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FORACE IN LONINAN - Book 1. Ode 17.

Venue, who lives but to vex, Unite with the love of the sex, To harrsa this poor head of mine Sweet Elica's the cause of my wa,
Tis maduces her charms to behold,
Her becom's as white as the solw,
And the heart it chebrines is as cold.

Her gay repartees have a grace Good humour alone can imp Good humour alone can impart.
The roses, that bloom in her far.
Have planted their thought my hears. Pair Venus, who spray from the sea.

Despuing the interest of renewal.

Leaven Grighes, to frolic with me,

And was the whole winter in town.

ing of the heroes of Spain,
If he fight in the vartinan mode,
he goldess grew sick at my strain,
And handed to Vulcan my ode, With hanghty Bellouito rove, cave Span to take care of herself, Thy sing is of Elich and love.

Come, Love, bring the groces along, That Ellen may melt at my woes, Let fluent Roussaxv gild my tongue, And, Chesterfield turn out my toes Ah, no, I must wield other arms, Sweet Elien, to reign in the heart, hen Love owes to Nature his charms, How vain are the lessons of Art !



MISCELLANY.

ACCOUNT OF THE SHAKERS. From the Theological Magazine.

This singular religious sect of people called Shakers, or Shaking Quakers, derived their name, partly from a distant likeness in them to the people called Quakers, or Friends, and partly from an uncommon effect their extraordinary spirit has on their bodies, causing frem at times to shake, or shudder, in a mos arprising ma, ner.

Like the Papel church, they have their popes, their extraordinary saints, their auricular confessions, their absolutions, exorre binding on the consciences of men; their elder has power to forgive sin; and like the Papal Church, they forbid to marry, pre tend to mireculous gifts, and hold to the invocation of departed saints.

The first founder of this wild sect was one Anna Lee: she lived in the town of Min. chester, in England; was of low parchage and procured her living at the expence of chastity. She sustained the character of woman of ill fame in England, which charach ter she supported in America antil her death.

She assumed the name of the Elect Lady, but was more generally known by the name of the Mother. She divulged her extraordimary pretentions first to a few of her inti-mates, about the year 1770. She collected disciples in the town of Manchester, to the number of thirty persons, and set up her religious exercises much in the same form in which she afterwards established them in America.

But her religious performances were so very clamorous her rites so gymnastic and subversive of the peace of families, and her spin rits so intolerably consorious and impudent, the sect was deemed a public oursance by the people, and was suppressed by the civil au-thority. This the Shikers branded with the odious name of persecution; accordingly shook off the dust of their feet against them and sought an asylum in a land of more perfeet liberty. In the year 1773 or 4this Elect Lady, with five of her principal disciples, viz. William Lees, her brother, James Whitaker, John Ocknel, James Porterton, and one Shep herd took shipping and came to New-York, from whence they soon removed to an obscure village in the state of New-Yak, about twelve miles north west from Alba y, known by the name of Nesqueuna. The remainder of the sect, who were left in Manchester, soon lost their spirit, after this elopement of their mother accordingly dishanded, and the sect effects of them on their minds. disappeared. In this place of obscurity, these six emigrants lived, unnoticed by the public, until the summer of 1779, when their spirits agained revived; multitudes recorted to them, and they became an object of curious specu-

an indigent stranger to effect what this woman effected, when labouring under all the diandvantages with which she was burdened. As a woman, she was in the eyes of the world disqualified for the office of a bishop. Her person was so far from charming that she was

man became the mighty power of God to this deluded people.

In searching the latent causes which have are not to confine ourselves to the power and ing effected, the mother then warned them of patible with decency, and altogether is are not to confine ourselves to the power and the darger of pride, the great sin of following cient to preserve their hodies from the incient address of this Elect Lady, more is due to the the darger of pride, the great sin of following cient to preserve their hodies from the incient and mency of the weather, and in consequence of moral state of the people who became her disciples.

vidence had thrown together in New-Leba- thing which might feed their pride, or rather have been useful and orosmental members of hon, and the adjaces towns, a large number of enthusiastic serits, among whom, in 1779, there was uncommon religious commotion, This awakened all their religious wild-fire to very high degree; and as is common with all fanactics, they were full in the belief, that no other society, and indeed they were asharh society. God was about to perform some unheard of ed to appear in any other.

wonder for his church upon earth. They considered themselves now, according to their own phrascology, in Babylou; but the time of their deliverance was at hand .-Many of them were in frequent and sore travail for the deliverance of the church, and for individuals; others were fainting, crying out filling down, and wallowing on the ground; whilst some were falling into trances, out of which they would emerge full of the spirit of prophesy. They predicted, either that God was about to deliver his people, or that the day of judgment was at hand, or that after so maay days the door of mercy would be forever thut against the unbelieving world. Many of them dreaming extraordinary dreams, which were interpreted by others in as extraordinary manner. Indeed, nothing was heard amongst hem but things which belonged to the marvellous or the miraculcus.

Whilst this was the religious state of this cople, and all men were looking out for those approaching wonders, an incident happened which brought them to the zenith of their wish es, and instantly completed the whole drama One Talmadge Bishop, of New-Lebanon a great fanatic, being at Nesqueuna, in this crisis of religious phreuzy, and becoming acquainted with the Elect Lady, just as her spirit began to revive, and disciples had begun to resort unto her, instantly caught the pirit, and like a sheaf full dry, immediately

kindled into a flame. Replete with joy, he hastily bore the tid ags to New-Lebanon. The effects were sur prising, & the road from thence to Neequeuna was instantly crouded with these deluded peode in quest of more fatal delusions.

This scheme of Shakerism was admirable dapted in its nature, to mislead a people thus prepared for deception t hence but few of hem escaped the fatal snare. It was compos d of those extraordinaries they were in expectation of, and replete with the spirit and power they ardently longed for.

The pretensions of this bold imposter were hat she was Christ in his second appearing that she was as really the shviour of the world as I sus of Nazareth was ; that the divinnature as really dwelt in her as it did in him : and as the second coming of Christ was to be far more glorious than his first appearing ;o she was seven times more CBUS.

She claimed power to minister the spirit to she pleased-declared that she had power to judge the world, and that she was now ly judging the dead of all nations, who ling in vast crouds to her for that all mportan nurpose. She pretended to know the hearts wall men; accordingly when these deluded peope first came to her, she would call them by mye, tell them she knew of their coming the day fore, where they lodged on the rood, and who they met by the way. hese extraordinates wrought wonders in hose inflamed imagazions, and confirmed them in the delusion.

These who visited the Elect Lady were treated with the greates hospitality; they were admitted into the commy of their new converts, who were rejoicing a singing most melodiously. Some words the ould not understand, and some were in an in nown lan-

I ne mother would walk around the she would do of the kind; all the white she would be singing and chanting forth a strange bewitching kind of incentation, until the person was wrought into a perfect maze. Many persons who have been the subjects of these beyond their ins then, but we have advanced be witching charms have related entries to be and their ins then, but we have advanced be witching charms have related entries to be and their ins then, but we have advanced be witching charms have related entries to be and the related entries to be an entries to be

They affirm, that all their former views of things were strongely obliterated; they could recollect nothing of their former notions of reigion; every thing appeared dark and con- carnal reason says they will say, it is only fused, and the new system now before them

In this paroxism of infattiation, they were warned against the awful danger of resisting influence, ormighty impressions of their the Holy Ghost; and were now called to a confession of their sins as the only way in

ed, or even thought in their lives. This be- such thin and transparent aftire as is enrich her self, and having cut of the hair society, have been sacrificed, and the good to her fraternity.

this sect. a more particular delination of taining the following principles : their faith, the power of their spirit, and man-

people possess no article of faith at all. This is too low a term for them; all is absolute knowledge and open vision. Howbeit, we shall treat of it under this name.

The great and fundamental article of the faith of this people is that the Mother is Christ in his second appearing, and that she is the judge of quick and dead.

2. That Shakerism is the first resurrection, and is the commencement of the final judgement; that they themselves are the children of the surrection, shall become perfect in the

3. That they, being children of the resur-

4. That this first resurrection in entire new dispensation, and that the written word of God is of no use to the people of God in this new and spiritual state; but they are to be guilled wholly by the immediate influences of the Ho-

5. That many things forbidden to men in their carnal state, are allowable and innocent o the spiritually minded; for to the pure all things are pure.

6. That the interdicted tree in the garden of Eden was Eve the mother of mankind; and the first transgression of Adam was his receiving and treating her as his wife.

7. That all conjugal and filial connections, ies and obligations, are of the flesh, are works of the devil, and are to be dissolved.

8. That all common sense natural reason not to be attended to as our guide but we are to pay the same costs and penalty as is hereby to be directed wholly by the distates of the provided for such offenders,

state, or state of purgatory ; out of which sin- unchaste females, all notorious Baruds, common ners may be released, by the intercession and Prostitutes, and all temples who have heretopower of the Mother.

the Mother ; and that becoming S' akers is re- ons, and the penalties therein stated for the generation.

11. They believe, that being born again, is arriving to a state of perfection, and is a progressive work, effected by their own painful endeavours, in labour or daucing, and other penance and acts of mortification.

In addition to these articles of belief, they profess a thousand inconsistent and self-conradictory things, which they are alternately adopting and again discarding as occasion may serve; for there is no sect of people more unstable and fluctuating than the Snaking Quathe immediate influence, and guidance of the uncering spirit of God, and confidently, affirm, if every scheme they adopt, that it is the efer-

sive spirit, Yet these inconsistentics give upon them, lay her hand upon their smile them no uneasiness at ad. They have one sothen take their hand and press it upon verei a salvo for all these reveries, which is, we own bosom. She would stroke their arms, K are now in the infincy of this new and glariher hand on their heads, and many other things ays dispensation a we are led by the spirit of

sewitching charms, have related surprising God directs few, and by and by these things with such a swow, will be laid aside. Armed

Indeed, of those a mon sense must revolt dities, at which com-Spirit testines to their considering, but the It hath appeared to many persons a riddle altogether inscrutable, how it was possible for by its hewitching energy.

Spirit testifies to their consideration, and they know that it is truth, as cy; therefore, know there is a God in heaven. Simly as they And here the dispute must entiting the mighty bulwark of Shakerism is the

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viour was most outrageous and provoking in was suspended, on a faithful discharge of this in this commonwealth, have of late we her scenes of intoxication.

Her was an exhibition really humiliating lay aside the modest and useful stars.

Her was an exhibition really humiliating lay aside the modest and useful stars. to every feeling and soler mind, to behold fore used by chaste females, and to appear in multitudes of deluted mortals at once diagorgng every abomination they had ever practisders, and the other parts of the body c'adia. ples.

Previous to this extraordinary event, Prohard by their ears, would then admit them in tutions of others greatly impaired, and it is the duty of the Legislature to prevent any prac-Being thus metamorphised, they might as rtice which may have a tendency to desucy well be Shakers as not; for they were for the virtue, or the health of that beautiful patrol

> THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That a After this general description of the rise of committee be upp inted to bring in a bill con-

FIRST,-If any white female of the age of ner of their behavior, demand our attention. John warts & apart de shall at and time the first day of November next, urmear in the bublic street, lane, after, highway, church court house, tavern, ball room, thearre, or any other place of public resort, is niked elbows or naked shoulders, or, being sole to purchase necessary clothing shall at any time between the first day of Nov. and the first day March in any year, appear in any such place or place clothed with less than three budy garments one whereof shall be of woollen, sike or other substantial materials, every person so offending and being legally convicted before any court of record, or before any alderman, or death shall have no more dominion over justice of the peace in this commonwealth shall forfeit and pay a fine not less than one or more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt, information or indictment rection, must neither marry nor be given in one half thereof to the use of the poor of the borough, township or ward wherein the offence shall have been committed, and the person so convicted shall be liable to pay like costs as are paid in actions of debt in the jurisdiction in which the suit or prosecution shall be commenced, and shall also be coffipelled to enter bail for her good behaviour for the space of one year from such conviction in such sum and with such securities as the court, alderman or justice of the peace pronouncing judgment shall deem reasonable, having regard to the circumstances of the off-inder.

SECOND -if any parent or guardian have ng the charge of the person of any white fr male, of the age of ten years or unwards, shall w knowingly permit any such his, her or the child or ward to offend against the provision as before stated, such parent or guardian shall and conscience, belong to carnal reason, are be liable upon conviction thereof as aforesaid.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That for the 9. They believe there is a probationary purpose of disting fishing between chaste and fore been convicted, or, shall hereafter be con-10. They believe men must be regenerated victed of the crime of adultery &c. &c. shall be in order to salvation, by the spirit which is in exempted from the before-monthined regulate violation of the same."

It has been observed, that on she floor of Congress there is always one or more of those kind of creatures which the wars call " odd fight," Old Slood was there formerly ; after him, Ross, of Pennsylvania; and at the present day, Mr. Widgery, of Massachusetts. That our readers may have some idea of the figure which Mr. Widgery cuts among the wise men at Washington, we have copied from the Freeman's fournal, a part of ore of his N. T. Herald speeches.

Mr. Widge, v said he should not have are sen, were it not in the declaration of the g tleman from Virginia (Mr. Sheffe) yesterday, that this country had not the means for war. Just so said he, was it at the beginning of the revolution; they told us Great Britain was lord of the spanned of the and, and if we rebelled against her, we should be hung ac. dingly. I thought so too then, as the gen-tleman from. Virginia does now; but I was young, and did nor know better till I found to the contrary. We did what the annals of history don't show that any other nation ever lid to her, we captured two of her armies. We did not besitate about means, nor stop ! enquire whether neighbour sich a one had a blanket, or Mr. sich a one a great cont. We found means, and we shall now? Butthe gentleman says we are to fight for honor, and asts cannot fail of victor the Spirit as this, they what honor is. Supposing when you go out of doors a gentleman should horse whip you, would you stand still and beamit, or run away, so that you need not git another cute Or supposing a man comes into your house, and says, "git out of this house, I want to ledge here myself to night," would you give way to him because you've got a barn'you can lay in ? Or, supposing your wives and daughters are prostrated to the enemy, will you put up with t, sud say " well, I won't make a noise about which they could expect forgiveness. This corned ugly; she was wholly destitute of the first is she could neither with a nor read; her target was lewed; her conversation vultar, and her language very prophane. She immediate presence of their judge and they were subject to believe their tuture salvation that many chaste and respectable females.

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Which they could expect forgiveness. This is all make matters worse, and may a given a hiding? Deliver me from sich the following novel Resolutions, were subjected to the House of Representatives of the here disclosed. This, no doubt, was performed with a short special; who introduced them with a short special; were and by the constitution, were subject to the House of Representatives of the Ho