him dead and the devil might take him." Notwithstanding this, they continued their search, and finally found the Hogs salted away in the barn, secreted beneath some hay.

After legally proving property, they seized the man to take him to the Somerset jail. They had not proceeded more than two miles, when he was heard to utter a cry and seen to fall to the ground a dead man.

The person in company with him returned his body to his friends, whilst his guilty soul went to appear before the bar of an angry God.

Maryland Advertiser.

Extraordinary discovery of an ancient Printing Press in India.—When Warren Hastings was Gov. General in India he observed that in the district of Benares, a little below the surface of the earth, it is to be found a stratum of a kind of fibrous woody substance, of various thickness, in horizontal layers. Major Robuck informed of this, went out with a party of scientific friends to a spot where an excavation had been made, displaying this singular phenomenon. In digging some-

what deeper for the purpose of further research, they discovered a vault which on examination proved to be of some size, and their astonishment, they kind of printing press, set up in a vault, and on it movable type, as if ready for printing. Enquiry was set on foot to ascertain the probable period of such an instrument could have been placed there for it was evidently not of modern origin, from all the Major could ascertain it appeared probable that the place had remained precisely as it was found for at least 100 years. We believe the Major, on his return home, presented one of our learned patriots with a memoir containing many curious speculations on the subject. Paper we know to have been manufactured in the many centuries before we have any knowledge of it; and many reasons to think that Chinese have been acquainted with the mode of printing, they now employ, centuries before Faust invented it in Europe. It certainly does not credit the inventive genius of the Romans, know that they approached near as to engrave in a style to be equalled in the present, on gems and stones, and of the taking of impressions of them, that they should have remained ignorant of the art, has bestowed so many blessings on mankind.—*Portfolia.*

Ansley Copper Mine, the vicinity of Mineral near Galena lead mines, it is now promises a profitable one to their owner, who, for a number of years, has expended and money in working the mine without ever having been able to reap the rewards of his perseverance and industry.

The Galenian says:—in time in October last two experienced English miners, after examination of the ground, specimens of ore which had been found, proposed to Mr. A. work upon it and take for labor one third of the ore, might find.

The proposal was accepted, the miners profitably employed in lead ore digging, forsook and commenced working at copper ground. They have at the depth of about five feet, since the 10th of November, have raised about 70,000 lbs. which from experiments made, it is believed will amount to 50 per cent. This amount of ore has been raised by the labor of two men who have been constantly employed, lost several days work in repairing their cabin, &c. for work, and in no instance have they to a greater depth than six feet. They have however discovered parts of the diggings the ore takes downward, and it is believed that a large amount of it will be found by sinking the crevices of the rock, in the place where the mine is now at work; this will tempt in the course of the winter. It is expected the miners will have one thousand pounds of ore ready the furnace by the first of next. Mr. A. and those connected with him, we learn are making arrangements to have the ore melted here, and thus the expense of transportation some of our Atlantic cities, success crown that enterprise which has already demonstrated that as our inviting country known to be "the half has been told."

Wonderful Family.—So as it may appear, it is never true, that there lives in the of New Bedford a family consisting of 5 brothers and 6 sisters (11 in number) whose weight is twenty-four hundred pounds! One of the ladies weighs nearly three hundred.—*N. B.*

Mr. Grymes, who attempted to kill the Speaker of the Louisiana Assembly, by firing at him with a pistol ball, on the 21st was, by order of the House, commanded by said Speaker to be discharged. Quite cool easy.—*Noah.*