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

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From the Natches Galaxy.

Some two or three months since, a huge and shapeless bundle arrived at the Post Office in this city, direct or indirect, as the case may be, from the "Federal City," and marked "FREE." Nothing "remarkable" was observed about the bundle aforesaid, until the lapse of two or three days, when to the utter amazement and consternation of the Deputy Postmaster, it gave evident signs of vitality. What, in the name of ghosts and hobgoblins, was to be done? A consultation of the Medical Faculty was proposed, but as fees were at that time

"Like angel visits, few and far between,"

it was strongly suspected they might "report" the yellow fever or small pox—that would not do. As to an inquest of lawyers, there was no other objection than that of their dividing the contents of the bundle among themselves, by way of inducement to further enquiry. The next proposition was to summon the ancient jury "de ventre inspiciendo," (keep the Latin dictionary away from the ladies!) but the rapidly increasing rotundity of this wonderful bundle placed the only point within their jurisdiction at rest. What in the name of Mary Magdalen could it be? Some supposed the rats had found their way into the interior of this non-descriptive. Others supposed the Masons were smuggling Morgan up the Mississippi. Others again supposed that Henry Clay had papered the devil himself, and thro' executive patronage, had sent him by mail down the river to frisk his ponderous tail among the Jackson folks. But the more reflecting part of our citizens arrived at the sage conclusion, that it was THE TARTER, as that was currently reported to be a huge monster, hooped and horned—with as many heads as had Briareus—two mouths to each head, and eat three Carolinians and a bale of cotton at every meal, and swallowed a Georgian whole, by way of a desert. Death and Destruction! What was to be done! To peep into it would violate Uncle Sam's injunctions. To remove it from the office—one would as soon attack old Beelzebub himself. There it lay, swelling and swelling like Esop's frog, until the fourth day, when, to the no small amusement of our friend Lyle, and the utter consternation of Willy, his boy, snap went the strings, open flew the envelope, and forth crept—a what think you reader—a snake? No. A monkey? No. A rat, or frog? No, no—neither frog, rat, monkey, snake, nor the devil! Amazement seize ye!—it was a—*a pumpkin vine!*—aye, reader,—*A PUMPKIN VINE!!!*

The truth of the story appears to be this. A large bundle was mailed at Washington, for this place, in which was deposited a quantity of pumpkin seed, of a very rare kind, we presume. It is well known that the streams of water this side the mountains, and particularly in the Southern country, are unusually swollen in the spring of the year, so much so that in crossing them, the mail is frequently immersed in water. Such appears to have been the case in the present instance. At any rate, too high a degree of humidity having reached the pumpkin seed aforesaid, caused them to vegetate, much to the annoyance of our Postmaster, and against the peace and dignity of the citizens of this city.

N. B. We are the zealous advocates of domestic industry and internal improvement; but to grow pumpkins in a mail bag—"ma conscience!"

A CHARACTER.

Amongst the early friends of Charles Brockden Brown was a young man of great beauty and animation, and of fascinating talents. After his death the subsequent sketch of his character was drawn by Brown—

"What a contrast between his actual deportment and any notion of that deportment to be collected by a stranger from his letters! His letters to me are as confidential as letters can be, yet they form a picture totally the reverse of his conversation and his conduct. He had no small portion of wit, and his power was in part exercised in company; but the moment he took up his pen to write a letter or an essay, he forgot all his mirth, became pensive, sentimental, and poetical. To hear him talk, one would think that he never had a serious moment in his life. He literally sung himself to sleep, and awakened in a burst of laughter. To see the effusions of his pen, one would imagine he was a stranger to smiles; that he would imagine he was forever steeped in tears and wrapped in melancholy. In this there was nothing that deserved to be called affection or hypocrisy, since he corresponded only with whom he was occasionally in the habit of conversing: and his tongue regaled them with unceasing jests, with just as much sincerity as his pen saddened them with its austerity, & melted them with its pathos. His sonnets and letters talk almost altogether of love, on this subject Petrarch was never more tender, refined, and patriotic. The youth was for ever in love, and was all impassioned eloquence at the feet of an adored fair one; but his love was merely the exuberance of health, and an ardent

constitution, consequently his love was always bestowed upon the present object. After receiving a letter, full of the most doleful eulogies of some divine but refractory creature, and hinting his resolution to shake off the yoke of his inauspicious stars, I have hastened to his chamber to console him, and found him at a table presiding with infinite satisfaction, and keeping the worthy crew that surrounded him in a constant roar. Such was my friend and such were his letters. His tongue his pen, his actions and his written speculations, were as opposite to each other as the poles.

Curious structure of the Eye of the Bird and of the Horse.

Birds flying in the air, and meeting with many obstacles, as the branches and leaves of trees, require to have their eyes sometimes as flat as possible for protection; but sometimes as round as possible, that they may see the small objects, flies and other insects, which they are chasing through the air, and which they pursue with the most unerring certainty. This could only be accomplished by giving them the power of suddenly changing the form of their eyes. Accordingly, there is a set of hard scales placed on the outer coat of their eye, round the place where the light enters; and over these scales are drawn the muscles or fibres by which motion is communicated; so that by acting with these muscles, the bird can press the scales, and squeeze the natural magnifier of the eye into a round shape, when it wishes to follow an insect into the air, and can relax the scales when it wishes to see a distant object, or move safely thro' leaves and twigs. This power of altering the shape of the eye is possessed by bird of prey in a remarkable degree. They can thus see the smallest objects close to them, and can yet discern larger bodies at vast distances, as a carcass stretched upon the plain, or a dying fish floating upon the water. A singular provision is made for keeping the surface of the bird's eye clean, for wiping the glass of the instrument, as it were, and also for protecting it, while rapidly flying through the air and through thickets, without hindering the sight. Birds are, for these purposes, furnished with a third eyelid, a fine membrane or skin, which is constantly moved very rapidly over the eyeball by two muscles placed in the back of the eye. One of the muscles ends in a loop, and is fixed in the corner of the membrane, to pull it backward and forward. A third eyelid of the same kind is found in the horse, and is called the *haw*—it is moistened with a pulpy substance, or mucus, to take hold of the dust on the eyeball, and wipe it clear off; so that the eye is hardly ever seen with any thing on it, though greatly exposed from its size and posture. The swift motion of the haw is given to it by a gritty, elastic substance, placed between the eyeball and the socket, and striking obliquely, so as to drive out the haw with great velocity over the eye, and then let it come back as quickly. Ignorant persons, when this haw is inflamed from cold, and swelled so as to appear, which it never does in a healthy state, often mistake it for an imperfection, and cut it off; so near do ignorance and cruelty produce the same effect.

The ship Alexander has just brought, for Colonel Powell, an extraordinary improved Durham short horned Cow, which produced in England, as appears by certificates, thirty quarts of milk a day, in June last, and afforded, from the milk of seven days, 19 1/2 lbs. avoirdupois of butter, and had continued to give milk until the birth of her calf.—*Philad. Press.*

Caution.—We learn that a man by the name of Backus, in West Barnstable, last week, carelessly carrying a naked scythe under his arm, made a mis-step and fell upon the blade, and was so severely injured as to survive the accident but one hour. We hope this will be a sufficient admonition to haymakers to see that their scythes are securely sheathed. We have repeatedly noticed such carelessness, and have wondered that injury has not more frequently happened by it. *Ibid.*

Consolation.—A poor woman meeting a friend just after the death of her husband, most kindly accepted the gentleman's condolence who failed not to amalgamate of the same with a liberal portion of praise his defunct's excellent qualities. "You are indeed kind," quoth the sighing widow, "tis all true and I console myself in the firm belief the poor fellow is happy in Beelzebub's bosom." Nay, in *Abraham's* bosom, you mean? "Well, sir," innocently replied Martha, "I dare say you are right; for my part I know very little about these great folk's names."

Antiquity of an Auditor's Office.—There are four or five auditors in the U. S. Treasury Department. The office is of ancient date, and can boast of one distinguished character. *JUVENAL* was, it seems, an auditor, and aspired to a higher office, if we may judge from the first Satire—

Semper ego auditor tantum?
Which means "Shall I never be any thing more than an Auditor?" History does not say whether *Juvenal's* soaring ambition was or was not gratified with a Secretaryship.—*N. Y. Courier.*

LOOK HERE.

THE Subscriber wishes to sell on very moderate terms, or to exchange for Western Lands, several valuable improved and unimproved Lots in the City of Raleigh. The improved Lots are amongst the most eligible in the place one of them combining the conveniences of an excellent stand for a Store and a capacious Dwelling House. He is willing in case, an exchange in land should be offered, to pay any difference which may exist in the value of the property, in Cash. During his absence, Mr. H. R. Gales is duly authorized by him to dispose of any or all of his lots, and is vested with full power to enter into any contract in his stead.

JOHN F. GONEKE.

Raleigh, 23d Aug. 97
P. S. Should the above property not be sold before the expiration of the present year, the same will be for rent.

NOTICE.

I hereby given, that I shall apply to the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States at Philadelphia for the payment of the entire amount of an Hundred Dollar Note, payable at the Branch Bank at Boston, Letter II, No. 574, dated at Philadelphia, 10th Sept. 1824, Thos. Wilson, Cashr.—N. Biddle, Prest. The right hand half of said bill was mailed by Thos. E. Tarrt, at the Post Office in Lagrange, Ala. Sept. 15th, 1827, enclosed in a letter directed to Jas. B. Tarrt, Stantonburg, N. C. which letter, with the half enclosed, was not received. Lagrange, Ala. JAS. B. TARRT.
May 29th, 1828. } 79-law3 m

A Negro Boy named COLIN absconded yesterday.

COLIN is about twenty years of age, five feet six inches high, well set, and of a very black complexion. He was fugged on Wednesday last, by a gentleman of this place, whose house he had broken into; and is supposed to be severely marked with the whip. He carried with him two pair of pantaloons and a round jacket, made of blue and white mixed Northern cotton cloth; some cotton shirts, and a linen ruffled shirt marked with my name; a pair of white linen pantaloons, and a pair made of drab cotton cloth; he wore a narrow brimmed black beaver hat.

Colin was brought from Raleigh, N. C. about three months ago, and was sold in this place by a Mr. Tipper. He formerly belonged to Dr. Haywood of Raleigh.

A reasonable reward will be paid for the apprehension of Colin, and I is delivery to me. THO'S SALMOND.
Camden, July 4. 95.6w

SALES AT AUCTION.



On TUESDAY, September 23d, WILL be sold by the Subscribers, at their Auction Store, a large and valuable assortment of freshly imported Staple and Fancy

DRY GOODS.

CONSISTING IN PART, OF
Superfine, Fines, and Common Cloths and Cassimeres,
Sattinets, Domestics, &c. &c.
ALSO, AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF Groceries, Hardware, Cutlery, Crockery Ware, &c. &c.
Terms liberal, and made known at sale, WILLKINGS & CO, Auctioneers.
Fayetteville, Sept. 4, 1828. 1-ts.

NOTICE.

AT the late August Term of the Court of A Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Wake, the undersigned qualified as Administrator upon the Estate of the late James F. Taylor, dec'd, and requests all the creditors of the deceased to make known their claims without delay.

His debtors are hereby informed that it is the determination of the subscriber to close his administration as speedily as possible, and to that end indulgence cannot be granted. The claims being numerous and dispersed throughout several Counties, a personal demand of payment on the part of the Administrator is out of the question. Those therefore who do not choose to avail themselves of this information and make immediate payment will find their claims indiscriminately placed in a train of collection according to Law.
CHAS. MANLY, Adm'r.

Raleigh, 25th Aug. 1828.

FURTHER NOTICE.

ON Friday, the 10th of October next, at the plantation of the late James F. Taylor, near Raleigh, will be sold upon a credit of six months a part of the perishable estate, viz. Stock of Horses, Cattle and Hogs, Cart and Oxen, Farming tools of all kinds, a complete set of Blacksmith's tools, Crop of Wheat, Rye and Oats, and all other things on the plantation of a moveable and perishable kind.

ALSO.

ON the following day, Saturday, the 11th, at his late dwelling-house in Raleigh, will be sold in like manner the Household and Kitchen furniture, a Carriage and Harness, Gig, Sulky and Harness and various other articles.

CHAS. MANLY, Adm'r.

Raleigh, 25th Aug. 1828.

Piano Fortes.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the public, that he has on hand and offers for sale, two new Pianos, with the additional keys, made in the modern style, and in a substantial manner. The lovers of music, and those wishing to purchase, are invited to call and examine them as to tone & touch. He would also inform the public, that he has for some time past, attended to stringing and tuning Pianos, and offers his services to those who may wish them in that capacity. He has recently supplied himself with an assortment of the best German Springs, which will enable him to furnish new ones when necessary. Orders from a distance, as well as those in the city, are solicited, and will be promptly attended to. WESLEY WHITAKER.
Raleigh, May 2d.

Ten Dollars Reward

WILL be given for the apprehension and conviction of Charles Slagle, who left this District on the 12th inst. with one hat, one coat, two pair pantaloons, two shirts, two vests, one pocket handkerchief, one pair buckskin gloves, and one silk shawl, (red.)

Said Slagle also broke open my house to obtain the goods above mentioned. He is about five feet three or four inches high, about 35 years of age, with long and straight hair, (light colored,) rather white-eyed, with a heavy appearance. Slagle was raised in East Tennessee, Washington County, near Jonesborough, whither I expect he will make his way, or to Columbia in this State. WILLIAM SLAGLE.
Lancaster, S. C. Aug. 15, 1828. 97-2c

THE Subscriber having qualified at the last term of the County Court of Chatham as Executor of the last Will and Testament of Winship Steadman, deceased, gives notice to those indebted to the Estate to make payment, and to those who have any claims against the said estate to present them properly authenticated for payment, within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.
NATHAN A. STEADMAN, Exr.
July 23d, 1828. 89 3t



THE SUBSCRIBER'S STAGE, LEADING from Raleigh to Salisbury through Pittsborough and Ashborough, is now in full operation, with good horse and careful Drivers. The Postmaster General has made an alteration in the time of its arrival at Raleigh and departure from Salisbury, which is arranged now as follows: Leave Raleigh every Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Salisbury at 10 o'clock, on Tuesday morning, and reach Raleigh on Thursday, in ample time for Passengers to dine and be in readiness to take seats in the Stage for the North.

Prico of passage through, only \$5. The accommodations on the road are good, and every attention will be paid to the comfort of those who take this route.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, 99—

Raleigh, Aug. 30, 1828.

Important Sale.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of North-Carolina, I shall on Monday the third day of November next, at Snow Hill in the county of Greene, expose at public Vendue to the highest bidder, all that VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND in Greene county in the District of N. Carolina, on the East side of Great Contentnea Creek, heretofore conveyed by Robert Whyte and wife to Willie J. Stanton, and by said Willie J. Stanton mortgaged to secure the purchase money to the said Robert Whyte, containing THREE THOUSAND ACRES, more or less, being the same land conveyed by the said Willie J. Stanton in parcels, to John Pope, William Williams, Henry Edwards, John Harper, Jesse Speight, Thomas Speight, Elisha Woodward, Arthur Speight and Theophilus Edwards.

The land will be sold in parcels to suit purchasers, (particularly those who heretofore purchased from Willie J. Stanton,) on a credit of one and two years. Bonds with unquestionable security will be required on the day of sale.

B. A. BARRIAM, Commissioner.
Raleigh, June 20, 1828. 98 ts

FOUND.

A few days past, in this city, a LEATHER TRUNK, containing some papers. The owner can receive the same by applying at this Office and paying the expense of advertising.
Raleigh, August 25.

A TEACHER WANTED

Immediately!!!

ONE of an undoubted moral character, and who is a good English Scholar, and understands teaching Latin, Geography and Arithmetic, will meet with liberal encouragement to take charge of 10 or 15 Students, by applying to the Editors of this paper in person or by letter, post paid. None need apply unless they can come well recommended.
Raleigh July 23d, 1828. 67-wif.
N. G.—A Graduate of the University of N. C. would be preferred.

WILCOX ACADEMY.

THE Trustees of this Academy are desirous to employ a Male and Female Teacher, to take charge of the Institution on the first day of January next. It is situated in the county of Wilcox, in the State of Alabama, in a high, pleasant section of the Country, remarkable for health and good Water. The Academy will be supported by a neighborhood, that are wealthy, populous and public spirited. Besides, an annual fund of from three to three hundred and fifty dollars, pledged for its support for the term of ten years, and in all will make a suitable fund for the payment of the Teachers. Persons applying for the superintendance of this institution, are requested to address the undersigned as early as possible through the medium of the Post Office at Canton, Ala. stating the terms, accompanied with undoubted testimonials of character and qualification.
D. C. SMITH, Sec. pro tem.
Canton, Ala. 13th August, 1828. 98 w4w

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CONTAINING besides the usual Astronomical Calculations, some useful Essays on Agriculture; a variety of valuable Recipes and much instructive and entertaining matter. The Almanack may be had wholesale of the Publishers, J. Gales & Son, Raleigh, or of Mr. Edward J. Hale, Observer Office, Fayetteville, or of Mr. Salmon Hall, Bookseller of Newbern, and retail of most of the Storekeepers in this State.
Sept. 10, 1828.