

ribed to my Bisters and Other Prinder in Epiron-Dear Sir :- In order to

the many promises made friends I but recently left behin t in the ever dear Ot | North State, I ud this communication to the Angus, so tions letter may answer for all; for, Okcep my word with the many who from me, on the eve of ay departure, fomiae, "Yos, I will write, certain." Alabama! Here son rest! Beautiful , postically expressed by the poor tiral an, driven, by the pale-faces, from the at to the star diamat West, where his ack is still followed by the same relent-as fire, the white man. Pour, deluded entures? they sought a rest from their -persecutors on the shares of the Atand, thinking they had found it in then unaccupied, a scultivated, region, fully shunterk, Alabama! But as it ed to them, only a temporary rest, so been, and will be, to those who have se, or may yet come, after them ; for, is color or nation what it may, there is coal real and the race of man, wide the grave, beyond which there is, famil of pure delight : a never censing maintain to the faithful of every and every nation. Bleased are how win ever early and diligently for that He or she who does so is wise indeed. They who resist the strivings of the bither are blind-blind to all the best terests of their immertal souls; they and to be awakened as Job was, when he and, with fear and trembling, Shall mortal

an contend with God ! How did I get along ? . O. so nicely !-Everything went like a charm, as though the Conductors, trains, backs, and passen-Fers had been guided by Aladin's wonder GI lamp, until I reached S-Ima ; and ther-I stopped suddenly, as if the lamp had con- out, or been carri d off by some cruel tima who took a fiendish delight in hin-

ing the progress of my hitherto rapid, resperous, and pleasant journey. But, winess now is, chi fly, with the beginning Shier than the closing incidents of my rel from North Carolina to Alabama. My kind friends at home (Wad sh ro"

kind friends took leave of me. We ex banged mutual good wishes on parting have not heard from them since ; but] I sincerely hope that they reached their respective destinations quickly and safely ; nd that they may scon realize their brightsectations in their new homes. The Ladicity on is a real blessing : it has every convenies, seriectly adapted to the wants of persons and ing only for a short time, and is situated right at the depot, so as to be convenient to all the trains. It is superintended by a nice, clever, colored woman, called "Sally," whom I can recommend to all indice passing that way, for her kindly, polite attentions to her guests; fer I am sure that no one could do the horiors of any place with more graceful same than that with which she fills her position there. Sally is a handsome, dark-eyed maroon, and, the day I saw her, was ecomingly dressed in a pratty suit of blue water-proof. Long may she live to bless weary travelers with kind attentions, such

as she extended to myself! Atlanta was on the tip toe of expectation, looking for the far-famed Booth who was to act there that night ; but my thoughts and wishes were for, far away from Atlanta, Booth, and She ocare. I was much more inferested, the " a the coming and going of the trans is cottage in Alabama, where warm hearts, and true, were anxiously waiting, counting the days and the hours, till I would come to great them. Sally having duly notified me of the arrival of the wished for train, attended me thither, saw me comfortably sented, placed me in charge of the Conduor, expressed many good wishes, said, "Goodbye," and I saw her no more. But, should I ever return to my untive State, and stop again at the Ladies' Saloon in Atlants, I shall be sadly disappointed if I In not catch a glimpse of Sally's graceful form gliding about there.

Changed cars again at Montgomery Montgomery! Why did that particular word, more than any other, act like a mag-ic key to unlock the halls of Momory and call up the scenes and facts of long ago! and why did it stir up in my heart emotions, so indescribable, that pen and ink cannot draw them out and shape them into tangible forms? Montgomery is the name of the county which gave me birth, and matured my helpless infanny; the home of my dear departed parents, in the days of my happy childhood. I loya it! tune; but at length, and suddenly, the cars I s hills and da'es, creeks and rivers, rocks and trees, are as fresh in my memory tolay as they were to my eyes then, when a little girl, roaming through the words with dif everything is cheir nower to start me by brothers and sisters, gathering wild down the road, which appeare i dark and ness. There was lying on the plano, in the longly, for some one to come to my assist and sisters, and sisters, gathering wild down the road, which appeare i dark and ness. There was lying on the plano, in the Ladie's Cabin I the "Mary," a large Bible; and sister and sisters and sisters and sisters is and sisters and sisters. There was lying on the plano, in the longly, for some one to come to my assist and sisters and sisters and sisters and sisters and sisters. There was lying on the plano, in the longly for some one to come to my assist ladie's Cabin I the "Mary," a large Bible; I saw no one op it; but I beard one of the Haw the tears that would force themselves ity into a me cunning little nest, wishing, got out, and retraced my steps for some gay throng say, with a yawu, on quitting, bint, though I tried, never so hard, to reyet not during, to touch the pretty eggs because mother and father had said, "It is a sin to rob the innocent birds," It was the name, also, of a relative, whom I was readyl going so far without an earthly early taught to honor, not alone because e was a neighbor and friend worthy of nigh respect ; out he was " the good physician" that visited us in sickness, tenderly administering to the wants of our frail bodies. I can see his benevolent, subliny face, now, as he looked when bending over my sickled, saying, so kindly, "There, then; take this for 'Uncle John,' like a good gil; and you'll soon be well enough to pluy again." How much his kind words and maoner did sweeten the otherwise bitter dose! Such were the thoughts and scenes awakened in the mind of a lonely passenger, whilst the cars moved slowly through the suburbs of the city-Montgomery. Just before arriving at that place I noticed a handsome, elegently dressed lady, sitting near-me. She had the out ward appearance of being smiable and in telligent, and, thinking to obtain some information about Clifton, the ultimate point of my destination, I ventured to speak to her; but my presumption, if such it might be called, met a round rebake, ia which I was forcibly impressed with the truth of the oft-quoted maxim, All's not gold that

ios without a pleasant word, regardless of Walking out. that one's station in life. one evening, she met a man of low reputa-tion ; aud, having b fore heard that his wife was sick, she kindly enquired of hig, after her health. The circumstince was soon fo got by her, but not so by the poor man ; and long afterward, when that haly herself lingered upon a sick-bed, he tid her a kind turn, proving that he was not sprinaccessible to the courtesies of highlife as he had the flam- and appearance of - wing. Like all invalids, she had a capricious appetite, craving things out of her reach ; so she wanted some trash fish, but there were none in the market. Now, the old man, of low reputation, neard of her lesire, and, going early one morning to a creek some distance from the village, he returned in the evening with a string of uice fishes, which he presented to her who had never done him any favor, save the simple offering of civil treatment. Her ey-a filled with tears of gratitu-le on being told to whom she was indebted for the fish -the last morsel she eat on earth. Thus she proved the trath of the assertion, abovquoted, kind words will never die ! And thus was falfilled, in her case, the Scrip-ure, Blessed is he that considereth the poor

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed Gungflishing. Indeed, there were hosts of ds, round about her bed, realy and -ve her as faithfully as she her-

willing serve hore. I might go right on to Clifton without deay, was already gone, only two or three hours ahead of me-very tantalizing! as you will rea ily believe, wher. I tell you what they tolotne, there, that I would have to remain at Selma until Saturday evening, altogethes about three days; and, worse than tantalfting, it was distressing, as you will believe, again, when I tell you that my purse was then reduced to the small sum of six dollars and some cents; the boat fare was four dollars, so they told me; and I knew of course, that nothing short of tive or six, would cover my hotel bill.-The insuspictous circanstance of my delay at that place, called to mind a dream, which I had a few nights previous to my departure from home: I thought that I had started, for Alabama, in a large old assigned family carriage, and, that every thing went on rapidly and smooth y for some ringe stopped, and, on looking out to see what wast e matter, I discovered that the harness had fatica off the horses, and the driver was gone; in vain I looked up and

deferential manuer, Mr. Keith assured mthat my explanation was entirely satisfactory ; that he comprehended the whole matter, and wished ms to feel easy and make ayself at home, and he would render me any assistance in his power ; that, it I chose, he would throw up the hotel bill and let me remit at leisure after reaching my friends. But 1 preferred settling that at hand, and requested him to accompany me to the hoat, place me in care of the Captain, and tell him that I would pay the tare, immediately, on arrival at Clifton. To this my kind host politely assented,

and again assuring me that all would be right, that I must feel at home, and call for whatever I wanted, he left me alone with my thoughts. And never did I feel more calmly, patiently resigned to any mis fortune than I did on that occasion ; I rather rejoiced in my, apparently unfor-tunate, delay, because it furnished fair op-dense ; past fluding out. Every new day, week, month and year, and every new in cutent of my life convinces me, more and more, of man's weekness and God's power; that His hand, invisible to mortal eyes surely holds the relas, directing all things to fulfill His plans and purposes, done in wisdom far above the limited comprehen-

sion of man's fighte mind. Saturday evening came-I will not say. "at last," for that would imply that I had been wearily impatient for its coming ; but not so-the time flew quickly by, and I enjoyed it in my own quiet way. I had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Miss Keith, sister to the Proprietor, a young lady of prepossessing appearance, and agr-cable manners. Suil I was glad when notified to get ready for the Boat; and Mr. Keith accompanied me aboard the beautiful steamer, Mary, commanded by Capt. John Quill, (jonguil) The boat was crowded with gay passengers, going to Mobile to attend the Mardigras, a kind of Festival, similar, according to my imperfect understanding of it, to the Romish Carnicals. My opinion relative to the matter may be altogether erroneous; for indeed, looking upon all such things as "follies of the world," I have never felt sufficiently interested to inform my mind about them all I know, is from " hear-say," not a very sufa oriterion in matters of importance. Phose who differ with ..., h the consulation of knowing that I will not be thur final judge. I leave all Festivals and their votarius with the Jadge of All. who only can judge the world to righteousistance, hoping to find the lost harness, the music and card tables, to retire in her state room, "O, ho-ho! to morrow will be Sunday, and we can do nothing but read enough to be the young girl's fatherhorse in my life, and knew still less about our Bibles !" Disagreeable employment, evidently. Why, did that neglected Book interest me more than any thing else saw in that handsomely furnished Cabin? Because, ever since long ago, when I was left alone in the world, a t mid, helpless creature, it has been a lamp unto my fe-1, a guide to my path way; its promises have sustained me in every time of need, making my yoke easy, and my burden light and because it taught me the way to posed, a large town, but it is conspicuous as a bost-landing, on the Alabama, where a great amount of shipping is done. It was 12 o'clock, p. m., when we landed there. No one there to meet me ; they had not received my last letter, telling when I would come, and so, were not expecting me that night; still all turned out right; Mr. Quill, brother to the Captain why was courteously polite, and attentive to me during the passage, attended me to the Hotel, a small unpretending house upon a high bluff, projecting over the river. Ou the way up there, he told me that he knew my brother well; had shipped many a bag of cotton in his name. How sindly considerate for my feelings! for he said that, I am sure, from no other motive than to make me easy about the boatsfare; and how could I be otherwise, seeing so plainly that he, himself, entertained no fears of losing it ! I mention these things, best?'-was solved. I knew that He who trivial in themselves, to show how safely and pleasantly I was carried to the end of my journey, notwithstanding all of my seeming misfortunes; to show that my heavenly Father heard my prayers, and raised up friends to help me in my time of need; and yet, I am not deserving the least of all His m reies. Early on Sunday morning, a young man named "Threadgill," kindly offered to carry me out to my broth er's, a distance of nine miles from Clifton. He did not charge me a cent for his trouble. It is as little as I can do to thank him here. My brother is a farmer; his hands and is contented; and well he may he; for, in addition to his "ittle farm, weil tilled," he has a little wife, well willed, is a little house, well fitled-j-sting aside, he has what Solomou calls the best gift of God's provi dence : A good wife. Next to her and his child, a love y boy of six months, rank his dog and horse in the scale of his affections. The horse rejoi es in the historical and legistative name of, " Raleigh." Best of all "Pete" says, drily, "I wanted to name him Wadesborough, but that's too long to

wy old friends for the new ones: there's room in my heart for all. Hoping this nastily written sketch will afford some litnastily written sketch will afford some lit-tic pleasure to those for whom it was inten-ded, I close, with affectionate regards, and the sweet old word, Goodhye I Most Respectfully, M. F. L. "Cabin Home," Ala., March 13th, 1876.

Miscellaneous.

A Romantio Marriage. Some sixteen years since, a young gentleman in New York city contrived for a while to pay his address es to a beautiful young girl there, the daughter of a worthy but obstinate merchant, who was opposed to the young man's visiting his daughter .---He persisted in his endeavors to win the young lady, and at last was forbidden to enter the old man's house, Still the lovers con-rived to meet occasionally afterward, and at the expiration of six weeks matters having been previously so arranged, the girl consented to marry the youth who loved her, and for whom he would at any time have periled his life so deeply rooted was his affection for her .-He did not seek her fortune, for he was in the enjoyment of a handsome salary as principal book-keeper in an extensive jobbing house, and his prospects pecuniarily, were very fair .---But the parent was obdurate and he was driven from the house.

As we have hinted, at the end of a few weeks they agreed to be married, and all the requisite arrangements were made ; the evening was Axed upoi, even the chaplain had been engaged, but on the morning of the day proposed secretly for the nuptials, the whole plan was discovered, and the match was broken off peremtorily, by the absolute anthority of the parents. Time passed on. The daughter was sont to a distant part of the coun-

try for a while, and the young man, disappointed and disheartened, left New York for the West. Meanwhile, a person to suit the

tasto of the parents turned up-a

had been married nearly cluven yours, had but one child living, and her he hand had been dead over two years ----Ife pointed to his pretty cottage as the cars passed on, but did not leave the util train.

He proceeded forward, renewed his equaintance, found the lady her own misstress, proposed to her again, for he believed her as lovely as ever, and be won her sure; this time ! And we record the fact with ordinary degree of pleasure, that within three weeks the lovers were actually united to-gether in marriage, in the city of Boston.

He Was Troubled With Boils.

There was a rail expression on his cos tenance, and one could tell by the precision with which he trod, and the carefulness with which he avoided passing objects, and by the super human efforts he made to shrink himself up so that his clother wouldn't fit bim, that comething was the

"O-o.o.! Whoop | Great G-ous!" he exclaimed as a man ran against him ; "I'll choke you to donth if you don't keep on your own side of the walk."

" But a gentleman justled me sir," stantmered the man.

" Hang the gentleman ! Hang you !" exclaimed the irritated man ;" I've got two of 'em ; I've three of ; and when I cen well I'll bust the man that busts them !"

He laid his hand carefully on his thigh and limped away with tears in his even, but in turning to let a womau pass he run against a hitching post.

He grabbed the post and jerked any wrenched it from its place, kicked it into the road, and then whacked it against the pavement, and then started after the woman like a mad-man.

"Madam," said he, as he overtook in a dry goods store; "one word ; I have upon my thigh a circumsershed an cous inflamation, characterized by a point ed pustular tumor, and supporting with central cure. I have also one on the back side of my front side, and another co-"Git out !" shricked the woman, whacking him with a bundle of calice ; " git out ! or J'll call the perlice."

"rand them for the sake of those I left he-Truly, as Mrs. Homans says .-Earthis partings are sad !" B sides, I tector. It was half past eight when I hed Charlott , on Tuesday, 22nd Fabh the written directions, which a friend Tehat place had previously sent to me, illed for a carriage driver (colored) Med "Larkin" I know not whether in sure, no lady, traveling alone, or one to trust herself with him, to be roperly and safely conveyed to any point of one city. Larkin carried me to the harlet e Hotel, where I had the pleasure from Mrs. H., the propri tress, who suit he a most estimable lad. She re-

ay advised me how to act at the varipoints on the route, where she, herself, formerly been. Her a lvice proved to of no little advantage to me. Her my heart ; and, though I should never

agan on earth, I may hope to meet one of the "many mansions," in Father's House above. Methicks I uld easily recognize her benevolent face there, and until then, I prayerfully omto the safe keeping of the good

of thirty minutes, and to the of my pleasant conversation H-., Larkin, ever true to his ed again, and drave me to the pot, where I was so fortunate with Messrs. Sam Spencer and back, both well known to me m-the former from Anson, its adjoining county, Rich-

were traveling en route for Mr. Spencer was roing to be in Texas, and Mr. Charlie, ther in Mississippi. They proffered to take me in charge,

nkfully accepted the kind offer, and began by procuring for me a round tet, and having my baggage checked ough to Selms and thus I escaped the, me, unpleasant task of asking the Agents. the various stopping places, for tickets; one but sensitively timid ladies who have ne a distance, without a special proteccan fully appreciate my aversion for conally attending to that sort of busi--and fortunate, indeed, is it for such that there are some chivalrousinded men in the world. I believe there more of such than one is apt to think, a we come to test them. On the foling day, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock A. we arrived at Atlanta, and changed

glitters. She drew herself up, di-dainfully, and recoiled away from me as though I had been a poisonous reptile, fixing to sting her to death ; whereas, I merely wanted to ascertain of her the distance from Selma to Clifton, and if I was likely to connect. that night, with the Boat, which would convey me from the former to the latter place. It was an awful blunderin me to suppose that a fine lady would encumber her delicate brains with such ordinary matters, was it not? I hope my lady friends at home will excuse the irony tone

discovered in my uarration of the circumstance, trivial in itself, which I have mentioned, here, more as a warning to others than a reproof to the lady in question, who, me in any way in their power we should travel together. I in all human probability, will never see or ear of this. Always use hospitality toward strangers; for, in so doing, you may

entertain angels unawares. Thus Paul, the great Apostle of the Gentiles teaches : and, even if one runs the risk of speaking to the opposite of angels, kind words will never die, be they spoken to man or brute, angel or demon. Some persons lahor under the erroneous idea that rudeness Author, there can be no surer sign of ille speech or manner toward one's fellow-crea-

and somebody to put it on the horses, and trive for me; for 1 had never harnessed a triving ; but, though I can fully searches, did not see any one, nor find any thing ; except one of the collars, which I picked up and then returned to the carriage with determination to cast all my cares upon kind Providence and resign myself to whatever might betall me. Strange, but true, no sooner had I replaced myself in the carriage than the horses went on drawing it just as though all things Lad been conlucted by the ordinary means, and in the usual way. What better could I have done under the existing circumstances? I am not a superstitious believer in dreams and omens, but when the progress of my purney, hitherto prosperous and pleasant, was so suddenly checked at Selma where sure enough, figuratively speaking, the har ness fell off, I could but think of that one. wates I dreamed on the eve of my deparure, and which I related to some of my friends at home; for I realized the same thoughts and feelings that I had experieuced in the dream. A hundred miles frol. my destination and friends, alone in a strange city, a stranger among strangers. with limited means, inadequate to the sit-uation-what should I do? I pondered the matter well. What should any helpless creature, such as I, do in the hour of ueed, but fly to the throne of grace and ask help of Him who says, Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you ! The great proble n-" What to do for the had sustained me in six tria's, would be with me in the seventh, also. Therefore, nothing doubting, I went to my heavenly Father just as a little child would go to its earthly parents, and asked Him to guide, and instruct me what to do, are, say for the best; and to incline the hearts of the strangers with whom my lo was cast, to deal kindly by me. I speak the truth. whilst I was yet asking, there rose up before me, like something of tangible form. many of God's most precious promises, such as the following: "All things are possi-ble with God." "He holds the reius of the hearts of men." " All things work tog-ther for good, to them that love and fear the Lord." Afterward it seemed perfectly easy and right for me to explain my situation to Mr. Keith, the gentlemanly propriotoward such as they see fit to rank below tor of the Southern Hotel, where I was themselves, in the social scale, is a mark of stopping. I let him read the directory lothigh breeding; but let me speak the plain ter, given me by a friend in N. C., which truth founded upon the teachings of the noly luckily I had preserved, as it corroborated Bible, and sustained by the example of its | the account I pave of myself, showing that I had counted the cost of the trip, and, breeding, or defective home-training, than made ample provision for all its actual exthat which is discovered in rudeness of penses, though there was no allowance for mi-haps, such as had befallen me there. 1 told him that I knew it was best for peragain ; and there, after attending me tures, be they high or low, rich or poor. Ladie bloon, where I was to wait I knew intimately, once, a person who was sons to go provided for so emergencies, bred, born and reard a lade at made it has not rear a pot rear a lade at the made it has not rear a lade at the made it has not rear a lade at the made it has not rear at the lade at the late and pot rear at the late at

plough with." Atter awhild, when I shall have learned more about the country and people, with whom I am already very well pleased, I may write agair; I do not mean to cast off upon a visit to her friends; that the oud marriage without issue."

man of consi lerable means, but old and a match arranged, after long persuasion, between Emma, and this man, and she weeded him at last.

Three years subsequently the young man found himself in New England, where he settled and took a wife also, finding it not good to dwell alone; and some dozen years or so passed away, with their thousand-and-one changes of place, of circumstance, and of fortune. From the time of their separation, the original lovers had never met.

The young man became the father of three little ones, and then lost two of these, which bereavement was soon after followed by the death of his wife. Time flew by. He had been a widower some years, and his oldest ul a boy with a grocery cart gave him a daughter had got to be quite a miss, seat in a bushel basket and took him He had been fortunate in his busi- home. ness, and resided a few miles out of the city, in a sweet little cottage, unclouded by sorrow, for the day ot his fortune had long since gone by ; and he endeavored to be contented and happy; surrounded as he was by the comforts of life, and in the enjoyment of the society of his dear little daughter.

One day he was returning home in the afternoon, and upon entering the cars he found them all full, He sought a seat, and found one occupied by a lady, beside whom he sat down, and the cars moved out of the depot. As they emerged into the brow bear the marks of hardy toil, but he light, he suddenly turned to the lady, and exclaimed :

> " Madame ! Emma ! Is this you ?" He didn't know exactly what he said, but it was a fact that he was on the seat with a girl to whom he was once engaged to be married, whom he had really loved, and whom he had never seen from the day of their cruel separation. A mutual explanation quickly succeeded. Our widowed friend ascertained that his former in-

But I was going to sa "Git out !" she shrieked. "That you !"----

"Git out !" she yelled again. "Busted one of 'em," he finally of d, "and if I find out where you five I'll let your oow loose in the yard some washing day and let her chew up the whole of your petricoats and tread your sheets and pillow-enser into the mud and break down your front gate."

Then he alid out and was limping down the street when he slipped on a piece of ice and came down with an energy that startled all of the houses in that vicinity and shook the window panes in the stone fronts. There was a shrick and a long-drag wail, and a volley of oaths; and a varie, of groans and sobs, which at racted the attention of a kind hearted doctor, who took him into a drug-store and hung him across the back of a chair, where he wrigged a

> And now he walks the streets. And he hurls at all he meets Such sad smiles.

And upon his ragged coat There is hanging this brief note, " I've got biles."

LEGALITY OF SLAVE MARRIAGE-Under this title the Washington Critic, o Saturday last, has the following, which is interesting everywhere: " Yesterday an inportant case was argued before Justice Wylie, in the Equity Court, that of Newburn vs. Washington. The complainent, has asked for the assignment of dower in the estate of her deceased husband, the defentant demurring because of unpaid trust and on the overruling by Justice Olin had demanded strict proof of marriage. Upon proof it was shown that the complainant was the second wife, and was married in accordance with the slave laws of North Carolina, and that she removed to this dis ot with her husband after the passage of e set of 1866, regulating the marr colored persons in the District of China bin. Justice Wylie ruled that the war riage of the petitioner was legalized by the statute, and that she was consequently the heir to the whole estate, the first married never having been legalized and the