

VARIETY.

AN OWL STORY.

We accidentally heard of a dull anecdote yesterday, which we believe is quite new and original. Dispensing with all promising riguroses, it is only necessary to state at once, that Colonel Stentor was at one time a legislator in a certain legislative hall. He had been an Indian agent among the Osages, and whenever he took the floor he was exceedingly famous for making tropes and similes of buzzards, wolves, panthers, bears, foxes, and all other voracious animals.

"Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman imagine he is going to frighten us down here with a menagerie of wild beasts? Though the gentleman is so anxious to let us know that he was born in the woods, can he assure that he was never scared by an owl?"

"The honorable member may possibly recognize a reminiscence which may be related to; "A certain valiant gentleman was once benighted, even in his native woods, and, calling aloud for assistance from his dilemma, he heard a sepulchral voice exclaim in answer, 'Hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo—who are you?'"

"The speech was interrupted throughout with uproarious laughter, which echoed again and again in violent gusts for some moments after the juvenile member sat down. At length, to the surprise of every body, Colonel Stentor slowly arose with a witticism, and replied:

"Mr. Speaker, the gentleman inquires if it is possible for me to be scared by an owl? I confess I go!"—New Orleans Picayune.

The Crescent City says there is no danger of a famine—Congress has given so many provisions, in the Bankrupt bill to the people.

"You are the most handsome lady I ever saw," said a gentleman to one of the fair.

"I wish that I could say as much for you," replied the lady.

"You could, madam, if you paid as little regard to truth as I have."

Taking Physic.—"Please, sir, I don't think Mr. Dosem takes his physic regular," said a doctor's boy to his employer.

An exchange paper, under the head of "Good Advice," advises young men to "wrap themselves in their own virtue."

Hard Writing.—An Irishman wrote as follows to his friend, during the rebellion of '98.

"To give you some idea of the state of the country at present, I shall only say, that at this moment I am writing with a sword in one hand and a pistol in the other."

Non Committal.—A candidate for office in New Orleans, on being questioned as to his political principles, replies that he is in favor of all the great questions of the day.

Amusing.—The Boston Journal closes some just reflections upon the injudicious course of certain newspapers by the remark: "Such conduct must result in the destruction of the Whig party!"

Eloquence of the Bar.—A St. Louis paper tells the story of a criminal, who having been unexpectedly acquitted of the charge for which he was arraigned before Judge Bowlin, upon being informed that he was at liberty to go, turned to the Jury, and with much feeling observed:

"Gentlemen of the Jury: I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the decision just rendered—you will be ever remembered in my prayers; to you, worthy and I must say, cute friend, (addressing himself to his counsel), I wish it was in my power to double your fee; if the feeling I entertain for you cannot be expressed by words; you are indeed, the criminal's benefactor; to you, your honor, (addressing the Judge, who could scarcely suppress a smile) I am ever, and I sincerely am, indebted—but I can say to you, I promise you, upon my honor, now that I am free, that I will never be guilty of stealing again as long as I live."

A culprit being asked what he had to say why sentence of death should not be recorded against him, replied:—"He had nothing to say, as too much had been said about it already."

Mrs. Trollope tells a good story of a French woman who got on board a steamboat and took her place beside the safety valve; which place she could not be prevailed on to leave.

Be Patient to the Last.—One of the Directors of the Bank at Bennington, publishes a card in the Rutland Herald, in which he says "every bill holder will be paid as soon as we can collect our debts."

Piano is like a champagne with a ground tail, and it is only when it has shipped through the hands of some thousands, that some follow, by mere chance, hold on to it.

SOMETHING NEW.

The editor of a very clever paper at Richmond, Indiana—the "Palladium"—after enumerating the purport of some fifty requests from as many different persons to publish this, that, or the other thing, says:—

"Now we propose to each of those who have thus made requests of us, or those who have a desire to reform our sheet, that they furnish an article, in brief, of what they think we should publish, and we will give them a place in our next paper. Let each of our subscribers turn editor, and we will be a 'looker on in Venice.'" All who are anxious to figure as editors, let them forthwith betake themselves to a tripod, and let us have immediately the result of their r. flections. Come all ye fault-finding friends and foes, hand in your quota of editorial and we have no doubt you will make a paper interesting, (for its novelty if nothing else) to a majority of your readers."

The sheet so filled, would be well worthy a perusal; and we are of opinion that after playing editor a while themselves, these fault-finding readers would willingly resign their places. The circumstance reminds us of a legendary story, we have somewhere read, of a discontented farmer, who, after a deal of grumbling, finally prevailed upon the great Disposer of the elements to resign into his hand—the distribution of a due quota of rain and sunshine for the proper perfection of his crops, and to suit his general convenience. But before many months had elapsed, the poor fellow, having meanwhile sustained much loss and been at great trouble and concern, humbly implored that things might again go on as before. Thus it is with man—it is easier to criticize than to perform.—Raleigh Register.

Spelling.—Logan had occasion one day to write a letter in presence of a school companion, who, in looking over it, expressed his surprise at the singularity of the orthography. "It is strange Logan," said he, "that you cannot manage to spell even the shortest word correctly." "Spell," cried the Laird, with a look of well-forgotten pettishness, "man, what are you haversin' about! Look at that!" holding up the stump of a quill to him; "would any man that kens anything about spelling ever attempt to spell w' a pen like that!"

Hope Deferred.—"Go to bed, sir, in the closet there," said an enraged father to a son, who had given him just cause of offence; "were it not that these gentlemen are present, I would give you a sound whipping, but you shall have it before breakfast to-morrow, certain." The little rebel went to his crib with a heavy heart, and the enjoyments of the party continued until a late hour. Just when the party was about to break up, the closet door was quietly pulled back, and the young offender put out his head, requesting that the sentence might be put in execution. "Father, would you just give me my licks this night, for I cannot sleep without them!"

Dry in Church.—The Rev. Doctors H. and M. were colleagues in the old Church of Edinburgh. One Sunday, when it was Dr. M.'s turn to preach, he had got himself very much wetted by a heavy rain, and was standing before the session room fire, drying his clothes, when Dr. H. came in, whom he requested would that day take his place, as he had escaped the shower. "Oh, by no means," replied the doctor; "go up to the post, ye'll be dry enough there."

Living Without Brains.—As the late Professor H. was walking near Edinburg, he met one of those beings usually called fools. "Pray," says the Professor, addressing him, "how long can a person live without brains?" "I dunna ken," replied the fellow, scratching his head; "how long have you lived yourself, sir?"

A Curiosity.—The greatest curiosity in the world is now exhibiting in this town, in the person of James Washburn, the wonderful dwarf, decidedly the smallest man in creation! He is in his 17th year, weighs but 23 lbs. and is only 36 inches in height! He is in good health, has fine sparkling eyes, is active, intelligent, in short a perfect man in miniature. He is said to have been born in Vermont, and ceased growing at an early period without any assignable cause.—Mass. Spy.

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BLAIR & RIVES. Washington City, October 25, 1841.

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