

MISCELLANEOUS

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WOMAN.

By J. R. Sutermeister.

When in young Eden's bower,
Man breathed the vernal air,
Soft fragrance blessed each flower,
Which bloomed in beauty there.
The green earth smiled in gladness,
While danced the sun on high;
And ne'er a cloud of sadness
Obscured the beautiful sky!

The streamlet sparkled brightly
The smiling mead along;
The birds of air woke lightly,
Their sweet and varied song.
The zephyr kissed each blossom,
Which graced the verdant grove;
And o'er soft nature's bosom
Bright heaven smiled in love!

Man, man was joyless only,
Where all in joy was dressed,
His soul was dark and lonely,
Though earth and heaven were
blessed!

Then Woman rose in beauty,
Her blessings to impart;
To cheer his path of duty,
And share with him his heart!

She came in youthful gladness,
Fresh as the almond bough,
To chase the cloud of sadness,
Which veiled his noble brow.
She was the angel given,
To guide man's erring way;
To lead his foot to heaven,
By love's delightful sway!

Hail gentle woman's power!
It is her vestal smile,
Which glads the social hour—
Which doth the heart beguile.
Without her smile to lighten,
Life were a wilderness,
Without one ray to brighten—
Without one beam to bless!

Rhinebeck, May, 1824.

CELEBRATION.

Washington, July 7.—The 48th Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in this city on Monday, with an enthusiasm and a display, which were never before witnessed here. Fortunately for those who joined in the Procession, of which a faint sketch is attempted in the next column, the sky was overcast, so as to save them from the vertical rays of the sun, which would otherwise have been very oppressive. Every thing went off happily, without accident, or any thing occurring to leave a regret behind.

The usual salutes were fired from the Navy-Yard and Arsenal, at sunrise, meridian, and sunset, and rockets were fired in the evening from several positions.

The Oration was delivered at the Capitol, in the presence of as many as could get admission into it, among whom were the President, with his Secretaries, the officers of the government generally, and the officers of the army and navy who are at present in the City.

After the Oration, the President received his friends and fellow-citizens at his mansion with that urbanity and cordiality for which he is distinguished. We are glad to observe that he was in excellent health, and in such spirits as the occasion was well calculated to awaken in the breast of one of the worthies of the Revolution.

The citizens of Georgetown, Alexandria, and the vicinity, very generally honored the city by their presence, and nothing but concord was seen among them. May it thus ever be among us!—*Nat. Int.*

PROCESSION.

The Procession, on the occasion of the Anniversary, would have been any where considered a handsome one, but, being our first attempt at any thing like a regular procession, was of remarkable length, and presented really an interesting and splen-

did appearance. At the head of it appeared, on horseback, the Marshal of the Day, Col. Brearley, who was distinguished, as were each of the other marshals, by a crimson sash. He was accompanied by the assistant marshals, Ch. Neale, Esq. late mayor of Alexandria, and Capt. Corcoran of Georgetown. The fine band of the Marine Corps came next, playing patriotic airs, and was followed by the Marine Corps itself, in its beautiful uniform, which we have always admired, as uniting elegance and simplicity. The orderly sergeants attached to the public offices, followed the marine corps, and were succeeded by the Georgetown rifle company, and several other uniformed corps whose names we were unable to learn. Then came the plain and simple chariot of the President, where he sat, attended by Geo. Hay, Esq. An open landau followed, in which were seated his Secretaries, Mr. Adams and Mr. Calhoun. Next to them came the Ministers of foreign governments resident here. Here also was the veteran soldier General Stuart, in the uniform he has honored, and wearing the sword he wore in the war of the Revolution, attended by the Committee of Arrangements. These were followed by the Grand Lodge and the members of the several Masonic Lodges of the District, with proper officers, and distinguished by blue scarfs, with aprons, and the usual insignia of that ancient fraternity. After them came the President, Professors, and Students of the Columbian College; followed by the Washington Benevolent Society, with their large green flag at their head, bearing a golden harp, and wearing a green ribbon at the breast. Next came the female scholars of the Academy of Mr. McLeod, to whom the city is greatly indebted for his active and efficient exertions to add brilliance to this spectacle. In a car drawn by an elegant grey horse, was seated one of the young females appropriately attired, with wreath, banner, &c. representing the Genius of Columbia. In another, drawn by two grey horses, were two young girls, representing, we believe, Liberty and Independence, with a copy of the Declaration displayed, &c. &c. Then followed a beautiful cavalcade of girls and young boys in uniform, &c. from the same Academy. After them came boys from other schools, under their preceptors. A car appeared next, the body of which was green, with white top and curtains, surmounted with a flag-staff bearing the national banner; the car, with another carriage, contained twenty-four young ladies, representing the states of the Union, from the school of Mr. Tippey. Then followed the male scholars of Mr. T.'s school who walked in couples, hand in hand. The next part of the procession was the Typographical Society; at the head of which was seen that palladium of our rights and our safety, a *Free Press*, arched over with evergreen, and surmounted by the blue flag of the Society, with suitable emblems, and the motto,

"Let fire and water, and the arts,
combine,
"And Printing spread o'er earth the
gifts divine."

As it proceeded, the press was worked by pressmen in uniform, and continued to throw off impressions of the Declaration of Independence, which were distributed among the spectators. The white flag of the Society,

representing the Columbian Press, a fac simile of the seal of the Society, was borne by a member of the association. A crowd surrounded the press, and snatched the sheets as they were thrown to the wind. An object then appeared, which, by its picturesque appearance, attracted all eyes; it was a smith's shop, upon wheels, containing a forge, and anvil, at which several hands, dressed in white, were busily occupied, making their hammers ring, and urging the fire with a huge bellows; the sparks flew and the smoke rolled, while the clank of the anvil mingled with the martial sounds of the band. The whole, being surmounted with the American colors, afforded no bad emblem of the hardy industry which distinguishes, in peace, a people who have exhibited the most daring courage in war. For this ingenious device we are indebted to the ingenuity and enterprise of that well-known artisan, Mr. B. King. The Society of Cordwainers was preceded, in like manner, by a car, exhibiting a company of the craft busily occupied in its several employments: and they were followed by a company of our operative masons and stonecutters, with a white flag exhibiting an arch with appropriate supporters and mottoes. Next came the hatters, with appropriate badges and banner. On a substantial carriage, followed the marble capital of a Corinthian Column, elegantly carved; being one of those prepared for the portico of the Capitol, with workmen in the dress and attitude of their business, followed by the members of the craft. This had a beautiful and striking appearance, and was highly ornamental to the procession. The association of plasterers followed, under a blue banner, and that of the house painters under a white flag.

A party only of the procession could enter the Capitol; consisting of the Masonic Lodges, and the Washington Benevolent Society.

The scene previous to the formation of the procession was as picturesque and novel to this part of the country, as the procession itself was imposing. On the spacious plain fronting the south of the President's House, one of the finest grounds in the world for such a parade, was a flag-staff erected, from which a large National Standard proudly floated. Previous to the formation of the column, thousands upon thousands of the citizens gathered upon the ground, and promenaded around the different Societies as they marched on to it. The procession was formed with more facility than was expected, marched up 17th street, that is, west of the President's House and Public Offices, thence in front of the President's House where he and his Secretaries were received with the honors due to them, and thence along Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. The doors, windows, trees, tops of houses and fences, were filled with multitudes of persons, principally of the fair sex, who cheered the exhibition by the expression of their approbation.

So succeeded we in the first civic procession in Washington.

PUBLIC DINNER.

A little after four o'clock, the company assembled at Williamson's Hotel, more numerous than on any similar occasion for several years past, sat down to an elegant entertainment, at which (the mayor of the city not being present) Thomas Car-

berry, Esq. late mayor of the city, presided, assisted by Richard B. Lee, Esq. C. J. Catlett, Esq. and Col. Joseph Watson. The company was honored by the presence, as guests, of the Minister of the Republic of Colombia and his suite, the Charge des Affaires of the Emperor of Brazil, Hon. Mr. Cheves, and Hon. Mr. Seawell, of the Board of Commission under the Treaty of Ghent, Gen. Philip Stuart, and M. St. C. Clair Clarke, Esq.

After Dinner the following Toasts were drank, accompanied with many discharges of artillery:

1. The fourth of July, 1776—May the sublime spirit of that day animate all its succeeding anniversaries.

2. The memory of the sages and heroes of the Revolution—They live in the gratitude of freemen, and their names will ever be the watch-word of liberty.

3. The memory of Washington—The father of his country, and a glorious example to every other.

4. The Ex-Presidents of the United States—Conspicuous in the defence of their country, and honored for their wisdom and courage: oblivion to their errors, gratitude for their services.

5. The President of the United States—May he, in his approaching retirement, enjoy all the tranquil blessings, attendant on the consciousness of a life well spent in the service of his country.

6. The Army and the Navy—the people exult in their valor, and the country is exalted by their deeds.

7. Lafayette—First to seek honor where freedom had reared its head, and ever true to its cause: ten millions of freemen salute him with all the honors of a grateful Republic.

8. The nations of Europe—"Peace with them all; entangling alliances with none."

9. Our Brethren of South America—may they be received into the family of Nations, with the hallelujahs of the world.

10. Greece—The land of ancient renown and modern glory.

11. Agriculture, Commerce, and Manufactures—Mutually tributary to national wealth and independence.

12. The Mechanic arts—without them genius would lose half its value: may each branch of them see, in the display of this day, new motives for emulation.

13. The Fair Sex—Theirs the task to reward valor and virtue—ours to protect, love and admire them.

FISH & OIL.

THE Subscribers have just received on consignment, in addition to their former stock twenty barrels Mess SHAD, of a superior quality; also a fresh supply of Roe and Cut HERRINGS, some in half barrels; and about three dozen bottles CASTOR OIL, which will be sold low for Cash.

J. & J. W. Simmons.

Halifax, June 10, 1824.

MASONIC NOTICE.

ON Sunday, 1st August next, the Officers and Members of Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, will attend the funeral solemnities of their deceased Brother EDWARD O. RHODES, at his late residence in the town of Halifax.

The members will assemble at their Hall, on that day, at 11 o'clock. The fraternity generally are respectfully invited to join in the solemn ceremonies.

By order of the W. Master,
Sam'l Johnston, Sec'y.
Halifax, 14th July, 1824. 17-3t

Strayed or Stolen.

FROM the Subscriber, on Saturday night, the 26th June, a *SORREL MARE*, with a blaze face. Any person who will secure or give any information so that I can get her, shall be liberally rewarded.

Moses D. Smith.

Scotland-Neck, July 9, 1824. 17-2

Drs G. T. & R. Kennon,

HAVING located themselves in this place, offer their professional services to the citizens of Halifax and the adjacent country.
Halifax, June 6, 1824. 12-6t

NOTICE.

HAVING qualified, at Halifax, February session, 1824, as Executor to the last will and testament of the late JOHN WILKES, deceased, this is hereby to notify all persons who have any claims or demands against the estate of the said John Wilkes, that they present them duly authenticated for payment, within the time prescribed by law, otherwise this notice will be plead in barr of their recovery. Those who are indebted will make payment without delay, as the estate will not admit of indulgence.

Henry Wilkes,

Ex'r of John Wilkes, dec'd.

Halifax, 30th April, 1824.—7t

Mrs. SNEDER,

HAS the pleasure of informing the inhabitants of Halifax and the adjoining counties, that she has opened a fashionable assortment of MILLINERY, in the house opposite Messrs. J. Halliday & Co.'s store—consisting of Leghorn and Straw Bonnets, of the newest patterns—artificial flowers, wreaths, and bunches—gimps, black, white, and colored—curls, caps, turbans, &c. &c.

Mantua-making done in the most fashionable stile.
Halifax, June 9, 1824. 12-tf

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

BROKE Northampton Jail, on the night of the 30th of June, two prisoners—PATRICK PIKE, a stout young fellow, two or three and twenty years of age, light complexion, black hair, large whiskers, six feet two or three inches high, has lost one of his upper fore teeth. Pike lived in Halifax county, and was committed to that jail some time last year, charged with house-breaking; he escaped from thence and was shortly thereafter apprehended in this county.

BETSEY, a negro woman, apparently twenty-five years of age, dark complexion, slender made, five feet seven or eight inches high, committed the 17th of last May, as a runaway, owner unknown. *Five Dollars* will be paid for the apprehension and delivery of Pike to myself, or the jailor of Halifax county, and *Five Dollars* in like manner for the negro woman.

Samuel Calvert,

Jailor of Northampton county.

July 1, 1824. 16-tf

State of North-Carolina,

Northampton County,
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—June Term, 1824.

Henry Gee and others, } Petition for
to } partition of
The Court. } lands.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the heirs of Mrs. — (who are unknown to this Court,) reside without the limits of this State: It is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Free Press, printed in the town of Halifax, for six weeks successively, that unless the said heirs appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Northampton, at the Court-house in said county, on the first Monday of September next, and plead, answer or demur, the same will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte.

Witness, John W. Harrison,
Clerk of our said Court, at office,
the first Monday of June, A. D. 1824, and in the 48th year of the independence of said State.

J. W. Harrison, C. C. C.

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