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WHOLE NO. 364.

NEW TERMS

OF THE
Carolina Watchman,
The Watchman may hereafter be had for
Dollars and Fifty Cents per year.
A copy of four new subscribers who will
advance the whole sum at one payment,
shall have the paper for one year at Two Dollars
each, but as long as the same class shall
continue to pay in advance the sum of
Dollars the same terms shall continue,
and they will be charged as other subscri-
bers.

Persons who do not pay during the year
shall be charged Three Dollars in all cases.
No subscription will be received for less than
one year.

The Editor must be
notified in advance they will certainly not be at-
tended to.

Terms of Advertising.

One Dollar per square for the first insertion.
For subsequent insertions, 50 cents per square for each
insertion.

Notices will be charged 25 percent
more than the above rates. A deduction of
one cent from the regular prices will be
made to those that advertise by the year.
No advertisement will be inserted for less
than one Dollar.

Advertisements will be continued until orders
are received to stop them, where no directions
are previously given.

SALISBURY.

Cents.	Cents.
9 1/2 10	Molasses, 55 a 60
8 1/2 7 1/2	Oats, 8 a 9
8 1/2 9 0	Nails, 25 a 30
10 1/2 11	Pork, \$6
14 1/2 15	Sugar, br. 10 a 12
6 1/2	loaf, 18 a 20
35 a 37 1/2	Salt, \$1 54
55 a 58 1/2	Tallow, 10 a 12 1/2
7 1/2	Tobacco, 8 a 20
6 1/2	Tow-linen, 16 a 20
1 1/2	Wheat, (bushel) \$1
1 1/2	Whiskey, 45 a 50
1 1/2	Wool, (clean) 40

FAVETTEVILLE.

1 1/2	Molasses, 55 a 60
9 1/2	Nails, cut, 73 a 80
9 1/2	Sugar brown, 8 a 12
20 25	Lump, 16
12 1/2	Loaf, 18 a 20
13 1/2	Salt, 75 a 90
24 a 32	Sack, \$24 a \$27 1/2
10 1/2	Tobacco leaf 8 a 10
12 1/2	Cotton bag, 16 a 20
10 1/2	Bale rope, 8 a 12
55 a 58 1/2	Wheat, 125 a 135
45	Whiskey 00 a 50
5 1/2 a 6	Wool, 20 a 25

CHERAW.

10 1/2	Wrought 18 a 19
15 a 25	Oats bushel 50
22 a 24	Oil gal 75 a \$1
18 a 25	Lamp \$125
10 1/2	linseed 10 a 12 1/2
12 1/2	Pork 100lbs 6 a 8
14 1/2	Rice 100lbs \$5 a \$6 1/2
10 1/2	Sugar lb 10 a 12 1/2
56 1/2	Salt sack \$2 75 a \$3
40 a 45	bush \$1
100lbs 5 1/2	Steel Amer. 10 a 12 1/2
12 1/2	English 14
45 a 50	German 12 a 14
10 a 12	Tea imp. \$1 a \$1 3/4

RUNAWAY.

\$50 REWARD.
ABSCONDED about the last of
October, from the subscriber, at that
time residing in Stokes County, N.
Carolina, my Negro man

COLLEEN.

28 years of age, and of a very bright
complexion. Her hair is black, and is
very bushy head of hair, a thin visage,
and weighs from 135 to 140 pounds.
She has a very large scar on one of her legs
on the ankle, believed to be on the right leg.
She has a scar on each arm just below the elbow
occasioned by a burn. Her heels have been trodden
and her left heel scars upon them. Colleen
has a wife (a free woman) near Blakely,
Georgia, and it is probable that he may be
found there, although many persons believe
she is somewhere off by a white man, named
John King, who left the neighborhood about
some time for Indiana. I will give a reward
of Five Dollars to any one who will de-
scribe her to me near Brook Neal in Camp-
bell County, Va. or who will confine him in jail,
that I will give him my possession.

RICHARD OVERSTREET.

Neal, Campbell City, Va. 1833
December 21, 1838

ON LOW SPIRITS.

It is a certain state of the mind,
accompanied by indigestion, wherein the
individuals are apprehended upon the slight-
est occasion, and the worst consequences imagined.
The medical writers supposed this disease
to be confined to those particular regions of the
brain, technically called hypochondria which
is situated on the right or left side of that car-
tilaginous combs the same hypochondriasis.

SYMPTOMS.

The common corporeal symptoms are flatulen-
cy, the stomach or bowels, acid eructations,
headaches, spasmodic pains, giddiness, dimness
of vision, palpitations, and often an utter inability
to engage in any thing that de-
mands exertion or courage. Also languidness—
the mind is feeble, thoughtful, despond-
ent, and dejected, accompanied with
a morbid feeling and peculiar train of ideas
which the imagination and overwhelm

the judgment exhibit an infinite diversity. The
wisest and best of men are as open to this afflic-
tion as the weakest.

Causes.
A sedentary life of any kind, especially se-
vere study protracted to a late hour in the night,
and rarely relieved by social intercourse, or exer-
cise, a dissolute habit, great excess in eating
and drinking, the immoderate use of mercury,
violent purgatives, the suppression of some ha-
bitual discharge, (as the obstruction of the men-
ses,) or long continued eruption; relaxation or
debility of one or more important organs within
the abdomen, is a frequent cause.

The principal objects of treatment are, to re-
move indigestion, to strengthen the body, and
to enliven the spirits, which may be promoted
by exercise, early hours, regular meals, and
pleasant conversation. The bowels (if costive)
being carefully regulated by the occasional use
of a mild aperient. We know nothing better
calculated to obtain this end, than Dr. William
Evans' Aperient Pills—being mild and certain
in their operation. The bowels being once
cleansed, his inestimable Camomile Pills, (which
are tonic, anodyne, and anti-spasmodic) are an
infallible remedy, and without dispute have
proved a great blessing to the numerous patient.

Some physicians have recommended a free
use of mercury, but it should not be resorted to;
as in many cases it will greatly aggravate the
symptoms.

Read the following interesting and as-

tonishing facts

ASTHMA, THREE YEARS' STAND-

ING.—Mr Robert Monroe, Schuylkill, afflicted
with the above distressing malady. Symptoms:
—Great languor, flatulency, disturbed rest, ner-
vous headache, difficulty of breathing, tightness
and stricture across the breast, dizziness, ner-
vous irritability and restlessness could not lie
in a horizontal position without the sensation of
impending suffocation, palpitation of the heart,
distressing cough, costiveness, pain of the stom-
ach, drowsiness, great debility and deficiency of
the nervous energy. Mr R. Monroe gave up
every thought of recovery, and dire despair sat
on the countenance of every person interested in
his existence or happiness, till by accident he
noticed in a public paper some cures effected by
Dr Wm EVANS' MEDICINE in his com-
plaint, which induced him to purchase a pack-
age of the Pills, which resulted in completely
removing every symptom of his disease. He
wishes to set his motive for this declaration is,
that those afflicted with the same or any sym-
ptoms similar to those from which he is happily
restored, may likewise receive the inestimable
benefit.

A CASE OF TIC DOLOREUX.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, wife of Capt. Joseph
Johnson, of Lyne, Mass. was severely afflicted
for ten years with Tic Doloreux, violent pain
in her head, and vomiting, with a burning heat
in the stomach, and unable to leave her room.
She could find no relief from the advice of sev-
eral physicians, not from medicines of any kind,
until after she had commenced using Dr Evans'
medicine of 100 Chatham street, and from that
time she began to amend, and feels satisfied if
she continue the medicine a few days longer,
will be perfectly cured. Reference can be had
to the truth of the above, by calling at Mrs
Johnson's daughter's Store, 389 Grand street,
N. Y.

Mrs Anne F. Kenny, No 115 Lewis

street between Stanton and Houston sts. afflicted
for ten years with the following distressing
symptoms: Acid eructation, daily spasmodic
pains in the head, loss of appetite, palpitation
of her heart, giddiness and dimness of sight, could
not lie on her right side, disturbed rest, utter in-
ability of engaging in any thing that demanded
vigil or courage, sometimes a visionary idea of
an aggravation of her disease, a whimsical aver-
sion to particular persons and places, groundless
apprehensions of personal danger and poverty,
an irascibility and weariness of life, discon-
tented, disquietude on every slight occasion, she
conceived she could neither die nor live; she wept,
lamented, desponded, and thought she led a
most miserable life. Never was one so bad, with
frequent mental hallucinations.

Mr Kenny had the advice of several eminent
physicians, and had recourse to numerous medi-
cines, but could not obtain even temporary relief
of her distressing state, till her husband
persuaded her to make trial of my mode of treat-
ment.

She is now quite relieved, and finds herself
not only capable of attending to her domestic af-
airs, but avows that she enjoys as good health
at present as she did at any period of her exis-
tence.

J. Kenny, husband of the aforesaid Anne
Kenny.

Sworn before me, this 14th day of December,
1836.

PETER FINCKNEY, Com. of Deeds.

REMARKABLE CASE OF ACUTE

RHEUMATISM, with an Affection of the
Lungs—cured under the treatment of Doctor
Wm. EVANS' 100 Chatham street, New
York. Mr Benjamin S Jarvis, 13 Centre-st.
Newark, N. J., afflicted for four years with
severe pains in all his joints, which were always
increased on the slightest motion, the tongue
preserved a steady whiteness; loss of appetite,
dizziness in his head, the bowels commonly re-
fractory, the urine high colored, and often
profuse sweating, unattended by relief. The
above symptoms were also attended with consid-
erably difficulty of breathing, with a sense of
tightness across the chest, likewise a great want
of due energy in the nervous system.

The above symptoms were entirely removed,
and a perfect cure effected by Dr Wm Evans'
BENJ. S. JARVIS.

City of New York, ss.

Benjamin S Jarvis being duly sworn, doth de-
pose and say, that the facts stated in the
above certificate, subscribed by him, are in all
respects true.
BENJ. S. JARVIS.

Sworn before me, this 25th of November, 1836.

WILLIAM SAUL, Notary Public, 96 Nassau
street.

Sold by the following Agents.

GEORGE W BROWN, Salisbury, N. C.
JOHN A INGLIS (Bookseller) Cheraw S. C.
J. H. ANDERSON, Camden, S. C.
E. JOHN HUGGINS, Columbia, S. C.
W. M. JASON & Co. Raleigh, N. C.
May 10, 1839—4y41

Mrs. Susan D. Pendleton,

Miliner & Mantua-maker,

NEAR THE APOTHECARY STORE.

THE Subscriber informs the public, that she
has just received through the Northern
Cities the latest and most approved
LONDON & PARISIAN FASHIONS,
And is prepared to execute orders in the most
stylish and satisfactory manner. As to the man-
ner of her work, she would appeal to several La-
dies of this community, who have lately had
work done by her and Miliners in Philadelphia.
Work sent from a distance shall be carefully
put up and forwarded.

S. D. PENDLETON.

A few Bonnets, Caps, Turbans, and
other articles, will be kept on hand for sale,
Salisbury, June 14, 1839.

A LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING in the Post Office in Con-

cord, N. C., 1st July 1839.

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| A | Long, John M |
| Ambrose, John | Lewis, Jacob |
| Archibald & Son, W H | Lepher, Eligh |
| B | Littleton, Jacob |
| Barringer, D M | Little, George |
| Beard, John L | M |
| Barnhart, Catharine | Miller, Mrs Mary C |
| Blackwelder, Martin | McKee, Abram C |
| Biggins, Johnson N | Marsh, William E |
| Bryants, William | Morvin, Ebenzer |
| Burns, Ebenezer B | McCarthy st., Archibald |
| Baruhard, Mrs Mary | McEachen, John |
| Bornett, William | Martin, Livingston |
| Black, Thomas N | N |
| C | Niecler, Hugh H |
| Cohorn, Robert C | Nash, Henry |
| Carroll, Richard C | Nolly, James B |
| Chaplain, Noah | P |
| E | Plunket, M M |
| Earnhart, James | Pharr, Samuel |
| F | Pines, J B |
| Furrh, Henry | Perry, John |
| Ferguson, C N | Plunket, James R |
| G | Propst, jun. Daniel |
| Green, George W | Peoples & Moffit, messrs |
| Garmon, Michael | R |
| H | Reer, miss Mary C |
| Goodnight, John | Rile, William A |
| H | Reed, Henry E |
| Hartell, Samuel | Russel, Delia |
| Harris, K P | S |
| Holbrook, William | Sides, Eliz |
| Howell, Joseph | Stuckes, Secretary |
| Hatterman, Abram | Smith, Benjamin |
| Harris, Joshua | Slough, Nelson |
| Howell, Colpeper | T |
| I | Teter, Wm J |
| Irwin, R L | W |
| K | White, miss Eliza |
| Krimons, Elias W | White, miss Emily |
| L | White, Joseph & John |
| Lee, Jackson | Zackery & Sprinkle, 2 |
| Lee, Elias | GEORGE KLUTTS, |
| | per John A Craven, Ast. |
| | July 5, 1839—3w49 |

NOTICE.

THE General Assembly having authorized
the Governor to procure one complete set
of WEIGHTS and MEASURES, as Stand-
ards for each county, persons disposed to con-
tract are invited to make their terms known,
agreeably to the Act for that purpose, Chapter
XL.

Models of the weights can be seen at the
Executive Office.

April 1839—439

Statesville Female Academy.

THE Subscribers are happy in being able to
announce to the public, that they have se-
cured the services of Miss TABITHA RANNEY
in the Female Academy at Statesville, as Tu-
tress, of whose high qualifications they have
the most satisfactory evidence.

The next session will commence on the 1st
Monday in August. Instruction will be given
in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English
Grammar, Geography with the use of the
Globes, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, History,
Botany, Astronomy, Rhetoric, Logic and
Geology. Pupils of sufficient age and advan-
cement will be exercised regularly in Composition
—Music and Painting, with various species
of Ornamental Needlework will also be taught.

Terms of Tuition.

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|---|-----------|
| For beginners per Session of 5 months | \$6 00 |
| Common-Eng English Grammar and
Geography, | 8 00 |
| Above with History and Natural
Philosophy, | 10 00 |
| Above with all branches in Literary
Department | 12 50 |
| Music \$20, Painting \$10, Contingences 50 cts. | |
| N. B. Boarding can be had in respectable
Families at \$7 00 per month. | |
| THEOPHILUS FALLS, | Trustees. |
| JOS W. STOCKTON, | |
| THOS. H. M. RORIE, | |
| JOS P. CALDWELL, | |
| JOHN A. YOUNG, | |
| SAM'L R. BELL. | |
| June 28, 1839—1m48. | |

TOWN LOTS FOR SALE

In Concord, Cabarrus Co.

THE Subscriber offers for sale, his lots in the
Town of Concord, Cabarrus county, known
in the plan of said Town, as
Number 3 & 9.

The Lot No. 3 fronts on the main street oppo-
site the dwelling of George Klutts, Eq. The
lot No. 9 lies in the rear of No. 3 adjoining
the same. The above lots will be sold at Pub-
lic Auction (if not otherwise disposed of) on Tues-
day of Cabarrus Court, it being the 16th day of
July.—Terms made known on the day of sale.
MICHAEL BROWN,
Salisbury, July 5, 1839—2w49

INTERESTING TRIAL FOR MURDER.

[Extract of an article under the head of
the Northern Circuit.]—The last trial
that witnessed in the Crown Court was
that of a man for the murder of his wife.
He seemed about 35 years old, and was
dressed in respectable mourning. He stood
at the bar with an air at once of firmness
and depression. He was a little under the
average height, and his countenance rather
prepossessing than otherwise. From the
evidence in chief of the first two witnesses,
it would have appeared clear that he had
been guilty of a most barbarous murder.
On their depositions before the coroner, a
verdict of manslaughter only had been re-
turned; but in reading them, Mr. Justice
Patterson had felt it his duty to instruct the
Grand Jury to bring in a bill for murder—a
step which seemed most amply justified by
the evidence which they now gave. It ap-
peared from testimony that the prisoner had
some dispute with the deceased—being a
most violent man they said—and knocked
her down, her head falling against the sharp
corner of a chest of drawers, which cut it
open, and the wound bled profusely; and
that while she was thus prostrate and in-
sensible, the prisoner furiously attacked and
struck her repeatedly—death on the same
evening, or the evening after, I forget
which, being the consequence.

As far as this evidence went, nothing, of
course, could have been more brutal than
the conduct of the prisoner; but on cross-
examination of the first witness, a little ill-
looking old woman, the mother of the de-
ceased, and who gave her evidence mani-
festly under the influence of the most bit-
ter resentment towards the prisoner, the
case began to assume a different aspect. It
was rung from her under great previca-
tion, and was also established by other wit-
nesses, that she had herself, on the evening
in question, been drinking gin with the de-
ceased, at the residence of the latter, a
miserable cellar. That she had herself fetch-
ed five quaters of gin for the deceased on
that occasion. That the deceased and the
witness at her request, had frequently pawn-
ed all her husband's clothes and those of
her children, whom she had once or twice
sent to bed in the afternoon, to enable her
to dispose of their clothes. That the pris-
oner was a pilot, a remarkable steady and
hard working man, and earned amply suffi-
cient to enable him and family to live in a
very comfortable circumstances; but this ac-
cused propensity of his wife's had negat-
ed them, and driven them from their former
comfortable dwelling to the wretched
cellar in which had occurred the catastro-
phe then the subject of inquiry. That on
the evening in question, he had come home
from the sea wet and wearied, but found
every article of his clothing had been pawn-
ed by his wife, and that his children were
lying in bed almost naked, their little clothes
having shared the same fate; and that his
wife was drunk, as was also the first witness.
Furious words very naturally ensued, and it
was under these truly exasperating circum-
stances that he had struggled with his wife,
so as to occasion—but it was clear uninten-
tionally—her fall; and it certainly did ap-
pear that, either while she was falling or im-
mediately afterwards, he had more than
once struck her with some violence, but not
in a way to have alone caused her death,
which the medical evidence showed to have
been occasioned by the injuries she had re-
ceived upon her head in falling upon the
draws, added to the effects of violent excite-
ment and excessive liquor upon a person in
her situation.

The third witness brought forward against
the prisoner was also his own daughter, a
little girl about five or six years of age, de-
cently dressed in black. When her name
was called, the prisoner, with an agonized
countenance, looked away from the spot
where she was to stand; his lips quivered,
his chest heaved, and, in spite of his efforts,
tears forced themselves from his eyes. Mr.
Justice Patterson observed his agitation, and
seemed himself not a little affected when
he beheld the little thing, in obedience to
the summons of the loud voiced officer,
brought into court, and placed close beside
him; his evidence which might settle the
fate of her father. She was so very short, that
he handed over to the officer the footstool
he had been using, in order that she might
stand upon it, and even then the head of
the little witness did but just come above
the witness box. She was rather a pretty
looking girl, and her face was very sad and
pale. She did not, however, cry, though
her eyes seemed glued to the figure of her
miserable father, who never once ventur-
ed to look towards her, and whose tears, sil-
ent evidence of the anguish he was endur-
ing, fell frequently. In all other respects,
he preserved a stern composure throughout
the proceedings.

'My child,' said the Judge, as I thought,
with a little emotion, as he bent down his
ear to her, 'do you know that you have
come here to speak the truth?'
'Yes, sir.'

'What will become of you do you think,
if you tell a lie?'

She paused; the Judge repeated the
question; she answered distinctly, 'I shall
be burned in everlasting fire.'

'Where did you learn that?'

'The Bible, sir.'

'Have you ever been to school?'

'Yes, sir, at the Sunday school.'

'She may be sworn,' said the Judge, and
the oath was immediately administered to
her.

Was not this, dear Christopher, a grievous
sight to see? The little daughter called
to give evidence against her father, on
his trial for his life, for the death of her mo-
ther? Though in a melancholy tone and
sad manner, she gave her evidence with
great propriety, clearly and firmly, her tin-
gued could be heard distinctly in all parts
of the crowded and silent court. She evi-
denced, as was to be expected, a strong lean-
ing towards her father; but she admitted
that he had struck her mother when she was
lying bleeding on the floor. She also stated
that her mother had several times actu-
ally taken her—the little girls—shoes and
stockings off her feet, that she might pawn
them for gin; and that she and the other chil-
dren had been often obliged to lie in bed, be-
cause their mother & grand mother had taken
their clothes for the vile purpose above men-
tioned. Who could listen to all this without
feeling the deepest commiseration towards
the unhappy prisoner? Till he had been
hurried into the acts with which he then
stood charged, he had always borne an un-
blemished character as a quiet, respectable
man, who labored hard to support his fami-
ly, and who could have kept them in com-
fort but for his wife's ruinous propensity to
drink. His counsel addressed the jury on
his behalf with much earnestness, contend-
ing that on the whole of the evidence the
prisoner was entitled to an acquittal, or at
least to a verdict of manslaughter. The
Judge, however, directed the jury that there
was no evidence in support of the charge
of murder, but that the prisoner had been
clearly guilty of manslaughter. He then
recapitulated the evidence; and after an
hour's consideration, the jury pronounced
a verdict of 'manslaughter.' He was sen-
tenced to 18 months imprisonment with
hard work.

THE MISSISSIPPI.

It is surely no misnomer that this giant
stream has been styled the "eternal river"
—the "terrible Mississippi," for we may
find none other embodying so many ele-
ments of the fearful and sublime. In the
wild eye-lake of the far frozen north, amid
a solitude broken only by the shrill clang
of the myriad water flows is its home.
Gushing out from fountains, clear as the
air bell, it sparkles and breaking over the
beautiful sandbars, and breaking over the
falls of the laughing water, it takes up
its majestic march to the distant deep.
Rolling onward through the shades of mag-
nificent forests, and hoary castellated cliffs,
and beautiful meadows, its volumes is swol-
len as it advances until it receives into its
bosom a tributary—a rival—a conqueror,
which has roamed three thousand miles
for a meeting, they meet, and its original
features are lost forever. Its beauty is
merged in sublimity. Pouring along in its
deep bed the heaped up waters of streams
which drain the broadest valley on the
globe—sweeping on in a boiling mass, fu-
rious, turbid, always dangerous, tearing a
way from time to time its steep banks, with
their giant colonnades of living verdure,
and then, with the stern disposition of a
conqueror, throwing them aside again gov-
erned by no principle but its own lawless
will—the dark majesty of its features sum-
mon up an emotion of the sublime which
defies contrast or parallel. And then, when
we think of its lonely course—journeying
onward in the proud, dread, solitary gran-
deur, through forests dark with the lapse
of centuries—pouring out the ice and snow
of arctic lands, through every temperature
of climate, till at last it heaves free its mighty
bosom beneath the line—we are forcibly
brought to yield ourselves in uncontrolled admi-
ration of its gloomy-magnificence. And
its dark, mysterious history too, those fear-
ful scenes of which alone it has been the
witness—the venerable tombs of a race de-
parted, which shadow its waters—the
savage tribes that yet roam its forests—the
germs of civilization luxuriating upon its
banks, and the deep solitudes, untrodden
by man, through which it rolls, all conspire
to throng the fancy. Century on century,
and cycle on cycle, have rolled away—a
hundred generations have arisen from the
cradle, and flourished in their freshness,
and withered in the tomb; and the Pharo-
ahs and the Ptolemies, the Cæsars, and the
Caliphs, have thundered over the na-
tions; and are passed away; and here, amid
these terrible solitudes, in the stern majesty
of loneliness, and power, and piety,
have rolled onward these deep waters to
their destiny!

There is, perhaps, no stream which pre-
sents a greater variety of features than the
Mississippi, or phenomena of deeper inter-
ests, whether we regard the soil, produc-
tions, and climate of its valley, its individ-
ual character, and that of its tributaries, or
the outline of its scenery and course. The
confines of this vast stream are numer-
ous, and each one bring in a tribute of the
soil through which it has roamed. The
Missouri pours out its waters heavily char-
ged with the marl of the Rocky Moun-
tains, the saffron sand of the Yellow
Stone, and the chalk of White River; the
Ohio holds in its floods the vegetable mould
of the Alleghanies, and the Arkansas and Red
rivers bring in the deep-dyed alluvion of
their banks. Each tributary mingles the
spoils of its native hills with the general
flood.—And yet after the contributions of

so many streams, the remarkable fact is
observed, that its breadth & volume seems
rather diminished than increased.—Above
the embouchure of the Missouri, fifteen
hundred miles from the Mexican Gulf, it is
broader than at New Orleans, with scarce
one tenth of its water, and at the foot of St
Anthony's Falls, its breadth is about one-
third less. This forms a striking charac-
teristic of the Western rivers; it owes,
perhaps, its origin partially to the turbid
character of their waters; as they ap-
proach their outlet they augment in vol-
ume and depth, and impetuosity of cur-
rent, but contract their expanse. None,
however, exhibit these features so striking-
ly as the grand, central stream; and while
for its body of water, it is the narrowest
stream known, it is charged with heavier
solutions, and has broader alluvions than
any other. The depth of the stream is
constantly varying. At New Orleans, it
exceeds one hundred feet. Its width is
from half of one to two miles. The
breadth of its valley is from six miles to
sixty.—The rapidity of the current from
two miles to four. Its mean descent, six
inches in a mile; and its annual floods vary
from twelve feet to sixty, commencing in
March and ending in May. This much
for statistics.