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WATER CURE.

Dr. Tucker, editor of the Democratic Freeman, published at Syracuse, relates the following interesting case of water cure, occurring in his own family: A few weeks since, a member of our own family, a daughter between five and six years of age, was attacked with inflammation of the lungs. Her symptoms were pronounced of an alarming character by a skillful physician who was called in to examine her, and the usual prescription of blister or bleeding with powerful medicines recommended. Her fever was so high, and the pain in her head, chest and limbs so severe, that she could not rest day nor night. We were advised by a friend to try cold water treatment, instead of the medicines. With some hesitancy and misgivings we resolved to do so, consequently put the medicines away, as a last resort. The child was divested of all her clothing, and wrapped in linen sheets of four thicknesses, and then

A GOOD WITNESS.

Major Kelly, of the "Louisiana Chronicle," publishes the following good news, which we start on the rounds of the press throughout Yankee Doodleland: Lawvere alleges that there are four classes of witnesses—those who prove too much, those who prove too little, those of a totally negative character, and those of no character, who will prove anything. We have a case in point.

THE WAY TO CURE A CIGAR-SMOKING HUSBAND.

Mrs. Reed Williams had never looked more beautiful than she did that evening when her husband returned. Perhaps there had been more than usual solicitude about the shade of a ribbon or the adjustment of a curl, but if there was, looking-glasses "teal no tales," and neat and plain attire would not proclaim the fact to an ordinary observer. She started nervous as he entered, but she controlled herself and greeted him kindly and calmly as usual.

RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS OF FRANKLIN.

On a day of great anxiety, perplexity and division of sentiment, in the Convention that framed the Constitution of the United States, the venerable Dr. Franklin rose and made the following speech—which, as indicating the true source of political wisdom, ought to be in the memory and heart of every American citizen: "Mr. President—The small progress we have made, after four or five weeks close attendance and continual reasonings with each other—our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many nos as ayes—, I think, a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the human understanding. We indeed seem to feel our want of political wisdom, since we have been running all about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of government, and examined the different forms of those republics which having been originally formed with the seeds of their own dissolution, now no longer exist, and we have viewed modern States all round Europe, but find none of their Constitutions suitable to our circumstances. In this situation of things, I was sensible that we were in the dark, to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us—how has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard—and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle, must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need his assistance? I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that GOD governs in the affairs of men! And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, it is probable that an Empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without his concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war and conquest.

SHOT HIS SISTER.

An orphan boy near Ridland, Miss., a short time since, shot his sister dead while playing with an old gun which had long laid neglected and covered with rust and dirt.

MOURNFUL TRAGEDY!—DEATH OF MISS OAKS.

We are this week, says the Black River Journal, called to chronicle a most melancholy occurrence, in which a young and amiable lady has been suddenly and unexpectedly torn from society and from life and two highly respectable families thrown into deep mourning. On Thursday last, George Brown, son of Mr. Brown, residing in the village of Tylerville, Lewis county, New York, had, with two or three other young men, been on a hunting excursion, and when on an eminence opposite the dwelling of Mr. Stearns Oaks, and about 25 rods distant, saw his daughter, Jane M., enter a small rear building when one of the company said, "now shoot of frighten her," upon which young Brown instantly and without reflection, levelled his gun and fired at the building, and unfortunately with fatal effect, the ball entering the young lady's shoulder and passed through her body in transverse direction, pierced her heart and lodged on the opposite side. This was about 2 o'clock, P. M., but it was not till 7 in the evening that the family were made acquainted with the sad truth of their bereavement. She was then found dead and frozen. The meeting next morning of the families of Messrs. Oaks and Brown, who have for many years lived on terms of the strictest friendship, is described as one of deep and terrible anguish.

REVOLUTIONARY ANECDOTE.

At a late meeting of the Maryland Historical Society says the Baltimore American, a communication from James Howard Esq. was read covering the following historical anecdote relative to the character of Washington: "Near the close of the year 1776, on a stormy evening of a wintry day an assemblage of British Officers had collected in a Coffee Room in the city of New York, of which Gen. Howe then had possession. Among other topics of their conversation, the name of Washington was introduced. His character and qualifications as a military man were freely and fully discussed and various opinions expressed—some questioning and others admitting his superior abilities as a General. Among the officers present was Sir William Erskine, who being appealed to for his opinion remarked, "If Gen. Washington really possessed the military genius and talents ascribed to him it will not be long before we hear of him among the Hessians." At the very time this remark was uttered Gen. Washington had projected and was engaged in the execution of precisely such a movement, by his memorable attack and capture of the Hessians at Trenton and a few hours bore to the officers engaged in the conversation intelligence of the disaster and the verification of the shrewd Erskine's opinion."

A NEW REMEDY FOR TOOTHACHE.

Among the thousand remedies for toothache, caoutchouc is now stated to be a very efficacious one. A piece of caoutchouc is to be put on a wire, then melted at the flame of a candle, and pressed, while warm, into the hollow tooth, and the pain will cease instantly. The cavity of the tooth should first be cleaned out with a piece of cotton. In consequence of the viscosity and adhesiveness of the caoutchouc, the air is completely prevented from coming into contact with the denuded nerve, and thus the cause of toothache is destroyed.

WARNING TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

A gentleman of Cincinnati is in possession the names of all the liquor dealers in two streets of that city for the last fifteen years. There were sixty-seven in all of whom fifty-three are dead, and forty-six of them died drunk!

THE YOUNG DEMOCRACY.

The "United States Journal," the professed organ of the "Young Democracy," speaks very confidently of the great and increasing power of that branch of the Democratic family. Tuesday it presented the following extract as from a letter from a distinguished gentleman: "You have the power to accomplish great things with your new paper. You can get up the Young Democracy and form a party that will control the destinies of this Union."

BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT.

Curran, the celebrated Irish orator, once said, "The only inheritance I could boast of from my poor father, was the very scanty one of an unattractive face and person, like his own and if ever the world has attributed to me something more valuable than face or person or than earthly wealth, it was because another and dearer parent gave me a fortune from the treasures of her mind."

THE FRAGRANCE OF ONIONS.

Onions do not certainly, add to the sweetness of a lady's breath, though in fact they really do add to the fragrance of flowers. Let our lady readers plant a large onion near a rose bush, so as to touch its roots, and our word for it, it will wonderfully increase the odor of the flowers! The water distilled from those roses would be far superior to any other. This is strange but true.

ANOTHER PRESTLY IMPOSTURE.

It appears by the late foreign papers that the counterpart of the Robe of Christ, (which, through the independence and influence of Roxox, is effecting a schism in the Roman Church in Germany,) is playing off in France. The Archbishop of Paris has published a mandament, in which he states that there is exposed at the entrance of the choir of Notre Dame Cathedral Paris, the very crown of thorns that our Savior wore when crucified—a portion of the cross—some of the nails which attached it together, and some other articles which had served in his crucifixion! These articles are said to have been purchased by St. Louis, in Palestine, and to have been brought by him to France, where they have remained ever since! M. de Ravignan, a celebrated Jesuit preacher, has made allusion to these relics in a recent sermon.—Comment upon such an exhibition is unnecessary. Southern Chron.

NEW INVENTION IN PRINTING.

The Vincennes Gazette states that Mr. Josiah Warren, of New Harmony, Ind., has made an improvement in the art of stereotyping, which, if it be made known, will be of incalculable benefit to printers as well as others. The improvement puts it in the power of every printer to stereotype whatever he chooses in an almost incredibly short space of time, at little or no expense, and with the utmost precision and accuracy. The composition of which the plate is made is nearly as hard as iron, and can be melted on a common fire as easy as lead. The editor of the Gazette has seen the plates cast after this new principle, and has not a doubt that it will entirely supersede the old method of stereotyping.

THE WASHINGTON "U. S. JOURNAL."

The Washington "U. S. Journal," edited by Messrs. Dow & Fisk, which says that no political journal was ever commended under more favorable circumstances, and that in six months it will have the largest circulation of any paper in this country, manifests a spirit, which threatens to disturb the calm which Old Hunkerdom fancies is to brood for years over parties in this Republic. To possess our readers of the temper of this party, which promises to bring about a new and better order of things, we copy the following from the Journal: "THE YOUNG DEMOCRACY."

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"There is a new spirit abroad in the land, young restless, vigorous, and omniscient. It manifested itself in fancy at the Baltimore Convention. It was felt in buoyant in the triumphant election of James K. Polk; and in manhood it will be still more strongly felt in the future administration of public affairs in this country. It sprang from the warm sympathies and high hopes of youthful life, and will dare to take antiquity by the beard, and tear the cloak from hoary-headed hypocrisy. Too young to be corrupt, and too honest to be corrupted, it loves liberty for liberty's sake, and scorns the advances of treason. It has no false prophet or blood-stained General for its leader—but was called into being, a young giant, by the voice of the Almighty, moving over the masses of truth and patriotism. It cannot be temporized with, nor will it brook the shade of the exclusive, or the clog of the timid.

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If the old and craven cry out, "there is a lion in the path," the more eager is it to walk therein, for it is curious to see lions. It cannot be quieted, like Cerberus, with a sop; nor, cur-like, be whipped to silence by a liveried groom. It is not Young England, aroused to a sense of starvation by the call of hunger, but it is Young America, awakened to a sense of her own intellectual greatness by her soaring spirit. It stands, in strength, the voice of the majority. By every rule, it must rule,—its voice is vox Dei in us, and we shall give utterance to it, let its thunder disturb whom it may. It demands the immediate annexation of Texas at any and every hazard. It will plant its right foot upon the northern verge of Oregon, and its left upon the Atlantic crag, and waving the stars and stripes in the face of the once proud Mistress of the Ocean, bid her, if she dare.

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Already the mountains and valleys, the towns and cities of this great nation, have caught the glad tidings from every breeze. The depressed and the rejected have been called from exile. The dry bones of the valley have been breathed upon as with fire, and the old skeletons have gone forth clothed in the beauty of youth, and filled with the spirit of manhood. It is destined to expose false theories and extend the principles of truth and virtue. It will change the moral condition of man and the physical aspect of things. God save Young America.

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