

Selected Poetry.

From a Massachusetts paper.

PHELM O'FLANAGAN TO HIS HENRIETTA.

As a lock of fresh hay to a cow,
Who all day has been chewing the cud;
As a pailfull of swill to a sow;
To a boar as a puddle of mud;

For sweeter to me is thy face,
Where chalk and red ochre appear;
Where the lilly is robb'd of each grace,
And the rose is in bloom the whole year.

How fair, Henrietta, thy name,
Which alas! all comparison mocks;
Thee I may attempt, but in vain,
To rival the twist of thy locks.

The notes of thy song far excel
The bray of the musical jack;
Or Opheus when tripping to hell,
To coax his Eurydice back.

While lovers their destiny moan,
That their lasses are colder than clay,
That their bosoms are harder than stone,
Mine is softer than butter or whey.

Should Retta poor Phelim forsake,
The world into mourning would go;
And bull frogs would grunt at his fate,
And mud turtles pine at his woe.

PHELM.

October 24. 1796.

A B S E N C E.

YE shepherds so chearful and gay,
Whole flocks never carelessly roam;
Should Corydon's happen to stray,
Oh! call the poor wanderers home.
Allow me to moan and to sigh,
Nor talk of the change that ye find;
None once was so watchful as I:
I have left my poor Phillis behind.

Now I know what it is to have strove
With the torture of doubt and desire;
What it is, to admire and to love,
And to leave her we love and admire.
Ah! lead forth thy flock in the morn,
And the damps of each evening repel;
Alas! I am faint and forlorn;
I have bade my dear Phillis farewell.

Since Phillis vouchsaf'd me a look,
I never once dreamt of my vine;
May I lose both my pipe and crook,
If I knew of a kid that was mine.
I priz'd every hour that went by,
Beyond all that had pleas'd me before;
But now they are past and I sigh;
And I grieve that I priz'd them no more.

But why do I languish in vain?
Why wander thus pensively here?
Oh! why did I come from the plain,
Where I fed on the smiles of my dear?
They tell me my favorite maid,
The pride of the vally, is flown;
Alas! where with her I have stray'd,
I could wander with pleasure alone.

When forc'd the fair nymph to forego,
What anguish I felt at my heart!
Yet I thought—but it might not be so,
'Twas with pain that she saw me depart.
She gaz'd as I slowly withdrew;
My path I could hardly discern;
So sweetly she bade me adieu,
I thought that she bade me return.

The pilgrim that journeys all day
To visit some far distant shrine,
If he bear but a relique away,
Is happy, nor heard to repine.
Thus widely remov'd from the fair,
Where my vows, my devotion, I owe,
Soft hope is the relique I bear,
And my solace wherever I go.

FRANCE.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF SCIENCES AND ARTS.**

On the 17th Sept. a deputation from the national institute appeared at the bar of the Council of Five hundred, and gave, agreeably to law, the annual account of the labours of this learned body.

Among the discoveries, improvements in the arts, and philosophical researches mentioned by Citizen LA PLACE, the speaker of deputation, the following seem the most interesting.

The details of the experiment made by one

of the members, a mechanic, who failed up the river Seine, from Havre to Paris, in a vessel which, by a quite new construction, he has adapted for this navigation, and at the same time rendered fit to keep the sea; the genius of this first artist has consequently opened an immediate communication between the French ports in the Channel and Paris, which cannot be extremely advantageous to the commerce of that large city.

Before the revolution, a person pretending to sail from Havre to Paris, would have been taken for a madman. In 1793 and '94, there was no longer any thing thought impossible; and they spoke already of making Paris a sea-port town. But at that time the whole project seem'd but a fine dream to the calm observer, for according to appearances, large mountains must first be removed, spacious canals were to be opened, and the bed of the river must be rendered deeper; this would have cost enormous expenses, without any great probability of attaining the desired object. But the republican artist, eager to serve and not to ruin his country, constructed a vessel fit to navigate the river, whilst others foolishly speculated on adapting the river for the already existing vessels.

An account of the progress made by the republican astronomers, charged to measure the arch of the meridian from Dunkirk to Barcelona, of that kind—the most important operation ever undertaken. Kings attempted it in vain. It was reserved for the French Republic to commence this difficult operation during the most stormy times of the revolution, to continue it with redoubled ardour during the years '94, '95, & '96, rendered famous by the triumphs of the republican armies; and the whole operation, by which the fundamental unit of the new system of weights and measures will be irrevocably fixed is expected to be completed next September, when according to all appearances, the French people will enjoy peace and begin to taste the fruits of the revolution.

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