USCELLANEOUS A New Life Preserver.

BY TON BOOL

Of hair breadth 'scopes."--- Orma mo.

I have somewhere read of arried with him a bread of mistole, t carbin a cutlans, a dagger, and an umbrilla, who as indebted for his preservation to the umilla-it grappled with a bush when he was over a precipice. Io like manner, and W., though armed with a sword, fle, and hunting knife, owed his existence to a wig.

He was specimen hunting, (for W. is a first rate naturalist,) somewhere in the back. roods of America, when happening to light pon a dense covert, there sprang out upon m-not a panther or catemount, but with a terrible whoop and yell, a wild Indian--one of the tribe then hostile to our settlers. W.'s gun was mastered in a twinkling, himself stretched on the earth, and the barbarous knife destined to make him balder than Granby's colebrated Marquis, leaped engerly from

ath, Conceive the horrible weapon its preliminary flourishes and circum-

ss,-the savage features, made savby paint and ruddle, working themselves to a demoniacal crisis of triumphant maignity-his red right hand clutching the chearing knife-his left, the frizzled top knot, and then, the artificial scalp coming off in the Mohawk's grasp [

W_____ says the Indian catchoole was for some moments motionless with surprise ; recovering at last, he dragged his captive along through the brake and jungle to the enampment. A peculiar whoop soon brought the whole tribe to the spot. The Indian adfreesed them with vehement gestures, in the

d personal taxes, therefore, fails on the hus-

The editor of the " American" is so thing of an antiquarian, and has instituted an inquiry into the history of busiles. He says St. Paul was blowing out against them, when he told his heavers to forget or cast off " the things which were behind them." Very like Passages from ancient write xistence of bustles in the old a

Hear what one of them says as translated by Dryden:

"With bustles huge she girt herself about." Here is a curious passage from .Tacitus, who wrote a great many years ago :

"The ladies of rank are accustomed to vear certain curious shaped articles of dress called bustles, which are ornamented with fine embroidery and medlework. The wife of a chief wears one weighing three ounces. The weight of that worn by the wife of the mperor is one pound two ounces."

A traveller lately dug up a bustle in Pom peii, in a good state of preservation. He thus describes it:

" Its form is that of three equillateral tri angles, joined at the base. The substance with which it was stuffed puzzled visitors for a time, but at length it was decided to be rasp. ed whalebone."

Thus prates an old English poet :

"Ne was there in all the countroe roun So fayre a maide, ne of so high renown ; A bustle great she wore of velvet made, Which eke with finest silk was broidered." And here is a passage from one of the old. er dramatists, and thus introduces the tustle

as the last pledge of affection from a dying ife to her absent husband : "This bustle take and to my husband bear,

And say that she whom well he loved hath sent A token of her love ; and bid him think, That the pulse of her who loved it once Did throb for him."

Orestes Brownson, the great transcenden.

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ig lawyer, was killed by Dr. Tait, under the Dean Sun : Your letter, an Toung River had sought and woo the af-

fections of the sister of Dr. Tait, but the arriage was strenuously papered by some t the young lady's family. Last Saturday was, however, fixed for the wedding day ; and early in the morning, Mr. Rives, ied by a friend, rude to the house of his innded bride. As he was entering the house P

hort walk, as he wished to have a private proversation. They went a short distance from the house, and in a few minutes the report of a pistol was heard, and Mr. Rives een coming towards the house, shot mortally in the abdomen.

I forbear to give the minute details of th fatal reacontre, as told by Rives before his death. He lingered about two days, and gave full particulars of the homicide ; but as Dr. T. will doubless be taken, and a judicial investigation bring all the facts to light, think it best to forego the melancholy recital. Dr. Tait has fled, but he cannot escape the igilance of justice. He is well knownwas formerly assistant surgeon in the United States Navy-is a man of great wealth, and heretofore has stood high in the community.

Mr. Rives is a most worthy young man .-The young lady evinced her devotion to him. by marrying him whilst on his death-bed, and, and the detection of which is so certain. while he lived, gave those ministering attentions which none but the hand of affectionate woman can bestow. The letter adds :

The above is but a meagre sketch of one of the most sad and romantic events I even heard of. There are incidents connected with the whole affair of the most singular kind. From all I can learn, it was a coward. ly, premeditated murder. Tait first beat Rives with a stick-Rives took it from him, and then Tait shot him near the naval with a it ought to be of one aspiring to the high and

revolver. The bride is young, lovely, weal- [dignified position he seeks, why does he not

tility to the Tariffy NASHVILLE, Octo

nia, and also a pamphlet contaicin tracts of the speeches and p has been received. wishes of the Club, and if any action on nan. port shall become necessary to a proper via ablication, you may reat assured that it

Polk's speeches and addresses that I used in my late canvass with him, (such as I knew to ches and addresses that I used in

be genuine,) and find the extracts to be fairly ent which bears the title of " The So made; and, with the exception of such im-Danger : Read before you wite : Address of material and typographical errors as usually the Democratic Associati city :" and we find it to be the ul, insidious, and inflamm rect. I not only know this publication to Southern sensibilities and need a true exposition of the opinions of Col. Polk t was intended for secret circulation, so r on the subject of the tariff, from comparing o reach southern voters before the e it with his published opinions, but. I know it in next month, but too late to allow of the pos from having heard them from his own lips, sibility of reply, is obvious from the fact, that day after day, for months in succession. To in the list of political publications, such as attempt to make James K. Polk the friend of Mr. Walker's letter upon Texas, dec., adver a protective tariff can only excite the ridicule tised for sale at the Spectator office, that tract, though printed at the Spectator office It is most astonishing that his friends should is not menti

undertake to deceive and mislead the public One or two copies of the tract having, mind on a subject of so much importance appears, fallen into the hands of the Chair man of the Whig Congress Committee, that can but regard the effort that is making in gentleman conceived that he would be serving your state to pass James K. Polk off as the the cause of truth and fairness by obtain friend and advocate of protection as an outnumber of It, and circulating them among the rage which, for impudence and falsehood, is people of the North, against whom it is calunparalleled in the history of party warfare. culated and doubtless intended to arouse the It is a gross attempt at fraud-one that would worst possible feeling in the south. Not bedisgrace the veriest party hack. But, dising allowed to purchase copies at the Specta graceful as is this attempt on the part of the tor office he caused the tract to be reprinted friends and supporters of Col. Polk, I can but at the Intelligencer office. Until the controregard his position as equally disreputable versy which arose concerning it, we had not If truth, fairness, and justice is his object, as read any more than the head-line of this tract. We have since examined it, and have satisfied elves that the remaint

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that we are in favor of one thing, while w are really in favor of an such means is more distionorable, more fatal bat. Better to be defeated Sobilit for your principles, than to succeed by abar doning them."

"We have been deeply grieved at Mr Polk's letter. We had hoped that, with Mr. Van Baren, the 'betwixt and betwenity' policy he had represented for so many years would retire to the shades of Lindenwold, and that henceforth we should be at liberty to adopt an open, manly, straight-forward poli oy alike creditable to the leaders of the party and beneficial to the country ; but we fear that we have gained little by the exchange We have, we fear, only enother disciple of the same school, and that the same old demagogical dynasty is to be renewed and perpetunted ; the same dread of open, honest avowals; the same went of confidence in the peoples the same crocked, supertine policy, which caused us to be hurled from power with such overwhelming indignation in 1840, are to be egain our characteristics. We are afraid that we are likely to prove, as a party, that we cannot profit by experience, and can learn no wisdom from defeat. read, we have no thus far, a single noble south mt, or a s nanly appeal. The wi conducted in a tortuous low and demoralizing appe to the actors, and deadening to the We justly moril the wrath of Heaven should we fail, it would be only a righ judgement upon us for our want of firm pri tee of that Association. An article published in the Globe a few days since he is the published keeping."

course of which W_____ was again thrown down, the knife again performed its bircuits, and the whole transaction was panto simically described.

All Indian sedateness and restraint were overcome. The Assembly made every demonstration of wonder ; and the wig was fitted on, rightip, askew, and hind part before, by a hundred pair of red hands. Capt. Gulliver's glove was not a greater puzzle to the Houeuvhums.

From the men it passed to the squaws, and from them down to the least of the urchine : W----'s head, in the meantime, frying in midsummer son. At length the phenomenon returned into the hands of the chief, a venerable gray beard ; he examined it again, very attentively, and after a long deliberation, maintained with true Indian silence and gravity; made a speech in his own tongue that procured for the anxious, trembling captive very unexpected honors.

In fact the whole tribe of women and war riors danced round him with such unequivo. cal marks of homage, that even Wcomprehended that he was not intended for encrifice. He was then carried in triamph to their wigwams, his body daubed with their culors of the most honorable patterns ; and he was given to understand that he might choose any of the marringcable maidens for a squaw. Availing himself of this privilege. and so becoming by degrees more proficient to their language, he learned the cause of beir extraordinary respect.

It was considered that he had been in great for ; that he had by chance of war, been ne and tufted; but that, whether by liberty and his scalp.

As long as W----- kept his own counsel he was safe ; but trusting his Indian Delisolemn sitting was held at midnight by the chiels, to consider the propriety of knocking han the ton CALC: NO

Taxes in China. The greater part of the taxes in China are Those who b eed silk ns pay their taxes in silks, the husbandin in grain, and the gardner in fruits. This ag taxes is far from slot ry province there are in its service

m, officers, soldiers, and pe inry of food and the articles levied as taxes are near

following clear and lucid manner: "Their superiority obviates to eternity .-

The cylindrical predominates. The cycloid reduced to entity is impermeable. Cotton is dull; bran is derivative. Circumstances ombined fortuitously preclude investigation The irrefragable concatenution derived by at rition supercedes divinity. Preternatural diisions are oblique."

Sam Slick, too, is truly crazy upon the ubject, and thus delivers himself: "I swan to man, it gives a fellow sort o

n all-overish feelin' to see a gal with one of hem things on. I'll be darned if my heart don't jump clean into my mouth every time I set my eyes on 'em."

The St. Louis Gazette savs :

"A friend of ours took home one Saturday night, a short time since, a long water melon which growed in the Jerseys, intend ing to have it for his Sunday desert. Dinner time come and he could not find the melon .-He asked his wife if she knew where it was, She made no reply, but instantly turned pale as death. The affectionate husband, thinkng she was ill and about to faint, cut open her dress behind for the purpose of loosening her corset, when, to his astonishment, out drop. ped the water melon. She was wearing it as

Texas.

The New Orleans Bulletin says: The information furnished us some days since by a

correspondent, of the arrival of President Houston at the scene of the recent disorders in Eastern Texas, is confirmed by the Natchitoches Chronicle, of the 7th inst. Gen. H. valor or stratagem, each equally estimable had called out the militia of Sabine and St. Dumas, asking him who he was, he placed amongst the savages, he had recovered his Augustine counties, and had succeeded in capturing Walter Morman, the leader of the

a bustle !"

" Regulators." This individual was immediately put on trial on several indictments for lah with the secret of his locks, it soon got treason and afurder. The report that a pitchwind amongst the squaws, and from them be- ed battle had taken place between the rival came known to the warriors and chiefs. A factions is also confirmed. Sixty or eighty persons are said to have been killed. The Chronicle states that such has been the turbuthe poor wig owner on the head; but he had tent and violent conduct of these lawless d a timely hint of their intention, and bands, for a year or two, that society on the mhawks sought for him, he was frontier was completely disorganized, and the his way, with his life preserver, towards a adjoining parishes of Louisiana kept also in

> mitted, it is reported that the " Regulators" pursued one of their victims into the parish of De Soto, and murdered him within a few miles of Mansfield.

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Alfred Hill was recently sent

list, thus descants upon these articles, in the thy, and ardent in her feelings. Rives was wealthy, and, it is said, was every way worthy the girl; but the mother and brother opposed, even after the father gave his reluctant consent.

> " POST OFFICE SCENES."--- Under this can. ion, an interesting graphic sketch of life given in a late number of the Binghampton " Iris," where the manifold vexations of Pos Masters and their clerks by idle questioners. demanding when a letter will be mailed, when received, and when an answer is to be expected-are touched as they deserve ; and the following verbatim copy of a superscription is offered as an edifying sample for the curious:

" Unitud stats of ameri ca Stat of new york stat counti of Broom ande townsShepang biminghangington post Ofis for Mr. John Smith with care and spead." On the back of the letter was this very mall request :

" Mr post master if John Smith dont live thar wont you send this ere whare he is ?"

THE AMERICAN BRIG CYRUS. OF NEW ORLEANS. CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH MAN OF. WAR BRIG ALERT .--- The Boston Atlas contains a letter from Captain Dumas, of the Cyrus, which states that on the coast of Africa on the 20th of June, the Alert sent her boat manned by two officers, a boy, and four ne gro seamen, alongside the Cyrus. The Cantain of the Alert came on board. Captain his hand on the British flag, and said, " this tells who I am." He demanded the papers of Captain Dumas, who refused them on the ground that Bosanquet would not show hi authority to demand them.

Captain Bosanquet, of the Alert, again d manded the papers of the Cyrus, which were refused, when he sent an officer to the cabin who broke open the trunk of the Captain, and taking the papers, handed them to Bosanquet Dumas asked for his papers. Bosanquet re plied, " I will keep them with me, and pock et them." Dumas said, " since my paper are taken from me, I make an abandonme of my vessel." He and his crew immediatel left her. HE DOWN RIPLINED The Atlas adds, it was reported at Ric aneiro that the British Cantain aband

the Cyrus, and that she was immediately ta n of by the Portu

that the Cyrus had been sold a a slaver to the Port e, and the report ems to confirm the o

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speak out like a man? Why are his lips of Gen. Green, is a correct reprint from the sealed as with the stillness of death? Where copy obtained from the Spectator office. is that boldness and independence that ever The tract purports to be an address by

characterizes a man conscious of his own in-"The Democratic Association of Washingtegrity and the correctness of his principles ton, D. C.," dated at Washington, September and conduct? Possessing the power and the 25th, and bears the signatures of the Chairmeans (and having been respectfully asked to man and Secretary of the Executive Commit do so) of arresting falsehood and undeceiving his countrymen, and refusing to do so, makes in the Globe a few days since, having the sighim particeps criminis, and should consign natures of the same persons, denounces this

tract as a " base forgery." If it be a forge-Col. Polk cannot, will not, dare not, deny ry, it is one executed at a mint of their own that he has always opposed the protective poland for which the leaders alone are accountable. icy. This has been his boast. He has nev. Leaving the question of forgery to be set. er ceased to denounce the tariff of 1842 in tled by those of our political opponents who his acquaintance with the ** Farmer of Ashterms unmeasured; and yet he observes a are interested in ascertaining to whom among most DIGNIFIED SILENCE, permitting truth to them it properly attaches, we warn the peo be crushed to earth, and falsehood raised in ple of the south against being duped by any its stead-and all, that some political advansuch attempts, under whatever disguise, pretence, or color, to play upon their sympathic

I repeat now what I have frequently written, spoken, and published, and which has real friend, the truly National Statesman, Gen. Washington; he had voted for and was never been denied by Col. Polk or any of his whose whole life is the guaranty of his political honesty and his patriotic purposes, and mortal Jefferson; and among all the noble friends in this state, that Col. Polk at all times, his fidelity to the interests of the south as well spirits which it had been his pride to know during both of my canvasses with him, opposed, denounced, and condemned the prinas of the North.

ciple of protection, and during the last campaign the tariff of 1842 received his most un qualified condemnation. To this statement the name of this departed patriot in their unpledge my reputation as a man of honor, and hallowed attacks upon Mr. Clay and the Whig party, remember the language used by him Mr. Clay, for many years, with the baseless challenge Col. Polk or any of his friends to deny it. If any friend of protection, or of at the dinner given to him at Washington in the tariff of 1842, is prepared to vote for 1840, when he declared that although he would him, believing that he is any other than the cast his vote for Gen. Harrison, whom he unqualified opponent of this system, (if he considered honest and capable, yet his first shall be elected,) he will discover that he has choice for the Presidency in that canvass, would have been Henry Clay, of Kentucky ; says : "We learn that a bendbill is in circubeen deceived and misled, and find his only "Upon the great subjects now practical," lation in this state which contains Cassius M. comfort in cursing his folly and credulity. If said Judge White, "I coincide heartily with Clay's opinions on slavery and which is head. I had a voice that would reach every city, that gentleman, (Mr. Clay,) and disagree with ed Clay's opicions on slavery-not Cassins M town, and hamlet in Pennsylvania, it should the present incombent, (Mr. Van Boren.) Clay's-thereby intending to oreate the imbe raised to warn every freeman of the impending danger, and invoke him to spurn and despise with a freeman's spirit the base at-would have given bim my cordial support. We would coution our readers and the tempts that are made to seduce him from his His talents, integrity, and past services, in tr fidelity to his principles, and lead him to the ing times, at home and abroad, entitle him to it. support of a man whose principles are at His qualifications are of that order, which war with the best interests of his country. I would have made me feel my country safe under cannot doubt that the intelligence of your his administrat citizens will enable them to detect this fraud ; This was Judge White's language in 1840,

and, when detected, I know their virtue and but a few months before his lamented death. integrity will at once put the broad seal of He knew Mr. Clay to be a man of disting condemnation on it and its authors. ed abiility, sterling integrity, and eminently qualified to administer the affairs of the Gov. One word as to Tennessee ; she is firm, fixed, and immorable; the political tempest eroment with credit to himself and honor to may blow-the rains of falsehood descend- the nation; and he was more than willing to give him his support-he was his he floods of calumny and detraction may

ather around her ; unmoved and unbia ce for the high she will stand firmly by her principles, and assol ast her vote for flenry Clay. She is rem And yet the leader of to make one more callant effort, to disp the gloom that mathers around our hones-one

found among the friends of Ja pore effort to arrest the impending ruin that found among the friends of Jan prestens our common country. Where will, a man for whom he entertained vania, the Keystone of the Arch, he min

and glorious work? This is the ciples for refu

HEAR AMBROSE SPENCES -A few weeks since this worthy and revered individual being called upon to address a meeting of Whigs in Wayne county, N. Y., thus referred to land," Henry Clay :

" In the course of a long life," he said, "it had been his fortune to become more or less acquainted with all the great man this country has produced. He had shaken hands and for the purpose of turning them against their conversed with the father of his country. on terms of pleasant intercourse with the imhe never knew a purer patriol, a man more ardently or faithfully devoted to the welfar Judge White's Opinion of Mr. Clay. Do the Locofocos, who are making use of he was familiarly acquainted."

Compare remarks of this character, from ersons who have enjoyed the acquaintance of and irresponsible assortions against h brought forward by his oppone Intelligencer.

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