

Literary and Miscellaneous.

CURIOSITY—A TALE.

Four persons felt inclined their steps to bend, To see the famed... with much skill and care, Who had selected a set of paintings rare...

A MOORE-ISH MELODY.

Oh! give me not unmeaning smiles, Though worldly clouds may fly before them; But let me see the sweet blue eyes...

MARY WEEPING.

Winds, whisper gently whilst she sleeps; And fan her with your cooling wings; Whilst she her drops of beauty weeps...

From the London New Monthly Magazine. LIVING LITERARY CHARACTERS. JAMES FENIMORE COOPER.

The following article is but an abstract of that in the New Monthly, which is accompanied by a handsome engraved portrait of Cooper.

Among the frequenters of circulating libraries, and indeed in literary coteries of all kinds, Mr. Cooper is generally designated "The great American Novelist."

An example of Mr. Cooper's appreciation of his illustrious rival occurred while he was sitting for the portrait that accompanies our sketch.

It is more wild and experimental in parts, but it lacks nothing in point of freshness and energy. From all that we can learn of the gifted American...

His manners are a pleasant mixture of the mariner and the gentleman. He is an American, even in our English sense of the term; the amor patrie is in him a passion that never subsides...

In 1826, his health having suffered considerably from a fever that attacked him two years before, he was induced to visit Europe; this has restored him...

A MORNING DIALOGUE.

Between Mr. Lake, the Artist, and Lady Jane March Trotter Standish, his sister.

Lady.—Nay, don't be afraid of a little excess that way, Mr. Lake. To be plain with you, I would be as pretty as possible in my picture...

And my hair comme il faut—what's your philosophy for that? Artist.—The fashion of frizzing out the hair at the sides disturbs the repose of the head.

Lady.—Why yes, Madam, they give wire instead of silk—minuteness instead of smoothness—and then, the fact is, that the most finished picture must hardly be expected to challenge inspection with what is incomparable among the objects of nature.

Lady. A mellifluously moving argument. But, la! now, what a red ear you have given me on that side! 'Tis an auricular confession, of a really too blushing reluctance.

Artist. Madam, your presence, like Alchemy, transmutes the dross of compliment into the gold of truth.

Lady. (Looks at her watch.) Eh, mon Dieu! 'Tis 3 o'clock. I cannot sit any more to-day, for I've promised to take up Lady Goughly in my way to Howell and James's; and I am getting tired too.

A singular Adventure.—Once upon a time a traveller stepped into a post coach. He was a young man just starting in life. He found six passengers about him, all of them grey headed and extremely aged men.

Ladies, don't be duped! beware of an impostor!—A person calling his name Hudnot, passed through this place, about ten days since, on foot, and some six or eight miles above...

&c. were not to be found, and on the father's return to his own habitation, his son-in-law was not there to explain the mystery!

REV. JOHN WESLEY.

What may be done by Industrious Habits. Mr. Wesley, the venerable founder of the Methodist denomination, is universally allowed to have been an extraordinary and highly distinguished character.

In 1791 he finished his earthly career in the 88th year of his age. In the course of which time he preached near 40,000 sermons and travelled about 400,000 miles.

VARIETIES.

Str Francis Buller, while pupil to Mr. Coulthard, uncle to the Graham of Lincoln's Inn, having bought a fiddle, was addressed as follows by the special pleader:—"I would advise you, young man, to part with your kit, for music is so enticing, that if you take to it, you will never endeavor to comprehend Coke upon Littleton."

Royal tenderness.—The Emperor of China has reproved the sheriffs for strangling the wrong subject, by mistake, and requests them not to do so in future.

Relics.—A traveller on the Continent visiting the Cathedral of—, was shown by the Sacristan, among other marvels, a dirty opaque glass phial. After eyeing it some time, the traveller said, "Do you call this a relic? Why, it is empty?" "Empty!" retorted the Sacristan, indignantly. "Sir, it contains some of the darkness that Moses spread over the land of Egypt."

Gascon Dinner for a Week.—Are you Frenchman enough to know how a Gascon sustains his family for a week:—

Dimanche, une esclanche; Lundi, froide et salade; Mardi, j'aime la grillade; Mercredi, hachee; Jeudi, bon pour la capillotade; Vendredi, point de gras; Samedi, qu'on me casse les os, et les chiens creveront des restes de mon mouton.

Nelson.—"There are three things, young gentleman," said Nelson to one of his midshipmen in the war of 1793, "which you are constantly to bear in mind. First, you must always implicitly obey your orders, without attempting to form any opinion of your own respecting their propriety. Secondly, you must consider every man your enemy who speaks ill of your king; and Thirdly, you must hate a Frenchman as you do the devil."

In the year 1457, a proclamation was issued by Henry the Eighth, "that women should not meet together to babble and talk, and that all men should keep their wives in their houses."

The fashion of dividing shops, where rents are high, leads often to whimsical results. A house in London, parted in this way, presents a singular appearance; one side being occupied by an apothecary, and the other by an undertaker!

"This in a moment brings me to my end; "But this assures me I can never die." A coincidence almost as ridiculous, may be seen in Fleet-market. An undertaker who lets out the upper part of his dwelling, has stuck his bill "Lodgings to let," upon a coffin that stands in front of the shop window.

Oaths.—At a late assizes in Limerick, a boy was brought forward as a witness for the prosecution in a case of murder. He appeared so young and so ignorant, that the judge thought it necessary to examine him as to his qualifications for a witness, when the following dialogue took place:

the nobleman said, "You have much to answer for—the crime of drawing floods of tears from those beautiful eyes." Voltaire replied, "Ah, my Lord, those eyes know but too well how to revenge themselves."

Mr. Patrick Mulroony, Schoolmaster, who has just arrived from Ballycough, begs leave to acquaint the Commonalty, the Nobility and Gentry hereabouts, that he intends teaching Young Ladies and Gentlemen all sorts of Learning, and as he does not wish to be circumlocutory, he begs leave to make mention of the following branches of Education: He teaches the Primer and Reading Modeasy, in all its various branches and ramifications; English Grammar taut in most correct manner; likewise Spelling and Arithmatick; and also the following dead and alive Languages—Hi and Lo Duch, Alghbra, Fortifications, the Use of the Globes, Navigation and Riting, with many other things to numrus and curious to mention, all on the following Terms:—for elderly Young Gentlemen, tuppence each quarter; for Young Ladies not rising 17, one taster only; Childer, a finny bit. Each Scoller to purvide himself with pins and ink, and pencils and slats.

Two country girls, who came into Boston to make a purchase, inquired of a shopkeeper if he had any Summer Coolers; he was a little puzzled at the question, but fancying he might not be very wrong, he showed them some muslin; "why you, I did not say you for any o' that"—when casting her eyes on a parcel which lay on the shelf, with a fan tied on the outside, she cried out, "Why I guess as how there is some in that are paper?" The fanns were instantly placed on the counter, and on opening one of them which was sufficiently gaudy, and embellished with all the colours of the rainbow, with her bows elevated, she screamed out to her companion, "O mi! ony look o' this ere." The other, with equal astonishment, exclaimed, "O, Ruth! Ruth! Ruth! bye that are,—it will draw Jonathan's eyes a Sabber day, jist like a mellilot plaster."

REMOVAL.

Dying & Scouring Establishment.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has removed his Establishment to the house formerly occupied by Mr. James Riggs, on Craven-street, two doors below Mr. Durand's Clothing Store, where he is prepared to execute all orders in the line of his business.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Garments, of every description, Dyed and Cleaned in the neatest manner, at the most reasonable prices. Moreen Curtains, Cleaned or Dyed Crimson, Blue, Yellow, &c., the same as original.

Furniture Calicoes, Cleaned and Dressed with the same gloss as new. Carpets cleaned and the colors greatly revived. Bobbinet and Silk Lace Veils, with Cotton or Linen Figures, Bleached or Dyed a perfect Black.

Merino and Cashmere Shawls, Bleached and Pressed to equal new. Merino, Circassian, Silk, Barrege, Batiste, Palmareen, Crape de Lyon, and all others, Dressed and Dyed the most brilliant and permanent Colours, and handsomely finished.

THE CELEBRATED HORSE GILES SCROGGINS, WILL stand the ensuing Spring season, commencing the first of March, and ending the first of July, in Newbern and Kinston, 4 days of the week in each place alternately; & will stop one day at JAMES S. EDMONDSON'S, Esq. COXE'S BRIDGE, of Lenoir County, and one day at the Mill of JOHN HARRIS, Esq. Core Creek, Craven County, in going to and from the above places.

GILES SCROGGINS is a beautiful blood bay, with black legs, mane and tail, with a beautiful coat of hair, indicating great purity of blood. He will be seven years old this Spring, and is sixteen hands high, with great muscular power. All his points are fine; and from the excellence of his pedigree, he is well calculated to improve the stock of blood horses.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! IN ABUNDANCE, IN MARKET. To owners in Gold Mines, Plantations and other property.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he is daily visited by capitalists, whose funds are great and who are desirous and anxious of purchasing wholes or shares of properties—improved or unimproved—who wish to become proprietors or partners of Gold Mining Companies—or would loan and invest money at reasonable interest satisfactorily secured—would invest and advance their money in any way, provided that they were secured and satisfied of realizing a fair and reasonable interest for the same—therefore those who wish to sell or mortgage property, or get cash partners, will do well to apply to the subscriber per mail, forwarding every necessary information and instructions, accompanied with an advance retaining office fee of 5 or \$10—postage in every instance to be paid.