A Rural Poems

CRAZY POLL.

" THE pride of such a party, Nature's

pride,
Was lovely Poll; who innocently try'd,
With hat of airy shape and ribbons gay,
Love to inspire, and stand in Hymen's way;
But ere her twentieth Summer could expand,
Or youth was render'd happy with her hand,
Her mind's serenity was lost and gone,
Her eye grew languid, and she weptalone;
Yet quuseless seem'd her grief; for quick re-

Mirth follow'd loud, or indignation reign'd: Whims wild and simple led her from her

The heath, the common,or the fields to roam : Terror and joy alternate rul'd her hours ;

Now blitbe she sung, and gather'd useless Bow'rs;

Now pluck'd a tender twig from every bough,
To whip the how'ring demons from her brow."

.......... " The damp night air her shiv'ring limbs In dreams she moans, and fancied wrongs

When morning wakes, none earlier rous'd

lent drope fall glitt'ring from the

But nought her rayless melancholy cheers, Or sooths her breast, or stops her streaming

tears.

Her matted locks unornamented flow;
Clasping her knees, and waving to and fro—
Her head bow'd down, her failed check to
hide;—
hide;— A piteous mourner by the pathway side. Some tufted molehill through the livelong day She calls her throne; there weeps her life

And oft the goily passing stranger stays
His well-tim'd step, and takes a silent game,
Till sympathetic drops unbidden start,
And pangs quick springing muster sound his

And soft he treads with other gazers round, And fain would catch her sorrow's plain

One short, pathetic, simple word—" Oh dear?"
A thousand times repeated to the wind,
That walts the sigh, but leaves the pang behind!"

PROM THE PORT FOLIO.

THE LAY PREACHER.

"Gins a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour; and make a fix offering."

YESTERDAY, as I was pondering a thome for my near discourse, with an aching head, which checked invention, my hair dresser entered my chamber, with the daily papers in his hand. Men of his class being naturally fond of politics, anxious for the public weal, eager to ask, and no less eager to tell the news, be therefore, after a few oredistinguished on the second of the public weal, eager to ask, and no less eager to tell the news, be thereno lefs eager to tell the news, he therefore, after a few preliminary queries, informed me with an Englishman's pride,
that Sir Sidney Smith had destroyed the
gun boats of the usurper, and that the
thunder of British cannon was rocking the
whole coast of France. He uttered this
in a tone so cheertul, and with such sparkling eyes, that for a moment, in spite of
my rigid republicanism, I actually participated in his pleasure. While he was
occupied in chattering with the volubility
of his profussion, and in combing my grey
locks, I pleked up some of the papers, and
as it behaved a preacher, looked for the
grave and the moral. The politician and
the man of the world, will perhaps smile,
when ladd that no articles so attached my
attention, as the proclamations for days of when ladd that no articles fo attached my attention, at the proclamations for days of thank I giving in some of the northern states. When I saw trom every quarter the fairest evidence of surumnal plenty," I seit the propriety of devotional gratitude, and was delighted that public commemoration of annual favours was one of the customs of any country.

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In the most rude, as well as refined ages, a lively perception of benefits conferred by the supreme power, has caused mankind to give a fivest favour, and a memorial of fine flour, and to make a fat offering. Long before christianity had shed its futtre on the nations, we find the Jew, the Roman, and the Greek, raising the periodical hymn to the skies. Tho their creeds, dictated by superflittious ignorance, were classing and various; yet gratitude to the giver was one and the same. If a general had enlarged an empire by his enterprise, or defended paternal fields with his gallantry; if the sweet ininfluence of a Pleiades had graciously descended, and Italian granesies burst with plenty, the grateful ancients decreed the lesses or pleasure throughed the temples, and thanked the Beneficent Power.—

Thanksgiving was one of the first after of devotion, deteribed by the facted historians. In the very intancy of time, amid the simplicity of pastoral lite, we beheld a striking scene; the amiable Abel, that

blameles hepberd, falching the falred of the flock, and facrificing them on the first altar. From a focial supper with his disciples, from crowds of penitent or plausive Jews, we find the for of Mary plaufive Jews, we find the fon of Mary settring to the folitude of Mount Oliver, to render thanks, that neither the perfecuting Farifee, nor the fubtle Sadducees, had abridged his life, or invalidated his doctrine. St. Paut in his persious voyage, when toffing in the Adriatic Gulph, and exposed to all the horrors of a nocturnal shipwreck; while he was wishing anxiously for day, did not employ the first moments of returning light in the cares of navigation, but "gave thanks" for his fastety, and partook of bread and meat with the mariners.

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amples to forcify a duty in which there is fe much pleafore to animate its exercife, I will now close by affigning a few reafons peculiarly binding on Americans for

While many nations of the elder world are convulted by revolution, menaced with dangers, or groaning under fervitude, we are leading quiet and peaceable lives, and like the happy Zidonians we dwell at once careless and secure. No inquisitor summons our secretaries to the flake, and in no cell of America has the clank of religious chains yet been heard. No Turkish sukan abridges life by a nod, and no Lama of superstition, tortures the credulity of ignorance, or affronts the discernment of wildom.— Though differed has harled her brand as mong the nations, against the conflagration of war, we have had the whole Atlantic as a ditch. The gleam of arms has only been contemplated in the distance, and the found of European artillary has been as 'thunder timed remote.' Aggranised France, under the mad dominion of nexts treaser, of the most excessive rates. perty tyrants, of the most execrable race, numerated in any of the rolls of history, has feen the lights of her church extin-guished, her 'mursing father' and 'nur-ling mother,' destroyed, her 'nobles in fetters of iron,' and her subjects ground between the upper and acther millstone, of revolutionary experiment. The Olive has yielded its oil, to illumine the lantern, and the grape has been trodden by the faul-tering feet of the intoxicated soldier. Silent are the halls of the Sovereign, and a Fax looks out of the window. Contrast this fladed picture, my countrymen, with the scenes of peace and planty, which environ you. Commerce wasts you her wares from afar, and her enerchandize has turned its furrow to vivifying air, and has turned its furrow to vivifying air, and liberal harvefts have been reaped from your fields, your oxen are 'throng to labour,' and your fheep featter over the plains.— Seeing therefore, that you policia in tranquility fuch a goodly heritage; be careful that charity go hand in hand with cheer. fulnels, and as you give thanks, give alms. To him who has no father, thretch the parental hand, and when 'the eye' of the beggar fees, then let it blefs you. When you have thanked the country of the country that the same thanked the country to the country that the same thanked the country to the country that the countr you have thanked the great giver, and im-parted from your flore, to him ' that is seady to periff,' then let the rejoicing heart rebound, and the voice of gladness diffuse a general complacency.'

FROM THE REPUBLICAN ADVOCATE.

READER, thou haft heard of the venerable gen. Issaul PUTHAM - a man of gehume courage and malculine powers—he was useful in his generation; but he has flumbered for many years in the grave. He lived not to see these factious times. But Mr. Coleman, whose business is federalism, has tately found him, alive and found in Matietta i with this only difference that the correct of the second matiette. rence, that the name of ISEASE, which general Putnam always preferred during the whole of the revolutionary war, has been changed to Rurus! However, this is but a flight difficulty to the gigantic genius of William Coleman. The flory as

Rufus Putnam, who had been appointed furveyor general of the United States by gen. Walkington and who relided at Marietta, has been dismiffed from office and a certain Jared Manafield appointed in his

In drawing the attention of the public to the circumstance, Mr. Coleman affects with his usual effrontery, that Rufus Putnam is the identical old gen. Ifrael Putnam, and lympathiling with the difcarded officer, whom he affects to confider as the victim of presidential vengence, der as the victim of presidential vengeance, he describes his grey hairs, and the affection which Washington bore for him, and his powerty, which altogether forms a tale that, if told in better language, would bring forth a figh from the Acry bosons of a Chosiaw Indian.—But alas I like the Arabian Nights Entertalnments, we read it, and only wonder at the injustable invention of the lying author.

He it known then that general I frael Putnum has been dead for these ten years, and that Rufus Putnam is only his relation. Rufus Putnam was appointed to

the flation by general Walkington in pre-ference to a number of applicants, for what puricular reason we know not— Yet certain it is, that the valiant colonel Lynn, of Allegany—that here with the "bloody wound?" was everlooked by, said. Walkington ablough he went to him with his pocket full of recommenda-tions from certain men in these parts— the homewer, was overlooked by the pe-He, however, was overlooked by the go-The however, was overlooked by the general—and hence the good people of Allegany may form fome idea of his defects. The first person appointed by gen. Washto the surveyor generalship to long held by Rusus Pusnam, was Daniel Dewitt, of New-York, who would not accept of the office; when the aforesaid Rusus was selected. Ignorant of surveying, the people became discontented. An excellent le became discontented. An excellent years ago, being employed to ressurely lands which had been previously surveyed by Rufus Parnam, could not make the sections meet by half a mile t and, in some instances, they were not to be found at all. The inhabitants determined to get will of a man so much unqualified to perform the task to which he had been appointed; and accordingly we find them petitioning the petent congress for redress. It can this parition, we presume, has originated the dismissal of Mr. Putnam. ginated the difmiffal of Mr. Putnam.— The prefident has appointed in his room it is faid a certain Jared Mansheld, whose character is embellished by Mr. Coleman with the name of Tory. Mr. Mansfield is not a republican; he is a federalist of the most stery order; and it is probable may likewise be a tory. We understand however, that he is a good surveyor, and that he will be enabled to give satisfaction so the people in whose service he is For our part we appeal to the gentle-men of the army now in town, and request

them to contradict us if we are wrong in flating that old general Potnam has been dead many years, and that Jared Mansfield is a federalist. If Jared is a tory it is not within our knowledge; but as he is not within our knowledge; but as he is a federalis, there is sufficient cause to suspect him. Mr. Jesserson is a man that does nothing rashly or without a just cause. In this case the petition of prople is sufficient to exculpate him from the suspection of all unworthy motives; for, in our opinion when the people are not satisfied with an other, it is the duty of a president to dismiss that officer and appears another in his soon.

point another in his room.

USEFUL TO FARMERS.

ON PEEDING SWINE. FARMERS in general lead their h With the whole grain in its hard and dry state, which is much against their interest; for if they are ted to sparingly as to have a good appetite, they swallow it half chewed, and a great part of it will pass through them undigetted; and on the other hand, if they have it continually by them, they define too meet a manufacture. them, they deftroy too great a quantity, when poor. Now I am of opinion in either of the above cases as the food is not received in a proper state for digestion, that a bushel of meal, made into swill, is equal to a bushel and a half of dry grain, and double the profit, when mixed with a vegetable, whole bulky substance chiefly conside of a nutritious juice, which, incorporating with the small particles of the grain, qualifies them for nourishment, and enables us to use a quantity sufficient to increase the fat and growth to advantage.

Ten Dollars Reward. RUN away from the fubscriber about the 15th September last, a negro man named HALLEY, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, 23 or 24 years of age, wall made and of common complexion.—He is well known in Wilmington and its neighbourhood. I will give the above reward for having him delivered to me or to the jailor of this town.

Mafters of velicls and all other persons are forbid herhouring, employing or carrying him away.

ANTHONY B, TOOMER.

Wilmington, October 18.

Ten Dollars Reward. R AN away from the subscriber, during the Holydays, a Negro Man named Jacob, about 24 or 25 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high and well made, yellow complected, and has a fear on his forehead. The above reward will be paid for confining him in any jall on the continent so that I get him, or delivering him to me on Stump Sound.

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