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MISCELLANEOUS.

A Guessing Institute.

A needy son of New England found himself, recently, all alone, unknowa, and " hard up" in New Orleans. Of course, he soon set abiait guessing some way to get out of the scrape ; and before he quite whittled his stick way, he became absorbed in the inception of a grand thought. It seems, sitting down to guess, his natute brain made a plunge at once, among the metaphysical and scientific ramifications of guessing ; and, not long af. ter, he might have been observed, with a sober sort of twinkling in his eye, marching off along the " levee," apparently looking for a house to let, humming

Yankes Doodle ! come along ! -When fortune fails distressing. Thore's nothing like a Yankce song

And scientific guessing !

Early next day, our hero and another odd looking genius were seen on a ladder, nail ing up a broad strip of canyass all across the front of a house on the Levee ; and, the job being completed, there was displayed, in flar. ing, sprawling, straggling, broken-backed, , knock-kuced, round-shouldered. limping letters, Roman, Gerbrew, catigraphic, chirographic Armenian, and Pot book-ian ;---

NU ORLEENS GESSING INSTITOOT. GESSING TAUT IN ONE LESSON. Only 25 cents.

The thing produced a sensation at once among sailors, pedlers, Levee laborers, and all sorts of stragglers. Our professor borrowed an old rotten awning, bung it up, and divided his room in two, put his assistant at the door to take in quarters, turned a tin cup up side down on the middle of an old rickery table; got a vial of vinegar, a pot of tar, a bottle of whiskey, and various other well. fire of the furnance burned out. The saw, the plane, and the hammer grew known adoriferous affairs arranged around him ; and, with a black skull cap on his head, still. Merchants" shu, up their stores, and walked home to die. No sound came upon and a red stick in his hand, he made no bad the car, save the clink of the hammer, or the " splurge" at the representation of a modern grating of the saw, as the undertaker histily Faust. Madame Ludwig might have taken threw together the last narrow withdrawing a lesson from him, and Herr Alexander should room of poor mortality. Then there was have seen him. He drew a mystic ring on suffering. Disease and death soon had t the ceiling with charcoal, filling it up with great majority, and the very few that remain most indescribable "curleques," right over ed to take care of the many sick, looked the table, and business soon commenced. more like the ghosts of those who had died, In straggled an open-mouthed enquirer af-

A A Meinncholy Picture. Our readers recollect the brief no which were published some time since, of the mortality at Woodville, Miss, caused by the vellow faver. The editor of the Woodvill Republican, a convalescent, in a late number of his paper, presents the following pathetic and touching description of the effects of the epidemic :

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Our beart is heavy and almost desolate or spirits die within us, as we sit down and think of the scenes of the last few weeks We have just crawled from the brink of the grave, and prusing in feebleness and exhoustion not fur from the door way, we look around for the " old familiar faces"-but we see them not. The eyes that beamed upon us in joyful welcome, will look upon us no more. The voices elogaent and harmonious, to which we loved to listen, are still, and the hands that spoke the warm heart's friendship in their manly pressure, stiff and cold, are crossed upon those faithful bosoms whence we have been accustomed to derive counsel and encouragement, now as still and unfeeling as the clods that he above them. "We call, but they answer not again," and

friendship and love in all their anguish seemed constrained to inquire.

" Do they love us yet?"

But the question falls without an echo, and no answer comes back from that shore where our friends that so lately walked these streets with us, have gone. We look around us. Youder, heap beside heap, in many a row, ic gathered into one neighborhood the old and the young--the rich and the poor; all the cares and anxieties of life forgotten; and the tenements that held those fiery spirits are as quiet now as if they had never been aught save part and purcel of that dust with which they now mingle.

The terrible disease has robbed us of ma ny of the very best citizens of which we could boast. With the grasp of an invisible Hercules, its almighty hand came down upon the hearts of men, crushing out the very spark of life, ere people were well aware that their friends were in danger. Then came the sound and sight of woe, such as our little village never conceived of before. The anvil censed to echo forth its clang, the sledge was unlifted, the bellows breathed not, the

A Love Ci The Portland Argus gives an account of a from his letter:

love offsie which happened in that city recent-"We would farther make you as ly, and which should be extensively circulawith what has just happened in Orong ted for the benefit of young marriageable among those Americans who are residio. danuels who are prone to fall in love at first there. Quite a quarrel has taken place hesight. It appears that a stronger who went tween the Bishops and people on one side and to Portland on husiness, fell in with a pretty, the Americans on the other, on accou nexperienced girl, and after a few interviews the improper proceedings of the latter in the romised her inarriage, and they agreed to said town. This led to the course of the start for Baston in the afternoon train to have zealous and true shepherds, with their rationhe knot tied. In the mean time the mother al sheep, and they closed up and disbande of the girl got an inkling of what was going the vain schools which the Americans had eson, and she went to the cars to restrain her tablished at Oroumiah. We have written to roving daughter from throwing herself into them a letter that moreover, the schools sh the arms of a comparative stranger. remain closed, and that the Americans should The second Act opens at the depot, with be sent away from there.'

The above letter was commu

Virginia maiden seized a suitable instrument

ascended to the window, near which the end

of the rope was fastened and cut asunder the

obnoxious strands, which were likely to be

the bone of such serious contention ! A hap-

pier expedient could not have been devised.

The parties were at a loss which most to ad-

mire-the ingendity or the boldness of the

undertaking. The success was complete.

The way was clear. Who would dare to lay

a rude hand on the courageous girl? He

very weakness was her protection. The

sterner sex were subdued by the heroism of

the act, and the procession passed on in

DARING ROBBERY .- As the Exchange clerk

of the N Liberties Bank, Philadelphia, was

going his rounds on Tuesday, when in the

neighborhood of 6th and Market street, he

was seized by two men in the open street.

and choked by one of them in such a manner

as to prevent his giving alarm, while the other

forced a wallet, containing over \$8000 in dif-

ferent notes, from him, and both made off.

the country is as follows:

By the Middle States.

By the Southern States.

By New England,

setts foreit_ tin- an

peace. That girl deserves a laurel.

the train about to start. The mother had entered the cars and confronted her daughter and her lover, by turns entreated the one to men home with her, and unbraided the other for "stealing away an old woman's dougher." The daughter would not heed her en treaties and tears. The lover was cold and indifferent to her threats. She told him he was a married man and unprincipled-and bade him beware of retribution. To her daughter she appouled, that she might return with her, and make home glad, which was now desolate. The passengers' feelings were manifestly on the side of the mother-but her appeals could not draw her daughier out of he cars.

Meanwhile time flew, and the moment departure came. The mother was still be seeching-the daughter pouting-the love rowning-when dame Fortune for once helped the matron and disappointed the maid.-The conductor inquired if the girl had a ticket? She had not-and as the rule requires passengers to be so provided, she was advised to step to the office and obtain one. She stepped out, and the scene being now quite xciting, some of the passengers happened to be very much in the way of the lover, and he could at get out so easily.

Finding his egress through the door strangev prevented, he rushed to the window and with a \$3 bill between his fingers, endeavored to convey it to her. She was evidently leaving home, in this man's company, without noney. But he could not reach her. A tall hack driver, laying his thumb by the side of his nose, and twirling his fingers, politely in-

marks made by reply to M. J. B. Shenard, on a motio print 10 copies of the for each member of the Levish Mr. Speaker-In the remarks which I submitted on a motion to print ton copies of the Governor's message, which has just been discuss its merits, read, I did not propose to express the opin of any gentleman on this floor, save my own Nor can I conceive what I did say, that should have aroused the eloquence of the gentleman from Wake, who has just takon his document contains a great deal, of valuable information, which it is desirable the per from a reliable source. -N. Y. American. of our state should have-and coming, as Bold Feat of a Virginia Maiden does, from the Chief head of the state-A correspondent of the Journal of Com man who has been selected by our own conmerce, writing from Harper's Ferry, tells stituents to preside over the destinies of No. story which is worth repeating. In the vil-Carolina, and conjointly with ourselves, to age of Charlestown, Va., a short time since. to that which we think the best interest of there was a Whig celebration. The village the great body of the people requires, d was well stocked with Locofocos, and they thought that the people, to whom both the in a fit of desperate party madness, quite Governor and we are responsible, had a right characteristic, determined to interrupt th to know what measures he had brought before procession, and for this purpose stretched a their representatives for their grave deliberarope across the street. At this juncture, tions, and whether those representatives prowhen danger thickened, and when neither fited by, and endeavored to carry them into party seemed inclined to recede, the Whigs effect as far as practicable, de whether, altoadvancing and the Locos muttering defiance gether heedless of the welfare of our beloved a happy thought struck the bosom of a young lady, a sterling Whig. With a resoluteness of purpose not always found in the sex, th

state and our common constituents, they to tally neglected them. It is conceded, I hope Mr. Speaker, at all events it is my opinion. that the Governor of the State, from the very position which he occupies and from the frequent opportunities which he enjoys of corresponding with the different sections of the state, ought to know, and does know, more than any member on this floor, what are out wants and necessities ; and knowing them, i s his duty to administer to those wants and to supply that which is needed, as far as it is within his power. The people, Sir, look for this at his hands. How are they to know whether their expectations have been realized. if it is not permitted that they shall read his message ? They have as much right to this

document as we have. My constituents wish MELANCHOLY DEATH .- Mr. Geo. P. Hath- to have it, and it is my desire that it should away, of Bedford, Michigan, was married be placed in their hands. But, sir, perhaps foreigners were naturalized in the State with

the Wing party gentleman and his an make out of him. o print ten copies will ent itself ric mittees to which their report, the proper time will arrive to

Mr. Clay. circulated there that Mr. Clay was very and says: "We are happy to inform Me seat. My opinion was, and sull is, that the Clay's many warm and devoted friends that he not only enjoys most excelilent health, but hibits the same buoyaucy of spirits that has often distinguished him in many dark and ng hours during his long and oventful put A number of friends;

on him a few days since to make kno the result of the election, were astor that he received the news with a cheerfelne almost amounting to pleasure. " My friends." said he, ' it would be ridiculous for me to say I do not feel disappointed, but I feel so chiefly for you and our country : as regards myself, I am relieved from a load of an have ever been ready and willing to my country, even with my life. I allowed my name to be used in the late contest be cause it was unanimously called for, for the sake of the Union; and I am consuled by the fact that I have been supported by the fact that I have been supported by so large a portion of the intelligence and patriotism of the nation. Now, I hope to spend the remainder of my days in peace and quiet.""

The certainty that Tennessee has cast her electoral vote for Clay and Frelinghuysen now proves that the loss of New York was the really fatal loss for that ticket. The states of Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kep. tucky, and Ohio give together 105 electoral votes. Add New York 36, and we have 141, or three more votes than are necessary. When we consider the fact that the Polk ma iority in New York is only somewhere about five thousand, and that full that number of a short period prior to the election, we ave the lamentable evidence that a handful of strangers-the great mass of them utterly ignorant of our institutions, our laws, our wants as a nation-have determined the choice of the Chief Magistrate of our Union and its twenty millions of people.

than living men and wonien.

ter the mysteries of guessing. People fled their homes in flight and con-"Stranger, good morning, walk up and sternation. Every thing scemed to partake proscribe yourself as a true enquirer after of the general terror. The follage of the the irrevelations of Geeseology. Put your trees turned yellow, the sky was of a pale left hand upon the converted tin cup. Very sickly green, and for six weeks the hollow well. Lift your right hand to the ceiling, and fix your eyes upon the magic circle. So .wind came from the north and east incessantly, with deathliness in its touch enough to Now, if you wink, or remove your eye, you'll shatter the nerves of the healthy. Our streets ruin the hul business, stranger; so just hold still. Now I percede to pervoke the guess. were descried.

ing spirit to descend upon you. What is this that I hold under your nose ?" " Vinegar."

"Crimini jingo! you lara fast! what's to the grave yard. Along that track the this ?"

" That's tar.'

" Right again, my pupil ; what's this?" " Brimstone."

"Good; you envelope the faculty raaly amazing ! Can you guess what this is ?"

"Whiskey, by thunder !!"

" All creation ! how quick you take it ! are you sure it's whiskey ?"

"Sure ? well, I recon !!

" You'd better taste it and see. Is it whiskey ?" " Well it is.

" Take a good swig, then, you'll do, stranger; you're ready to graduate. Come in next. Ilallo! mister, don't take that bottle

away." One after another, as fast as he could dis. pose of them, the Professor found his customers sideling half slyly in upon him all day long, and when now and then one would exhibit a belligerent spirit, between good humor still managed to send him off satisfied. Every

worth half the money." et, and blessing devoutly the benefits of is changed, our declining years are light cience !

the drave yard hotel, in Callowhill street, of rolly accompanying decay, they 8400 in money and \$2000 in checks." His with a ray from before them, any

formed him that "he couldn't come it. ing at him.

for no man," neither does the mail train for woman either. At this moment the starting time arrived, the bell tolled, the engineer let few days. on the steam-the fireman grinned-the spectators laughed-and on went the train, with the itinerant, but without his victim. Then it was that the force of the girl's love broke forth. When she saw the gap every moment widening them, she could endure the thought no longer, but set off with frantic speed in full chase after the cars! Some should, some opened wide their eyes, some unfeeling. ly cried " put on more steam, my dear," a few pitied the girl. She soon found that her speed, even when impelled by love, was not equal to the mail train ! She returned deected and in tears, to repeat the thought of the old poet, " the course of true love never did run smooth." .

AN HONEST MAN FOUND AT LAST .-- The hearse constantly journeyed with its gloomy rumble, followed by a tew friends of those Albany Argus gives the subjoined notice of an individual living in that city. If all men within, and obliged to slack its pace again and again to let the tottering invalids, that were as conscientious, the world wy

much better : There is a man living in for many years gain the bare necessari

deed soon to be performed for many of them, means of employ from place to pla

gard, wou

But the disease has nearly ceased its ravages-only because there are no more subjects in consequence. to act upon. It has swept us like fire and permanent site whirlwind. Had it been in New York City. considerable with its teeming thousands, and been as fatal his circumst in proportion as it has with us, it would have cept, until swept off fifty thousand persons. cumbent, f

The Seven Quarters of Life.

The grass bid foir to spring up where mer

ry feet had so recently gone down. Yet there

was one road in which no grass grew. It led

struggled hard to follow, come up-poor,

half-sick creatures, expending their last

strength in the last sad office of friendship, a

by others as feeble as themselves.

by. The seven ages of man have been prover-A life. bial: but in respect to the condition of the more sati mind, there are granted to us but four periods be trustee of life. The first fifteen years are childhood ; gle mani and whiskey, the New England Magician we know nothing-we hope. The next fifteen tending. years, are passion and romance-we dream. tempta body coming out was questioned by the ea. During the third period of fifteen years, from his ne ger crowd in waiting as to " what sort of a thirty to forty-five, we are what nature intend. Des show it was, any how ?" And the answer ed us to be. Character has formed ; we was pretty generally the same : " First rate, pursue a course of life ; we reason, we mediand no missake, and the last experiment is tate. This is the period in which we may be said to live. The fourth period is that of The Professor counted his receipts that continencing decay. We may grow wiser; night, finding a round sum to help him on but it is a wisdom that speaks in a shake West ; sold his " institut" for a premium of the head. Pain and penitence begin-w to his enterprising assistant, and next mora- sorrow -- Nevertheless if the third period ha ing he was off, jingling the silver in his pock- passed in providing against a fourth, net with happiness and love, and as they app A drover was roblied yesterday morning, at their destined end, instead of the glog

on the 9th ult. to Miss Harriet Cornell, of the gentleman from Wake supposes that the Here was a situation ! The girl without the Erie, Michigan. On the Saturday following newspapers will give it sufficient publicity ; means to purchase a ticket : the fellow with, their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway left so they would, if every reading man was able in unable to get out-and every body laugh. to visit this friends in Farmington, Ontario to subscribe for a paper; but it is well known county, N. Y., and on the 22.1 ult. on their that few others than men of property seb. It is an old proverb, "time and tide wait return home, when about eighteen miles west scribe to papers, and consequently it would policy, our condition, our resources, and our of Rochester, the stage was upset, and Mr. fall only into the hands of the rich. My ob-H. was so severely injured that he died in a ject is to give the poor, who are as much affected by our legislation as any other class,

an opportunity to learn what improvements are contemplated in our state.

any thing, had it not have been for the complimentary allusions which I made to the mes-

TROOPS OF THE REVOLUTION .- The numand finally carries himself back into the 27th be given by Congress : Congress of the United States, and arraigns ber of soldiers furnished by each section of

117,141 56,571 57,279 The whole number of men furnished by of the merits or demerits of the paper before form themselves on the subject, and secure South Carolina was 7,447, while Massachu. us, because I do not conceive it to be a proper this session some enlarged system of action time; and I think it ill advised in any mu

The Cincinnati Gazette has the following paragraph in reference to the improvement But, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from of the Western rivers. Beyond all question Wake remarks that he should not have said there is no one subject in which the people west of the Alleghanies have so direct and universal a concern as in that just mentioned. sage, upon my motion to print ten copies for It comes home to the interests, comfort, and each member. He then launches forth into prosperity of all; and if the public voice in a discussion of all the heads of the message, that division of the Union is expressed with dissecting and exposing each as he passes, concert and emphasis, a ready response will

** WESTERN RIVERS -- After a long strugand condemns that Honorable body for their gle, Congress voted to the West a beginning acts and deeds. Now, sir, it is not my pur. in the way of appropriations for our rivers pose to follow the gentlemon in the track and lakes. These appropriations are triffing which he thought proper to take, or to speak as yet. And if western members do not in-

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