

BALD MOUNTAIN.

In the summer of 1855, having heard much said of the Bald Mountain, of its height, its peculiar soil, and the beautiful scenery in view from its top, we determined to gratify our curiosity so far as to pay it a visit.

Accordingly, a small company was formed, and on the evening of the 27th July, rendezvoused at a point on the Little Tennessee River, where the old Tallahassee Village once stood.

But we must not forget that on this very spot, the Council fire was once kindled; here the Warriors assembled and laid the plans which proved fatal to many an innocent husband and helpless wife.

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A little more than an hour's hard riding from where we set off, brought us immediately to the base. On our way, we passed across a smaller mountain, at what is called the War Gap.

ing its serpentine course, first among the lofty Mountains which look down upon it from dizzy heights and craggy precipices, then in the open country loaded with plenty and smiling in joy, until it pours itself into the beautiful Holston.

Towards the close of the day, our appearance was somewhat grotesque, not to say ludicrous. For the most part, our first emotions had passed away, and we began, sensibly, to feel the fatigues of the day.

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Then all was bustle, our breakfast was taken, our horses packed, and we, thinking of little else than how we should get soonest and safest off the Mountain, and out of the rain, quitted our Camp and directed our course towards the settlement, where we fortunately arrived in a few hours, somewhat like Goldsmith's works, "beautifully chaste."

Singular and unprecedented charge.—A trial for "Asson on the High Seas" has never yet taken place before the U.S. Circuit Court for this District, and probably not in the whole United States, since the formation of the government.

It is stated by calculation made some time since, of the effects which the yellow fever has produced in Charleston, (S. C.) that it is not equally fatal to all classes of the inhabitants.

THE MUSIC OF BIRDS.

FIELD NOTES.—The Phinxy. From the New York American. I do not intend to claim for my friend "Bob-Link" (or Robert Lincoln, M. D.—Musical Doctor) an exclusive first fiddle, though I doubt if, in richness and melody of tone, he has many superiors.

FIELD NOTES.—The Bob-link. From the N. E. Eagle, and New York American. Our old friend Robert Lincoln, the celebrated musician, better known by the abbreviation of Bob Lincoln, or Bob-link, is on his annual visit, and just now making the reeds, bushes, and trees vocal with his rare and comical melody.

FIELD NOTES.—Unwritten Music of Spring. (Author Unknown.) "How sonorous the voices of Spring, proceeding from every living thing in the air, and among the reeds of the brook. Just listen! There is an old bull-frog, on the margin of the stream, with one leg in the water by way of a cooler.

FIELD NOTES.—Or opening of Summer. By a new contributor to the Knickerbocker for 1841. "When spring-time came, I was in my old haunts on the cliffs, observing Nature as she proceeded to dress up her fair scenes for the gay season, and gazing at the leaves and flowers as they came laughing to their places.

The following touching description, which for graphic power, simplicity and pathos, is hardly equalled in the English language, is an extract from "Master Humphrey's Clock," by Dickens, and describes the interment of a young and beautiful child, whose sweetness of disposition and purity of character are calculated to interest deeply the heart of every reader.

The service done, the mourners stood apart, and the villagers closed around to look into the grave before the pavement stone should be replaced. One called to mind how he had seen her sitting on that very spot, and how her book had fallen on her lap, and she was gazing with a pensive face upon the sky.

Then, when the dusk of evening had come on, and not a sound disturbed the sacred stillness of the place—when the bright moon poured in her light on the tomb and monument, on pillar, wall, and arch, and most of all (it seemed to them) upon her quiet grave.

Jugs.—The jug is a most singular utensil; a pail, tumbler or decanter may be raised and you may satisfy yourself by optical proof that the thing is clean, but the jug has a little hole in the top and the interior is all hand-made.

PREMATURE INTERMENT.—A lamentable instance of premature interment is mentioned by the Agram Gazette. Several years ago an inhabitant of Beregh, in Croats, died, as was believed, and in 24 hours afterwards was deposited in the family tomb.

SETTLEMENT OF KENTUCKY.—The anniversary of the first settlement of Kentucky is to be celebrated at Harrodsburgh on the 16th, 17th and 18th of June. The last anniversary was held at Boonesborough. These two towns are rival claimants of the honor in question—each contending for the priority as the place where white men first established any thing like a permanent abode in Kentucky.

MOLLY FITCHER.—We last week reported the death of Mrs. Rebecca Short, aged 75, daughter of the celebrated "Moll Fitcher." A scrap from the history of the American Revolution will give a full answer.

MR. SENATOR PRESTON.

The consistency of this gentleman seems to be a matter of great offence to the dominant party in South Carolina, who, having changed their course with Mr. Calhoun, are naturally anxious to share the reproach of such subservency with as many as can be got to partake of it.

On the subject of a National Bank, which affords some occasion of some of the charges against him, Mr. Preston says:—"I was elected shortly after Mr. Calhoun, who had been the principal agent in establishing the Bank of the United States, and who, in the session subsequent to my election, declared this fact in the Senate of the United States, accompanied by a strong panegyric upon the Bank. He did not forfeit the confidence of the State thereby."

EXTENSIVE BANK ROBBERY. LARGE REWARD. It will be seen by an Advertisement in another column, (says the Baltimore Sun of the 25th instant), that the Frederick County Bank was entered by burglars between last Saturday evening and Monday morning, and pillaged of a large proportion of its most valuable property.

REVOLUTIONARY RELIC.—The editors of the Charleston Courier have in their possession a gold watch dug up, a few months ago on the Eutaw battle ground, near the foundation of the brick church, in which the British took shelter and were enabled to check the till then victorious Americans under Gen. GREENE.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER publishes a communication, adverse to the proscription of Editors by the General Government, and says:—"It is proper, that we should, at the same time add, that we have no personal knowledge that any thing has occurred, under the present Administration, to justify the impression that it is disposed to act upon the principle of refusing to gentlemen of the Editorial profession privileges to which other citizens are allowed to be entitled."

APPALLING DEGRADATION. The Legislature of Alabama, at its late extra session, sanctioned the suspension of specie payments by the Banks, &c.—that is, they have refused to pay their honest debts with impunity, for all the while. Legislation in this country has reached the lowest point to which human infamy is attainable.

MODE OF BURIAL IN GREENLAND.—In Greenland, the dead are buried in a sitting posture, dressed in their best clothes. As the earth is shallow, or frozen, they build tombs of stone, and cover the body with plates of mica slate or clay slate, to preserve it from carnivorous animals.

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President TYLER, in every official act since his accession to the Chief Magistracy, has shown himself to be governed, in political matters; by the broadest principles of patriotism; and in cases of a religious character, to be actuated by a purely liberal and catholic spirit. On the subject of certain phraseology employed in his recent proclamation for a National Fast, the President addressed to him the question whether his reference therein to a "Christian people" was to be construed as confining the observance of that solemnity to those only who are of the Christian church or persuasion.

ANCIENT PSALMODY.—Before the date of Isaac Watts; the standard of Sacred Song was rather low. Instance: "Tis like the precious ointment, Down Aaron's beard it did go, Down Aaron's beard it did go, His garment skirted so."

THE BOSTON TIMES says, it has been discovered by a celebrated oculist that the worst glasses for the eyes are brandy glasses. Love comes in all shapes, but mostly sailing for cash. It must have shawls, silks, satins and jewelry—it draws upon our pockets in all ways—it is truly an expensive thing, this love.

Packet Boats for Scottsville and Lynchburg. His Majesty's Steamer.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. OUR Packet Boats, JOHN MARSHALL, Capt. Hall; and J. C. CABELL, Capt. H. H. H. will leave Richmond for our landing, at the Basin for the above places, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and arrive at Scottsville by 1 A. M. next day, and at Lynchburg by 7 P. M.

Leave Lynchburg Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 A. M. and arrive at Scottsville by 10 P. M. and into Richmond next day by 4 P. M. By this arrangement, passengers for Tennessee, Guyandotte, will not be detained in Lynchburg, hereafter. Our Boats will also connect with the Stages from Scottsville to Staunton.

Leave the choice of your Piano myself, and I'll insure you a fine one. THERE are many persons who would purchase a Piano Forte, if they were sure of being without much trouble. To such, I would say, purchase of me, as I have a great variety of instruments to myself, and if you are an indifferent artist, it will be my price simply send your order and say what price you shall be chosen.

HAVING taken an Office near COSTY HOUSE, I will rent the same I am particularly occupied. HENRY W. MILLER. MATCHES.—Clark's Superior Friction Matches—warranted not to be affected by dampness, and for sale by the gross or in less quantities. Just received by TURNER & HUGHES. THE works of Mrs. Hemans, Mrs. Norton, and Mrs. Barbauld, in seven volumes. For sale by TURNER & HUGHES.