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THE GARDEN SPIDER.

The history of the Garden Spider is very curious and very interesting. Many people believe that she flies when they see her pass from branch to branch, and even from one tree to another; but she transports herself in this manner: she places herself upon the end of a branch, or some other projecting body, and there fastens her thread; after which, with her two hind feet, she squeezes her legs, and presses out one or more threads of two or three eils in length, which she leaves floating in the air. These threads are wafted by the wind from one side to another, and lodged either on a house or a pole; sometimes on a tree or a stake, cross a brook, and are there fastened by their natural glue; she afterwards draws them to her, to try if they are well fixed or not, and then they become a bridge, over which the spider passes and repasses in full liberty. She doubles and extends the thread as much as she thinks fit, by joining the shortest slips together; and then marches over a third part, or to the middle of the same thread, and adds another to it, by the aid of which she descends till she meets with a stone, a plant, or some solid body to rest on, or else she leaves it to fluctuate in the air, till it be fixed to some particular place. By this second thread she ascends to the first, and at some distance begins a third, which she fastens by the same management. When she has fixed three threads, she makes them stronger by doubling them; after which she endeavors to project a kind of square within them, which is easy for her to accomplish, because she ascends by the thread which joins on the right-hand to that which extends above, and then she passes to the other which descends on the left. During all this progress, she continually spins, and then shortens and beads the thread, which falls on the right-hand, and joins to it that on the left, in that part she best approves, and by these means forms a square, or some figure that resembles it. In this square she makes a cross, with the same industry, whose middle point becomes a centre, to which she draws threads from every side, like the spokes of a wheel, which all terminate in the nave. This is the warp or basis of the work. She then spins a finer thread for the woof, and first places herself in the centre, where all the threads of the warp meet and cross one another. Round this centre she projects a small circle; after which she begins another a little more distant, and always continues to draw this circular thread from one spoke to another, till she comes to the large threads which sustain the whole work. When the net is thus spread, her next care is to entrap the game; for which purposes she places herself in the centre of all these circles, with her head downward; because her belly, which joins to a very slender neck, would fatigue her too much in any other position; whereas in this posture, it is supported by her feet and breast. In this situation she awaits her prey, of which she is not long destitute; for the air is so replenished with flies, who are perpetually in motion, that a sufficient quantity of them soon fall into her toils.

When a small fly becomes her captive, she despatches it upon the spot, because it is a repast, which does not require much preparation; but when her provision is larger, and happens to be a strong fly who makes a vigorous resistance, the spider, wheeling round, involves him in a number of threads, with which she entangles, fetters, and then keeps him suspended in the air; after which she bears him away to the nest below her web, and which she conceals in the leaves, or under a tile, or some other shelter, commodious either to pass the night in, or screen herself from the rain.

THE IMPETEERATE HUSBAND. How many broken hearts and withered hopes can testify to the truth and faithfulness of the following picture from Mr. SPENCER'S Address before the Massachusetts Society for suppressing Intemperance.

"The common calamities of life may be endured, poverty, sickness, and even death may be met—but there is that which, while it brings all these with it, is worse than all these together. When the husband and father forgets the duties he once delighted to fulfill, and by slow degrees becomes the creature of intemperance, there enters into his house the sorrows that rend the spirit—that cannot be alleviated, that will not be comforted."

"It is here, above all, where she, who has ventured every thing, feels that every thing is lost. Woman, silent, suffering, devoted woman, here bends to her direst affliction. The measure of her woe is, in truth, full, whose husband is a drunkard. Who shall protect her when he is her insulter, her oppressor? What shall delight her, when she shrinks from the sight of his face, and trembles at the sound of his voice? The heart is indeed dark, that he has made desolate. There, through the dull midnight hour, griefs are whispered to herself, her bruised heart bleeds in secret. There, while the cruel author of her distress is drowned in distant revelry, she holds her solitary vigil, waiting, yet dreading his return, that will only wring from her, by his unkindness, tears even more scalding than those she sheds over his transgression. To find a deeper gloom across the present, memory turns back, and broods upon the past. Like the recollection to the sun-stricken pilgrim, of the cool spring that he drank at in the morning, the joys of other days come over her, as if only to mock her parched and weary spirit. She recalls the ardent lover, whose graces won her from the home of her infancy—the enraptured father, who bent with such delight over his new-born children—"

HONESTY.—The more honesty a man has, the less he affects the air of a Saint; the affection of sanctity is a blotch on the face of piety.

A year of pleasure passes like a fleeting breeze; but a moment of misfortune seems an age of pain.

SWEARING.—Profits of pleasure there is none in swearing, nor any thing in men's natural tempers to incite them to it. For though some men pour out oaths as freely as if they came naturally from them, yet surely no man is born with a swearing constitution.

PROSPECTUS OF THE ALABAMA HERALD.

The Subscribers propose to establish in the Town of BARBOURVILLE, Wilcox County, a weekly Newspaper, entitled the ALABAMA HERALD, to be devoted to Political, Agricultural, Literary and Miscellaneous Intelligence.

In addition to the importance of a Press in Wilcox, in a political point of view, the convenience and interest of the people of this and the neighboring counties require that a Paper should be established in this region, congenial to its feelings and devoted to its interests. The growing importance of this section of South-Alabama, and the wants of its citizens, give every assurance that we will be liberally sustained in the enterprise.

It is against these practices, these doctrines, and these men, that we intend of our undertaking shall be with the future of the public) to raise our humble voices. It is to open to the citizens of Wilcox and the adjoining counties a medium of making known and defending their political opinions, that we make this attempt to establish a Whig Journal in Barbourville.

By order of the Board, S. F. PATTERSON, Pres't. Raleigh, May 6, 1840.

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE.—Intending to remove to another part of the City, I offer for sale my present Residence on Fayetteville street.

RAILROAD NOTICE.—The third Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, in Raleigh, on Monday, the first day of June next.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY, For the benefit of the Petersburg Beneficial Mechanic Association. Class No. 5, for 1840. To be drawn at Alexandria, Va., Saturday, May 30th, 1840.

CARD.—The Subscriber takes the liberty to inform the Merchants and citizens of the City of Raleigh, that he has procured a Horse and Dray, for the purpose of delivering Merchandise, in any part of the City, to all those who shall honor him with their custom, at the usual price paid in Petersburg or Richmond.

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MUSIC.—THE SOUTHERN HARMONY, & MUSICAL COMPANION, Containing a choice collection of Rhythms, Hymns, Psalms, Odes & Anthems. Together with nearly one hundred new tunes, which have never before been published; by Wm. Walker, this day received by TURNER & HUGHES.

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