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FOR THE REGISTER.

GENTLEMEN:—We are taught from our boyhood to look with a curiosity somewhat akin to astonishment, on the antiquities of the Old World, and many have followed with anxiety, the antiquarian, as he searched with enthusiasm into the hidden mysteries of those nations, the recollection of whose existence would long since have passed away, were it not for the splendid monuments of architectural genius which still bespeak the height of civilization and grandeur to which they arose.

Such reflections would naturally be elicited, by an examination of a late work on the "Antiquities of Mexico," presenting such a striking analogy to those of the Old World, that no doubt the curiosity of many will be awakened. The discoveries, as far as they have gone, exhibit much which is calculated to elicit interest and invite speculation.

HOW TO RAISE WATERMELONS. We call the attention (says the Western Carolinian) of the lovers of good Watermelons, to the following article on their culture. We copy it from the "Farmers' Register" of April 1837, a most valuable Agricultural work, published monthly by EDWARD BURTON, of Richmond, Virginia.

Hills, 10 feet apart, 2, 3, and at most 4 plants only to remain in the hill, and standing apart from each other: thinned by the time the plants have 6 leaves.

the ruins of theological structures which are discoverable, exhibit that melancholy grandeur—that deep, solemn and impressive sign of religious use, which has been remarked as characterizing such works in all ages and countries. It is said that the pyramid situated near Cholula, a town of Mexico, resembles very much the tower of Babel, so celebrated in the Old Testament.

When the plant has six leaves, take off the centre shoot with the point of a sharp penknife, and when the lateral shoots are six inches long, take off all but three:—when these begin to fall to the ground, secure them down with cross sticks; and as they advance, spade up the ground a foot deep in advance of the vines.

Enclosed I send you memoranda for the management of watermelons & canteloupes, by a gentleman who, in 43 degrees of north latitude, frequently raised melons weighing from thirty to forty pounds. If the same pains were taken in the South, how fine and large we might grow our melons.

Hotes, 2 feet diameter, 20 inches deep, filled 1 foot with garden rubbish and unrotted manures, beat down hard and watered (two or three buckets full) then filled to the top with rich soil: on this spread an inch of fine compost or well rotted manure, compact but not hard. Stick the seeds—(say twenty or thirty to a hill)—the upper end of the seed to be a little below the surface of the compost; brush over the hill with the hand so as to fill the holes made by the fingers; then cover the hill with an inch of clear sand, often watered. In Alabama, I should think, grass turf (the grass side down) would be a good filling for the twelve inches.

Let the vines spread from the hills so as to cover the whole ground. If the side branches of the main vines are inclined to head up, and not keep to the ground, take them off, say a foot from the main vine.

Let no melon set within 4 or 5 feet from the root; and then only one on a lateral branch, three to a plant. Let the vine run on as far as it will, keeping it to the ground: permit no melon to grow that is deformed: pull off no male blossoms.

When the melon is nearly to its size, others may be permitted to set on the same vine, and a second crop raised. I should think the vines might be made to grow from 20 to 30 feet long.

Great pains should be taken that the vines are not removed or trampled upon. The early but small melons.—Let the melons set at the 2d or 3d leaf-joint from the root, and take the vine off two joints beyond the melons.

The Resources of N. Carolina. We were shown, on Monday last, a beautiful specimen of Copper Ore, mingled with Gold, from the works of the Deep River Gold Mining Company, in Guilford county, N. C.

A Lead Mine, recently discovered in Davidson county, N. C. and owned by Roswell King and others, is now worked to some extent, and with most extraordinary results. We are informed, from an unquestionable source, that three laborers have obtained two tons a day of the Ore, which yields 88 per cent. of pure Lead!

Having become tired of this out of door conversation, we concluded to view the group in the house. Here the banjo-man, was seated on the beer barrel, in an old chair. A long white cow-tail, queued with red ribbon, ornamented his head, and hung gracefully down his back; over this he wore a three cocked hat, decorated with peacock feathers, a rose cockade, a bunch of ripe persimmons, and to cap the climax, three pads of red pepper as a top-not.

A HUMOROUS SCENE.

A correspondent of the Farmer's Register, in an interesting letter on rural economy has introduced the following graphic sketch:

Some years ago, I rode in the night to visit a patient, and as I passed the house of Mr. Samuel Poe, in the lower end of Prince Edward, I heard the tones of a banjo, and was told by the old gentleman, (Mr. Poe,) that his servants had brewed a barrel of persimmon beer, and he gave them the privilege of having what they called a 'beer dance.'

The ball was opened with great ceremony, by singing a song known to our Virginia slaves, by the name of 'who-zen-John, who-za.'

'Down the road, come show me de motion. Set to your partner, Dolly, Cut him out, Gabe.—Sal, does put her foot good.' 'Yonder come de coal-black her.'

IMPORTANT TRIAL.

Trenton, N. J. April 16. The United States Circuit Court, in and for New Jersey District, commenced its sitting in this city, on Monday the 2d inst.

Two or three causes of interest were decided during the term, which closed on the 13th instant.—One of principal interest was the case of Bet, a slave belonging to Mr. Culbreth, a citizen of Maryland; the case excited great interest, and occupied the attention of the Court and Jury for eight days, during which time there were between 20 and 30 witnesses examined.

The action was brought for a trespass, and the damages laid at \$10,000. Messrs. Southard and Green were counsel for the plaintiff, and Freinhuysen and Jeffers for the defendants. The counsel on both sides acquitted themselves with great ability.

heel, and its clap on the floor was in perfect unison with the notes of the banjo, and palms of the hands on the corresponding extremities; while the dancers were all jiggiting it away in the merriest possible gaiety of heart, leaving the most ludicrous twists, wry-jerks, and flexible contortions of the body and limbs, that human imagination can divine.

The whole world is a ball we find, The water dances to the wind, The sea itself, at night and noon, Rises and dances to the moon.

When supper was announced, the banjo-man, was first served; then the clappers and beer bearer; and lastly, the beaux and their partners. Each had a huge loaf of larded persimmon bread with a gourd of beer.

The beer dance, I have attempted to describe, is a faint representation of what actually occurred. It requires an abler pen to do it justice. I feel mortified that I cannot give a more vivid and glowing description of these black beaux, who acted so conspicuously a part with their partners in the persimmon junket.

VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, I shall expose to public sale at the premises, on Friday, the 15th day of June next, that very desirable residence in the City of Raleigh, situated on the corner of Hillsboro' and McDowell Streets, formerly occupied by Miss E. Gentry, as a Boarding House.

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and assessed the damages at \$1000. There never has been a cause tried in this city which produced more interest, it involving the rights of the Southern slave-holder to his property. You will find by the verdict, that the jury, though opposed to slavery, have sustained the Constitution of the United States, and the master's right to his property.

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