

A TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVE.

The accounts from Tripoli of the loss of so many brave men is truly distressing. But, Americans, reflect for a moment on circumstances, and you will perceive the true character of your country exhibited in the conduct of those brave men who were on board the fire-ship, preferring DEATH TO SLAVERY. Perhaps the blood of their fathers was at that moment rushing through their veins, crying "LIBERTY OR DEATH."

Heroic SOMERS, WADSWORTH, IZARD, and crew, (ten in number)—though your forms may be blown to atoms, still shall your actions live, and your bravery be instilled in the hearts of your countrymen. It is for all men to die!—You have died! and this shall be your motto:—"DEATH BEFORE SLAVERY!"—To mourn your loss is natural, but it is for the surviving world to imitate your firmness.—Phil. Pop.

BALLAD, on the death of Lieutenant Somers, Wadsworth, and their gallant steamer off Tripoli.

MOURN, mourn the glorious brave! Who gave themselves to death! Their limbs bestrew the wave, The sky receives their breath. 'Twas SOMERS and his crew, By gallant FARRIS led; Resolv'd to make those rue, Whose souls can never rest. With shells and powder fill'd, They steer'd their destin'd way; The toe in battle still'd, Bore down their course to slay. Two gallant vessels bold, Our luggers boarded then; Twice fifty men they told, Brave SOMERS told but ten. "Disdain the captive chain," The gallant SOMERS cries, "Now fire the sleeping train; And blow them to the skies." Our men expect the blast, Wave high their hats in air! The pirates stand aghast, With horror and despair! "Huzza," brave WADSWORTH cries; "Our countrymen will know, How merily we died, 'T'avege them on the foe." High in the clouds speak, The vessels three were blown; And dreadful was the blast, That shook the guilty town. Twice fifty pirates bold, Sent shrieking in the air! This tale whenever told, Shall make our foes despair. Mourn, mourn the glorious brave! Who gave themselves to death; Their limbs bestrew the wave, The sky receives their breath. [N. Y. Morn. Chron.]

From the New-York Evening Post.

DUELLING.—This fashionable crime, as appears from the following extract, like all other fashions, is making its way from the upper to the lower classes of society. It is now to be hoped, therefore, that it may experience the fate of other fashions, and be no longer followed after it has become common.

From the Pittsburgh Intelligencer.

We were on Saturday evening presented with original copies of the following novel correspondence. It is unnecessary to premise that the parties are both black. They are offered as an example to such as may wish to become disciples of these fabled sons of honor.

A GARD.

"Sir as I with no advantage of you I thought proper to late the following proclamation there has long been a contention between us and I am willing to decide it in a manlike manner by any means you may think proper to adopt Sir whether think fit or not to comply you will be injeniously constrained to do it. "I am, &c.

"THOMAS MAJOR. "Mr. Samuel Brown." December 22, 1804.

ANSWER.

"December 25, 1804.

"Sir I Received your letter this morning and will meet you at Pokenhunts bridge at twelve o'clock this day as I do not wish to blackboard you in town. "I am yours

"SAMUEL BROWN."

There, Gentlemen, bear that if you can—and if you can see, you may then enter your protest against the attempts of the Cincinnati to abolish duelling.

From Eyre's observations at Paris.

"On the rumour that a mob was marching to attack the castle, the wife and daughter of De Launay, the governor, left the Bastille early in the morning, and drove to a Restaurateur's on the North Boulevards; where, as they had previously concerted, they were to receive the earliest intelligence of the repulse of the besiegers, an event they did not doubt, as the fortress was considered impregnable. They waited the whole day in anxious expectation of the arrival of the messenger, and were left in thought, when a horrid shout assailed their ears: Eager to enquire the cause, they both hastened to the door, when the first object they beheld was a trunkless head upon a pole. "Whose head is it?"—they both vociferated in a breath. "De Launay's," replied a savage looking fellow, "and could we have found his wife and daughter, our vengeance had been satisfied; but we shall get them, and stick their heads also on a pike." At these words the daughter gave a shriek and fainted in her mother's arms. The wretches who surrounded them, supposing the fit to be the effect of the sight of a gaily head, still streaming with blood, laughed at her delicacy, and left them.

"On the recovery of her daughter, Madame De Launay, summoned up all her fortitude, and perceiving that nothing but a speedy and well managed flight could preserve their lives, addressed her trembling child in the following words: "We have but one expedient which affords an opportunity to escape—I must leave you; should we be seen together suspicion may be awakened, and one or both may perish. Take this ring; keep it till a person, whom I will send to fetch you, desires you to produce it. If you hear not from me in four and twenty hours, conclude"—She could say no more, but throwing her arms round the neck of her daughter took an affectionate leave, and half distracted, hurried from the house.

"The poor girl remained alone, in a state of torturing suspense, for two whole days and nights, and had began to mourn the death of both her parents, when, on the third morning, a man entered her apartment, and demanded a sight of her ring. She complied. He conducted her to a coach in waiting, and in ten minutes she found herself in the convent of —, and the moment following, in the arms of an affectionate mother. Shortly after they left their native country never to return.

THE COMPASS.

AN ORIGINAL INVENTION OF THE CHINESE.

The present system of Chinese navigation is to keep as near the shore as possible; and never to lose sight of land, unless in voyages that absolutely require it; such as to Japan, Batavia, and Cochin China. Knowing the bearing or direction of the port intended to be made, let the wind be fair or foul, they endeavour, as near as possible, to keep the head of the ship always pointing towards the port by means of the compass. This instrument, as used in China, has every appearance of originality. The natives know nothing from history or tradition, of its first introduction or discovery; and the use of the magnet, for indicating the poles of the earth, can be traced from their records, to a period of time when the greatest part of Europe was in a state of barbarism. It has been conjectured, indeed, that the use of the magnetic needle in Europe was first brought from China by the famous traveller Marco Polo, the Venetian. Its appearance immediately after his death, or according to some, while he was yet living, but, at all events, in his own country tender such a conjecture extremely probable. The embassies in which he was employed by Kublai-Kahn, and the long voyages he performed by sea, could scarcely have been practicable without the aid of the compass. Be this as it may, the Chinese were, without doubt well acquainted with this instrument long before the thirteenth century. It is recorded in their best authenticated annals merely as a fact, and not to any extraordinary circumstance, that the Emperor Chung-ko presented an ambassador of Cochin-China, who had lost his way in coming by sea, with a 'ting-nan-tchin, (a needle pointing out of the south) the name which it still retains. Even this idea of the feat of Magnetick influence, together with the construction of the compass box, the division of the card into eight principal points, and each of these again subdivided into three, the manner of suspending the needle, and its diminutive size seldom exceeding in length three quarters of an inch, are all of them strong presumptions of its being an original, and not a borrowed invention. By some, indeed, it has been conjectured, that the Scythians, in the northern region of Asia, were acquainted with the polarity of the magnet, an ages antecedent to all history, and that the virtue of this fossil was intended to be

meant by the flying arrow, presented to Abris by Apollo, about the time of the Trojan war, with the help of which he could transport himself wherever he pleased. The abundance of iron ores, & perhaps of native iron, in every part of Tartary, and the very early period of time in which the natives were acquainted with the process of smelting these ores, render the idea not improbable, of the northern nations of Europe, and Asia (or the Scythians) being first acquainted with the polarity of the magnet.

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