

COMMUNICATION.

FOR THE REGISTER.
CRITICAL COMMENTS
"TALE OF ROMANCE-Founded on facts,"
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The origin or paternity of genius is ever involved in obscurity; but the illustrious brotherhood of critics may lay undisputed claim to be his rightful tutors and counsellors.

This and so happy am I who, first of critics, have recognized, in the author of this production, a genius. His modesty could not veil him from my far-sighted ken.

And, by the way, let no one marvel that I think fit to bestow the labor of review upon this in which no mortal can detect the slightest fault.

I cannot find it in my heart to leave out a single word of this finished work. Every syllable has a meaning and a beauty in itself.

"It was some time in the beautiful month of May last, when the hero of this short narrative finally concluded to make love to a fair young damsel who was much admired, and consequently courted, by most of the young men of her acquaintance.

If I were disposed to do any thing but honor to our author, I might here nicely prove him for the sin of redundancy. The first sentence of this extract is as comprehensive as Lord Peter's twelve penny loaf; it contains within itself the quintessence of all the rest.

Now a reader of ordinary insight might be puzzled to guess why the heroine pitched upon this particular season for her interesting communication; but a moment's reflection will serve to excite anew his admiration of

our author's genius. How strikingly happy is he in the selection of times and seasons? He first introduces his hero in the beautiful month of May—a season peculiarly fit for deliberate conclusions of all sorts, but especially in the momentous matter of making love.

"Adeline's feelings being deeply wounded at the indifference with which her parents seemed now to regard her, since having declared her determination to marry Melville, her delicate constitution would have certainly given way under the heavy loads of grief and sorrow.

"Dearest Adeline—Having been so exceedingly fortunate as to gain your approbation to unite your destiny with that of mine, rest assured, that he who now pens this hasty note is ready and willing, at any time, to sacrifice his life in the attempt to rescue you from the tyrannical grasp of those who would find deprive him of a jewel which he values more than his own life.

"It is here proper to observe that the parents of Adeline even went to such extremes as to confine her in a room which they kept fastlocked; hoping thereby to wear her affections from Melville. But it was in vain.

"My heart is yours forever."
Next, the author finally sums up the preliminary information, and prepares for the grand action of the plot:

"From the tenor of these billets the reader will quickly perceive, that the pure steam of love flowed reciprocally."

"Melville, having in vain exerted every effort to peaceably rescue Adeline from the hands of her cruel father, finally resolved to have recourse to some other more effectual means."

"Soon appeared the old gentleman of the house, (Adeline's father), who, recognizing Melville at the first glance, accosted him thus:—By what authority, sir, do you enter my house which is not a receptacle for villains and loafers."

"Unfeeling monster! Values human life so lightly! He seems little better than a fiend in the shape of an old gentleman. We can almost see the horns and cloven hoof. But I beg the reader's pardon; I will not again interrupt the thread of this thrilling narrative.

me the key, which I now for the last time demand of you. The old gentleman perceiving the very peculiar situation he occupied, instantly handed up the key to Melville, who walked swiftly to the room in which his love was shut up, whilst the old gentleman retired to his chamber to weep.

"This is an adventure worthy of the valorous knight of La Mancha. That mirror of chivalry, however, was wondrously apt to miscarry in his benevolent enterprises, and seldom failed to meet some notable foil or defeat.

"In truth the author's contrivance in design is equalled only by his skill and judgment in description. We are artfully kept in the dark about the lance, and our feelings wound up to a painful pitch of anxiety for the success—or even safety of the hero; and the sudden production of the weapon—exactly at the moment when some such novelty appeared extremely requisite, to preserve him from being unceremoniously kicked out of doors, affords us great relief and ease.

"How strictly in character, too, is this device of the lance? The soul of Melville is above all modern and vulgar weapons. The heroes of chivalry are his kindred spirits, and their weapons only worthy of his hands.

"I cannot help dwelling upon the character of Melville. It is so finished, so perfect, so rich in those great and brilliant qualities which go to make up a hero. In this speech, they all break upon us at once with irresistible effect.

"But we shall fall far short of a just conception of the hero's character, unless we attach its full weight and consequence to this deliberate turn of his mind. 'This is its distinguishing trait—its leading and finishing feature; which, if the reader will ever keep in view, the contemplation of the perfect portrait must inspire him with never failing wonder and delight. In this thrilling scene he stands before the fiendish father—his countenance glowing with just indignation—Severe in youthful beauty; yet every word weighed and uttered with deliberation.

"The character of the father, too, is preserved with admirable consistency throughout. His want of spirit contributes essentially to the success of this attempt. Instead of raising his household against the chivalrous knight of the lance he betakes himself to his chamber to weep.

"Upon the whole the plot of this beautiful tale is conducted with singular judgment and art. The action continually verges upon the marvellous without ever passing the bounds of probability. Wonderful fertility of invention is displayed in devising ways and means. In a case of such difficulty, I am persuaded no other author could have managed to render poetical justice.

Onward, then, my dear pupil, in the race

that thou hast begun. The star of thy destiny beams on thy pathway, and beckons thee onward. Ages to come shall greet thee with plaudits, and crown thee with garlands green and unfading.

HARRISON AND KOSCIUSKO.

"The opponents of Genl. Harrison, (says the 'Yeoman') when hard run for arguments against him, undertake to disparage his understanding, and pronounce him a man of feeble powers of intellect. If his despatches during the last War, and his Letters and Speeches while in the national councils be examined impartially, it will be found that the charge is wholly groundless and utterly ridiculous.

"Ma. SPEAKER: The public papers have announced an event which is well calculated to excite the sympathy of every American bosom. Kosciusko, the martyr of liberty, is no more! We are informed that he died at Seouire, in France, some time in October last. In tracing the events of this great man's life, we find in him that consistency of conduct which is the more to be admired as it is so rare a quality.

"Contributing greatly, by his exertions, to the establishment of the independence of America, he might have remained in that blessed land, had he been desired by the protection of a chief who loved and honored him, and in the bosom of grateful and affectionate people. Kosciusko had, however, other views. It is not known that, until the period I am speaking of, he had formed any distinct idea of what could, or indeed what ought to be done for his own.

"The blossom blushed bright, but a worm was below; The moonlight shone fair; there was blight in the beam; Sweet whispered the breeze, but it whispered of woe; And bitterness flowed in the soft-flowing stream. So, cured of my folly, yet cured but in part, I turned to the refuge thy pity displayed; And still did this eager and credulous heart Weave visions of promise, that bloomed but to fade I thought that the course of the pilgrim to Heaven Would be bright as the summer and glad as the morn; Thou shoud'st me the path—it was dark and uneven, And rugged with rock, and all tangled with thorn. I dreamed of celestial rewards and renown; I grasped at the triumph which blesses the brave; I asked for the palm-branch, the robe, and the crown; I asked—and thou shoud'st me a cross and a grave!

Subdued and instructed at length, to thy will, My hopes and my longings I fain would resign; O! Give me the heart that can wait and be still, Nor know of a wish or a pleasure but thine. There are mansions exempted from sin and from woe, But they stand in a region by mortals untrod; There are rivers of joy—but they roll not below; There is rest—but it dwells in the presence of God.

LAW NOTICE & GENERAL LAND AGENCY. HENRY B. S. WILLIAMS, Attorney at Law, will attend to the adjustment and collection of claims throughout the Western District of Tennessee, and also as Gen'l Land Agent in selling, leasing and clearing old disputed titles. Persons residing at a distance, especially North Carolinians, whose interest is so extensive in this country, would do well to notice more strictly the situation of their land claims.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—I will expose to Sale at Public Auction, at the Court House in Raleigh, N. C. on the 3d Monday of April next, so much of the following Tract of Land, unshelved for the years 1837 & '38 as will satisfy the taxes due thereon, together with cost and charges for Advertising, viz: 50 Acres belonging to the Rev. Daniel McKay, lying on Gum Swamp, adjoining the lands of Leuchlin McLaurin and others, Tax \$5 00 2/3 SAMUEL TERRY, Sheriff, Feb. 1840. 16 (Pr. Ad. 3)

stable. In this unequal contest, Kosciusko was long seen, and finally lost to their view. "Hope for a reason bade the world farewell, And freedom shriek'd when Kosciusko fell." He fell, covered with wounds, but still survived. A Cosack would have pierced his breast, when an officer interposed. "Suffer him to execute his purpose," said the bleeding hero. "I am the devoted soldier of my country, and will not survive its liberties." The name of Kosciusko struck to the heart of the Tartar, like that of Marius upon the Cimbrin warrior. The uplifted weapon dropped from his hand.

Kosciusko was conveyed to the dungeons of Petersburg; and to the eternal disgrace of the empress Catharine, she made him the object of her fears. Her more generous son restored him to liberty. The remainder of his life has been spent in virtuous retirement. Whilst in this situation in France, an anecdote is related of him which strongly illustrates the command which his virtues and his services had obtained over the minds of his countrymen.

"He washied, alas! a miserable cripple; and, for them, they were no longer soldiers of liberty, but the instruments of ambition and tyranny. His fame will last as long as liberty remains upon the earth; as long as a votary offers incense upon her altar, the name of Kosciusko will be invoked. And if, by the common consent of the world, a temple shall be erected to those who have rendered most service to mankind, if the statue of our great countryman shall occupy the place of the 'most worthy,' that of Kosciusko will be found by his side, and the wreath of laurel will be entwined with the palm of virtue to adorn his brow.

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE AT RICHMOND.—This Institution closed its Session on Monday last, when the Degree of M. D. was conferred on thirteen gentlemen. The whole number of Students during the past Session was sixty-three—of whom 57 were from Virginia, 4 from Georgia and 2 from North Carolina.

To meet the wishes of the Medical Class, the Faculty has determined to deliver a course of Lectures during the Summer months; to commence on the first Monday of April, and continue until the opening of the Winter course, with a recess during the months of July and August.

Fee for the whole course, embracing all the Professors' Lectures, \$60. Petersburg Intelligencer.

The following beautiful lines are from the pen of the late Right Honorable Sir Robert Grant, late Governor General of India: "Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest." Psalm xlv. 12. O Saviour! whose mercy, severe in its kindness, Has chastened my wanderings and guided my way: Adored be the power which illumined my blindness, And weaned me from phantoms that smiled to betray. Enchanted with all that was dazzling and fair, I followed the rainbow—I caught at the toy; And still in displeasure thy goodness was there, Disappointing the hope and defeating the joy. The blossom blushed bright, but a worm was below; The moonlight shone fair; there was blight in the beam; Sweet whispered the breeze, but it whispered of woe; And bitterness flowed in the soft-flowing stream. So, cured of my folly, yet cured but in part, I turned to the refuge thy pity displayed; And still did this eager and credulous heart Weave visions of promise, that bloomed but to fade I thought that the course of the pilgrim to Heaven Would be bright as the summer and glad as the morn; Thou shoud'st me the path—it was dark and uneven, And rugged with rock, and all tangled with thorn. I dreamed of celestial rewards and renown; I grasped at the triumph which blesses the brave; I asked for the palm-branch, the robe, and the crown; I asked—and thou shoud'st me a cross and a grave!

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BACON HAMS, &c.—Just to hand, a lot of Prime HAMS and other BACON, well dried and smoked. Also, LARD in kegs and a few M of PIGS, and Jars of PRESERVED Fruit. Will be sold low. WILLIAMS PECK, Raleigh, March 9, 1840.

INFORMATION TO MERCHANTS AND OTHERS.—Subscriber having sold his interest in the concern of Major & Wolff to Mr. Joseph L. Moore, on the 24th day of July last, has determined upon opening a new Establishment for the sale of Hats, Caps, Leghorns &c., in one of the new buildings on the East side of New-market street, just below Powell's Hotel; where he will open, in a few days, one of the largest and best assortments of Hats, Caps, Leghorns and Palm Leaf hats ever offered in this market, selected with great care by himself, and purchased entirely for Cash.

He hopes from having taken advantage of the Market by going on to the Manufactories early, and paying cash for his purchases to be able to offer inducements to those wishing to buy by the quantity; determined to sell them on as good terms as they will be able to supply themselves from the more Northern Markets, taking in consideration the freight and high exchanges.

He has so had an eye to the retail trade in making his purchases, determined to keep constantly on hand the finest and most fashionable articles in his line in great variety. His old friends and former customers are particularly invited to call and give his stock an examination, before purchasing elsewhere. FRANCIS MAJOR, No. 170, Feb. 29.

NO PUBLISHERS.—For more than seven years we have borne the combined and perplexing duties of Publisher and Editor of a public Journal. At the commencement, when our circulation and correspondence were small, we got along with our work pretty well. But now we have quite enough on our hands to occupy the attention of two men. Besides this, we contemplate an enlargement of the Register, with a view to its more extended circulation. Under these circumstances we have concluded to divide the responsibilities of the concern with some person, who can take entire charge of the Publication Department. In addition to the Newspaper, the Editor offers a commanding field for Job Work of every description. And more than all, the situation is healthy, pleasant, and favorable to cheap living. Under the above circumstances, a person who can well recommend himself for ability, industry, promptitude, and good moral character, may find a pleasant and in time perhaps, a lucrative situation. Communications, post paid, may be addressed to the Editor of the Register. None need apply who do not know that they can command recommendations of the highest order. A professor of religion and a list would be preferred. Editor B.M. Standard. Raleigh, March 6.

A NEW BARBER & HAIR DRESSING Establishment has been opened at the corner of Salisbury Street, nearly opposite the Post Office, where gentlemen can be accommodated in the most superior manner, and with the utmost dispatch. From the experience which the Proprietors have received both North and South, they flatter themselves with the belief to be able to please all who may have them with their patronage. The Establishment has been fitted up in a style of neatness inferior to none in the State. Hair Cutting executed in the most fashionable and approved form. MUSIC.—The Proprietors are prepared to furnish Music of a very superior quality, either for Balls or Dancing Parties, or Military Parades in any part of the State where their services may be in demand. THOMAS DANES, HENRY JONES, Raleigh, March 6, 1840.

VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS.—Persons desirous of securing for themselves eligible BUILDING LOTS near the City of Raleigh, have now an opportunity offered, which will not probably be again presented. On Friday, the 3d of April ensuing, will be offered for sale on the premises, Eleven 2 Acre Lots, Twenty-two 4 Acre Lots, being part of the Tract of Land on which the Episcopal Church is situated. To those acquainted with the location, nothing need be said as to its desirable qualities. To those who are not, it may be necessary to say, that the Lots are just without the limits of the Corporation (and exempt, of course, from City taxes) distant only about half a mile from the Capitol in a Westerly direction, have the natural growth upon them, and are high, dry and airy. There are no Lots in the vicinity so well situated for building, as all must admit who have any knowledge of them. Persons from the low Country, desirous of removing to a healthy retreat in the Summer, have now a rare chance for bargain. Terms made known day of Sale. Raleigh, March 5, 1840. (S. Standard.) 20

NOTICE.—The notes and accounts now due the assigned estate of S. W. BACON, are placed in the hands of James Simons Esq. Attorney at Law in Charleston, S. C. for collection. Office No. 51 Broad-st. at 4 doors below Dr. Coe's Drug Store. If the said debt is not promptly paid, he is instructed to commence suits. Jan 26, 1840. 9 am.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Greene County.—In Equity, October Term (1839)—John R. Derring vs. Isaac Horn, Wm. Moye and Wm. A. Darden—Original and Injunction Bill.—Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Isaac Horn, one of the defendants, is not an inhabitant of this State—it is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made for the space of six weeks successively, notifying the said Isaac Horn to be and appear for the said 1 county of Greene at the Court House in Snow Hill on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, and there to plead, answer or demur to complainant's Bill, otherwise, it will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte as to him. Witness, Charles Edwards, Clerk and Master of said Court at Office, the second Monday after the fourth Monday in September, A. D. 1839. C. EDWARDS, C. M. E. Pr. Adv. \$5 62 1/2

NOTICE.—TAKEN UP and committed to the Jail of Anson County, on the 17th of December last, a Negro Man, who calls himself TOM, and says he belongs to JOHN SMITH, of Alamet, and was bought of DANIEL WILLIAMS, of Robeson County, in this State. Said Negro is about 5 feet, 10 inches high stout built copper colored, and, apparently, about 24 years of age. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away; or he will be dealt with as the law directs. Y. H. ALLEN, Sheriff. Wake-bouy, Dec. 14, 1839. 8-6m

SAM SLICK—Sam Slick's Letter Bag of the Great Westery; or Life in a Steamer. Just received by TURNER & HUGHES, Raleigh, March 6, 1840.

THE RALEIGH REGISTER. WESTON R. GALES, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. TERMS.—Three dollars per annum—half in advance. ADVERTISEMENTS.—For every 16 lines first insertion, One dollar; each subsequent insertion, 25 cents. Court orders and judicial Advertisements will be charged 25 per cent. higher; but a deduction of 50 per cent. will be made from the regular price for advertisements by the year. Advertisements, inserted in the Semi-Weekly Register, will also appear in the Weekly Paper, free of charge. All Letters to the Editor must be post-paid.