

## Miscellaneous.



From Watts' Literary Souvenir.  
STANZAS.

O, breathe no more that simple air,  
Tho' soft and sweet thy mild notes swell,  
To me the only tale they tell,  
Is cold despair:  
I heard it once from lips as fair,  
I heard it in as sweet a tone,  
Now I am left on earth alone,  
And she is—where?

How have those well known sounds renew'd  
The dreams of earlier, happier hours,  
When life—a desert now—was strew'd  
With fairy flowers!  
Then all was bright, and fond and fair,  
Now flowers are faded, joys are fled,  
And heart and hope are with the dead,  
For she is—where?

Can I then love the air she loved?  
Can I then hear the melting strain  
Which brings her to my soul again  
Calm and unmoved?  
And thou to blame my tears forbear;  
For while I list, sweet maid to thee,  
Remembrance whispers, "such was she,"  
And she is—where?

### HAPPINESS.

Is it in wealth?—go probe the breast  
Of fortune's sumptuous heir;  
Ah, why does secret woe infest,  
And anguish canker there?

Is it in fame?—her empty breath,  
Inconstant as the breeze,  
Will blast anon the laurel wreath,  
That late it form'd to please.

Is it in friendship, or in love?  
Alas! they quick decay;  
The tears of hapless sorrow prove  
How frail their boasted stay.

'Tis not in all that here excels,  
'Tis not in folly's round;  
But with Immanuel's love it dwells,  
And there alone is found.

**Silk.**—The consumption of silk goods in the United States has always been very considerable, and they will never be out of fashion. In 1825, as appears by a document of Congress, the amount of the importation, of silk articles, exceeded *ten millions of dollars!* This is an interesting fact, and however desirous we are to see the commerce of our country fostered and extended, we think there can be no question that some part of our large consumptions of these articles may as fairly be obtained from the native worms, which can be raised as safely, and fed as well on a raw material of our own, as they can be in France, Spain, or Italy, and even in the countries beyond the Cape of Good Hope.—*Bost. Cent.*

**Liability of Husbands.**—The following decision, though made in England, is, we presume, law in the United States. An action was brought to recover the amount of a bill for the articles of dress furnished to the defendant's wife, but without his knowledge. A verdict was rendered for the plaintiff, and on motion for a new trial: "The Court thought there must be a new trial. It might not be very agreeable to the fashionable dress-maker to learn that she was bound, before she supplied a fashionable lady with clothes, to enquire whether her husband permitted her to have them; but it could not attend these matters of delicacy; and it was fit, in order to protect husbands from their wives' imprudencies, that they could, otherwise, trust only

to the husband's generosity, unless the goods were necessary. Rule made absolute."

**New Paper.**—We have been delighted with the first number of "The Times," a weekly newspaper published at Petersburg, Va. by Henry Whyte, and edited by Francis G. Yancey, Esq. It is one of the largest papers in the Union, and if it be not the very largest, its typographical execution, as well as the taste displayed in the selection and arrangement of matter, cannot be surpassed. Add to this the known abilities of its Editor, and the Times cannot lack for patronage.—*Raleigh Reg.*

**American Desert.**—There is an extensive desert in the territory of the United States, west of the Mississippi, which is described in Long's expedition to the Rocky Mountains, 400 miles to the east, and is 500 from north to south. There are deep ravines in which the brooks and rivers meander, skirted by a few stunted trees, but all the elevated surface is a barren desert, covered with sand, gravel pebbles, &c. There are a few plants, but nothing like a tree, to be seen on these desolate plains, and seldom is a living creature to be met with. The Platte, the Arkansas, and other rivers, flow through this dreary waste.

**Gold Mines.**—An English paper states that a Spaniard, in an ingenious work lately published, shows that the coal annually taken from the English mines, exceeds in value all the gold and silver obtained in the new world. This is no doubt a fact. We are too apt to attach great value and importance to the precious metals, which are not more the representatives of wealth, than coal or copper. Hundreds waste their time in digging for gold, when the same labor, in cultivating their fields, or exploring coal or iron beds, will result more profitably to the parties.—*Noah.*

**Newspapers.**—The smallest newspaper in the known world, without any dispute, is published in Salem. It is called "The Hive," and is five inches long, by three in width. It has not yet declared itself on the Presidential question, but it will probably espouse the cause of the Coalition, as being commensurate with its size.*ib.*

**For the Ladies.**—It is said that the fair sex look extremely beautiful and interesting—more so than usual—every eighth year. A drawing-room philosopher says this arises from the influence of the planet Venus appearing in broad day every eighth year. Dr. Mitchell says, that Venus came forth, in broad day, in the years 1788, 1796, 1804, 1812, 1820, 1828. It must be, therefore, easier to get husbands in those *Venus-eight* years, than at any other time...*ib.*

**Silver side-saddles.**—A tin pedlar from Connecticut happening in at one of the taverns in this village the other day, the conversation turned upon the price of tin at the south, and some one stated

that tin kitchens or tin ovens had been sold there for thirty dollars. The pedlar in confirmation of this and unwilling to be outdone in a bargain said that he sold one once in Alabama to a woman for fifty-two dollars. Some of the company appeared to be a little gagged—mind you, says he very honestly, I did not sell it for a tin oven. What then? Oh, I called it a silver side saddle. This same fellow has made some thousands with his Yankee notions at the south.—*Berkshire Amer.*

**The Yankee.**—A Yankee is a Yankee over the globe; and you might know him, if you meet him on the "mountains of the moon," in five minutes, by his nationality. We love and honor him for it, where it is not carried to a blinding prejudice. He remembers his school-house, the particular mode of discipline under which he was reared, the place where he played, skated, bathed in the blithe morning of life, where are the ashes of his forefathers, and where he was baptized and married. Wherever he "trades and traffics" on distant seas, rivers or mountains, he will only forget his native accent, and his natal spot, when his right hand forgets that cunning for which he has such an undeserved celebrity.

**The Southerner.**—The Southerner is such over the whole globe. You may know him by his olive or brown complexion, on which the sun has looked in his wrath. You may see in his countenance the tinge of bilious impress, and that he has inhaled miasma, and breathed morning and evening fogs. You may note in his peculiar gait, and in his erect and lofty port, that he has compared himself with an inferior race of human beings, as they have walked before him to their daily task. His generous disregard of expense and economy as he travels; his spirit, ardent and yet generous, "sudden and quick in quarrel," his proud preference of his own country, his peculiar dialect, his reckless disregard of consequences, and a variety of mixed traits, seen in a moment, and yet difficult to describe, mark him even to an unobservant eye, as a Southerner.

**A sad mistake.**—Ambiguity of speech sometimes leads to very sad mistakes. A militia captain received a billet from a lady of fashion requesting "the pleasure of his company to tea" on a certain evening. Now a query arose how to understand the word company; and the captain being a man of real military views, very naturally came to the conclusion that it meant neither more nor less than the *Company* of militia which he had the honor to command. Accordingly what was the astonishment of his hostess and her friends to behold not only the captain, but his whole company, from the highest subaltern to the most ragged private, armed and equipped in their usual style, punctual to the hour of invitation, dry as dust and hungry as lions! Never was such consternation in the drawing room before. The

old ladies lifted up their hands and eyes in astonishment; the young ladies squalled as if they had seen a spider or a snake; the dandies exclaimed, "they'd ought to be shot, odd rat 'em!" the master of the house bit his lip with vexation; and the hostess, as in duty bound, went into the hysterics. In which situation we leave them to the sympathy of the reader.

The path of truth is a plain and a safe path; that of falsehood is a perplexing maze.

### Notice.

ALL persons are hereby notified that Garret Wiggins holds a note signed by Benjamin Wilkinson for the sum of One hundred and twenty-seven dollars and some cents, on demand the 1st January, 1829, and payable in notes. All persons are cautioned against trading for said note, as the consideration for which it was given has entirely failed.

BENJ. WILKINSON.  
25th Sept. 1828. 6



### Masonic Notice.

THE members of *Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarborough*, are informed that the funeral rites of Brother ALLEN J. KNIGHT, will be solemnized at the Old Church in Tarborough, on Sunday, the 2d of November next. The members of the Fraternity are respectfully invited to attend.

By order of the Lodge,  
D. RICHARDS, Sec'y.  
Oct. 20th, 1828.

### A List of Letters,

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

Archer William	Harris William W
Burton H G Gov	Hawkins Ambrose
Bishop Amanda Miss	Hail Mary Mrs
Boseman John	Holt Harvey
Bailey Zebidee	Heptinstall J J
Bishop Drury	Hines Martin
Burges A S H Dr	Harison Patsey
Bailey Valentine	Hicks Charles
Brown W H	Hawkins & Harris
Bush Tom	Johnston Starling
Bush Ledge	Jones Cupelo
Cormack Francis	King John Mrs
Crowell John Esq	Long Richd H Capt
Collins Thos	Long Leml Esq
Corban Thos	Lancaster Jno I
Cockron Adam	Levesty Henry I
Cl'k Sup'r Court 2	Morast John M D
Church of Christ	Marshall R L Esq
Carter Saml	Marshall F S Esq
Carson Thos H Esq	M'Neal Archibald
Cole Joshua Esq	Pettway M H Esq
Cummins Eliz Mrs	President of the N
Daniel Jos J Judge	C Society of the
Daniel Willis	Cincinnati Hal.
Drake Mary Mrs	Rhodes David
Drew Julia Miss	Smith Miles Rev
Eure E H Esq	Sledge Daniel
Estis Triplett T	Sheriff Halifax N C
Freeman E B Esq 2	Thompson Turner
Fort Ricks	Thorn William Esq
Fenner D C Col	Taylor Wilson
Green Geo	Turner James Capt
Gary Littleb'y Esq	Valentine Austin
Gilmour Charles P	Vaden James Capt
Gladdish Jas B	Willcox L H Dr
Gun John M	Willcox L Esq
Gee James Maj	Washington Mr
Garett Maria L Miss	Wilkes Henry Esq
Gee Charles Maj	Wood Stephen
Garien O'Neal	Woodcock Jno
Harvey John	Willis Anderson

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