

## MISCELLANEOUS.

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### TO A FLEA.

You little, foolish, jumping thing,  
How can you fly without a wing?  
No doubt you'll dance us all a spring  
Or jig, with glee;  
But when you come into the ring  
Beware of me.

Your greatest enemy am I,  
Then for your safety do not try  
To make me mad, least by and by  
I catch you napping;  
If on the sheets I should you spy,  
You'll get a slapping.

No doubt you think you're privi-  
leg'd there,  
But you are not, I do declare,  
Then if I catch you in my snare  
I'll crack your side,  
And for one cent, I vow and swear,  
I'd sell your hide.

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### SUPERSTITION.

From the Portsmouth (N.H.) Journal, Oct. 2.

On the trial of the indictment, the *State vs. Scoby*, at the late term of the Superior Court in this county, a witness (who by his accent appeared to be an Irishman) was examined respecting the consideration for a certain promissory note which he had made to the defendant who is a physician. He said it was given "for curing him of his ailments some time ago." Upon being pressed to state the nature of those ailments, he admitted, though with great reluctance, that it was *witchcraft*... or what he believed to be so. He was about 60 years old, on the death of his wife and the consequent breaking up of his family, he became melancholy and uncomfortable. While in this situation, he was bewitched by two women a few years older than himself, one of whom... he called her "a bouncing widow"... lived in another part of the same house with him, and the other in the neighborhood. These fair ladies, or the likeness of them... he was not certain which, though he was rather inclined to believe them pure spirits... played him many unlady-like pranks... They were accustomed to enter his apartment after he had retired to rest, and flash upon him strange lights, and fix their eyes upon him with an unearthly gaze, and use strange signs and gesticulations that were not of this world. At other times they would bring with them the likeness of two other strange women... probably the tenants of the neighbouring grave yard... and the whole party would sit down in his chimney corner and smoke their pipes for hours together, in a most ghost-like manner. He used to adjure them by all that was sacred, to speak to him; but the grave has no voice, and their mysterious silence was more horrible, than even their unearthly visits. He was asked if he took care to secure the door against them. He said, no... he always left it on the latch, "for why should I fasten it against the like of them who can whisk through a crack or a key-hole?" Upon being further questioned whether they ever appeared in other than human shape—he seemed to recoil from the recollection, and declined answering the question. But upon being urged to tell the whole truth, he paused for a moment to collect his powers, and after a severe mental struggle, which was apparent from his glistening eye and shuddering frame—he confessed that they sometimes came in the shape of—HORSES. "Once" said he, while every muscle in his face quivered at the recollection,—"once I heard

a horse come near the house in the evening, and pass into the field directly under my window. I looked and saw him feeding. I took a halter in my hand and went out to catch him. I went close up to him, put my arm round his neck, and was just drawing the halter, when—*faith, there was no horse!*"

These feats of witchcraft were a little more than human patience could endure. The witness applied for relief to Dr. Scoby, who, he believed, had a medicine that was "good against witches." The learned Doctor fully justified this confidence, for he professed to be able, not only to cure witchcraft, but to combat the higher powers which caused it. He accordingly at an appointed hour, went with the witness into his apartment, carefully secured the doors and windows, and after kindling a large fire took from him about a quart of blood, which was solemnly burnt—whether as a sacrifice to the Demons of witchcraft, or not, does not appear. It however effected its purpose. The witches no longer haunted the earth, either as old women or horses, and the grateful witness who was now "cured of his ailments," gave the successful Doctor a note as he alleged, for nine dollars, which by some *witchery*, in the course of two days became a note for ninety dollars, and obliged the Knight of the Lancet, in the progress of time to answer to an indictment for forgery: of which however he was on trial acquitted; there being no witness against him but the disenthralled subject of enchantment.

**Boston Police.**—A man, who said he was born in Scotland, went into the Police Office on Saturday, while the Justices were at dinner, and seated himself in one of the constable's boxes. He stated to the officer in attendance that he wanted to be taken care of; that he had acquired such habits of drunkenness, that he was incapable of taking care of himself.—The officer told him he must request some other person to make a complaint against him, and if the charge could be substantiated, he could be sent to the house of correction. There is evidence enough of the fact before your face, said the man. When the court came in, a complaint was made out and he was sent to the house of correction for one month. He died on Sunday evening.

**Advice to Young Ladies.**—If you have blue eyes you need not languish. If you have black eyes, you need not leer. If you have good teeth, do not laugh. If you have bad ones, do not laugh less than the occasion will justify. If you dance well, dance but seldom. If you dance ill, never dance at all. If you sing well make no previous excuses. If you sing indifferently, hesitate not a moment when asked; for few people are judges of singing, but every one is sensible of a desire to please. Never touch a sore place in any one's character; for be assured, whoever you are, that you have a sore place in your own, and a young woman is a flower that may be blasted in a moment. It is always in your power to make a friend by smiles—what folly then to make enemies by frowns. When you have opportunity to praise, do it with all your heart. When you are forced to blame, do it with reluctance. If you would preserve beauty rise early. If you would

preserve esteem, be gentle. If you would obtain power, be condescending. If you would live happy, endeavour to promote the happiness of others.

**Force of Custom.**—In a certain town not more than 50 miles from Boston, as the clergyman was holding forth in his usual drowsy manner, one of the deacons, probably influenced by the narcotic qualities of the discourse, fell into a doze. The preacher happening to use the words, "*What is the price of all earthly pleasures?*" The good deacon, who kept a small store, thinking the inquiry respecting some kind of merchandise, immediately answered, *seven and six-pence a dozen.*

**A dutiful son.**—A jockey in Connecticut wishing to make an advantageous display of a horse that he was desirous of selling to a by-stander, placed his boy upon the back of the beast, & ordered him to "ride him around a short distance." The boy, though well instructed in his trade, unfortunately in this instance, knew not whether the horse was already his father's, or yet to be bargained for; being anxious therefore to learn the will of his father, he stopped after riding a short distance, and enquired with a loud voice, "Father, shall I ride this horse to buy or to sell?"

**A light Man.**—Wanley in his "Wonders of the Great and Little World," gravely tells us, that Philetas of Coos, who was an excellent critic and a very good poet in the time of Alexander the Great, had a body so lean and light, that he used to wear leaden shoes, and never walked out without a leaden weight about him—lest he should be blown away by the wind.

## QUANTICO CANAL LOTTERY.

FOURTH CLASS: SCHEME:

1 prize of \$5,000 is	5,000
5 of 2,000 "	10,000
6 of 1,000 "	6,000
6 of 500 "	3,000
6 of 340 "	2,040
158 of 50 "	6,900
690 of 10 "	6,900
6,072 of 5 "	30,360

6,924 Prizes, 7 17,550 \$70,200  
10,626 Blanks, 1 Tickets.

Whole Tickets, - - -	\$5 00
Half do. - - -	2 50
Quarter do. - - -	1 25
Eighth do. - - -	0 62
Package of 9 whole tickets, 28 00	
do. of 9 half do. 14 00	
do. of 9 quarter do. 7 00	

The former Classes having met with greater encouragement from the Public than was anticipated, the Manager has determined to offer the above Scheme, formed on pure mathematical principles, which when fully examined and well considered, will be found really worthy the attention and patronage of adventurers. The drawing will positively take place on **THURSDAY, the 25th of November next, and be completed in ONE DAY.**

\* \* \* Orders, enclosing the cash or prize tickets in any of the northern Lotteries, for tickets or shares, will meet with prompt attention and the earliest notice given of their fate if addressed to

**WHYTE'S**  
Virginia Lottery Office,  
Petersburg, Va.  
Aug. 26. 1824.

## One Hundred Dollars REWARD.

**RUNAWAY,** or was stolen from the Subscriber, on the night of the 8th instant, a bright mulatto woman (slave) and her child, a girl of about four years old. This woman ran away from the Subscriber, executor of John Hunt, deceased, in the summer of 1808, and passed as a free woman, by the name of **PATSEY YOUNG**, until about the first of June last, when she was apprehended as a runaway. On the sixth of the same month I obtained possession of her in the town of Halifax, since which time she and her child **ELIZA** have, in compliance with an order of the county court of Franklin, been sold, when the Subscriber became the purchaser. She spent the greater part of the time she was runaway (say about sixteen years) in the neighborhood of, and in the town of Halifax, one or two summers at Rockland, where I am informed she cooked for the hands employed to work on the canal; she also spent some of her time in Plymouth, her occupation while there not known. At the above named places she has many acquaintances and friends. She is a tall, spare woman, thin face and lips, long sharp nose, her fore teeth in a state of decay. She is an excellent seamstress, can make gentlemen's and ladies' dresses, is a good cook and weaver, and I am informed is a good cake baker and brewer, &c. by which occupations she principally gained her living. Some time during last summer she married a free man of color, named **Achrael Johnson**, who had been living in and about Plymouth, and followed boating on the Roanoke. Since his marriage he leased a farm of Mr. James Cotton, of Scotland Neck, (Halifax county) where he was living, together with this woman, when she was taken up as a runaway slave in June last. I have but little doubt that Johnson has contrived to seduce or steal her and child out of my possession, and will attempt to get them out of the state and pass as free persons. Should this be the case, I will give **Sixty Five Dollars** for his detection and conviction before the proper tribunal in any part of this state. I will give for the apprehension of the woman and child, on their delivery to me, or so secured in jail or otherwise that I get them, **Thirty Five Dollars**. Or, I will give **Twenty Five Dollars** for the woman alone, and **Ten Dollars** for the child alone. The proper name of the woman is **Pietty**, but she will no doubt change it as she did before. I forewarn all owners of boats, captains and owners of vessels from taking on board or carrying away this woman and her child **Ediza**, under the penalty of the law.

**NAT. HUNT.**  
August 16, 1824. 23-1f

## LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-Office in Halifax, the 1st day of Oct. which, if not taken out by the 1st of January 1825, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

Alstar Mary H	Harris Maria
Adams Geo. W	Hawkes John S
Anderson Tho's	Heaton O C & Co
Branch Jesse	Heaton Barber
Bailey Valentine	Hill Jas N
Bishop Wm.	Jones Cad 2
Butler John 2	Johnston Willis
Bryan Joseph	Ivey David
Blick Robert	Joyner Andrew
Brent Peter	Kennon Richard
Bailey Zebidde	Kerr Mary G
Bishop Jones	Lewis Elizabeth
Burrowe Stephen	Long Wm S
Burt Henry H	Magee Jno
Brown Elizabeth	Moses Lydia
Bynum Jesse A 3	Mabry Green G
Clack S S	Minton Randolph
Collins C S	Mathews Giff'd
Collins Anna	Pettway M H 3
Clopton Miss	Pritchett Jephth
Corlew Sarah	Paterson Miss An
Collins John	Powell Daniel
Connelly Tho's	Pike Wm
Campbell John K	Perkins Benjamin
Curlin John	Phillips Jones
Clanton Francis	Read Martin
Collins Elizabeth	Rowls Randolph
Daniel's T. V. P. M	Read Eunis
Drew Wm. 4	Smith Thomas M
Dawson Tem'nce	Scott Eli
Dildo James	Turner James
Daniel J J	Thrower Sarah
Drumgold & Pier-son	Tucker George
Daniel Willis	Vinson Robert
Earley Daniel	Willis Lewis
Evans Francis	Wyche M
Freeman E. B	Whitaker Mary
Fenner D C	Wade Grandison
Green Archibald	Yellowly Charltn
Gea Capt.	Yarboro Martha
	Yarboro Wash'n

**JAMES SIMMONS, P. M.**

## CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE Subscribers having commenced business under the firm of **ANDERSON & LOUDON**, next door to the Bank, and directly opposite the store of *James Halliday & Co.* offer for sale a general assortment of

**Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.** which they will sell low for cash, country produce, or on a short credit to punctual customers.

**Geo. Anderson,**  
**Robert Loudon.**

Halifax, Sept. 16, 1824. 25-8t

## 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 **Roach** 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.

## DR. H. HARDY,

HAVING removed his office to Halifax, offers his services to the people, and hopes to receive a part of their patronage. He has taken the house formerly occupied by Dr. Marrast, next door below the Farmer's Hotel, and opposite the Bank. He promises fidelity, promptitude and moderation, in the practice of the profession. He has on hand and intends keeping, a general

**Assortment of Medicines,** Which he will sell at reduced prices for Cash, or on a short credit. Among them are the following:

Nitric acid	Tincture iron
Muriatic do	Nutgalls
Sulphuric do	Ginger
Tartaric do	Mace
Citric do	Balsam tola
Vitriolic ether	— copaiva
Alcohol	— peru
Antimonial wine	Ergot
Sugar lead	Gum ammonia
Muriate ammo'a	— arabic
Atium	— myrrh
Tartar emetic	— gamboge
Antimony	— scammony
Angustura	— kino
Arrow root	Digitalis
Lunar caustic	Black hellebore
Calomel	London mustard
Jalap	Mezerian
Rhubarb	Litharge
Assafetida	Opodeiodoc
Aloes	Sweet oil
Borax	Spirits nitre
Camphor	— lavender
Flour sulphur	British oil
Cantharides	Barks
Cream tartar	Sulphate quinine
Elaterium	Croton oil
Cascarilla	Swain's panacea
Castor oil	Valerian
Blue vitriol	Verdigris
Cochineal	Prussiate iron
Colombo	Pink root
Colocynth	Argentum
Soda	Laudanum
Soda powders	Quassia
Rochelle powd'rs	Red precipitate
— salts	Guaiac
Epsom salts	Senega
Glauber do	Balney
Carb. potass	Fowler's solution
— zinc	Squills
Pearl ash	Sarsaparilla
Calci'd inagnesia	Stoughton's bit'is
Carbonic do	Tapioca
Senna	Sulphate zinc
Manna	Hiera picra
Carbon-ammonia	Sal martis
— ferri	Spirits hartshorn
Castile soap	Sulph. potass
Cardamom seed	Sago
Cinnamon	Oil wormseed
Dovers' powders	— aniseed
Nutmegs	— cloves
Benzoïn	— cinnamon
Cloves	— juniper
Gentian	— peppermint
Colchicum	Essence lemon
Liquorice	— bergamot
Ipecac:	— pep'ermint
Elix. vitriol	Mercurial oint'm't
— paregoric	Sponge, &c.
Opium	Orange peel
Burgundy pitch,	Turneric root
Spts: Turpentine	Sal. Eratus
Castor oil	Volatile alkali
Cicuta	Orris root
Colombo powder	Madder root
Chamomile flo'rs	Prepared chalk
Carraway seed	Coppers
Turlington's bals.	Oxyd bismuth
Gum tragacanth	Canella alb:
Salt Petre	Cologne water
Gum guaiacum	Arsenic
Red Saunders	Corrosive sublim.
Spermaceti	Prussic acid
Tincture musk	Oil amber

September 17.