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## DOMESTIC.

**Utica Anti-Slavery Convention.**  
The following extract from a  
letter, published in the New York  
Daily Advertiser, gives an account  
of the proceedings at Peter-  
borough:

Utica, October 23, 1835.—Gen-  
tlemen.—In my last I mentioned  
that the Convention had adjourned  
to Whitesborough. I should  
have said Petersborough. The  
members, after having received an  
invitation from Garret Smith, Esq.,  
adjourned to the latter place.  
There the Society appointed Wm.  
Jay, Esq. of Bedford, President  
of the New York Anti-Slavery  
Society; and a Vice President for  
each senatorial district.

A subscription was opened  
which amounted to eleven hun-  
dred dollars. The state society  
will have Utica for the theatre of  
its operations, where they will carry  
on their printing, &c. About  
six hundred enrolled their names  
at Utica, and about four hundred  
arrived afterwards. Almost every  
county in the state was numer-  
ously represented; and the con-  
vention was the largest ever held  
in this state on any occasion.  
The vote of the common council  
of Utica is about a fair specimen  
of the opinion of the people of this  
town. The rioters were a good  
many of them from other towns.  
The grog shops were thrown  
open, and liquor furnished gratu-  
itously prior to the meeting of the  
mob. The excitement which has  
been got up is altogether political.

**A Melancholy Accident.**—On  
Tuesday last, towards evening,  
there was a steamboat launch, at  
the ship-yard in Fulton, a little  
above the city; on which occasion  
a number of spectators had con-  
gregated around and near the  
boat—all was joy, life, and activity.  
The signal for starting was  
to be the firing of a cannon. All  
things being ready, the word  
"Fire," was given—the man with  
the match cried out to the crowd  
to clear the way, and touched off  
the cannon. The crowd did not  
move fast enough; one young  
man, by the name of Thorpe, who  
was within six feet of the cannon's  
muzzle, was most horribly man-  
gled. It is said that he appeared  
perfectly calm and sensible, utter-  
ing neither shriek nor groan;  
but when he took a survey of him-  
self, and beheld the work of des-  
truction that had been made upon  
his own fragile person, a few wan-  
dering tears trickled down his  
cheeks. He was a young man of  
very genteel appearance.

Cincinnati Republican.

**Important to non-resident Land  
Owners in Illinois.**—The Rome  
Telegraph says, the Treasurer of  
Illinois writes to a correspondent  
in this place as follows: "An act  
was passed at the last session of  
our Legislature imposing a road  
tax on the lands of all non-resi-  
dents, which has to be paid to the  
county where the land lies. I ad-  
vise you of this fact as it is but  
little known abroad. It is arbi-  
trary, and will be ruinous in its  
tendency."

A case of death by hydro-  
phobia occurred last week in York  
county, Pennsylvania. About six  
weeks previously Mr. Matthew  
Black had been bitten by a mad  
dog, and on the 20th instant he  
was affected by strange sensations,  
which threw him into spasms  
whenever water was presented to  
him. Two days afterward he ex-  
pired, while under the influence of  
one of these paroxysms.

**Sad Death.**—Charles Hyde, a  
lad recently from England, was  
killed at the shop of R. Hoe & Co.  
in Gold street, on Friday evening,  
by the following sad and unusual  
accident. He was lighting the  
lamps for the evening, and stand-  
ing near a large grindstone which  
was running with great velocity,  
but upon a shaft so true, that the  
poor boy not noticing the motion  
stepped on it. His leg was in-  
stantly carried under the guard,  
where it remained near a minute  
before his condition became  
known, during which time the  
limb was ground nearly off. He  
was taken out insensible, but re-  
vived afterwards sufficiently to re-  
late the circumstances of the acci-  
dent.

**About Right.**—The Bangor  
Advertiser tells a good story of a  
Yankee who was refused a dinner  
at one of the taverns down east,  
until he had shown the landlord  
his 'pewter.' Boniface then did  
his best, and at the sound of the  
bell in walked the Yankee, and  
taking a general survey of the  
table, turned to his host and said,  
"Mister, you've seed my money,  
and I've seed your dinner—good  
bye!"

**Petersburg and Roanoke Rail  
Road.**—On the 2d instant, the  
President and Directors of this  
Company declared a dividend for  
the last six months of five per cent.  
No better evidence of the success  
which has attended this improve-  
ment can be required.—*Pet. Int.*

Notice is given in the Dan-  
ville Reporter that a petition will  
be presented to the Legislature at  
its next session "for the incorpora-  
tion of a Company to construct a  
Rail Road from the western ter-  
minations of the existing Eastern  
Rail Roads on the Roanoke, to  
Danville, Evansham, &c."—*ib.*

There seems to be no end  
to schemes for the investment of  
capital. The Globe gives us the  
first intimation of an intention to  
establish another city in the Dis-  
trict of Columbia. That paper of  
Monday, says:—"We understand  
that there is some scheme of estab-  
lishing a Commercial City on the  
shore of the Potomac, opposite  
Washington, where the deep wa-  
ter is said to render it accessible  
for large vessels. We have heard  
it said that New York capital  
would be invested in this under-  
taking—and that it is designed  
to meet the trade of the Ches-  
apeake and Ohio Canal at this  
point, and carry it out by tow-  
boats, employed regularly in tak-  
ing vessels to sea, in place of pilot  
boats."—*ib.*

The resolution of the House  
of Representatives of Tennessee,  
nominating Judge White for the  
Presidency, have passed the Sen-  
ate by a vote of 23 to 2.

The New Orleans Union  
says: "We hear on all sides de-  
mands for private residences.  
We have plenty of stores and  
offices; but few conveniences for  
those families who desire to take  
their abodes among us. Rents  
are enormously high; no decent  
house fit to live in, can be obtain-  
ed under 60 dollars per month;  
whilst 1000 dollars per annum  
seems to be a fair rent, for any

house of the most moderate pre-  
tensions. We think that some of  
the capital of our city could be  
most advantageously employed in  
the erection of neat and commo-  
dious dwellings. By buildings of  
this character, we secure a per-  
manent population."

**Something new.**—We find in the  
Baltimore Gazette, the following  
curious piece of information, illus-  
trative of the ingenuity and enter-  
prize of our Northern brethren.

The Wincasnet Intelligencer  
mentions a clearance from that  
port somewhat out of the ordi-  
nary transactions at the custom  
house. It seems that a 2 story  
dwelling house was launched at  
Wincasnet on the first instant, sail-  
ed for the port of Edgecombe and  
arrived there on the same day. It  
is impossible in reading this  
account, not to think of poor John  
Brainard, and his methodist meet-  
ing house, which was spoken in  
long island sound on its passage  
to the Gulf of Mexico.

**Assault on a Father by his son.**  
—Great indignation was excited  
on change to day, by a report that  
one of our oldest and most respec-  
table merchants and ship owners,  
had been assaulted and beat  
by his son and partner. Had he  
appeared on the street, he would  
have been hissed off. We learn  
that it is not the first offence of  
the same kind he has committed  
against his parent, whose name he  
wears and disgraces.

We understand that the individ-  
ual alluded to in the above para-  
graph is Mr. Lot Wheelwright  
Jr. and that his father was badly  
wounded in the head, his son hav-  
ing struck him with the butt end  
of his riding whip, while riding  
with the old gentleman on the  
Mill Dam.

The affair has very naturally  
produced a high degree of excite-  
ment among our merchants, who  
are determined to disgrace the  
offender, by excluding him from  
the Insurance offices, the News  
Room, &c. An example certainly  
ought to be made of the fellow.  
His money ought not to protect  
him. Old Mr. Wheelwright, we  
are informed, after his son struck  
him on the head, bled profusely,  
and was finally obliged to return  
to his house in Brighton.

The outrage has also produced  
much excitement among the peo-  
ple of Brighton, where the elder  
Mr. Wheelwright is deservedly  
respected. We have known the  
old Gentleman from our child-  
hood, and he has always sustained  
the character of an amiable and  
inoffensive man.—*Boston Trans.*

**Dreadful Catastrophe.**—We  
have never been called, (says the  
Aiken S. C. Telegraph of the  
30th ultimo,) to record a more di-  
abolical act, than was perpetrated  
on Ford creek, on Saturday  
night, by some person or persons  
unknown. The House of Mr.  
Smiths was forcibly entered, the  
inmates most inhumanly butcher-  
ed, several valuable articles stolen,  
and the splendid dwelling of  
Mr. S. and the bodies of thirteen  
murdered individuals entirely con-  
sumed. Among them was Mr. S.  
and wife and five children, and six  
others whose names our informant  
could not learn, as they were Ger-  
man emigrants, and journeying to  
some of the upper districts. Sup-  
position rests upon a white man  
who was seen dodging about the  
neighborhood for some days be-  
fore, but has not been seen since.  
We really think such acts should  
not be permitted to be committed  
with impunity. It is a disgrace  
to any community, and the civil  
authorities ought to exert them-  
selves in endeavoring to bring the  
villain to exemplary justice.

Most deeply do we deplore the  
loss of Mr. S. and family. He

was for a number of years a mem-  
ber of the state legislature, an  
intelligent and honest man, and  
for a long time a worthy member  
of the Methodist church.

We understand that \$10,000  
reward is offered for the perpetra-  
tor of this horrid act.

There has been an over-  
whelming freshet in the Rivers of  
the Western part of New York,  
sweeping away Mill's, Bridges,  
Houses, Fences, Cattle, &c. to an  
immense amount.

**Profitable Begging on the Mis-  
sissippi.**—A stout young fellow by  
the name of Benj. Lewis, we  
learn from the Natchez Courier,  
has been ordered by the com-  
mittee of vigilance of that town,  
to quit the state as a notorious  
swindler. For some years he has  
been engaged in trade, but his  
most lucrative source of profit was  
a mock beggar or stool pigeon,  
whom he employed, in the shape  
of an old woman, and who, under  
the alleged desire of procuring  
sufficient funds to remove to Pearl  
River, has extorted from the sym-  
pathies of the good people of that  
county several hundred dollars.  
Lewis himself, has swindled the  
inhabitants out of several thou-  
sands.

**Another Insurrection on the  
Spanish Main.**—Capt. Wain-  
wright, of the British brig Sylph,  
arrived on Saturday last, in 14  
days from Port Spain, (Trinidad),  
informs us, that an insurrection  
had broken out on the Main, and  
that the inhabitants were fleeing  
in every direction for safety. A-  
bout 500 of the fugitives had ar-  
rived at Trinidad a few days pre-  
vious to the departure of Capt.  
W.—*Norfolk Beacon.*

**Arkansas.**—The legislative  
council of this territory assembled  
at Little Rock on the 5th inst.  
Gov. Fulton, in his message, con-  
gratulates the council on its being  
the last time they meet as the  
"legislative department of a de-  
pendent government." The popu-  
lation exceeds the number con-  
stitutionally required for admis-  
sion into the Union. The Gov-  
ernor, therefore, takes the ground  
of Michigan, and doubts the pow-  
er of Congress to require the sub-  
mission of a constitution as the  
condition of admission. He thinks  
the question of slavery will not be  
agitated in respect to Arkansas, as  
a law of Congress places her with-  
in the prescribed limits of slave-  
holding states. Notwithstanding  
the expenditures of the territory  
are chiefly defrayed by the United  
States, there is a deficit in the  
treasury of \$8000. Nearly a  
million of acres of public lands  
have been sold in Arkansas within  
the last 18 months. The Gov-  
ernor thinks the practice of private  
citizens carrying arms, is pro-  
ductive of quarrels and bloodshed.  
He recommends a petition to the  
general government for two arse-  
nals and a battalion of United  
States troops.

A young abolitionist mis-  
sionary, named Gum, who has  
been making many reports with-  
out doing any execution in several  
of the western towns of Pennsylv-  
ania, was surrounded by the citi-  
zens of a village on the Mononga-  
hela, drawn from the turnip bin in  
a cellar, in which he had secreted  
himself by favor of the females of  
the house, arrayed in petticoats  
and short gown, and led out of  
the village amidst the groans and his-  
ses of the citizens.—*N. Y. Sun.*

**Conviction for Perjury.**—At a  
late court for Portage county,  
Ohio, Col. W. B. Washington  
was convicted of perjury, and sen-  
tenced to 7 years imprisonment.  
He was a man of standing and

property, whose avarice prompted  
him to commit the perjury.

Walter Hayward, Jr. aged  
24 years, was recently found sus-  
pended from an oak tree, in the  
vicinity of his residence at Bridge-  
water, Con. He was married on  
the 12th ult. Verdict, insanity.

An outrage of the most extra-  
ordinary character, was commit-  
ted at West Springfield, Mass. on  
19th ult. Mr. Aaron Day's two  
daughters, the eldest about 12  
years, went to bed as usual in a  
lower room in the front part of  
the house, very accessible from  
the street. The parents slept in  
the back part of the house. About  
12 o'clock the girls' room was en-  
tered, and the eldest taken from  
the bed in a sound sleep. She  
did not awake till the fellow had  
carried her out of the house, when  
she found herself in his arms, and  
raised a cry of alarm. He spoke  
to her in a soothing manner and  
charged her to be silent. But she  
cried murder, when he grappled  
her throat and nearly strangled  
her. Mr. Day by this time  
was alarmed, came out and saw  
his daughter approaching him,  
she being about two rods distant  
from the house. Mr. Day saw  
the villain go away, and might  
probably have caught him had he  
not been engrossed with the care  
of his frightened and almost stran-  
gled daughter. The Selectmen  
of the town have offered a reward  
of \$500 for the detection of the  
villain.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The following is worthy of  
imitation by every religious de-  
nomination in our country:—

Bishops Hedding and Emory,  
of the Methodist Episcopal church  
have recently addressed a Pastoral  
Letter to the New Hampshire and  
New England Conferences, ex-  
horting their preachers and mem-  
bers to have nothing to do with  
the Abolition Society and its lec-  
turers, and to refuse them the use  
of their Pulpits and Houses.

A late Arkansas paper print-  
ed at Little Rock, says:

"Near a ton of old newspapers,  
which have been accumulating at  
Memphis, since July, was received  
at our Post Office yesterday, hav-  
ing been brought up in the steam-  
boat Neosho. Our portion ar-  
mounted to several hundred,  
which are of no use to us except  
for wrapping paper."

The Milton Farmer and  
Democrat mentions the sudden  
death, on the 16th inst. at Muncy  
Dam, of Mrs. Catherine Earls,  
wife of Mr. John Earls, and adds  
that circumstances attending the  
death of Mrs. Earls led the neigh-  
borhood to believe that she had  
come to an untimely end by poi-  
son, and implicated her husband  
in the deed. Her body was taken  
up on Tuesday last, and an ex-  
amination had by several physi-  
cians. The appearance of the  
stomach and bowels would induce  
a belief in the suspicion. Earls  
has been committed to the jail of  
Lycoming, and we understand  
the stomach has been sent to  
Philadelphia to proper chemists,  
to detect the poison (arsenic), if  
be any there in it.

**A Cow worth having.**—Mr.  
Barnitz, of York, Pennsylvania,  
offers for sale a choice stock of  
cattle, amongst which is a cow  
that produces from sixteen to  
twenty pounds of butter a week.  
The Farmer and Gardener says  
that her milk, even while perfect-  
ly sweet, can be converted into  
butter in less than a minute, by  
merely stirring it with a spoon.  
The price asked is \$300.

**A Desirable Widow.**—A "Sub-  
scriber" up town (says the N. Y.

Sun,) has poured out to us nearly  
a sheet full of lamentation over  
the miseries which he and his fam-  
ily are daily suffering from the  
annoyances of the female head of  
a family occupying upper apart-  
ments in the same house with  
himself. In summing up the al-  
most innumerable light and shad-  
ows of her character, he describes  
her as a woman who "can jump  
higher, squat lower, talk faster,  
lick more children, waste more  
rain water, spill more grease,  
keep more cats, use more foul  
words and piratical oaths, and  
finally, eat more onions and drink  
more gin, than any other woman  
within the sound of the City Hall  
clock, at 2 in the morning." If  
this woman is not a very desirable  
wife, mother and neighbor, com-  
mend the dissatisfied to Bedlam.

**Refinement.**—An accomplished  
Miss on returning to her father's  
house, after having been one  
quarter to a fashionable Boarding  
School, quite shocked her brother,  
whose language and ideas  
were quite unsophisticated with  
her refined expressions. "I de-  
clare," said he one day to his fa-  
ther, "our Sally has got so larned  
that I can't understand above one  
half what she says—'Twas only  
this morning that she stork a po  
on to tater and a mo on to lasses."

**College Honor worthily bes-  
towed.**—Under this caption, the  
Albany Evening Journal states,  
that Union College has conferred  
the honorary degree of A. M. upon  
John Patterson, of that city, a  
Journeyman Printer. The re-  
marks of the Journal upon this ve-  
ry proper act of the faculty of Un-  
ion College will best display  
the merits of the individual who  
has been thus honored:

Mr. Patterson, who served his  
apprenticeship at Buffalo, came  
to this city some twelve years ago,  
where he has since worked, and is  
still working as a Journeyman.  
He is now one of the best practical  
printers in the Union. By devot-  
ing those hours of relaxation  
which most of us idle away, to  
severe study, Mr. Patterson has  
not only stored his mind with use-  
ful general information, but ac-  
quired a knowledge of Mathe-  
matics which has won for him a  
Degree from one of the most re-  
putable Colleges in the Union.  
In addition to all this, with a fam-  
ily to support from his earnings,  
Mr. Patterson has garnered up  
about \$3000, the fruits of patient  
toil and economy. Such an in-  
stance of industry and frugality,  
combined with high intellectual  
aspirations, is worthy of the palmy  
days of Rutenhouse and Franklin.

**Just the thing for the Girls.**—  
A Mr. Arthur Addington of Pro-  
vidence, advertises in the Journal of  
that city, that he (or more likely  
his wife) has invented a machine,  
which he calls a *spark catcher*,  
and which possesses the singu-  
lar property of retaining them after  
they are caught. We doubt not  
the inventor will receive the just  
reward of his labors; the homage  
of the fair sex, upon whom he has  
conferred a monopoly, the only  
one against which the demoeats  
won't rebel. Happy man!  
Though the girls won't openly al-  
low your merits, depend on it, if  
your present 'better half' should  
happen in her departure to precede  
you—you will stand the best  
chance of getting the prettiest girl  
in New England.

The New Bedford Gazette  
states that Mark Winslow, who  
committed suicide lately in a pris-  
on in Boston, was the brother of  
Mrs. Chapman, the paramour of  
Mina, so well known in this vicini-  
ty, and that he had grown gray in  
crime.