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# MISCELLANEOUS.

### Mechanics.

BY M. M. NOAH.

"Look at that tailor, driving his bambe and horses," said a whiskered dandy Broadway; "how can America ever rive at distinction, when all classification persons is thus annihilated, and the coach vour tailor runs against your own tilbu-" This is the opinion, no doubt, of any who never carned a dollar by their wa industry. Bonaparte, the best judge human nature and of merit, nover visited great painting, or a specimen of ingenu. or mechanic art, that he did not, on king his leave, walk up formally to the rist, mechanic, or engineer, and taking This hat salute him with a low and re sectial bow; it was a homage due to merit ad he always paid the debt. Nothing ins me more pleasure than seeing a me have in his own coach, that is to say i edrives his own couch on the actual profaof his occupation ; if he mistakes the ins, and begins too early, he is lost; for a nechnaic who sets up his coach and is appelled to set it down ugain, from a manure commencement and not underrading his position, is a poor creature

deed, and runs ahead of his business. his a custom, and a bad custom in Engud, to look on tradesmen and mechanics an inferior class of men, without refemento their character or wealth. Tais, mever, grows out of the distinction and issification of society in a monarchial om of government, and keeps merchants mimechanics except in the city of London, suinually under the ban, and consequently recents their ever attaining a high rank; al we regret to add that we are tinctured little too much in this country with the ame feelings. Some of our families, acstomed to believe that there is in a meuic something low and grovelling, prewhinging up their sons to a profession, rin a counting-house, or in a retail fancy ore; and when they come of age, they inveno capital to give their children to ommence business with, and they drag out rearied and poor existence deper hance, and seldom attaining distinction or affluence. This is not the case with the ober, industrious mechanic ; he has a business, a capital of which he cannot be derived, and he possesses ingenuity and enerprise, and, above all, sobriety and indusly, he is very likely to attain fortune .--The secret, therefore, in this republican custry, is to give your sons a good educa ion, an education suitable for any profeson, and then make mechanics of part of hem, because, if they are temperate, inges, industrious, and frugal, they must mke a good living ; but if these principles re engrated on a good education, such echanics not only become rich, but they come great. The education which qualifies them for baror the bench-for the highest honors of a profession, imparts a greater value to r mechanical pursuits, and enables them bake a high rank in the political world, stained by a powerful interest. True, are are privations and inconveniences in laming and working at a mechanical buness-boys must be up early and latework hard-live hard; they must make trat sacrifices of ease and comfort for a term of years, and then they will begin to valize the good results-to taste of the good fuit: besides, what is above all price, their habits from fourteen to nineteen are formed a proper and safe mould, free from indotoce, vice, and extravagance. The very dandy who turned up his hono. able nose at the respectable tailor driving is brouche and pair, was actually the son of a mechanic, and inherited a large forune which he does not know how to use .-laa few years he will have dissipated it in folly and extravagance, and then become a loufer, and without knowing how to earn his bread, he will follow the meanest trade in the world, that of begging.

ANALLY & J. ROBER 15, EDITORS. tion, and riding on horseback, if I'm only of the smaller bars, or upper notes, much Ministry, in Law, in Medicine, or Politics, you answer this argument?" and immedito be a lady's shoemaker?' 'Precisely so, resembles in clearness and brilliancy the cation you shall learn to be a lady's shoe- stone are laid transversely upon a framemaker; when you have served out your work of wood, and played upon with wooden time, I will send you to Paris or Madrid, mallets. There is nothing between the the very first masters-there they make band of straw and a piece of leather, upon cient in common sense.

I am a man-there is no use of my working.' 'Yes, but there is my boy; you must earn money by your industry. Were I to with the greatest facility and skilt, and the give you money and bring you up in idle. music is of the most novel, yet charming ness, what would become of you when the kind. Thousands of persons have made money was all gone ?' The little fellow did repeated visits to the rooms for the purpose not exactly understand the philosophy of will view the matter in a different light ----After all said, much depends on the good counsel of mothers in laying the foundation for a sound superstructure in the minds of their sons. Let a widow left only in mode. rate circumstances have four intelligent. well-educated boys, who have honorably, successfully, served out their times in some mechanical business, and see how much more comfortable are her prospects in old childhood, and whose present attainments age, than if she had four boys, depending on precarious professional pursuits for a living.

This reasoning partially applies to daughters, who are by far less troublesome and difficult to manage than sons. It is incredible how many avenues to comfort and employment are opened to girls if they are industriously disposed. There are three young ladies, daughters of a respectable but moderately circumstanced family, remarkable for neatness of dress and reserved manner, attributed by many to pride .--Calling in at rather an unusual hour, I found the mother and daughters employed in making muslin shirts, for which they received only a shilling apiece, and they clothed themselves entirely by the needle. The cause of their pride was thus explained third year, but moves as briskly and easily -- it was the pride of conscious independence. as most men of forty or fifty.

MEDICAL ADVICE OF THE CHINESE, TEM. PERANCE, &c .- Be virtuous ; govern your passions; restrain your appetite. Avoid good service. Do not eat to satiety. Break.

for a year or so, to finish your trade, with stone and the wooden frame but a small are lamentably, perhaps necessarily, defi-

beautiful shoes-then you shall have a store which each stone rests in two separate n Broadway, a small capital will set you places. The instrument is the invention of up in business ; and do you not think the Mr. Joseph Richardson of Keswick, a per- have had vast amounts expended upon their adies of the city would prefer a well edu. son of an untaught musical genius, whose cated gentlemanly young man, with a good occupation on the Skiddaw mountain led education to business. address and a perfect master of his firt, to him to observe that each piece of rock take measure of their delicate feet, than a which he took up gave out a different and clumsy, rough looking rude fellow, with distinct musical note, according to its size, joice to see a race of men growing up unhis fingers all over wax? Certainly. You and he conceived the idea of constructing der a system of six hours labor and four for would be every where patronized, your an instrument composed of pieces of the study daily. He has for many years labor work would be praised, and your fortune rock. The result was the production of ed daily with his hands as many hours as soon made. Now is this not better than the Rock Harmonicon, which, after a good he has studied. putting a pair of specs on your nose-a deal of patient perseverance, he brought to thread bare coat on your back-Blackstone a perfection which is truly surprising. He in your hands, waiting day after day for a next instructed his three sons (all of a muclient ?' 'Well, but father,' said he, ' you sical turn) to play upon it; and, after twelve will give me as much money as I want when months' practice, they have come to London vit, and still worke from six to twelve

the mart of all that is new or curious .-of hearing this delightful music of the Rock such conclusion, but as he grows older he Harmonicon.-Lond. Cor. Boston Post. of the New Yorker.

#### [From the Charleston Observer.] Noah Webster.

MR. EDITOR :- It was on the 20th of July last, in the afternoon, that a friend at my special request, took me to the residence of Noah Webster, L. L. D. You may well imagine the feelings with which I saluted one whose literary labors had formed my in the knowledge of the English language have made him an oracle of wisdom in both

this country and Europe. I felt, when thinking of the Spelling Book, as if 1 were in the presence of one who had been raised the author of that httle work as belonging to the last century, not to the present one. that great mass of learning and laborfelt that I was in the presence of one of the

chief philosophers and scholars of the age. Dr. Webster lives at present in New Haven. He is of the common size, has a smooth bright countenance, a blue eye, a forchead gently receding, and a remarkably airy and cheerful manner, for one of his, age and application. He is now in his eighty-

The following are some of the facts concerning his history, which fell from him during our conversation. He was born in West Hartford, Conn. Was a member of excess and high seasoned food, eat slowly, Yale College during the Revolutionary war and chew your food well that it may do you and, with the rest of the students and offi- ing this science of phrenology, and I should cers, was driven from the Institution by the like to be humored upon this point. Here fast betimes: it is not wholesome to go out enemy. He spent the first part of his life is double the amount of your charge for teaching in Orange County, N.Y. It was nature is satisfied : so should it be with here, I think, he said he first published his thyself. Make a hearty meal about noon, spelling book. He afterwards edited a po- favor to name my profession." litical paper in the city of New York under Washington's administration, and in have pale complexions and slow pulse, and defence of that Administration. Owing to are full of corrupted humans." Sup betimes the change in the political relations of this professor of theology. country, the hesitation of some of the States much nor too little cooked. Sleep not until to unite in the Confederation, he spent some two hours after eating. Begin your meals time in Baltimore, Charleston, and other places, securing the copy-right of his spelling book. The latter part of his life has been devoted to his great work, the Diction. ary of the English Language. This work has cost him an immense amount of toil, posture, nor lie longer than necessary. In and about thirty or forty thousand dollars expense in its publication. He has not resummer too cold. Immediately after you ceived the 4-5th of this back, he assured awake, rub your breast where the heart me; but has been supported by the income lies with the palm of your hand. Avoid a from the Spelling book! In preparing his

received a portion of their education upon ately treated him to a long quotation in my son; when you have finished your edu- high notes of the piano-forte. The slips of farms, in workshops, in merchandize; or trish. some other pursuit of business, Most learned men, who have acquired

their knowledge exclusively from reading,

A large portion of the forgers, swindlers and robbers now swarming in our country, book education, and little or nothing for an

The most learned man at present in our country, often remarks that he should re-

Mr. Burritt, of Worcester, Mass., who now, at the age of thirty-two years, understands fifty languages, has, while acquiring them, worked vigorously at the an. hours daily.

The late Dr. Bowditch, who at his death was in the department of Mathematics, the most learned man living, devoted more hours daily to business pursuits than are commonly employed by those who are exclusively business men .- Correspondence

#### Phrenology Nonplussed.

\* The New Orleans Picayone gives the following as a fact. Fact or fancy, it might very easily be true :

A well-known eccentric comedian one called up on a phrenologist in New York. "Sir," said the actor, "I have calle upon you to get a character; you will de me the favor to examine the cast of my head?"

"Sir, take a seat, and allow me to take your hat," said the polite professor of the then newly-broached science

The phrenologist proceeded in his examifrom the dead-for 1 always conceived of nation, and soon detected a remarkable prevalence of prominent organs, significant of very flattering qualities.

"Now, sir," said the actor, "I have been an obstinate unbeliever in this new branch of knowledge, but you have read my character so completely that I am hence. fortha convert. Will you now, sir, indulge me in a whim, and tell me what is the nature of my pursuit in life-1"

It must be mentioned that the comedian was remarkable for a severe and serious character of countenance, contrasting in a peculiar manner with his mirth-provoking appearance on the stage.

"Why, sir," said the professor, " to de this is not exactly a part of my system, but Well now you must excuse me, sir; ] am odd in my whim sometimes, but I am anxious to be thoroughly convinced regard-

One night, sitting at the back of the front boxes with a gentleman of his acquaintance, one of the underbred box-lobby loungers of

the day stood up immediately, before him and being rather large in person, covered the sight of the stage from him. Every body expected that Macklin would have knocked the fellow down notwithstanding his size, but he managed the matter in an other temper.' Patting him gently 'on the shoulder with his cane, he requested of hin with much apparent politeness, "that when he saw or heard any thing very entertaining on the stage, he would be pleased to turn round and let him and the gentleman beside him know of it : " for you see, my dear ir," ad led the veteran, "that at present we must totally depend upon you as a tele-graph." This had the desired effect, and the lounger walked off.

Talking of the caution necessary to be used in conversation amongst a mixed coma my, Macklin observed, "Sir, Thave ex perionced to my cost that a man in any situntion of life should never be off his guard. It is the facit of the high that they are to: ready to ' commit' themselves. Now, this never happens with the Scotch ; a Scotchman is always on the look-out; he never lives a moment extempore, and that is one great-reason why he is not so successful in life as we see,

Macklin was very intimate with Frank Hayman (at that time one of our best historical painters,) and happening to call on him one morning soon after the death of the printer's wife, with whom he (Frank) has lived but on indifferent terms, he found him wrangling with the undertaker about his high charge for the funeral expenses .-Marklin listened to the altereation for some tions; at last, going up to Hayman .- "Comcome, Frank," said he, " this bill is, to be are, a little extravagant, but you Should pay it, if it were only on account of the respeet you owe your wife's memory ; for I am sure," he added with the greatest gravity, "she would have paid twice as much

for your burial with the greatest gla lness if she had had the opportunity."

#### Woman.

What lawyer has not observed this difference between the sexes, namely : If a woman is indicted for an offence, who attends her in the awful presence of Justice, to Congress has, at length, been brought to a conside and cheer her, braving the stare of close. The incidents which belong to the the gaping growd, the humiliation of such history of this session, and especially those companionship and such connection ! A which have marked its termination, are of nother or a sister. How seldom a father, a nature to make so strong an impression a brother, or a brotherad! If a main is placed upon the country, and to excite so much interest in the bar, who is solicitous for him !  $A_1$  terest in the future action and relations of ways his aged mather, his broken hearted the Whig party, that the Whig Represenwife, or his sorrowing daughter. Shame, natives in both Houses of Congress have sorrow, degradation, contempt, are all for- thought it their duty, before separating, to gotten in the strength of woman's love .--- address their constituents with a brief expo-How seldom is a man's! If he attends- sition of the circumstances in which they and when does he !--his look towards the conceive themselves to be placed by the bir, thench his nearest relative, is often dark and seewing, a sense of This session of Congress was called as shame that attacks a to hims li, weighing on almost the first measure of that illustrious him at the very crisis of the prisoner's fate, and Immented citizen whose election to the A woman's look is that of compassion and Presidency was no less significant of the sympathy. She thinks not of her own sit-uation, or of the opinion of the crowd acts at the preceding Administration, than around her, as regards herself, if she glane's it was expressive of a wish for an immediat them it is only when some part of the tes. timony makes for or against *him*, or the adge or the lawyer speaks upon some been expelled from power had rendered it trong point, that she may discern their inevitable; and the country hailed the meetopinian of his fate. She watches his eye; ing of a new Congitas as the sure pledge of very movement ; is she near him, she and relief from all those evils, which the disasticipates his every wint-she hands him the trous incompetency of the man at the head glass of water to quanch thes fever that of affairs had brought upon it. inxisty has produced-she walks by his The People desired the early adoption of ale from the court to the prison, and from the policy which had been promised them he prison to the court, she sits as near to by the Whig party. That policy had been tim in the court as possible-she would sit brought to the consideration of the country in the bar with him, would it allow her- throughout a context of nearly twelve y ars she waits for hours, to exchange one word duration, maintained with unexampled dewith him through the grated door; the votion; and its principles were illustrated rakes and services all shown to make him by the precepts and practice of the most decent at his trial, that his appearance may emment and patriotic of our citizens in evproduce a favorable impression. If the ery form by which they were able to address, rwful verdict is against him, she fors thes themselves to the intelligence of the people. im not, though all the world have forsaken. No one misapprehended these principles ; him. In the last extremity, she is by his they were identified with the labors of that side with a love that like a noble arch, pressign at party whose unpart dicked success was sure strengthens. She attends at the very both the taken and the reward of the gine foot of the gallows; his ignominy, his ill rate onfidence of the nation. They promised treatment of her are not thought of -- reform-Whose wall was that, which, when the fatal 1st. In the restraint of Executive power lrop fell, pierced every ear and every heart and patronage : with the conviction that there was one 21. In the wholesome regulation of the whose pang was keener even than the dying currency and the advancement of the inte-"Twas her's. And she will beg rests of industry; and convict his byly, and compose decently the distorted limbs, and bury him with care: The spot where he is faid, though known as the nurderer's grave which the world points to these objects by limiting the service of the with herror, and where superstition says up President to a single term ; by forbidding reass will ever grow-is nevertheless, a halswed spot to her, where she will even plunt the flower and manure the grass, to induce the belief that if superstition is correct, the leeperis innocent. What the poet makes had recently become so off asize to the r say is true-I know not, I ask not, if guilt's on this heart, I but know that I love thee wherever thou art!"

POLITICAL. Congressional Whig Meeting.

At a meeting of the WHIG members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the 27th Congress of the United States, held at the City of Washington on the 11th September, 1811-

The Hon. NATHAN F. DIXON, of Rhodo sland, on the part of the Senate, and the Hon JEREMIAH MORROW, of Chio, on the part of the House, were called to the chair, and KENNETH RAYNER, of North Carolina, CHRISTOPHER MORGAN, of New York, and RICHARD W. THOMPSON, of Indiana, were appointed Secretaries.

Mr. Mangain, of North Carolina, offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it is expedient for the Whigs of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States to publish an Address to the People of the U States, containing a succinct exposition of the prominent proceedings of the extra session of Congress, of the measures which have been adopted, and those in which they have fail. ed, and the causes of such failure, together with such other matters as may exhibit truly the condition of the Whig party and Whigprospects.

Recoired. That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, he appointed to prepare such Address, and submit it to a macing of the Whigs on Monday morning next, the 13th instant, at half-past 8 o'clock.

And the question being taken on said reolutions, they were ununimously adouted. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said committee : Messrs. Berrien of Georgia, Tailmadge of New York, and Smith of Indiana, on the part of the 2° nate; and Messrs. Everett, of Vermont, Mason, of Ohio, Kennedy, of Maryland, John C. Clark, of New York, and Rayner, of North Caroling, on the part of the flouse.

When, on motion, the meeting adjourned, to meet again on Monday morning.

Monday, SEPT. 13, 1841 The meeting assembled pursuant to adstrum-nt.

Mr. KENNEDY, of Maryland, from the ommittee appointed for that purpose, reported the following

#### ADDRESS:

Fellow Citizens: The extra session of events which have recently transp

The parents who have several sons, and not means to give them all fortunes, begin in time to bend their minds to the considention of useful occupations-

# Just as the twig is bent, The tree's inclined.

The other day I held a colloquy on this tery subject with one of my boys, who was fall of sprightliness and ambition. ' Father,' hid he, ' what trude am I to learn ? ' A ady's shoemaker, my son.' 'A what?' said te liule archin, his full blue eyes widening with a stare of astonishment, and his broad theeks reddening to the crimson of a pulpit coshion-i a lady's shoemaker? Why, what is the use of my learning English, French, and Spanish grammar and the gobes, arithmetic and dancing and playing able for its sounding qualities, and rings on the fiddle, and composition and elocu-

You never take a horse out until and cat plain meat only : avoid salt and tainted meats-those who eat them often and sparingly; let your meat be neither too with a little tea, and wash your mouth with a cup of it afterwards. Be very moderate in the use of all pleasures of sense; for all excess weakens the spirits. Walk not too long at once ; stund not for hours in one winter keep not yourself too hot, nor in

stream or draught of wind as you would an Dictionary for the press, he spent one year arrow ! Coming out of a warm bath or after hard labor, do not expose your body to cold. If in the spring there should be two or three hot days, do not be in haste to put off your winter clothes. It is unwhole. Wash your mouth with lukewarm water before you go to rest, and rub the soles of your feet warm. When you lie down banish all thought. Wash-your face and hands after every meal.

Not one in ten thousand dies by poison ; yet the bare mention of it strikes with horror, What multitudes by INTEMPERANCE ! Yet how little if is feared ! See that moth of some public Institution, this great storewhich flies incessantly round the candleit is consumed! Man of pleasure, behold thine own image! Temperance is the best physic. The life of a man is a fever, in which very cold fits are followed by others equally hot. The man who hath never been sick, doth not know the value of health. The man who is pointed at with the finger, never dies with disease. The medicine

that doth not cause the patient to sleep. never cures him. When a family rise carly in the morning, you must conclude that the house is well governed. One hour's sleep

beføre midnight is worth two after. Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

TRUTH.

THE ROCK HARMONICON .- A new and curious instrument has been exhibited at Willis's Room for some weeks, which has excited a great deal of interest in the musical world. It is called the ' Rock Harmo-

nicon,' a sort of stone piano-forte. It is composed of bars of a brown slaty, stone of the injury done to the health and forms of taken from the rocks of the Skiddaw, moun-

in England. There is another work he has on hand of even greater labor than the Dictionary. It is an Exhibition of the Comparative Philo. togy of twenty different Languages .- Seven some to fan\_yourself during perspiration. of these are of the Shemitish class, the rest honest man, I entreat you not to deceive. are European. The object of the work is to trace out the resemblance between all these-different languages, by pursuing the various classes of derivatives to their primitive roots. The work is too extensive to your head !!"

be published on his own responsibility./ h. trust, Mr. Editor, that either by the liberality of some individual, or the enterprise house of learning may yet see the light. I was struck with one remark of this veteran student: "Young men," said he, often speak of completing their education-Our education," he continued, " is

never completed-no matter how old we are, we should still be learning." That this venerable old gentleman may have a peaceful and pleasant descent to the repose of the tomb, is my earnest desire, as it certainly must be of all who either respect age, value learning, or esteem worth. GEORGIANUS.

FACTS FOR PARENTS --- Mr. Editor-You are undoubtedly aware that numerous children lose their reason and their lives by excessive reading and study. At least twen-

ty such cases have come within my personal knowledge ;- three in one family ; and two in another.

The most eminent physicians in our country have spoken much and written much, young ladies by long and close confinement over desks and books.

erieranium, and will to you with pleasure, if you will do me the

After a good deal of hesitation, nuvious to pocket the extra cash, the phrenologist ventured to pronounce his visitor a ministerial

"What!" said the actor, with a start of surprise, " are you acquainted with me " No, sir, upon my honor !" replied the professor.

"Do you assure me that you have neve seen or heard of me before?" said the comedian with impresive solemaity.

Sir, I do, with the most profound since rity."

"Astonishing!" said the dramatic way. with a look of pious wonder.

"Then you are"-began the phrenological professor. "" Stop, sir!" replied the reverend Thes

pian : " Now will you tell me whether you judge from my serious countenance and the sable plainness of my habiliments, or from the scientific examinations you have made of my natural development. Sir, as an

"Why, my dear sir," said the accom-plished pupil of Spurzheim, " to be plain with you-excuse me-I knew you were a preacher the instant I laid my hand upon

..... Well, this is decisive," said the actor. with solemn intonation and a look of most extraordinary gravity, rising at the same time, taking his hat, and pushing the double fee before the maa of science.

" It is my custom to register the names of prominent individuals who visit my office," said the phrenologist, and I should esteem it an especial favor to enrol yours among my patrons."

"You see it there, sir !" replied the tall mysterious looking person, " staring you in the face like the ghost of your defunct second sight !" and as he walked away, he pointed to a play bill at the door, upon which was inscribed in "forty-line pica"-"PARE THEATRE-benefit of Sol. SMITH, on which occasion he will appear in his popular cha-

#### Anecdotes of Macklin, the Irish Comedian.

Macklin was exceedingly quick at a reply, especially in a dispute. One day Doctor Johnson was contesting some dramat. ical question, and quoted a passage from a Greek poet in support of his opinion. " I don't understand Greek though, Doctor,' said Macklin. "Sir," said Johnson, pompously, "a man who undertakes to argue. able for its sounding qualities, and rings The most distinguished and the most should understand all languages." "Ob, with a tone clear as bell-metal. The tone useful men in our country, whether in the very well," returned Macklin, "how will

Severe RETORT -- A man who marries rich while must " spect to have it occasionally flong in his terth. We have heard of a report however, which we should think must have forever silenced such thrusts. A gentleman who had the misfortune to marry a fortune was once exhibiting the fine points. of his horse to a friend. " My horse, if you please," said his wife-"my money bought that horse." "Yes madam," replied the husband bowing: " and your money bought me."

3d. In the establishment of an economical administration of the finances.

They proposed to accomplish the first of all officers of the Government from interfering in elections; and by a voluntary self. denial, on the part of the Chiof Magistrate, in that excessive use of the very power which country as an instrument of party supra-

They haped to achieve their flext object by the establishment of a National Bank : hy an adjustment of the system of diffes upon a moderate and perminent scale. adapted as nearly as practicabble to the interest, and conformable with the views of every portion of the Union ; by the estab. shinent of a uniform system of bankrantey: and by the distribution of the proceeds of he public lands amongst the States-a nessure recommended not only by considerations of justice to the States the macives, but also by a sad experience of the embarraisment produced in the carrenty rosult-

racter of Mawworm!!"