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From the New York Evening Signal. A LETTER' FROM SCOTLAND Burns's Highland Mary-Her Grave- The Birth place of Burns-Alloway Kirk-Burns's Monument-The Brig o' Doon. GREENOCK, 8th November, 1840,

My DEAR J.: I am approaching classic ground-the land of Burns. I know from vour admiration of the great poet of Nature, that you will be pleased to look, even thro' my dim eyes, upon the cottage where of Ayr; upon Alloway Kirk, of Tam O'-Shanter notoriety; upon the Banks and remember my mentioning, in one of my quisite lines "To Mary in Heaven"which a few of your countrymen, whose praise was no mean compliment, professed add, your country women too: at least two of them

grave of Highland Mary, in company with couple seemed not a little pleased. the Misses Smith, whom I have before mentioned to you, nieces of the dowager Countess of Essex, and whom I hope you will have the pleasure of seeing in New York on some occasion when days are brighter than they have been. The grave was pointed out to us by the old grave digger, a curious looking old fish, who looked as black as if he had just been spouted but that is not saying much for all that is left of it-and rather a humarous expression in his countenance. There is no stone to tell Mary's story, as one would naturally expect there might be-but there might be-but there is a general one of where her father's brains are laid. I asked old Vulcan if he was certain that was the spot.

on-she lies just under this-there's her head, and ther's her feet-I buried her my-

I have no doubt as to its being the grave, but I think he must be mistaken as to his having buried her, for he cannot have been a digger of graves since Mary was buried. He said, "They did not use to think any unco wark about her-and they're speaking o' pittin' up a monument till her the noo."

I could not help recalling to my memory the sorrowful parting of Mary and Souter Johnie. Burns, when they were doomed ne'er to meet again, I saw them before my eyes, swearing eternal faith to each other, on each side of the gurgling stream-I saw him give her the Bible-I saw them part _t repeated the exquisite lines_"Thom lingering star,"-a tear trickled down my other curiosities. The situation is romancheek, a tribute to such sad sweet memories. "We turned and left the spot," and wended our way among the little hillocks, each nection with Burns; for it is impossible . "Right for once," said he. "And can the points about referred to—but with containing dust dear to fame-the heavy gate closed, and we were ouce more in the Dooon, as it gurgles on, without fancying busy streets, where one would suppose

death never walks. which Burns says "ilk ither town surpasses, and when standing on the Auld Brig o' for honest men and bonny lasses; and today I and the rest of the party went to view those places in the neighborhood mare, and looking over his shoulder, as which have been rendered clasic by the the witch, as she docked the tail of poor magic pen of Robert Burns. Our first vis- Meg. There is now a new brig over the it was to the cottage about two miles and a half from Ayr-the auld clay blggin' where the poet first saw the light. It is Monument, an excellent inn has been kept by an honest old couple, John Gowdie and his wife, who have been in it for the last thirty-nine years; previous to which they kept a small public house at Doonsidedale, in the vicinity, John being house at Doonside, where he used to meet the miller of Doonside, and a crony of the his cronies sometimes—the tree—the last poet's. He told me it was in this house he last saw-Burns met him, he said, at some distance from the mill, and the poet returned with him to his own house, where and also the well, which trickles down they drank "three gills o' whiskey the- and gushes into the door,-here, it is said it, amaist twa hours, and folk could get ed hersel." fou, if they liket at little expence in thac

me she was na very bonny."

ered over with names and initials of persons ures and pains of the world without. duties, in whom moral rectitude did not be the effect upon her councils, of our des- the chest containing the constitution and imfirst he saw the light of this world; upon from all quarters of the globe, as if they The day was remarkable fine, and alseem an active quality and a living princititution and her readiness. the monument that has been raised by his were specimens of carved work.—We had though the trees were reft of their summer pal."—N. I. Post. admirers to his genius; upon the two Brigs a very long chat with John and his wife clothing, which was scattered around in -the latter much excelled her husband myriads of withered leaves, yet the sky in volubility of tongue, but John excelled was balmy, and as pleasant as a day in Braes o' bonny Doon, &c. And first, you us all in the relish with which he swal- November could well be in this northern lowed glass after glass of his own Camp- region-every thing, in fact, tended to Hectures on Scottish Song, that Burns's bellton whiskey, with which we regated make our first visit to the land of Burns Highland Mary had died in Greenock, on him. His good dame sail, "Puir body one of unqualified delight. her return from a visit to her friends pre- he couldna live without it. We partook We returned to Ayr in great spirits, vious to her marriage with the poet, and of some Scotch cake made from oats rais-full of Burns, of whose eventful life every that her remains, had been laid in an ob- ed by themselves, that was once Burns's particular epoch seemed to start up before scure nook in the Greenock churchyard- fathers's; and with the adieus and good me with peculiar freshness. We ended yes, you do, and of my repeating the ex- wishes of John and his wife wringing in the day at the festive board of Dr. Memes, our ears, we hied us on to see the monu- the Rector of the Academy of Ayr, a first or domestic means and preparation. ment. I must not forget to tell you, rate scolar and gentleman, an enthusiastic though, that as we were within hearing of admirer of Burns, and the husband of the themselves not displeased with-I might the gushing of the Doon, the Misses Smith sister of one of my oldest chums. warbled forth "Ye banks and braes o' bonny Doon," and I gave "Of a' the airts Well, I yesterday paid a visit to the the win' can blaw," with which the old

ped at Alloway Kirk, of which nothing now him .- She went to Bedlam with some remains but the base walls, which are in friends, and the keeper pointing to one tolerable preservation: at the east end the cell which they had not seen, said "Here's I rince, she has given the law to the Egyp- command our own principal harbors. old bell still hangs, with a niece of chain one in here who is perfectly quiet so tian-stormed the almost impregnable forattached in it, by which, in days of old it long as you don't contradict him. Mind tress of Acre-and setting her foot firmly was tolled. I was surprised to find the I say, if you don't contradict him." Ac-Kirk so small, and could not help faneying cordingly they entered the cell, and saw be doubted; to secure there or thereabout, naval and military Power. that Auld Clottie, sitting in the . winnock a pale-faced melancholy looking man, forth from the neither regions—he had a bunker in the east," and the wisches about with dark eyes, which had a penetrating may be enabled firmly to establish and right eye, and an apology for a left one, him, had but little room for their midnight brightness piculiar to malmen. He was revelries. Its style of architecture is that usu- in deep thought as they entered. The par- her vast Indian Empire. ally yelept barn, being nothing but four plain ty having satisfied their curiosity were ed it more famous by his genius than the he seized me by the wrist, shutting the empire, and has brought-unless the remost splendid architectural design could door and placing his back against it and cent accounts be strangely tabulous-the have doner Its little churchyard is stud- held me in his firm grasp her family, pointing out the "bit of ground ded with tombstenes, among which is one over the remai s of Burn's father, William in a comical situation here, shut in with a Burns, and containing the tribute to his madman.' memory which is found in the works of "Ay," said he, "this is it I'm standing the bard. At the distance of a verry few yards, we entered upon the grounds sur- perfectly safe, they told you I was harmrounding the Monument, which are most very elegant, and beautifully situated, and What is this?" he concluded holding up company with the hours, circles the earth commands from its summit a most exten- a bit of paper. sive view, embracing many of the spots rendered classic by the poet. I need not attempt to describe it to you as I have ship do you. more of her than ither folk till about twen- seen it in your own house in some of your ty years ago, when they began to make an books of views. In the monument there is a copy of Nasmyth's picture of the poet, and in a grotto close by are the two knowing what he though it was, I answer- it is no longer possible for us to postpone statues-by the self-taught sculptor Thom. now in America-of Tam o, Shanter and

grey mare Meg, was deprived of her tail said, "Now, is it a house or not?" by Cutty Sark, and I possessed myself with some difficulty of a stone from the famous brig, and I now have it among is a dolphin." tic and beautiful, deriving, of course. ad- mistake?" ditional romance and beauty from ts conto listen to the meanderings of the bonny you tell me what I shall do with it?" to one's self that there Burns wandered nagative. in propria persona, and called into exis-9th Nov .- Yesterday I arrived in Ayr, tence some of his most exquisite lyrics; shall-scrupe my charcoal. Doon, it does not require a great strength of imagination to see Tam spurring on his Doon, some hundred yards below the old one, and at the end of which, next the erected, having a view from its windows of all the noted places—the cottage where he was born-Alloway Kirk-the Monument-the Auld Brig o'Doon-the auld of a cluster where was

Where inters found the murdered bairn

for the beauty with which the grounds rally contaminated by the corrupt & mercen- and obedience in these colonies.

I ask him if Burns often got fou. 'No," around the inn and monument are laid out, ary system which reigns in the high places This array, therefore, of "crack regi- A friend has furnished us with a volume EVERY T.IU 18 1 1Y MORNING he said, "I never saw him the worse of to the enthusiasm and enterprize of Mr. of authority. Oppression renders the poor ments" in Canada, so much larger than the of an elegant London periodical, with the drink -he was unco fond of meeting a David Auld, who first encouraged Thom to peasant of the interior, false as well as in- alleged necessity requires, may not unrea- following interesting reminiscence of the few chields & having a crack, but he did not commence his well. known statues, and dolent. Traffic, atteast in Constantinople sonably be set down to the score of a wise Father of his country, which we have not drink much—he used to sit rather dull with supplied him with the means to finish is polluted by contact within European policy, which prescribes, when a difficult, seen elsewhere recorded:—R. Compiler. LAR the first, and TWENTY-FIVE CENTS his hands upon his knees till something ex- them. He has erected a cottage for him- trickery and fraud, and many a Turkish doubtful, and long protracted negotiation. During the services of the 46th regiment cited him, and then he would speak away self, on the banks of the Doon, just oppo- tradesman in the capital can cheat with as is about to be seriously entered upon, that in America, General Washington was ini-Legal Advertisements will be charged 25 per like a pen-gun." John said, if Burns were site the river which is laid out with great dexterity as a foreigner. On the it is always well to put forth as much show tiated into masonry in their lodge. When alive, he wad just be twa years auder than taste, having beautiful and romantic walks whole, however, the word of a Turk is of power to enforce what may be claimed, war broke out between the States and the himsel. I asked the gudewife if she had on the river's side. An old quarry-hole more to be trusted than that of a native as can be hazarded without the appearance mother country he became divided from he has transmogrified into an elegant pond, Christian. This too, is, I believe, an of direct menace. "Deed sir," she said, "I'll no tell ye overshadowed by birks and pines, and ten- accidental circumstance, to be attributed. It is herein precisely that we, on our in communion of soul, he was their brother a lee-I never saw her-she came to the anted by a pair of fine, majestic-looking mainly to the influence of servitude and side, are deficient; and at the very moment still. The masonic chest of the 46th, by cottage one day wi' the poet, and I'm sor- swans, by ducks, &c., and at the one end oppression on the moral character. Nor when our possible enemy is in great force the chance of war, fell into the hands of Letters to the Editor on business must be ry to say I was in the toon that day, and of it there is a magnificent grotto, covered is the honesty of the Turk always worthy upon our borders, and in great triumph the Americans; they reported the circummiss'd seeing her-but" she said, as if to with shells of all descriptions very taste- of the named virtue. As he is seldom every where, we are naked, destitute, ex- stance to general Washington, who directed make her not having seen her of as little fully displayed. The walls inside are also acquisitive in disposition or ambitious to im- posed, and powerless. consequence as possible, "I belive she was covered with shells, and so are the seats; prove his condition, he is free from the temp- Is it supposed that Great Britain does of a distinguished officer, should take charge no very bonny, for a' that-she had a nice and to add to its beauty, there are mirrors tation of resorting to illicit means. His not know this-or that, knowing it, our of the chest, with many articles of value leg and ankle, and a fine pair o'black e'en, in every cornor. It is the place of all honesty, like most of his virtues, is often condition, as compared—with hers, will belonging to the 46th, and return them to and a very gude figure, but the folk tould others, where, on a summer's day, one negative, an apathetic abstinence from what not exercise adequate influence upon the the regiment. The surprise, the feelings migh puff away time with Havana or is wrong, rather than a chosen and hearty tone and spirit in which negotiation on of both officers and men may be imagined, In one of the apartments of the cottage Principe segars, with a mint julap or a practice of what is right. Truth, howev- her part may be entered upon and conduc- when they perceived the flag of truce that is the famous portrait by Nasmyth, which sherry cobbler to give them a zest, and a er, requires me to add, that I have never ted? John assured me was very like the poet- good friend like yourself to talk of the known a Mussulman sincere in his faith, It seems to us to be shutting our eyes their noble opponent. The guard of honor, there are also two tables, as completely cov- cares, cankers, troubles, turn oils, pleas- and devout and punctual in his religious to all experience to doubt that such must with their flutes playing a sacred march-

A MADMAN'S FROLIC.

collections," relates, with great effect, ; On our way to the Monument, we stop- story that Mrs. Mattecks, the actress told has played the chief part-and, setting

When, young woman, said he, you're humiliation.

" Sir," said I.

"But you needn't be alarmed-you are

"A ship," said I.

"A Ship, is it? You call my tree a

"Yes, yes," said I, "it is a ship." "Oh, and pray what is this!

Obliged to say something, and not ed a house," which it was

a clasp knite from his pocket, and opening to avoid the issue that will be presented I went on a little farther to the auld it with his teeth, at the same time swinging by the case of McLeod, if that individual brig o'Doon, where Tam o'Shanter's rude me round the cell with his huge arm, shall ever be tried and executed-as, if

"It is, it is."

"Then I'll tell you what it is then-this

"A knife," I answered.

I trembled, and shook my head in silent

"I'll tell you what I shall do with it; I little into details.

"Imagining from all that I had read and mounts to about 12,000 men. heard, that the word of a Turk was as good as his bond. I concluded my contract the Capes of Florida, and from the Atlanwith Izzet Effendi by paying him in ad- tic to the Missouri, is less than 9,000. vance two months' stipen', to relieve him, as he said, from the immediate pressure of has some 13.000 regular troops-picked want. By dint of daily remonstrances, I regiments, all of them-disciplined, well extorted, in the space of two months, the found, and well commanded. She has in number of lessons which should have been New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and her given in one, when he abandoned me alto- West India possession, some 8,000 more gether, leaving me, however, the comfort troops, making an aggregate of 21,000 of having learned for my future benefit, regular solliers, that could be rapidly that a Turk may be a rogue. The lesson hrown upon our frontiers: was afterwards repeated often enough to teach me, that the tirtue most commonly our hemisphere may be accounted for on attributed to the Turkish character is far the ground of the insuffectionary move from being a universal one. This, how- ments some year or two ago in Canada; ever, may be safely affirmed, that as a na- but 5000 regulars, with the aid of the well tion, they are true in word, upright in organized militia of the Upper Province githe;" but "we were a good while about in Tam o'Shanter, Mungo's mother hang- dealings, and faithful to promises. The particularly, would, it is the opinion of exceptions are chiefly to be traced to acci- competent Judges, abundantly suffice to

From the New York American. STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

On the eve of a new Administration, it is natural that considerate minds should, under any circumstances, look with some solicitude to the actual and the probable condition of the country.

quilizing, as to our exterior relations, and far from encouraging, as to our internal

In our exterior relations, we have, with England unsettled points of controversy, which, to say the least, are susceptible such a turn as may involve us in war.

England is, at this moment, at the verry in Syria, is taking measures, as can hardly some permanent foothold by which she brotect her overland communications with

Celestial Empire to, on unwonted pass of

Now more than ever is applicable to her, that fine description of her power used in debate some vears ago by Daniel Webster:

"A power which has dotted over the surface of the whole globe with her possesless, did nt they? You needn't answer, sions and military posts, whose morning States, according to the last Report from confiding, but duped man, reduced to penutastefully laid out. The Monument is Are you fond of drawing? I know you are. drum-beat following the sun, and keeping the Navy Department, of vessels afloat, ry, grew morbid and melancholy and soon daily with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England."

> In this, her hour of pride and prosperity she is called to meet and settle some vexed questions with us, whom she does not love, but cannot affect to undervalue.

We emphasize the word settle, because with honor, the definite arrangement of "A house, ch?" So saying he pulled the Northeastern boundary question-nor found guilty he should, and most assuredly, will be.

What should be our position in order to stand on a footing of equality with our "Can you tell me what this is, and no haughty and powerful antagonist? Surely that of a Power not only confident in the right-which we most surely are, in both means and preparation to enforce and defend, to the uttermost, if need be, that right. Is such our position? Let us look a

> Our army, if entirely affective, and its regiments complete and disciplined, a-

> Its actual force, scattered from Maine to

In the two Canadas alone Great Britain

This unusual assemblage of troops in The public are indebted for this inn, and dental causes. A Turk in power is gene- keep down insurrection and maintain order

to Texas, there are not (excepting in the through the enfiladed ranks of the gallant Florida, on the Western, Northern, and When in Dominica, in 1805, the 46th was North-Eastern frontiers. At great expense, attacked by a French force, which it gallantwe have erected at some points-Hamp- ly repelled; but in the action had the miston Roads, for instance, New York har- fortune again to lose the masonic chest, This becomes imperative as well as na- bor, and Newport-large and strong for which the enemy succeeded in securing tural, when circumstances are far from tran- tifications; but they are without a man on board their fleet, without knowing its to garrison them, and, for the most part, contents. Three years sifterward the ble them to assail an approaching enemy, of the officers who had commanded the

In this condition, instead of being a expedition, returned the chest with sevesource of strength, they are actually cause ral complimentary presents. of danger to ourselves; they invite attack by their defencelessness, and might be de-Michael Kelley, in his "Dramatic Re- pinnacle of apparent power and triumph. land its marines and sailors-or, worse justly," intended to enforce the importance In the affairs of the East of Europe, she yet, be ocupied by an enemy, whom of honest dealing, and the faithful performsuch is the strength of the works when ance of promises, relates the following:aside France with as little ceremony as adequately garrisoned it would be difficult though dealing with a mediatised German to dislodge and who meanwhile would disposition who had invested what he had

angry points of controversy with a great ing, but not too rapidly for him, as he was

of reproach to any one, but to arouse atten- ble" man, as the world goes, wishing to tion to the fact, and to induce, if it be pos- borrow my friend's money for a few days, In Asia, she has subdued the revolted of defence and effence as may in fact avert meet the demand it was intended to satisfy. bare walls. Burns, however, has render- about retiring, when, said Mrs. Mattocks native Princes that menaced that Indian the occasion and necessity of resorting to The promise was taken—the money lent.

edequate to our wants.

Navy is rusty.

service, is

6 ships of the line-Three decker, 1st class two-decker, 3 do Razee-7 frigates-1st class, 20 sleeps of war-1st class, 3d Brigs and schooners-Vessels.

Steamer for harbors, There are on the stocks, 4 ships of the class frigates, and 2 sea-steamers which night, it is said be all got ready in a few

Of all these, however, there are now in

ctual commissions but I line of battle ship, 5 frigates, 11 sloops, 4 brigs and schooners, and the Fulton

stram-trigate-All which with the exception of the steamer and one or two sloops, are on foreign stations.

Against a sudden attack, therefore, by even a feeble force, or the more formal attack, by a large fleet, we are comparatively powerless in naval defence.

But are we better prepared as to the sinews of war, money, than with its mortal instruments, arms, ships, and men?-This is an inquiry that we must postpone till another day, as it may lead us into larger details. Meantime, we invite attention to the reflections here presented.

AN INGUNIOUS INVENTION .- An inven- produce conviction. Men are not to be tion is now being exhibited in New York, abused or to be kicked into faith in any which is designed for passing trains of opinions whatever. They may be led by cars down inclined planes on railroads, let- argument, but the austere blow, the vioting down heavy bodies, bales, &c. from lent gesture, and the angry abusive tongue the lofts of warehouses, &c. The machine defeat the purpose of those who would gain is so constructed that it requires no chains adherents. Editorial quarrels, therefore or ropes, which may break, but any thing and that fierceness and vindictiveness of is safely graduated down by the operation tone which are too common among journalof the wheel itself, which cannot revolve ists answer no other end than that of infaster than at a given motion. The wheel juring those who conduct the press itself itself holds itself back, and cannot run, to be looked upon with both aversion and even down hill,

the brothers of his adoption, in feelingthat a guard of honor, under the command announced this elegant compliment from plements of the craft borne aloft equally by Turn we then to our seacost defences. Englishmen & Americans, who lately en-From the Bay of Funday in the boundary gaged in the strife of war-now marched Peninsula of Florida) 100 regular soldiers regiment that, with presented arms and on the seabord. Our whole army is in colours, hailed this glorious act by cheers. without cannon to defend them; or to ena- French Government, at the carnest request

A HARD CASE.

The Rochester Daily Advertiser, in an stroved by even a single frigate that should excellent article under the head of "deal

We knew a man of open and confiding of worldly goods, in the purchase of a farm Surely, this is an alarming condition - paying part down and promising the rest for a country that has unsetled and rather at a future day. That day was approachprepared to meet its claims according to his We allude to it, not to make it a matter promise. In the mean time a "respectasible, such timely preparation of the means promising faithfully to return it in time to The time came round but not the fulfilment The Navy is hardly more efficient or of the promis of the borrower-he, "respectable man," then and now found it conve-Rust wears more than use, and our nient "to fail" with his hands full, while the one who reposed on his honor, lost his The stuff is there-and will be found money and the farm it was intended to sewhen wanted-but the naval administration cure to him with all he had previously paid. has been negligent, or unskillful, or both. Did the consequences of this single broken The whole naval force of the United promise end here? Far from it. The and those considered fit after repair, for sea thereafter went down to the grave by a self inflicted death. An expected bride was overwhelmed with sorrow, while his aged mother and sire were compelled to end their days in the poor house. These were among the evils of a single broken promise -a promise made without the remotest intention of fulfilling it. Such are the consequences resulting from a disregard of the injunction to "deal justly."

EDITORIAL DUTIES.

There is no questions of public import which cannot be argued without a recourse to personalities, on the part of the conine, two deckers of the first class, 7 first ductors of the press, and when they do suffer individual hostilities or ill regulated passions to manifest themselves in this way, it is, to our mind, an impertinence and an indignity offered to the reader.

The editor has higher functions to perform-his office, we trust, is of a loftier grade -than that of a prize fighter. He dose not enter the arena either to receive or to inflict personal injuries. He degrades himself & demoralises those who are around him if he descends to the pugilist, and methinks that it manifests zeal for his cause to assume the bearing of a tiger to all who cross his path. He neither gains proselytes to his doctrines nor consideration for himself, by thus mistaking the path of duty.

The aim of the newspaper press-of that portion of it at least which espouses certain tenents, or desires to guard the public mind from error and deception,should be to convince.

Neither personalities nor violence ever distrust .- Pennsylvanian.