

"Ours are the plans of fair, delightful peace,
Unwarped by party rage to live like brothers."

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THE WILD PIGEON OF AMERICA.

The following is an amusing article on the Wild Pigeons of America, by a Frenchman. Some of our readers will no doubt find it difficult to credit the story. It certainly savors strongly of the romantic, and we incline to the opinion that the worthy narrator has used in this case the license of all European travellers, to spice their sketches with something of the marvellous. The story of the pigeons, however, is backed by pretty good authority. We recollect description when at school, a poetical description of Pennsylvania in the olden time, written by Jacob Taylor, in which he says "in the Fall are seen to fly
"Large flocks of pigeons darkening all the sky."
Now, if pigeons were once so numerous in Pennsylvania as to "darken all the sky," we can easily imagine that in the Western wilds they congregate in force sufficient to break down oaks of several inches in diameter!

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The Wild Pigeon of America.—In the Autumn of 1813, I left my house in Henderson, on the banks of the Ohio, on my way to Louisville. Having met the pigeons flying from Northeast to Southwest, in the barrens of natural wastes, a few miles beyond Hardensburgh, in greater apparent numbers than I thought I had ever seen them before, I felt an inclination to enumerate the flocks that would pass within the reach of my eye in one hour. I dismounted, and seating myself on a tolerable eminence, took my pencil to mark down what I saw going by and over me, and make a dot for every flock which passed.

Finding, however, that this was next to impossible, and feeling unable to record the flocks as they multiplied constantly, I rose, and counting the dots then put down, discovered that one hundred and sixty-three had been made in twenty-one minutes. I travelled on, and still met the more the farther I went. The air was literally filled with pigeons; the light of noon-day became dim, as during an eclipse; the pigeons dung fell in spots, not unlike melting flakes of snow; and the continued buzz of their wings over me, had a tendency to incline my senses to repose.

Before sunset I reached Louisville, distant from Hardensburgh fifty-five miles, where the pigeons were still passing, and this continued for three days in succession. The people were indeed all up in arms, and shooting on all sides at the passing flocks. The banks of the river were crowded with men and children; for here the pigeons flew rather low as they passed the Ohio. This gave a fair opportunity to destroy them in great numbers. For a week or more the population spoke of nothing but pigeons, and fed on no other flesh but that of pigeons. The whole atmosphere during this was strongly impregnated with the smell appertaining to their species.

It may not, perhaps, be out of place to attempt an estimate of the number of pigeons contained in one of those mighty flocks, and the quantity of food daily consumed by its members. The inquiry will shew the astonishing bounty of the Creator in his works, and how universally this bounty has been granted to every thing on the vast continent of America.

We shall take, for example, a column of one mile in breadth, which is far below the average size, and suppose it passing over us without interruption for three hours, at the rate of one mile per minute. This will give a parallelogram of one hundred and eighty miles by one, covering one hundred and eighty square miles, and allowing two pigeons to the square yard, we have one billion one hundred and thirty-six thousand pigeons in one flock; and as every pigeon consumes fully half a pint of food per day, the quantity must be eight millions seven hundred and twelve thousand bushels per day, which is required to feed such a flock.

As soon as these birds discover a sufficiency of food to entice them to alight, they fly round in circles, reviewing the country below, and at this time exhibit their phalanx in the beauties of their plumage; now displaying a large glistening sheet of azure, by exposing their backs to view, and suddenly veering, exhibit a mass of rich deep purple. They then pass lower over the woods, and are lost among the foliage for a moment. But they re-appear as suddenly above, after which they alight, and, as if affrighted, the whole again take to wing with a roar equal to loud thunder, and wander swiftly through the forest to see if danger is near. Impelling hunger, however, soon brings them all to the ground, and then they are seen industriously throwing up the fallen leaves to seek for the last beach nut or acorn; the rear ranks continually rising, passing over, and alighting in front in such quick succession, that the

whole still bears the appearance of being on the wing. The quantity of ground thus swept up, or, to use a French expression, moissonne, is astonishing, and so clean is the work, that gleaners never find it worth their while to follow where the pigeons have been. On such occasions, when the woods are thus filled with them, they are killed in immense numbers, yet without any apparent diminution. During the middle of the day, after their repast is finished, the whole settle on the trees to enjoy rest, and digest their food; but as the sun sinks in the horizon, they depart en masse for roosting place, not unfrequently hundreds of miles off, as has been ascertained by persons keeping account of their arrival and of their departure from their curious roosting places, to which I must now conduct the reader.

To one of those general nightly rendezvous, not far from the banks of Green river in Kentucky, I paid repeated visits. It was, as is almost always the case, pitched in a portion of the forest where the trees were of great magnitude of growth, but with little underwood. I rode through it lengthwise upwards of forty miles, and crossed it in different parts, ascertaining its width to be rather more than three miles. My first view of it was about a fortnight subsequent to the period when they had chosen this spot, and I arrived there nearly two hours before the setting of the sun. Few pigeons were then to be seen, but a great number of persons with horses and waggons, guns, and ammunition, had already established different camps on the borders. Two farmers from the neighborhood of Russellville; distant more than one hundred miles, had driven upwards of three hundred hogs to be fattened on pigeon's meat; and here and there the people employed in picking and salting what had already been procured, were seen sitting in the centre of large piles of those birds, all proving to me that the number resorting there at night must be immense, and probably consisting of all those then feeding in Indiana, some distance beyond Jeffersonville, not less than one hundred and fifty miles off. The dung of the birds was several inches deep, covering the whole extent of the roosting-place like a bed of snow. Many trees two feet in diameter, I observed, were broken at no great distance from the ground, and the branches of many of the largest and tallest so much so, that the desolation already exhibited equalled that performed by a furious tornado. As the time elapsed, I saw each of the anxious persons about to prepare for action, some with sulphur iron pots; others with torches of pine knots, many with poles, and the rest with guns double and treble charged. The sun was lost to our view, yet not a pigeon had yet arrived—but all of a sudden, I heard a cry of "Here they come!"

The noise which they made, though distant, reminded me of a hard gale at sea, passing through the rigging of a close-reefed vessel. As the birds arrived, and passed over me, I felt a current of air that surprised me. Thousands were seen knocked down by the polemen. The current of birds, however, kept still increasing. The fires were lighted, and a most magnificent, wonderful, and terrifying sight was before me. The pigeons, coming in by millions, alighted every where one on the top of another, until masses of them resembling hanging swarms of bees; as large as hogs-heads, were found on every tree in all directions. These heavy clusters were seen to give way as the supporting branches, breaking down with a crash, came to the ground, killing hundreds of those which obstructed their fall, forcing down other equally large and heavy groups, and rendering the whole a scene of uproar and of distressing confusion. I found it quite useless to speak, or even to shout to those persons nearest me. The reports even of the different guns were seldom heard, and I knew only of their going off by seeing the owners reload them.

No person dared to venture within the line of devastation, and the hogs had been penned up in due time, the picking up of the dead and wounded sufferers being left for the next morning's operation. Still the pigeons were constantly coming, and it was past midnight before I perceived a decrease in the number of those that arrived. The uproar continued, however, the whole night; and as I was anxious to know to what distance the sound reached, I sent off a man, who, by his habits in the woods, was able to tell me two hours afterwards, that at three miles he heard it distinctly. Towards the approach of day, the noise rather subsided; but long ere objects were at all distinguishable, the pigeons began to move off in a direction quite different from that in which they arrived the day before, and at sunrise none that were able to fly remained. The howlings of the wolves now reached our ears, and the foxes, the lynx, the congars, bears, raccoons, opossums, and pole cats, were seen sneaking off the spot, whilst the eagles and hawks of different species, supported by a horde of buzzards and carrion crows came to supplant them, and reap the benefits of this night of destruction.

It was then that I, and all those present, began our entry among the dead and wounded sufferers. They were picked up in great numbers, until each had as many

as could possibly be disposed of; and afterwards the hogs and dogs were let loose to feed on the remainder.—Account of the Wild Pigeon of America, by Mr. John James Audubon.

DUELLING.

Brylaine, a Missionary at Grenoble, was endeavoring to enforce the duty of forgiving our enemies, when he perceived that a large part of his audience consisted of troops then in garrison at that place. Anxious to embrace the occasion of denouncing that detestable practice of Duelling, and perceiving that the attention of the military was strongly excited, he paused for a moment, and then said, "Perhaps there is among my hearers, some high spirited soldier who burns as I speak to interrupt me, and to ask the humble missionary who now addresses you, whether he knows, whether he can even conceive, how a man of honor feels when he has been outraged by a blow? I am prepared to answer him, and tell him I do know what those feelings are; and my knowledge is derived from a book that teaches all of us whatever it concerns all of us most to learn; from a book that describes worst of all insults with an indignation at least equal to what modern honor can inspire. I have been taught by my Bible how a blow may be felt, and how it shall be resented. The Bible informs me that the Saviour of the world, without a murmur against his judge or against his executioner, submitted to all that could embitter the agonies of death. Insulted, vilified, scourged, crucified—he uttered not a word! It was not until he received a blow, that he condescended to open his mouth. And what said he then? Let the Bible tell us, and let the Duellist (if he can) surpass the sublime example; one of the officers that stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, answerest thou the High Priest? Jesus answered him, if I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well why smitest thou me.—Abbe' Maury's treatise on the Eloquence of the Pulpit.

Important Sale.

ON Wednesday the 21st day of November next, we shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, at the residence of the late Col. Joseph Hawkins, in the City of Raleigh, a considerable portion of the PERISHABLE ESTATE of said decedent, consisting of a large assortment of the best Household and Kitchen Furniture; also a Carriage and Harness, two Gigs and Harness, a pair of well broke Horses and a good riding Horse, about one hundred and fifty head of Cattle, amongst which are many suitable for Beef, together with a number of valuable Horses and Mules.

Twelve months credit will be given for all sums above 5 dollars, the purchaser giving bond with good security, before the property is delivered. For all sums of five dollars and under, cash will be required, by

DENNIS O'BRYAN,
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, } Ex'rs.
MICAHAH T. HAWKINS, } 6 tds

October 4.

Valuable Land for Sale.

THE subscriber wishing to move to the West, offers for sale the following Tracts of Land in the County of Nash:

One tract containing about 1800 acres, lying on the south side of the River, twelve miles south of Nash Courthouse. This land is of excellent quality for corn and cotton, and in one of the best ranges for stock in the State.

One other tract, on Peach Tree Creek, ten miles west of Nash Courthouse, containing 1500 acres. This tract is high and healthy, & of good quality for corn and cotton, and very well timbered.

One other tract of 90 acres, on Tar River eight or ten miles below the first named tract, and is first rate land (low grounds principally).

Also, my lower right to the tract of land now live on, in the county of Halifax, containing 380 acres. This tract is in prime order for cropping, and well improved; a good dwelling and out-houses, one of the pleasant, airy situations in the upper end of the county, and remarkably healthy.

Negroes will be taken for part, and terms made easy to the purchaser. Application made to myself, or my Agent, Willis W. Aston. A fee simple could be made to the dower, as most of heirs are of age.

TEMPERANCE ALSTON,
Halifax county, July 3. 80

NEWMAN'S

CELEBRATED PATENT GRIST MILL.

The Runner at the Bottom

A PATENT having been issued by the President of the United States, to Edward Newman, for his valuable improvement on the Grist Mill, the subscriber is fully authorized and empowered to make sale of Rights for using a single Mill, or the Rights for using said Mills in any County, or in any State in the Union, except Louisiana.

Persons wishing to purchase Rights, can direct their letters to Samuel Morehead, Postmaster, Martinville, Guilford, N. C. and they will be immediately attended to.

The superior advantages of this Mill, consist in the grinding being done so near the centre, where the power is applied—the small size of the stones, and the application of pressure to supply the absence of weight. The running stone is placed on the spindle, and facing upwards to be bed stone, which is permanently fixed. The pressure is applied to the centre of the runner, and the grain introduced into the mill through the eye of the bed or top stone.

The simple construction of this Mill, its great durability and cheapness, and its convenience and usefulness to all persons having large families and stock, and the facility with which animal or water power can be applied, have given it the decided preference over all the inventions of this kind, with persons who can judge such things correctly. SAMUEL MOREHEAD, Agent for Edward Newman, Patentee, March 30. 52 w6w t6m6

The Editors of the Register are authorized to act as Agents for the sale of Rights, in Wake county.

Scott's Life of Napoleon.

Just received and for sale by

J. GALES & SON,
Raleigh, Sept. 18.

Watches, Jewellery, and Silver Ware.

BERNARD DUPOUY respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has just returned from the North and has opened an elegant assortment of the above Articles, which he will dispose of at very reduced prices for cash.

All kinds of Gold and Silver Work manufactured and repaired in the most elegant style and shortest notice. He hopes that by his punctual and assiduous attention to business, to merit a continuance of that liberal encouragement he has received since he commenced business.

Raleigh, Oct 8. 6 8w

CITY HOTEL,

RALEIGH, N. C.

MRS. S. M. JETER, grateful for the patronage she has heretofore received, begs leave to inform her friends and the public generally, that she has engaged with Mr. A. J. SMITH to attend to her business, and that she now keeps the Stage House for the Northern, Southern & Western line of Stages. She has also procured several convenient and comfortable out rooms, which will enable her to accommodate fifteen or sixteen members of the ensuing Legislature.

Her Bar shall be constantly supplied with the choicest of Liquors, her stables well provided with Corn, Fodder, Oats, and attentive Posters. September 11th, 1827. 99-1awt.

FOR SALE.

A valuable Plantation in Wake

THAT valuable Farm, lately known by the name of West-Hill, lying on both sides of Swift & Williams's Creeks, adjoining the Plantation of Governor Branch, about nine miles from Raleigh, on the Road to Haywood, settled originally by Joseph Lane, the Grandfather of the late occupant of that name, at a time when farmers had choice of the best lands in the country. The whole Tract of land contains Two Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty acres—near 1200 of which is prime land—a considerable portion of it fine low grounds. The residue is well-timbered long-leaved Pine Land, and is supposed to afford the best range for cattle and hogs in the county. The farm under cultivation is between 3 and 400 acres, on which there is a tolerably good Dwelling-House, and other out-buildings, as on handsome and healthful a site as can be found in the county, or perhaps in the State. There is a small Grist-Mill, which is convenient for family and neighbourhood purposes. The farm is in good order, and that and the land may viewed, on application to Mr. Thomas Howell, on the premises; and the terms of sale, which will be accommodating, will be made known on application to J. Gales.

Raleigh, June 21, 1827. 59-1t.

New Books.

J. GALES & SON have received a fresh supply of the Life of Napoleon, by Sir Walter Scott.

The Guards, a novel 2 vols.
High Life do do do.
The Living and the Dead, by a Country Curate
The Epicurean, a tale by Thomas Moore
Private Memoirs of Madam du Hausset
Domestic Physician, price only dollar.
Little Plays for Children, by Miss Edgeworth.

ALSO
American Quarterly Review for September
Franklin Journal for July, August & September

Planing Machine.

THE Subscriber informs the Public, that having received Letters Patent, for the Improved Power Planing Machine, and having disposed of a great number of the sectional privileges in the North, now offers for sale the right of using this Machine for the Eastern part of Virginia, with some of the Counties in the lower part of this State, upon very moderate terms. Persons wishing to purchase, may apply to the subscriber at the Post Office at Allen's Store, in Randolph county, where personal application or written communications will be promptly attended to.

HERMAN ALLEN, Patentee.
October 4. 7 3w

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G. GALES'S

NORTH-CAROLINA

ALMANACK,

FOR

1828,

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EXAMINATION.

THE semi-annual examination of the Young Ladies at the Warrenton Female Academy, will commence on Tuesday the 6th of November, and continue until each Class shall have been examined. Parents, Guardians & others are respectfully invited to attend.

E. BRAINERD, Principal.
Sept. 30, 1827.

Examination Postponed.

THE Examination of the Pupils of the Warrenton Female Academy, is postponed until Tuesday the 29th November, instead of the 6th as heretofore advertised. Sept. 27.

Reports having been circulated extensively, that the Female Academy in Warrenton, would change owners, or cease to be conducted, by the present Instructors, the public are informed, that the Exercises thereof will be resumed on Monday the 7th January next, with the aid of four additional Assistants from the North, eminently qualified for the Duties of Instruction—and who will take an active part in all the interests of the Institution. Board will be at the moderate price of \$50 per Session—English Tuition \$15—Music \$25. The ornamental branches, which are taught to a greater extent in this, than in any Seminary in the Union, are all proportionably reasonable.

BLIJAH BRAINERD, Principal.
Warrenton, Oct. 4, 1827. 1aw3w



J. GALES & SON have just received from the North, an assortment of Stationery and Fancy articles, viz:

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Pewter and Wooden Sand Boxes,
Pocket Books of various kinds,
Best Black Ink in bottles,
Red. do. do.
Indelible Ink do.
Elastic Slates; Common do.
Visiting Cards,
Conversation do.
Portable Pens in boxes,
Steel and Silver do.
Ivory fixed handle Knives,
Damascus do.
Fine Silver Pencil Cases,
Ivory Folders,
Morocco Memorandum Cases,
Court Plaster, &c. &c. &c.
Raleigh, Sept. 26, 1827.

State of North-Carolina.

Granville County.

August Court, A. D. 1827.

Governor to the use of Wm. Bullock,

Thomas N. Pulliam & others.

Judicial attachment—Levied on 100 acres of land and other property, the property of Thomas N. Pulliam.

Governor to the use of Wm. & Richard Bullock,

Thomas N. Pulliam & others.

Judicial attachment—Levied on 100 acres of land and other property, the property of Thomas N. Pulliam.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Thomas N. Pulliam one of the defendants in the two foregoing cases, is not an inhabitant of this State and that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him; therefore it is ordered that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Raleigh Register, that the said Thomas N. Pulliam appear before the Justices of said Court, to be held for said County on the first Monday in November next, in the town of Oxford, to reply and plead to issue, or judgment will be rendered against him, and the property levied on condemned subject to the plaintiff's recovery.

Witness, Step. K. Sneed, Clerk of said Court, at Office in Oxford, the first Monday of August, A. D. 1827.

STEP. K. SNEED, Clk.

Raleigh Academy.

THE semi-annual Examination of the Students attached to this Institution, will commence on Monday the 5th November and end on the Friday following.

Parents, Guardians and others are respectfully invited to attend.

By order, WM. HILL, Sec'y.

Raleigh 22d Oct.

Fashionable Hat

AND

CLOTHING STORE,

Three doors below the Newbern Bank, Raleigh.

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Drab, Brown and Charet do
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Drab and Steel Mixt do
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Common do do
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Raleigh, Oct. 23, 1827.

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August 14. 92 east