

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR THE FREE PRESS.

ACROSTIC.

My young and charming virgin fair,
In Hymen's bands I'd you ensnare;
Sweet maid, the goddess of my heart,
Shall we once meet no more to part?

Most lovely of the female race,
Adorn'd with beauty, form & grace,
Radiant as the noon-sun's ray,
That brings fresh flowers in dewy May.

Have I address'd you thus so long,
And still you say you are too young;
Has it been all for foolish pride,
And wilt thou not become my bride?

My dear and fickle-hearted love,
Leave thee in charge of nymphs above;

I ne'er my visits will renew,
Now and forevermore, ADIEU!

Halifax county,
August, 1824.

Dean Swift's description of the amusements of

MODERN YOUNG MEN.

Gaming, talking, swearing, drinking,
Hunting, shooting, never thinking;
Chattering nonsense all day long,
Humming half an opera song;
Choosing baubles, rings and jewels,
Writing verses, fighting duels;
Mincing words in conversation;
Ridiculing all the nation;
Admiring their own pretty faces,
As if possessed of all the graces;
And, tho' no bigger than a RAT,
Peeping under each girl's hat!!

AN ABLE CANDIDATE.

From the Eric (Pa.) Gazette.

To the Public.—The motives by which I was induced to offer myself as a candidate for the State Legislature, are detailed in a former communication; it is superfluous to reiterate them. My enemies had assiduously promulgated reports, which if not immediately checked, may be highly prejudicial to the consummation of my most ardent wishes. They have premeditatedly, unhesitatingly and unblushingly avowed the paraphernalia of my pericranium to be pretescent, obnublyated and in a state of dilapidation from the effects of constant inebriation. My veracity equivocal—adduced my obmutescence, & what is still more intolerable, my blood boils with indignation while I write, that I am illiterate and an indifferent Philologist or grammarian. O foul calumny! Whoever detected an ingrammaticism in my composition or nuncespative communications!—I challenge the congregated assemblage of mundane creation and particularly neoteric critics to point out a solitary instance. I have no wish to implicate my competitors in the nefarious transaction, but it must be autotypical to every person that there is something rotten in Denmark. If I cannot make neophytes without resorting to clandestine means, I am determined to adhere to the antre of my vocation, and bid adieu to the fruition of my pleasing anticipations of political eminence.

Time will not permit me to repel the facinorous, illiberal and unfounded aspersions upon my character, or I could place my claims to literary merit and acquirements in a light so clear and conspicuous, as to dispel phyrnionism, make misconception impossible, misrepresentation impotent, and strike disparagement and detraction dumb. I do not wish this to be considered my valedictory effort, but a prophylactic of deterioration of my reputation until you hear from me again. Yours, &c.

WM. RANKIN.

Boxiana.—Some of the fancy have been for a length of time desirous of treating the

good people of this country with a real English fight; but it was difficult to find amateurs, as all the stars are so well encouraged in their own country, that none will venture except as professors, to try a hit at America.

Two young fellows, of good bone and muscle, have been for some time in training for this laudable purpose and they were encouraged by their friends, who raised a sum of money, and backed them in the real old school style—the purse is said to have been for \$1000, and the parties determined to meet on neutral ground, it being the fashion, at least among editors, to be neutral, and they pitched upon *Coney Island*, not far from the Narrows, but just as the gentlemen of the fancy had striped to the buff—had embraced each other, and were preparing for the punch, an impudent, obtrusive sheriff, with the *posse comitatus* at his heels, invited them to clear out, and not to be introducing their monarchial customs in this republican country. The gentlemen took the hint, and adjourned with their bottle-holders to *Queen's county*; where the flourish began. We have not the honor to know the names of the champions, but a dandy friend, with red hair—large whiskers, eyes like gooseberries—waspish in the waist, and wearing cossack pantaloons, drawled out the following account—to us:

"I shall call one *Tag*, and the other *Rag*. It was a beautiful set-to—*Tag* has most bone, but *Rag* most muscle—They sparred and fought shy elegantly for thirty seconds, when *Rag* hit *Tag* on the sneezer, which threw him off his under-standings. *Tag* recovered and planted a well directed bit on *Rag's* bread-basket, which took nearly all the wind out of the mill, and he fell—but rose in a twinkling, and they flourished for six seconds; by my stop-watch. *Rag* put in a dreadful blow in *Tag's* left peeper, which closed his day-book. *Tag* returned the compliment, by rattling the ivory, in the neighborhood of *Rag's* nose—by this time, the claret began to flow copiously. *Tag* suffered severely, but would not blow-out; and, after forty-two rounds. *Rag* came off victorious, and threw a somerset over the ropes. It was a beautiful fight, strike me speechless! *Tag* has his knowledge-box cut up and both peepers in mourning—the bridge of his nose broke, and two ribs staved in."

Thus ended the dandy's account, and, we trust, that no more experiments of this kind will be made in this country, and that sheriffs will be ready to knock them down with their staffs, if they will be knocked down at all. Nat. Adv.

Match Race.—Yesterday the match race mentioned in the papers was run over the Union Course at Jamaica by two three year old Colts, *Count Piper*, a Jersey horse, by Expedition; and *Lance*, an Eclipse colt owned in this city. The distance (says the New-York Ev. Post, 14th inst.) was four miles and repeat; each colt to carry 126 pounds weight! *Count Piper* was rode by Mr. Laird, who bred him, and *Lance* by Mr. Purdy. More skilful riders, perhaps, could not be found in the United States. The result has shown that colts of this age can perform more than the breeders of horses or sportsmen have been accustomed to believe. Ninety pounds, by the English rules of coursing, are the weight

agreed upon for three year olds, and ninety-eight by the rules of our course at Jamaica; and then seldom do they run more than 2 mile heats, at that age. In this match the first four mile heat was run, each colt carrying twenty-eight pounds over the usual colt weights, in eight minutes and twenty-five seconds, which is a greater performance than any thing we have yet seen on record in the English Sporting Calendars. They started kindly at the tap of the drum, Purdy taking the lead but was passed by Laird in the first half mile; Purdy regained the ground he lost, passed Laird, took the lead and kept it until they had entered on the fourth mile, when Laird suddenly made a run, shot ahead and maintained his superiority to the end of the heat; coming in about three lengths ahead of his antagonist, notwithstanding all his active and persevering exertions. Second heat Laird took the lead and kept it with ease to the end of the race, winning by about four lengths: time nine minutes thirty seconds. Both colts run remarkably true and showed great strength, bottom and speed. Should no accident happen to them until they become aged horses they will be able to contend with any thing that can be produced upon the turf. Seven pounds is considered equal to a distance. As the colts carried 28 pounds over weight, there were four distances against them. Upon this calculation it is greater running than that of Eclipse and Henry.

Bachelors.—Of all the animals that nature ever produced, an Old Bachelor must be the most contemptible; he lives a useless being on the earth—dies without having answered the end of creation, in opposition to the mandate of his Great Maker, and is at last consigned over to oblivion.

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
138 of 50	" 6,900
690 of 10	" 6,900
6,072 of 5	" 30,360

6,924 Prizes,	17,550	\$70,200
10,626 Blanks,	5	Tickets. 2
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.

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. 26-8t

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 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.

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 tolu
Vitriolic ather	— copaiva
Alcohol	— peru
Antimonial wine	Ergot
Sugar lead	Gum ammoniac
Muriate ammo'a	— arabic
Allum	— myrrh
Tartar emetic	— gamboge
Antimony	— scammony
Angustura	— kino
Arrow root	Digitalis
Lunar caustic	Black hellebore
Catamel	London mustard
Jalap	Mezerian
Rhubarb	Litharge
Assafoetida	Opodeiodoc
Aloes	Sweet oil
Borax	Spirits nitre
Camphor	— lavender
Flour sulphur	British oil
Cantharides	Barks
Cream tartar	Sulphate quinine
Elaeterium	Croton oil
Cascarilla	Swaim'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	Balrey
Carb. potass	Fowler's solution
— zinc	Squills
Pearl ash	Sarsparilla
Calc'd magnesia	Stoughton's bit'rs
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'rmint
Elix. vitriol	Mercurial oint'm't
— paregoric	Sponge, &c.
Opium	Orange peel
Burgundy pitch,	Turmeric root
Spts: Turpentine	Sal Aterus
Castor opt	Volatille alkali
Cicuta	Orris root
Colombo powder	Madder root
Chamomile fl'rs	Prepared chalk
Carraway seed	Copperas
Turlington's bals.	Oxyd bismuth
Gum tragacanth	Canella alb.
Salt Petre	Cologne water
Gum giacium	Arsenic
Red Saunders	Corrosive sublim.
Spermaceti	Prussic acid
Tincture musk	Oil amber

September 27.

NEW FALL GOODS.

The Subscriber is now receiving from New-York, his full supply of GOODS, and opening one door above the Post-office, which will be sold low for cash, country produce, or on a liberal credit to punctual customers.

A. HARRIS.

Halifax, Oct. 13. 39-4

Mrs. SNEBER,

HAS just received from Petersburg, a general assortment of Gros de Naples SILKS and SATINS, consisting of white figures, blue, pink, lilac and olive colors, &c. Also, a great variety of Ostrich Feathers, of all colors—Ermine Capes—Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cloaks—LA FAYETTE gloves, belts, buckles, &c.—all of which will be sold at the lowest Petersburg prices.

Mrs. S. expects to receive, in the course of a few days, an elegant assortment of La Fayette Bonnets.

Halifax, Oct. 13.

State of North-Carolina,

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, September Term, 1824.

Wm. Amis's ex-} Judicial attachment vs. Boling } ment levied on S. B. Barrett } defendant's land

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendant Boling S. B. Barrett so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him: 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 Boling S. B. Barrett 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 December next, and replevy the property so attached and plead to issue, judgment final will be entered against him, and execution awarded accordingly.

Witness John W. Harrison, clerk of said court, at office the 1st Monday of Sept. 1824, and in the 49th year of our independence.

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

Sept. 20, 1824. Price adv. \$350.

State of North-Carolina,

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, September Term, 1824.

William Oliver vs. Drury Nelson—original attachment levied on the defendant's right in Willie Nelson's land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendant Drury Nelson is not an inhabitant of this state: It is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made in the Free Press, printed in the town of Halifax, for six weeks successively, that unless the said Drury Nelson 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 December next, and defend said suit, judgment final will be entered against him and execution awarded accordingly.

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Fifty Dollars Reward.

FOR negro SHADRACK, who ran away from me in August last, 1823; he is twenty-six years old, five feet six or seven inches high, dark complexion, and has a sulky appearance. He was raised by Mathew C. Whitaker, Esq. deceased, of Halifax county; his parents belong to Henry Mason, Esq. and his wife belongs to the heirs of Benjamin Harris, deceased, and at this time lives with a free colored woman, one mile and a half from Halifax town, on the main road leading from thence to Enfield. I will give the above reward for him delivered to me in Warren county, three miles south of Warrenton, on the stage-road, or confined in Halifax jail so that I get him. All persons are forewarned from hiring or harboring said boy.

Rob. Ransom.

Greenwood, Aug. 16, 1824. 11