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ed by the tree into one of the loveliest gardens his eyes had ever looked upon.

In the center was a large marble basin, with a figure of the same material in the middle. She had a large pitcher in her hand, from which flowed a cooling stream, filling the basin beneath. Around it was arranged seats handsomely cushioned, for those who wished to enjoy its refreshing coolness. Flowers of every hue and fragrance were scattered in rich luxuriance around; but the principal object of attraction was a large domes-shaped pavilion, also of purest marble, which occupied the extreme end of the garden. From this proceeded the sound of a lute, and thither De Vera directed his steps. As he approached the sound ceased, and he stealthily drew nigh, fearing he might encounter some attendant, that for fear of giving me any one. The curtain of one of the windows had been drawn back, as if for air, giving De Vera a perfect view of the interior.

It was furnished with eastern magnificence. Cushions of crimson velvet studded with gold were piled around, while in the centre of the room was a low table of curious and elaborate workmanship, upon which lay books and music. Above from the dome was suspended a lamp of choice silver, containing six lights, which diffused a brilliancy of forty-fold softness. All else was lost in deep sleep when riveted De Vera's attention. Seated by the table, was a lady of such unmatchable loveliness, that De Vera's heart told him it could be none other than the Emir's daughter.

The robe was of rich satin, covered with lace, studded with silver stars, while a jacket of azure velvet displayed the beauty of her figure to great advantage. Her sleeves were caught at the shoulder by a sparkling jewel, and as she sat with her late dropped carelessly at her side, one arm rested on the table, and the glove having fallen back showed its unrivaled beauty. A net work of silver confined her hair behind, while a band of unmatched pearls bound back her raven locks. De Vera, as he gazed, was completely fascinated; and forgetting a moment's danger of his situation, but recalling to mind all he had heard regarding her, he decided at once upon his course of action.

He had noticed a tree bearing an immense leaf, he procured a couple of these, and taking a small dagger from his vest, he traced the following upon them—

"Lady! I have gazed upon thy charms, and avow myself their captive. Mine thou shalt be—but I must have thy love also. Nothing less will satisfy me."

He now silently approached the window, and with the dagger fastened them to the frame-work, and then hastily made his retreat.

Fortunate was it for him that he did so, for it was not long ere the old Emir sought his daughter's presence, for her to give him as was her custom. Passing by one of the dogs, he wondered that no sign of pleasure escaped him, and he stooped down to see if anything was the matter what was his surprise to find him dead. He hastened onwards towards his companion and found him cold in death likewise. Rage now took possession of him, and he summoned his attendant, *Alvaro*, saying, "By the beard of our Prophet, if I find who has done this, his head shall answer for it. What! Slaves, I say, search the garden for the Christian dog, for none other had dared to do this, and even as a snake, strode onward to the pavilion.

The Lady Zoroya hearing the confusion, ran to the window to discover the occasion of the noise. As she leaned forward, her eye caught the jewel in De Vera's dagger, which was flashing in the light, and seizing the leaves which it had cut, caught them up and flew to the light to examine them. As she read, an ugly idea suddenly took possession of her. "Why could he be?" how had he got there? and she took up the dagger again to look at it—she now discovered a *P.* engraved on the jewel, and was lost in wonder and conjecture, when the steps of her father arrested her, and hastily closing it under a cushion, she turned to leave.

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*From the New York *Advertiser*.*

Critical Article of Wealth and Health. The Boston Journal reports a sensible lecture before the American Library Association by the Hon. Horatio Mann—the successor of Mr. A. L. Ainsworth. The following extracts are worthy of all attention:—

"The young man walks in the midst of temptation to appetite, the improper indulgence to which is in danger of proving his ruin. Health, longevity, and virtue depend on his resisting these temptations—The Providence of God is no mere idle saying, because a man by improper indulgence becomes subject to disease, than for the picking of his pockets. For a young man to injure his health, is to waste his patrimony and destroy his capacity for future deeds. Should a man love God, he will have ten times the strength for the exercise of it, with a sound body. Not only the amateur, but the quality of a man's life depends on his health. The production of the poet, the man of science, or the orator, must be affected by his health. Not only lying lips, but a dyspeptic stomach, is an abomination to the Lord. The man who neglects to control his appetite, to himself what a state of barbarism is to society—the brutish part predominates—He is to himself what Nicholas is to Hungary."

As stood near the threshold of the door, his dark eye flashing with anger as he looked within; but it was some time before he spoke. "Tell me, Zoroya, as you do my displeasure; has any one dared to violate the sacredness of this spot?—has any dog of an unbeliever forced a way into thy presence?"

"Even as I hope to enter the Paradise of the just, none has ever caused me to leave thyself. I solemnly assure you."

The old Emir after directing his slaves to search every part of the garden, and throwing himself on a pile of cushions, said, "it is strange, marvelously strange, Zoroya; do you know that both of your savage guards lie dead at their post, and yet none can tell how 'twas done?"

Zoroya turned very pale as she thought of the danger of him who had dared thus much, but remained silent. The attendants soon returned without making any discovery, but the old Emir was too much disturbed to enjoy his daughter's company, at which she secretly rejoiced, for she was afraid of betraying any agitation which might create suspicion.

After a restless night, Zoroya summoned her slaves to attend her to the bath, and drawing her veil closely around her, she

passed on mechanically, whilst her thoughts were busy with the strange events of the past night. A scream from her attendants, and finding herself in the arms of she knew not whom, recalled her wandering thoughts, and she gazed around for a moment, and what was her surprise at beholding one of the handsomest men she had ever seen, and when he addressed her, she called his particular attention. He stood little behind her, and with all the dignity of her race and station, she turned to look upon him; and what was her surprise at beholding one of the handsomest men she had ever seen, and when he addressed her, she called his particular attention. He stood little behind her, and with all the dignity of her race and station, she turned to look upon him;

"If young men imagine that the gratification of appetite is the great source of enjoyment, they will find this in the highest degree with industry and *temperance*. The epicure, who seeks it in a dinner which costs five dollars, will find less enjoyment of appetite than the laborer who dines on a shilling. If the devotee of appetite desires its highest gratification, he must not send for Buffalo tongues, but climb a mountain or swing an axe. Without health, there is no delicacy that can provoke an appetite. Whoever destroys his health, turns the most delicious viands into specie and alots. The man that is physically weak does not live out half his days, and he is not half alive while he does live. However gracious God may be with the heart, he never pardons the stomach.

"Let a young man pursue a course of temperance, sobriety, and industry, and he may retain his vigor till three score years and ten, with his cup of enjoyment full, and depart painlessly—as the candle burns out in its socket, he will expire."

"But look at the opposite. When a man suffers his appetite to control him, he turns us dwelling into a lazar house, whether he lives in a hotel, clothed with rags, or in the splendid mansions and gorgeous clothing of the upper ten."

"Accept my thanks, may Allah reward these, I command," and she motioned for her attendants to move on. The silvery tones of her voice sank into the heart of De Vera, and strengthened the resolve that she should be his, and he hastened onward to fulfil his mission.

Arriving at Granada, he demanded an audience of Muley Aben Hassen, and claimed the ears of minute due his sovereign. But the Moorish King proudly replied, "Tell your sovereigns that the kings of Granada, who paid tribute are dead, our mint at present coin nothing but blades of emetics and heads of lances!"

The haughty reply determined De Vera to commence hostilities, which never censured the conquest of Granada.

Don Rodrigo Ponce de Leon, a brave and warlike Spanish knight, determined upon the conquest of Alhama, and accompanied by De Vera, who had payed reasons for joining him, set forth with his army upon this dangerous expedition. Many and desperate were the struggles between the contending parties for victory, and after wondrous feats of valor on both sides, the Moors at last submitted to the Spaniards.

The old Emir seemed to live over again the days of his youth, and was found in the thick of the fight, an unfortunate blow from a cimeter, from one of his own party, aimed at a foe, had him in the dust never to rise again.

De Vera never for a moment forgot for what he was contending, but easily and determinedly kept onwards towards the object of his desire. He was not when the Emir was struck down, by one of his own race, and he was glad it was so. onward he kept marking his way by many a dead of valor, until he arrived at the Emir's dwelling, when, arming his men so as to prevent the escape of any, and to be at hand in case of need, accompanied by his trusty page Gonsolvo, alone, he entered in search of Zoroya.

Apart from after apartment he entered, and found an deserted, each one exceeding the other in splendor and luxury, befitting the wealth of the Emir. But Zoroya, where was she? and De Vera's heart beat warmly, he thought of all that might have befallen her. Suddenly he thought of the pavilion, and hurried thither, dreading he knew not what. Silently he approached the entrance, and looking in held the object of his search.

From the New York *Advertiser*. Some Cubans who have been for a long time devoting their efforts to the means of redeeming their country from the Spanish domination, and who with this design only, and aided by others impelled by the same sentiments, formed the project of founding, and did found two years ago the periodical *"La Verdad,"* have deemed it conducive to their purpose, (on publishing in the said periodical the following communication sub-scribed by four Cubans,) to awake the attention as well of the inhabitants as of foreigners, with whom they have relations, and were communicating under the name of "Editors of the Truth," or that of "Michael Tolon, Editor of the Truth," in order to be favored with their communications under the same direction, as they have been till now.

Only the interest of our cause has induced us to act with cautious reserve, and this same interest induces us to continue on the same plan, since the same causes are existing which have occasioned it. We have only to add, that with respect to our march, which is sure and well organized, it shall continue in a regular and constantly progressive movement.—E. E.

To the Editor of "La Verdad." The undersigned beg leave to avail themselves of your widely distributed columns to announce to all who may be interested in such an announcement, that by appointment from General Don Narciso Lopez, well known to the United States as well as Cuba, as the head of the late projected revolution for the liberation of that Island from the oppressions and degradation of its present condition, they have accepted and undertaken, in concert with General Lopez, the duties and responsibilities of a patriotic junta for the promotion of the political interests of Cuba.

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Men buy pains, and the purveyor and market man bring him home disease. Our ancestors used to bury the suicide where four roads met; yet every gentleman or lady who lays the foundation of disease with turtle soup or lobster-salad, as really commits suicide as if they used the rope or the pistol; and were the old law revised, how many who are now honored with a resting-place at mount Auburn would be found at the cross roads! Is it

not amazing that man, invited to a repast worthy of the gods, should stop to feed on garbage; or when called to partake of the Circean cup, should stop to guzzle with swine!

present announcement, or contemplating hereafter any action which they will not stand prepared to justify before all tribunals, human and divine; they feel that it is alike due to their cause and their country to stand forth openly to meet all the responsibilities which attach to their undisguised hopes, aspirations and courage, at the same time they are enabled to serve as a centre for correspondence, with a view to concert, to the thousands of noble spirits who, in all sections of this Union, sigh to behold the slavery and sufferings of Cuba, and long to contribute any aid honorably and legitimately in their power to her relief.

This honorable trust, associating the undersigned for the purposes indicated, with the illustrious patriot and chief who will preside over the Junta, they have accepted as a duty not to be declined, profoundly disengaged of their own ability or worthiness, but supported by the consciousness of their motives, and by an unhesitating confidence in the favor of Heaven, and in the generous sympathies of the noble and free American people.

Copies of the present announcement are at the same time sent to the editors of *La Verdad*, *el Correo de los dos Mundos*, *Herald*, *Evening Post* and *Tribune*, of New York; the *Union* and *Republique* of Washington; the *Whig* and *Emancipator* of Richmond; the *Courier* and *Mercury* of Charleston; the *Chronicle* and *Journal* of Louisville; the *Delta and Picayune* of New Orleans; and the editors of all other papers are respectfully requested to copy it. One copy of the names attached is left blank, because the gentleman indicated is at a distance from this city, and it is not deemed proper to make it public before the reception of notice.

The *Judicado Provincial de los Juzgados de Corte de Casas*, will shortly establish itself at the city of Washington, to which city may be addressed directly to General Lopez (post paid) all correspondence of its friends, box 51, Post-office.

With great respect,

Your obedient servants,

AMBRASO JOSE GONZALEZ, of Matanzas.

JOSÉ SÁNCHEZ, Yzana.

OF Timelad de Cuban

CHILO VILLAVICENCIO, of Havana,

J. M. MACIAS, of Matanzas.

New York, Dec. 1, 1849.

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

RALEIGH, N. C.

THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April last, under the direction of the following Officers viz:

Dr. Cha. E. Johnson, President,  
Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President,  
John F. Jordan, Secretary,  
Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer,  
Perin Bushee, Attorney,  
Dr. Charles E. Johnson, <sup>11</sup> Medical Board of  
Dr. Wm. H. McKey, <sup>11</sup> Consultant,  
Dr. R. B. Haywood.

J. Housman, Gen'l Agent.

This Company has received a charter giving advantages to the insured over any other Company. The 5th Section gives the Husband the privilege to insure his own life for the sole use of his Wife and Children, <sup>free</sup> from any claim of the representatives of the husband or any of his creditors.

Organized on purely mutual principles, the life members participate the whole of the profits which are distributed annually. Besides, the application for insurance is <sup>free</sup> and the annual premium is <sup>free</sup> to the insured.

All claims for insurance against the Company will be paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the policy is furnished.

Slives are insured for one or five years, at rates which will cover the all the expenses to secure this class of property against the uncertainty of life.

Slives insure presents a new and interesting feature in the history of North Carolina, which will prove very important to the Southern States.

The first four months operation of this Company shows a very fair amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 200 Policies.

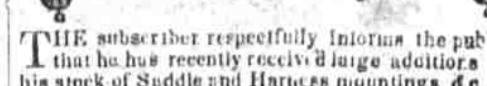
All Communications on business of the Company should be addressed to JAS. F. JORDAN,

Secretary.

Raleigh, August 24, 1849.

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## SADDLE, HARNESS, AND TRUNK Manufactory



THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has recently received additional stock of Saddle and Harness mountings, &c., the latest and most improved style, and is constantly manufacturing of articles in the above line. From his extensive experience, he well confideth that he will be able to give satisfactory to his customers, and all others who may frequent him with a call, a large assortment of

Coach, Gig, and  Brides, Whips, Sulky Harness;  Gentleman's Saddles, Ladies' Saddles, Bridles, Whips, Spur, &c., &c.,

all of which will warrant to be the best material and workmanship. It has also a large assortment of

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Saddle, Harness, Trunks, Medallion Bags, &c., &c., made to order.

Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and despatch. Old Saddles, Harness taken in part for new.

N. B.—All accounts standing on my book over six months will be charged with interest. All persons indebted to me for services, will please call and settle, as by doing they may prevent what would be disagreeable to them and unpleasant to me.

The last four months operation of this Company shows a very fair amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 200 Policies.

J. J. C. March 13, 1849.

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## NOW ON HAND AT THE OLD NORTH STATE CLOTHING STORE.

The Largest Assortment of Superior Ready Made Clothing

Ever offered this side of "Mason and Dixon's. As brief mention of this

MAMMOTH STOCK,

We name fashionable Dresses and Frock Coats, Satin Vests, to which we call particular attention—as they are the very best sold in the U. S. besides

Plain and Fine Silk, Cassimere, Also Merino, Texelina, Bonazina, &c., &c., an endless variety, Boys and Youngs Clothing—Assortment complete.

She also keeps constantly on hand for sale, a large selection of NEW MUSIC, for Piano and Guitar, which she receives from New York monthly.

H. WHITAKER, Wilmington, Sept. 4, 1849.

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WILMINGTON MUSIC SCHOOL.

Mrs. H. WHITAKER'S MUSIC SCHOOL, will commence again on the 15th of the present month, at her School Room opposite the Episcopal Church on Market St., when and where she hopes to receive the same liberal encouragement here to extend to her by the Ladies of Wilmington and the surrounding County. Her terms \$20 per Session of five months, on Piano; \$20 to Guitar. Only \$30 will be required where a young lady takes piano and guitar. One lesson will be given to each Scholar every day.

She also keeps constantly on hand and for sale, a large selection of NEW MUSIC, for Piano and Guitar, which she receives from New