

Miscellaneous.



TO MINE OLD PLAID CLOAK.

Mine old plaid Cloak, with which I've past
Thro' many a storm and northern blast,
I hang behind the door;
Stern winter's fled and summer's near,
From cold I now have nought to fear,
From snow or tempest's power.

Thou'st serv'd me long and serv'd me well,
Thy worth, old Cloak, I cannot tell,
Words are too feeble far;
With thee the road of life I've trod,
Wrapt in thee I've been to nod,
Where dreams and night-mares are.

Thou look'st a little worse for wear
With edges torn, and here and there
A dark unseemly spot;
But these mischances fell on thee
In a good cause—in serving me,
Those marks of age thou got.

For these, imagine not, strip'd friend,
I think less of thee—pray offend
Me not with such a thought:
No! like the moles on some fair's face,
(To lover's eyes,) they do but grace,
And seem with beauty fraught.

From men how diff'rent thou!—the while
The sun of fortune shines, they smile;
But let a cloud appear,
They're off like shot—thou art a warm
Kind hearted friend, in every storm—
With thee I need not fear.

Farewell, old friend—but think thou not
Because hung there thou art forgot—
No—e'en in *Leo's reign*,
I'll take thee down and clean thee well,
Then hang thee up to doze a spell,
Till winter comes again.

PIETY.

Written in a Lady's Album.

Tis pleasant when the orbs of night
Hang o'er the glimmering ocean,
And kindle, in their mingled light,
The most serene devotion.

Yet these so brilliant fires we see,
Still rising—still retreating,
Are, as all earthly lights must be,
Sweet—but alas! too fleeting.

But Piety, the star of life,
In thy kind bosom cherished,
Shall shine, when these, in Nature's strife,
Have fled—have sunk—have perished.

Sports of the Turf.—The New Market Spring Races, 1828, commenced on Tuesday, 6th inst.

First Day—A Sweepstake for 3 year olds, mile heats, \$100 each, 5 subscribers—taken at two heats by Mr. Thomas Fenley's colt, beating three others.

Second Day—Post Stake for 3 year olds, mile heats, \$100 each, half forfeit, 6 subscribers—taken at two heats by Mr. John Minge's colt, beating three others.

Third Day—Proprietor's Purse, \$300, 3 mile heats, \$15 entrance—taken at two heats by Mr. W. R. Johnson's g. c. Medley, beating Mr. R. P. Bolling's g. m. Ariel. Time—first heat 5min. 56sec. second heat 5m. 49s.

Fourth Day—Jockey Club Purse \$700, four mile heats, entrance \$20—taken at two heats by R. P. Bolling's s. m. Sally Hope, beating Wm. R. Johnson's b. h. Industry. Time—3m. 14s.—3 27.

Tree Hill Races, commenced on Tuesday, 13th inst.

First Day—Two Sweepstakes, both won at two heats—the first by James Selden's b. f. Grasselas, beating two others—the second by Mr. Bolling's b. f. Brunet, beating one other colt.

Second Day—The Proprietor's Purse, \$300—taken at three heats by W. R. Johnson's Trumpeter, beating five others. Time—4m. 9s.—4m. 4s. &c.

Third Day—Jockey Club Purse \$1000, 4 mile heats was but poorly contested. Ariel beat Red Murdoch with ease. After the first heat, Murdoch was withdrawn and Ariel walked over the track.

Fourth Day—A single four mile heat, which was very handsomely contested between Sally Hope and Trumpeter; but though the latter was under whip and spur, yet Sally Hope had the heels of him, and won the race without being severely pushed.

On Saturday—Dover beat two other horses, the first three heats out of five—mile heats.

Fatal Duel.—We understand that on Thursday last, (15th inst.) in consequence of some private quarrel between Dr. Branch T. Archer and Mr. Otway Crump, a duel was fought in a grove within a short distance of Powhatan Court-house—Mr. C. being the challenger. On the first fire, Mr. C. fell, the ball of his antagonist having passed through his heart—his ball passed through Dr. A.'s clothes, and cut the suspender on the right side. The Supreme Court was then sitting, and the Judge is said to have heard the report of the pistol. Mr. C. left a wife and five children. Dr. A.'s conduct is said to have been marked with great moderation; he made no attempt to escape; he was bailed by the magistrate. This is the first melancholy case of the sort for several years in Virginia.—*Rich. Enq.*

The Legislature of Mexico has granted a pension to the widow of Capt. David H. Porter, of \$180 per month, and in case of her death, to his children. It was expected that the widows, children and mothers of the seamen who fell by his side, would be similarly noticed.—*Ral. Reg.*

Topsy Turvy.—A short time since, the mail stage coming down from Utica, N. Y. got out of the road while ascending the hill a little beyond Herkimer—ran off the bank and made a complete *somerser*, coming regularly on the wheels again. Yet no special damage was sustained by any of the *nine passengers*, the horses, or the flying vehicle!—a pleasing illustration of rotatory motion.

American Bible Society.—The twelfth anniversary of the American Bible Society was celebrated in New-York on the 8th instant. The report represents the Society in a very flourishing condition. In the course of the year there have been fifty-three new auxiliary Societies recognized, making, in the whole, since the formation of the Society, six hundred and six. The receipts into the Treasury the past year amount to \$75,739 93—exceeding those of the preceding year \$11,115 80. The number of Books printed and in press the past year, amount to 118,250. The Society have now twenty printing presses in operation, and expect in a short time to have what will be equal to forty common hand presses, on which they will be able to print at the rate of about 300,000 books in a year.—*Raleigh Star.*

Lightning.—During the storm on the 14th inst. the electric fluid descended through the Academy under the superintendence of Mr. & Mrs. Plunkett, at Warrenton, and instantaneously killed the oldest daughter of Mr. Carter Nunne-ry. What is remarkable, she was seated between two young ladies, neither of whom was injured!—*Raleigh Register.*

Come by Chance.—On Thursday week a gentleman near Libertytown, in Maryland, had a child two months old put into his arms, in rather a novel manner. He was walking with an umbrella over his head, when a woman with a child in her arms begged him to protect her from the rain a few minutes; pretending she had been travelling, and was exhausted, he also consented to carry the child a few paces, when the woman stopped to adjust some part of her dress, and gave him the slip, leaving the infant for the gentleman to provide for as he could.

A Rare Bargain.—John Cook, a laborer, has lately been called upon by the overseers of Tingal to support his wife, whom he sold for half a crown about sixteen years since; but the worst part of the story is, he is also required to support seven children she had by the purchaser.—*Irish paper.*

Arise Daughter, and go to your Daughter, for your Daughter's Daughter has a Daughter.

The writer of this note was present yesterday, at the birth of a female child in Penn township, (Philadelphia,) where there were in the room at the time, the Child, the Mother, the Grandmother, the great Grandmother, and the great great Grandmother. The great great Grandmother dressed the child; she came several squares, and is in the habit of visiting her children; walking alone, and returning frequently at night. I hope she will live to see another generation.

The three Wonders of Women. 1st. at fifteen, they wonder who they shall take; 2d. at twenty-five, they wonder who they shall get; and 3d. at thirty-five, they wonder who will take them.

Long Memories.—A party of gentlemen were conversing upon the tenacity of memory as to circumstances which occurred in childhood; some went back as early as to four, others three years, and some to twelve months of age: One grave, caustic gentleman observed, that he could remember the day before he was born. Some were surprised at the circumstance, and rather doubted it; but he convinced them at once: "Gentlemen," quoth he, "I remember it by this fact, for I was very anxious, and laid awake all night crying, for fear I should be born a girl!"

A Prodigy.—An Irishman recommending an excellent milch cow, said that she would give milk year after year without having calves; because it run in the breed, as she come from a cow that never had a calf!

Examination.

THE EXAMINATION of the Students of the Tarborough Academy, will commence on Tuesday the 3d June next. Parents, Guardians, &c. are invited to attend. There is no vacation at the June examination. The vacation will take place the middle of August and end the middle of October.

ROBT. JOYNER, Sec'y.
Tarboro', 21 May, 1828.

Shocco Springs,

Nine miles South of Warrenton, and within three miles of the main Stage Road leading from Warrenton to Raleigh, where the Stage passes every day.

THIS well-known, healthy and delightful Watering Place, will again be open by the 10th of June next, for the reception of Visitors, where every attention will be devoted to make them comfortable. The Subscriber tender her grateful acknowledgments to former patrons, and flatters herself with a hope of future encouragement, as every exertion will be used to retain their good will and the good opinion of all who may visit the Springs. There will be instrumental Music, Dancing Parties, &c. for those who are fond of such amusements. Owing to the scarcity of money the prices of board will be less than heretofore.—Gentlemen and Ladies each per month \$22 50; for less time than a month \$1 per day; Children and Servants half price. Horses by the month \$15; for a less time 60 cents per day.

ANN JOHNSON,
Shocco Springs, Warren County,
May, 14, 1828. 40-8 }

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 Leghorn 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, Gros 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, assorted colors, Gimps, fancy and silk Cord, &c. &c. Mantua-making, in all its varieties, executed with despatch in a superior style and after the latest N. York fashions. Halifax, April 14, 1828.

Notice.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing from Isaac D. Guion, the land of Thos. Guion, deceased—the Subscriber having a lien on said land, under authority of the will of said deceased, for the sum of \$1500, which must be paid before the said Isaac D. Guion is entitled to the land.

WAL. R. DUPREE.
Jan. 24, 1828. 23

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.

H. M. L. HUNT.
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