

## Miscellaneous.



### FLATTERY.

In shelter from the pelting shower,  
Two ancient ladies stood;  
Waiting until the rain should cease,  
And stop its pouring flood.

In mean attire a man advanced,  
Their charity to crave;  
In accents sweet, with humble voice,  
The suppliant begs their aid.

"Ladies, between you both," said he,  
"Two shillings to me give—  
May every blessing on you show'r,  
Contented may you live."

"Two shillings," shrill exclaim'd the one,  
And "shillings two!" the other;  
"It ne'er can be—why sure the man  
Must be a very robber."

"A robber, lady fair, I'm not,  
But a poor man and true;  
I scarce could ask a smaller sum  
From such sweet dames as you."

A little softened by his words,  
"I have no change," said one—  
"I'd gladly do't," the other said,  
But purse I've left at home."

"My fairest ladies, say not so,  
The poor assist to live;  
God prospers beauties who like you,  
Have means and will to give.

"Tis lovely charity that makes  
Your eyes the morn eclipse;  
Tis goodness makes the ruby's glow  
Seem paler by your lips."

No more they now dispute the point,  
T' relieve they both are willing;  
And differ who shall have the praise  
That duty of fulfilling.

The contest o'er—two gave the one,  
The other gave two more;  
Our suppliant bows—instead of two,  
Sweet flattery gains him four.

### THE GRAVE.

Tread, at the solemn hour of night,  
When folly's visions take their flight,  
The silence of the grave:  
Go—where among the countless dead  
The weeds grow on each reckless bed,  
And the rank grass doth wave.

'Twill tell thee more than wisdom's store,  
Of present days, or days of yore  
Could ever here impart;  
It is a stillness that doth speak,  
A tale that oft will blanch the cheek,  
And school the haughty heart.

**Fire.**—The kitchen of Mr. Jas. Smith, of Orange county, was burnt to the ground a few days since. A daughter of Mr. Smith was in the kitchen at the time the fire commenced, and in endeavoring to put it out, her clothes caught on fire, which were completely consumed, and was herself so dreadfully burnt about the breast, arms, neck, and face, that her life is despaired of.—*Milton Gaz.*

The Dutchess (N. Y.) American says, the family of Mr. Nathaniel Underhill, in the interior of that county, consisting of eight persons, all arose one day last week in a state of mental derangement, and from the last accounts so still continue. The case is worthy of the most scrutinizing investigation of the medical faculty.

A case of slander was tried at Covington, Georgia, recently, in which the Jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff of \$10,000, with cost of suit! This is a tongue-tie for you. The parties were, Capt. Athael Pullen, plaintiff, and John Donaldson, defendant. Capt. Pullen, it is stated, offered to relinquish \$9000, of the verdict.

**Awful Hail Storm.**—The hail storm which passed over this town (says the Norfolk Beacon) on Saturday evening, the 26th ult. about eight o'clock, happily without doing any serious injury here, as far as we are informed, appears to have visited the county of Currituck, in a most awful and destructive manner.

A letter from a gentleman in that county to his brother in this town, dated 28th ult. thus describes it:

"On Saturday evening last, we were visited by one of the most awful hail storms I ever witnessed. The yard of Mr. Land was almost covered with hail stones of the size mentioned below. So far as we have yet ascertained, it extended to an area of eight or ten miles. Some cattle, hogs and poultry have been killed. These stones fell with such violence, as to penetrate the roofs of many houses in the neighborhood, and I have myself seen clapboards more than half an inch thick, split by them. The following are the weights and measures of several of the stones, taken with as much accuracy as possible, at least fifteen minutes after they fell. I was very particular in taking them.

1st hail stone weighed 5 oz.	
2d, - - - - -	5
3d, - - - - -	4½
4th, - - - - -	4½
5th, - - - - -	4½
6th, - - - - -	4½

37 of the stones weighed *nine lbs.* good weight. I measured three or four of them, which held out 3½ inches in circumference.

"The people here were very much alarmed, and they had good cause to be so."

**A Child with two faces.**—A most extraordinary caprice of nature, occurred in Taunton, Mass. on Sunday morning week, in the birth of a female child, having two distinct and perfectly formed faces. But there is nothing in the structure of either of the faces, to indicate a superior faculty in one over the other: Every component part of the face is distinctly formed in each, and both of them present the pleasing countenances of two fine babes. At that part of one of the faces, where the usual formation of the ear takes place, the additional face begins with a slight undulation towards the cheek of the second face, which then proceeds in all its regular features until it terminates at its left ear—so the face on the left side also. The space on the back of the head, as from the encroachment of the two faces, is very limited; but it is, as well as the upper part of the head, covered with hair. In all other respects, the child is regularly formed.—*Cent. Times.*

**Concord, Mass. April 26.**—An interesting trial, we understand, has just been had in our Superior Court, sitting at Amherst, upon the will of the late Mr. Joseph Noyes, of Andover. Mr. Noyes, in 1818, made his Will in his last sickness, giving his three children, two sons and a daughter, inconsiderable legacies, and bequeathing the sum of \$10,000, to found a school in Andover. The school

has been in operation several years. The heirs having arrived at age, have contested the validity of the Will, on the ground of the testator's insanity at the time of making it. The trial occupied three days. The Jury returned a verdict against the Will. This verdict will give to the children, we are told, \$12,000 or \$15,000.

**A Curiosity.**—The Charleston papers state that there is an "African man," to be seen in that city, "who has without any assignable cause almost entirely changed his color. His face, hands, ankles and feet are of the original black, the rest of his skin is perfectly healthy white. To naturalists and medical men, he is unquestionably a subject for curious speculation."

**Grand Improvement.**—Lieut. Andrew Skene, of the British Navy, has lately taken out a patent, in England, for his improved paddle-wheels for steamboats, constructed on a new principle of obviating resistance from fluids. By the paddle-wheels hitherto used, no increase of velocity is gained by the increase of the power of the steam-engine, these having a maximum of velocity, beyond which a vessel cannot be propelled by them, whatever or however high the power may be: as for instance, a proportioned vessel and load, with a twenty horse steam engine, would be propelled by them with as great a velocity as with a thousand horse power steam engine. But by the improved paddle-wheels any velocity desired is gained according to the power of the steam engine. Thus then navigation can be carried by a velocity of thirty, forty, sixty, or a hundred miles an hour; and most truly may the improvement which effects this be called *grand*, for really grand will be its effects, added, as no doubt it will be, to the invention of rendering ships always buoyant by hollow tubes. The new paddle-wheels will also avoid the loss of power and the disturbance of the water, which all the others in use occasion; and the unpleasant shaking or vibration caused in vessels by the working of any other paddle-wheels, will likewise be utterly obviated by these.—*London paper.*

**Curious Fact.**—Cut a couple cards each into a circle of about two inches in diameter. Perforate one of these at the centre, and fix it on the top of a tube, say a common quill. Make the other card ever so little concave, and place it over the first, the orifice of the tube being thus directly under, and almost in contact with the upper concave card. Try to blow off the upper card. You will find it impossible. We understand that the cause that counteracts the effect at first expected at this singular phenomenon, has lately puzzled all the members of the Royal Society. A medal and a hundred guineas are said to be the reward of the successful discoverer. We recommend the ingenious reader to try to find it out.—*English paper.*

We have just tried this experiment, and to our small surpris-

find that what is stated in the preceding paragraph is quite true.  
*Liverpool Mercury.*

A proud and passionate man,  
puts his happiness in the power of  
every fool he meets.

### Mrs. D. Womble,

HAS just returned from the North, and is opening a most superb and extensive assortment of

#### Ladies' Fancy Goods,

*Direct from the City of New-York,*  
Comprising a general assortment in her line of business—Among them are  
Laghorn Flats, different numbers,  
Patent summer Bonnets of the latest N. York fashions,  
Straw Bonnets, in great variety,  
Children's Leghorn, Straw and Silk Bonnets,  
Superb head dresses,  
Plain and figured Silks and Satins, Gowns de Naples, &c. assorted colors,  
Wreaths and bunches of artificial flowers, a great variety,  
Gauze handkerchiefs,  
Bobinet Veils, of different prices,  
Thule, bobinet and blown Lace,  
White, black and patent Crape,  
Gauze, satin and lutestring Ribands, as sorted colors,  
Gimps, fancy and silk Cord, &c. &c.

*Mantua-making*, in all its variety, executed with despatch in a superior style and after the latest N. York fashions.  
Halifax, April 14, 1828.

### Notice.

STRAYED from the Subscriber's Stable in Scotland Neck, near David Clark's, on the 3d March, a large

#### Chesnut Sorrel Horse,

Having a white spot in his forehead, with the letter R branded on his left shoulder, bad hipshot in the left hip, and both hind feet white. Any person that will stop said horse and deliver him to me shall receive a reward of Five Dollars....or in proportion, if secured so that I get him again.  
WM. L. HUNT.

April 7, 1828.

### Notice.

COMMITTED to the Jail of Edgecombe county, N. C. on the 16th of November, 1827, a negro fellow, who says his name is HENRY, that he is the property of Mr. James Okrey of Akrey, and that he was purchased by Mr. Okrey from Mr. Amos Rawls, of Nansemond county, Va. Henry is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches in height, spare built, no marks perceivable. The owner is requested to come forward, prove his property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

FRED. BELL, Jailor.

Nov. 1827.

The Raleigh Star will please insert the above until otherwise directed, and forward the account to this office for collection.

### List of Letters,

Remaining in the Post-Office at Edgefield, Halifax county, N. C. on the 1st of April, 1828, which if not taken out before the 1st July next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

Bradford Henry	Powel Wiley
Bradford H B	Simmons John W
Burton H G Esq	Simmons J H Esq
Banks Thos	Smith Edward
Berryman Thos	Tillory Paraimas
Crowel Edward	Thompson Henry
Crowel R H	Whitaker John
Davis S J	Whitaker Spier
Davis Sugar	Whitaker Cary Dr
Daniel Robert B	Whitaker Math C
Denton Love	Whitaker Eli B
Eure Riddick	Willey Thos
Grant James 2	Wheless Francis
Jarvis James	Wamac James
Mygatt Alston	