

## Miscellaneous.



### MATRIMONIAL FELICITY.

The devil was missing one Sunday morn;  
And where do you think he tarried?  
Why! in the house ('tis true as you're born)  
Of a couple newly married.

He liked it at first—and why, forsooth?  
They were so kind and so loving:  
Ergo, so happy, (for that's a truth  
Which never, you know, needs proving.)

That he longed between them like Adam  
and Eve,

A trouble or two to be sowing:  
For no bad purpose, I'd have you believe,  
But to keep his hand a-going.

But scarce had he made himself at home,  
When he saw that a storm was brewing:  
Satan wonder'd to see it work and foam;  
Said he, this is none of my doing.

This beats—why below, I've never heard  
such,

Where they holla with might and main:  
I'm used to a noise—but too much is too  
much!

So I'll even pop down again.

### EPITAPH ON A MR. PECK.

Here lies a Peck, which some men say  
Was first of all a Peck of clay:  
This wrought with skill divine, while fresh,  
Became a curious Peck of flesh;  
Through various forms its maker ran,  
When adding breath, made Peck a man—  
Full fifty years Peck felt life's bubbles;  
Till death relieved a Peck of troubles;  
Then fell poor Peck, as all things must,  
And here he lies—a Peck of dust.

**Horrible Picture.**—The following afflicting narrative will be read with the deepest feelings of commiseration:

**“Brigus, Nov. 21.**—The James, belonging to Mr. Cozens, arrived at Cubits, yesterday, from Portugal. The master says, that, a few days ago, in the longitude of [I believe] 30 degrees, he fell in with a brig, water-logged, having a living woman lashed in the main top, four living seamen in the rigging, and [oh! dreadful to relate] a dead man spread in the shrouds, on whom the unfortunate and unhappy survivors were subsisting!!! The master says that he made every exertion to save them, but, alas! without avail; and that a very heavy gale, which lasted 48 hours, caused him to leave them to the mercy of the foaming ocean, into the bowels of which he has no doubt, they were consigned soon after its commencement. The master described “Indi”—on some part of her. He came close to her several times, and requested the poor fellows to throw themselves overboard, that he might be enabled to pick them up, but he could hear them say that they were too weak; and when they saw the impossibility of saving them, their lamentations were dreadful.”—*Irish Paper.*

**James Capps**, the owner of the land on which the most productive gold mine in Mecklenburg county, and perhaps in the state, has been found, died at his residence near Charlotte, on the 7th instant. Poor old man—his gold mine was his grave! The treasures dug from his land gave employment, and subsistence, and even wealth to others; but they proved the death of him who might have profited most by them. Anterior to the discovery of his gold mine, he owned but a few

acres of the most sterile and apparently valueless land in Mecklenburg county, which yielded a miserable subsistence to himself and family; but they had stayed on the place, in a half-starved condition, for many years. The discovery of the gold mine, however had a magical effect on the wo-begone condition of the family. No sooner was the old man's pockets well lined with cash, from the products of his auriferous soil, than himself and family plunged into extravagance and excess; and the BOTTLE, that too common resort of those whom affliction has cast down, or some freak of fortune has suddenly elevated to a condition for which nature and habit has unsuited them, cut short the days of this miserably fortunate old man!—*Salisbury Car.*

The last number of the Western Monthly Review, contains a description of the reptiles of the Mississippi Valley, and their venomous character. The Review mentions, in connexion with this subject, a most tragical occurrence, more horrible in the relation than the ancient fiction of *Laocoon*. A family just emigrated inadvertently fixed their cabin on the shelving declivity of a ledge, that proved a den of rattlesnakes. Warmed by the first fire on the hearth of the cabin, the terrible reptiles issued in numbers, and of course in rage, by night, into the room where the whole family slept. As happens in those cases, some slept on the floor and some on beds. The reptiles spread in every part of the room and mounted on every bed. Children were stung in the arms of their parents, and in each other's arms. Imagination dares not dwell on the horrors of such a scene. Most of the family were bitten to death; and those who escaped, finding the whole cabin occupied by these horrid tenants, hissing and shaking their rattles, fled from the house by beating off the covering of the roof, and escaping in that direction.

A certain preacher, happening to be in company with a good house-wife, who prided herself upon making the best cakes, sausages, and fries, in the country, took occasion to reprimand what he conceived to be the spirit of gluttony in the good lady. She had been expatiating, with a considerable degree of apparent relish, upon the comparative merits of butter, lard, dripping, &c. for shortening, for making cakes, paste, &c. when the preacher said he could tell her what was better than any thing she had mentioned: “what's that?” said she—“God's grace,” replied the man of devotion; to which the good woman, who was rather hard of hearing, retorted, “Goose grease! O, goose grease is very good, I know, but I always like butter a great deal better.”

To tell our own secrets is generally folly, but that folly is without guilt: to communicate those with which we are intrusted is always treachery, and treachery for the most part combines with folly.

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To those who will not be content, unless we avow at the start, our political sentiments and preferences, we have but a word to say. Neutrality, it would seem is no favorite with Providence, since we are so formed, that it is scarcely possible for us to stand neuter in our hearts, although we may often deem it prudent to appear so in our actions; and in politics, he who affects to be neutral, usually acquires for himself the name of trimmer. We dislike the epithet, and therefore shall claim, and freely exercise the right of freedom of opinion and choice: Nevertheless, we freely accord to those, who dissent from us in sentiment, all that we claim for ourselves. A candid and generous support we conceive we justly owe to those whom the Nation has called to administer the Government, so long as they appear to do their utmost to promote the general weal. That the present Administration have done this, and are actuated by the purest patriotism, we cannot for a moment entertain a doubt: therefore they merit our respect and confidence.

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