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THE OPOSSUM. BY A SOUTHERN PLANTER.

This singular and remarkable little animal (like the Raccoon) may be found in all parts of the Southern country, and like him too, he very often creates a disturbance in the hen houses of the farmers.

There are two singular marks about the female Opossum, that are worthy of notice.—The first is a kind of pocket, formed in the skin under the belly, in which are the papae.

The other singularity alluded to, and which is common to the male also, is the formation of their feet, which approach nearer to the shape of a man's hand, than do those of any other animal excepting the Ape.

The Opossum is altogether a curiously shaped animal, has a long head, which (to form a mouth) is split back beyond the eyes, has a long keen snout, small eyes, rough skin, coarse hair, resembling the bristles of a hog.

The Opossum is noted for his sullen disposition, (indeed to a degree which I have never noticed in any other quadruped, but often in insects), and the term "he is opossuming," has long been a proverb among men to express a certain degree of sulkiness in any animal.

The Opossum are generally very fat, and their meat, when well baked, with sweet potatoes, makes a dish that Kings might envy, or that would do justice to the palate of the most fastidious epicure.—It is entirely void of the rank taste and smell of that of the Raccoon.

In looking over Moore's Byron, one cannot fail to be impressed with the truth of the remarks, that "the records of genius are full of strange contradictions." His letters "show him to have been the child of impulses on small, though the man of decision on great occasions.

The aristocrat by birth and prejudice, spent his life in advocating the cause of freedom and the people. The generous enthusiast, who gave away his thousands in charity bought a saving-box to fill with pence.

AN APPALLING SITUATION. In Cooper's Naval History, we find the following interesting description of a scene on shipboard, which illustrates in a striking manner, the effects of discipline in a man-of-war.

On the 10th of April, the New-York, John Adams, and Enterprise sailed, to touch at Malta, on their way to the enemy's port. While making this passage, just as the music had been beating to grog, a heavy explosion was heard near the cockpit of the flag ship, and the lower part of the vessel was immediately filled with smoke.

Capt. CHAUNCEY was passing the drummer when the explosion took place, and he ordered him to beat to quarters. The alarm had not been given a minute, when the men were going steadily to their guns, and other stations, under a standing regulation, which directed this measure in the event of a cry of fire, as the most certain means of giving the officers entire command of the ship, and of preventing confusion.

The situation of the ship was now exceedingly critical. With a fire known to be kindled near the magazine, and a crew in a great measure disorganized, the chances of escape were much diminished. But Capt. Chauncey rallied a few followers, and reminding them that they might as well be blown up through one deck as three, he led the way below, into a passage choked with smoke, where the danger was rapidly increasing.

Mr. DAVID PORTER, the first Lieutenant, who meets us in so many scenes of trial and danger, had ascended from the ward-room, by means of a stern ladder, and he and the other officers seconded the noble efforts of their intrepid commander. The men were got in from the spars forward, water was abundantly supplied, and the ship was saved. This accident is supposed to have occurred in consequence of a candle having been taken from a lantern, while the gunner was in search of some object in a stateroom that led from the cockpit.

The good old-fashioned industry in tilling the soil is again getting to be a favorite with the public. The depression in most kinds of business has compelled a great many to resort to farming as the surest means of procuring a subsistence, if not to increase their wealth.

In order to this, however, a farmer must exercise the active mind of an engineer. To raise good crops will undoubtedly be his first object, and in proportion to his success in this department, should be his efforts at raising the best stock and fruits.

ture, he will also attend to the means of promoting his own and his family's happiness, by having a comfortable dwelling, not expensive, but snug, neat and convenient; in a good position and with architectural proportions. The out-buildings should be arranged with regard to good taste and convenience. Near the dwelling, shrubbery and trees should be planted, and not remotely from the house, should be a garden well cultivated and well stocked with fruit-bearing shrubs.

SQUIRE BLUMPY, OF RACKENSACK. THE WAY THEY LAID OUT THE LAW IN THE NEW COUNTRIES.

A particular friend of ours at Batesville, has furnished us with the ground-work of the following account, showing the manner in which they do things in the back part of the "Rackensack" country.

On one of the back counties lives a "big man" named Vowels, rich and overburdened with honesty, rich in lands and tenements, meaner than "garbroth" and regardless what means he uses to attain his ends.

"What has got into you Blumpy?" asked his wife. "Don't bother me," said Blumpy. "What are you galivating about in that highfalutin style for?" continued his wife.

"Mammy," said one of them "main't I strut, too, with you and dad?" "Set down, you rascal you," said Mrs. Blumpy. "Nobody is in office here, but your dad and me," at the same time knocking the little Blumpy over with a chunk.

Blumpy took his seat with all the mock dignity of the sham duke in the "Honey Moon." Not a particle of proof had been adduced in favor of his patron's claim, that did not in the least alter the decision, which was as follows:

by Datem's pullets, and his ball face swilled down by the defendant himself; in course he has got to pay for them, and fork over my fee into the bargain. Them's the court's sentiments."

Judgment was accordingly rendered against Datem, and he was obliged to foot the whole bill.

GRAND CAPITALS FOR SEPTEMBER. D. S. Gregory & Co. Managers.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY, For the benefit of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association. Class No. 9, for 1840. To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, 12th September, 1840.

GRAND CAPITALS. \$20,000—\$10,000—\$5,000—\$3,000—100 Prizes of \$1,000, &c. &c.

30,000 Dollars!!! 100 Prizes of \$1,000!!! VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY, For the benefit of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association. Class No. 10, for 1840.

GRAND CAPITALS. \$30,000—\$10,000—\$5,000—\$3,000—\$2,500—\$1,017—50 Prizes of \$1,000, &c. &c.

VIRGINIA STATE LOTTERY—For the benefit of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association. Class No. 11, for 1840—To be drawn at Alexandria, Va. on Saturday, 26th September, 1840.

GRAND CAPITALS. \$40,000—\$12,000—\$8,000—5,000—3,000—2,500—\$2,000—\$1,769—\$1,600—\$1,500—2 of \$1,250—2 of \$1,200—20 of \$1,000—20 of \$500—20 of \$400—40 of \$300, &c. &c.

NOTICE.—Whereas, the Subscriber and Joseph Betts of this City, obtained a license to Retail Spirituous Liquors, at the store of said Betts, near the Raleigh Depot, of the Gaston Road, under the name of BETTS & MURRAY.

A NEW LINE OF STAGES.—The undersigned informs the Public, that they have established a daily line of Stages from Franklin Depot to Louisa, and a tri-weekly line from Louisa to Enfield.

A CARD. THOSE Subscribers to the "CAROLINA BEACON AND METROPOLITAN OMNIBUS," (lately issued from the City of Raleigh) who have paid in advance, are informed that having, from a want of adequate support, been compelled to discontinue its publication, arrangements have been made with the Editor of the Raleigh Register, whereby the receipt of that paper is secured to them to the amount of their respective dues.

ADMINISTRATORS' SALE.—On Tuesday, the 22d day of September, 1840, at the late residence of ROBERT N. JEFFREYS deceased, all the perishable part of the Estate of the said intestate, consisting of about 40 or 70 Barrels of OLD CORN, OATS and FODDER, HORSES, MULES, CATTLE, HOGS and SHEEP, Farming utensils, HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE. The property will be sold on a credit of Twelve months, bond and security required of the purchasers.

TAXES! TAXES!! TAXES!!!—Notice is hereby given to all those persons who have not paid their City and County Taxes for the past and current years, that I shall attend at the Court House in the City of Raleigh, for the purpose of receiving the same, on Thursday and Friday next, and unless the same be settled, I shall be reluctantly compelled to collect the same in the mode pointed out by act of Assembly.

UNIVERSITY.—A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, is hereby called at Chapel Hill, at 12 o'clock, on Friday, the 25th of September inst. on important business, relating to the Internal Police and Government of the College.

FANNY, with other Poems, by Hallock, republished from the Edition of 1821, this day received by TURNER & HUGHES.

COLOGNE.—A fresh supply of the real genuine German Cologne, a superior article. Just called at No. 1, cheap side.

PEEBLES, HALL & CO. Old Street, Petersburg, Va.

KEEP always on hand a large and well assorted STOCK OF GROCERIES,

which they offer for sale on accommodating terms, and respectfully invite merchants and others purchasing Groceries in Petersburg to examine the same. They have now in store the following articles—

45 lbs. per St. Croix Sugar 125 do Porto Rico and New Orleans ditto 2500 Loaves lard, single and double refined ditto 50 lbs. Prime retailing Molasses

50 q. casks Liebow, L. P. Teneriffe, S. Madeira and Malaga Wine 20 half pipes Cognac Brandy 3 punch bowls old Jamaica and Antigua Rum

ALEXANDRIA BOARDING SCHOOL, D. C. The sixteenth annual examination of the Students of this Institution has recently closed, and there is now a vacation until the 1st day of the 9th month.

In teaching every subject, care is taken that the students understand the principle of the sciences they are studying; they are then able to apply these principles to particular cases.

Terms for board, lodging, washing, and tuition, 180 dollars for the school year of eleven months, from the 1st of the 9th month (September) to the last of the 7th month (July).

WAKE COUNTY.—NORTH-CAROLINA—This day, came Martin Jones before me, Willis Scott, Ranger of said County, and made oath that on the 21st of August, 1840, a Small Bay Mare, with a small white spot in her forehead, a left hind foot white, a scar on her left leg just above the knee on the outside, a wart on the inside of the right fore leg, and a wart on the neck, and a coil on the weather where the saddle goes on.

CASH BUSINESS.—I repeat with regret, that I have per cent. profit, will not authorize crediting. I think all those who pay down, and all who pay when called on; but however unpleasant, I must in future refuse credit to those who fail to pay when called to do so.

WILLIAM HALLOWELL, Principal and Proprietor. Alexandria, D. C. Aug. 8. 71—62

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RALEIGH AND GASTON RAIL ROAD.

Expedition increased and no detentions.

THE Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road is now completed and in full operation. This road connects with the Greenview and Roanoke Rail Road at Gaston, which road unites with the Petersburg Rail Road near Belmont. A continuous line of Rail Road and Steamboat communication is thus formed between Raleigh, N. C. and Boston.

It will thus be seen that there are three stage lines connecting Tennessee with the central parts of North Carolina, and two, connecting South Carolina and Georgia with North Carolina. All these lines finally concentrate at Raleigh, the Southern terminus of the Rail Road.

Travelers from the upper parts of South Carolina and Georgia, the middle and Eastern portion of Tennessee, the South Western part of Virginia, and the Western part of North Carolina, wishing to go north, will find the route by the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road cheaper and more expeditious than any other.

Miles. Hours. Fare. Knoxville to Blountville, 110 29 \$10. Blountville to Abingdon, 60 18 5. Abingdon to Wythe Court House, 55 18 5. Wythe C. H. to Greensboro' N. C. 118 29 10. Greensboro' to Raleigh, 84 21 6.

Miles. Hours. Fare. Knoxville to Warm Springs, 26 16 \$6. Warm Springs to Asheville, 38 7 4. Asheville to Salisbury, 136 36 10. Salisbury to Raleigh, 138 36 10. 385 94 \$38.

The above rates are believed to be accurate or nearly so. The route from Knoxville, by Jonesboro', Wilkesboro' and Salem, to Greensboro' N. C. is possibly shorter than either of the above routes, and the fare perhaps a little less.

CAUTION.—Persons travelling from North to South by the way of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road should be careful not to enter their names or procure tickets further than to Petersburg, Va.

RALEIGH & GASTON RAIL ROAD, August 1, 1840. The American Sentinel, Philadelphia; National Intelligencer; Charleston Courier; Augusta Chronicle; Nashville Banner, and Knoxville Times, will publish the above weekly for two months and send their accounts to this office for collection.

HAMILTONIAN SYSTEM.—The French Language taught in Fifty Lessons.—Mr. Hamilton, a native of France, and son of the late author of this system, respectfully announces to the inhabitants of Raleigh and its vicinity, that he is now ready to meet the class of Ladies and Gentlemen for the purpose of communicating a knowledge of the above useful and fashionable language.

The course is divided into six sections, and to each section a corresponding degree of proficiency is attached. The first section comprehends the Gospel of St. John, in which if the inflections of the verbs be caught there will be found nearly nine thousand different words.

Ladies and Gentlemen's classes will be immediately formed and met by Mr. H. in any part of the town or vicinity.

Terms, \$5 per section, payable at the end of each section. August 7.