

MISCELLANEOUS.

BYRON'S ENIGMA.

The following ingenious play upon the letter H, is a masterpiece. It has been the rounds of the European and American presses, puzzling the learned and perplexing the ingenious. A French gentleman in Philadelphia at length discovered the key which unlocks the mystery, and which, as before observed, is the letter H.

Twas whisper'd in heaven and mutter'd in hell,
And echo caught softly the sound as it fell;
In the confines of earth twas permitted to rest,
And the depth of the ocean its presence contest;
Twas seen in the lightning and heard in the thunder,
Twill be found in the spheres when riven asunder:
It was given to man with his earliest breath;
It assists at his birth and attends him at death;
Presides o'er his happiness, honor and health,
Is the prop of his house, and the end of his wealth;
It begins every hope, every wish it must bound,
And, tho' unassuming, with monarchs is crown'd;
In the heaps of the miser tis hoard'd with care,
But is sure to be lost in the prodigal heir.
Without it the soldier and sailor may roam,
But wo to the wretch who expels it from home;
In the whispers of conscience its voice will be found,
Nor e'er in the whirlwind of passion be drown'd;
It softens the heart, and tho' deaf to the ear,
Twill make it acutely and instantly hear.
But in shades let it rest like an elegant flow'r;
Oh! breathe in it softly—it dies in an hour.

ENIGMA.

The following Enigma, supposed to be written by Dr. B. B. Hunter, of Tarborough, was handed to us, (says the Raleigh Star,) by a gentleman of this place, for publication:

It was known to the Almighty before the creation of the earth, and constitutes a portion of all his judgments and his mercies. It was with Abraham, when about to offer up his son Isaac, and composed a part of the burnt offering, which was received as a substitute. It was possessed by Solomon, though unknown to his father David, and was used in the Temple at Jerusalem, though it entered not into the composition of Gold, or Silver, or Iron, or Brass; neither was it found in the quarries of Zaradotha, or the forest of Lebanon. It was on the mount with Moses, tho' it was not engraved upon the sacred tables and yet it formed a part of every commandment. It was not at the tribunal of Pilote, nor even among the Jews, who thirsted for the blood of Jesus, and yet it travelled with Simon of Cyrene, who bore his cross, and was with the Redeemer, in the agony of death. It was with the malefactor, who prayed to be remembered, and yet it entered not into Paradise. It was seen with the women who sold Doris, and yet was not recognized by the officiating priests. It formed a part of the Saviour's vestments, and yet, when they cast lots, it was not divided. It dwelt in Rome, but was unknown to the Casars, and was at Patmos, though not mentioned by St. John the Evangelist. It was at Bethlehem in the manger, but was not with Joseph in his flight to Egypt. It was with Columbus, when he discovered America, unknown to Ferdinand or Isabella. It was also at Mecklenburg in N. C. and formed a part of the Committee,

which first declared themselves free and independent; and yet it never was suspected by George III. nor even understood by Gen. Washington. It was with the unfortunate British Major, who was executed as a spy, tho' unperceived by the traitor Arnold. It was in the American army, but was not at the battle of Lexington, nor at the siege of Little York, when Cornwallis surrendered, but it has lately visited the United States, on board of the Cadmus, amidst the acclamations of millions of freemen, and will accompany the Marquis La Fayette, at the commemoration of that great and glorious event, on the 19th of Oct. next. It was in company with Ambrister, without the knowledge of Arburthnot, and was among the Seminoles, undiscovered by Jackson. It formed a part of the late celebrated memorial to Congress, unknown to Ninian Edwards, and undiscovered by the Secretary of the Treasury, but without it, there could have been no Minister to Mexico. It was at the battle of Baltimore, but not at the capture of the Federal City, but it came up the Potomac, unknown to Cockburn the incendiary. It was at Thermopolæ without the knowledge of Leonidas or Xerxes, and was with Themistocles at Salamis and Marothan. It belongs to every Mason, though it never entered a Lodge, but cannot be found in any Christian Church, except during the administration of the sacrament, but it was in the encampment of Knight Templars at New York with our great 'National Guest,' unknown to his son or Secretary.

It fell with Pakenham before the Hero of New Orleans, and was sent home with his remains, in a hoghead of rum. It was with Mac Donough and Macomb on Lake Champlain, but was not with the gallant Perry, at the victory of Erie. It forms a part of the pleasures of imagination and memory, but enters not into the delusions of hope. It partakes of every emotion of the human mind, but enters not into the passions, or affections of the heart. It constitutes a part of the Roman costume, though unknown to Canova, and cannot be found in the Statue of Washington, though the last, and greatest production of that celebrated artist. Without it there could be no melody in music or harmony in numbers, and yet it forms no part of any political stanza. It was found in Herculaneum and Pompeii though unknown at Naples, or any other part of Italy. It abounds in summer and autumn, but has never been seen in the verdure of spring, or felt in the dreariness of winter. It is known to every chemist, though it has never been discovered by analysis to be found in earth, air, fire or water.

It soared with Mongolphier, the inventor of air balloons, but descended not with Spalding, the constructor of diving bells. It murmurs in every stream, though it never flowed to the ocean, and howls in storms and tempests, though it never was seen in a flash of lightning nor heard in a peal of thunder; neither does it belong to rain, hail, wind or snow. It is found in the polar light of the moon, but constitutes no part of the radiance of the sun. It is in every mathematical problem, but was unknown to Pythagoras or Euclid. It was at all the ancient tournaments, tho' not mentioned in chivalry or heraldry. I once saw it in the smiles of a bridegroom, but never in the

blushes of a bride. It is a part of all sorts of machinery, and yet it enters not into the principle of the lever, the wedge, the pulley or the screw. It is in every simile and metaphor, and yet belongs to no figure in Rhetoric. It was with Sterne's Maria when she entered Monlinis, and was with Corporal Trim, without the knowledge of my uncle Toby. Where and what is it? It was with me, in the dream of my early life, and I sometimes see it in the gloom of midnight, when my mind is inclined to melancholy meditation; but it is not to be found among friends or relations in joy or in sorrow. Like all other perishable objects, it will be consigned to the tomb, but it will be heard in the sound of the last trump, and make its appearance in the day of judgment, and yet will not be seen afterwards in eternity.—Sept. 30, 1824.

North Carolina Mammoth.—We yesterday saw and measured a Raddish, which grew in the garden of Mr. James Somerville of this town, that was of the following dimensions, viz:—length, 3 feet; 16½ inches in circumference, and weighed 5 pounds. What is still more wonderful, its formation strongly resembles the human shape (without the head) and actually partakes in some degree of both sex. It is true that our Raddish does not "beat" the Massachusetts Turnip—but we are of opinion, that taking into consideration the natural difference in size between the two species, we fully "match" it.

New-Orleans.—The famous bone of contention, the Batture at New-Orleans, lately sunk into the river, and disappeared. It was immensely valuable, being in front of the business part of the city, 700 feet long, and 200 wide. Three fourths of the wharf in front of Conti-street was carried off. The whole of the batture to Canal-street was expected to disappear in a few days. The water is now from 30 to 70 feet where the land was ten feet above low water. It is thought all idea of building wharves must be abandoned.

Kentucky State House burnt.—The Frankfort (Ky.) Commentator, of the 6th, contains the account of this public calamity to the people of that State. The accident happened on the morning of Thursday, the 4th inst. In less than half an hour from the time the fire was discovered, the timbers of the roof began to fall in, breaking through the floor and ceilings, and falling into the apartments below. In less than two hours the whole was reduced to a pile of smoking rubbish. The walls, which were of brick, the chimneys, and four columns of the portico are left standing. A small part of the north wall, only where the windows were thick, fell down. The Public Offices—the Auditor's and Treasurer's on the left—The Secretary's and Register's on the right, though very near the main building, were saved, and not much injured. A considerable portion of the furniture, many books and some papers, and a quantity of muskets were destroyed. This was among the finest edifices in the Western country. Its dimensions, 100 feet front by 65 deep, with a correspondent height. It was built in 1816, and cost about 30,000 dollars, chiefly raised by the voluntary contributions of the citizens of Frankfort and its

vicinity. The Legislature adjourned for some days, to allow time for providing temporary accommodations for their sittings.

A small family.—The present king of Persia has thirty-nine sons and one hundred and forty daughters.

Dancing School.
THE Subscriber respectfully informs the inhabitants of Halifax and its vicinity, that should sufficient encouragement be offered he will open a School in this place for the instruction of young ladies and gentlemen in the fashionable accomplishment of DANCING. Persons desirous of patronising such an undertaking, will please apply at the Post-Office.
ILLAI W. NUNN.
Halifax, Dec. 1. 37-3t

DR. H. HARDY,
HAVING removed his office to Halifax, offers his services to the people, and hopes to receive a part of their patronage: He has taken the house formerly occupied by Dr. Marrast, next door below the Farmer's Hotel, and opposite the Bank. He promises fidelity, promptitude and moderation, in the practice of the profession. He has on hand and intends keeping, a general Assortment of Medicines, Which he will sell at reduced prices for Cash, or on a short credit. In addition to his former supply he has received the following, which may be bought at the subjoined rates:

Epsom Salts,	per lb.	\$	25
Refined Salt Petre,	do		25
Allum,	do		20
Brimstone,	do		12
Cream tartar,	do		75
Sugar lead,	do	1	25
Orange peel,	do		75
Arrow root, pulver'd,	do	1	25
Pearl ash,	do		25
Borax, refined,	do	1	
Copperas,	do		10
Glauber salts,	do		12
Rochelle salts,	do	1	25
Sanford's bark,	do		4
Common bark,	do		3
Fol: senna,	do		1
Turmeric root,	do		2
Orris root,	do	1	50
Lump magnesia,	do		25
Calcined magnesia,	per oz.		50
Gum camphor,	do		25
Oil peppermint,	do		75
Mace,	do		50
Cloves,	do		25
Cinnamon,	do		25
Ginger,	do		12
Nutmegs,	do		37
Oil amber,	do		25
Castor oil,	per bottle,	1	25
Lemon acid,	do		37
Opodeldoc,	do		37
Best London mustard,	do		27
Sat Eratus,	do		50
Cologne water,	do		37
Stoughton's Bitters,	do	1	
Best sweet oil,	do	1	
British oil,	do		25
Swain's panacea,	do	4	50
Soda powders,	per box,		50
Rochelle powders,	do	1	25
Cajeput oil,	per drachm,		50

Those who buy medicine at his office will have all prescriptions gratis, unless required in writing.
December 1.

Stop the Runaway.
MY old man ABRAM went off this morning—he is the same fellow that has been out for several years and passed as a free man by the name of Reuben Wiggins—he is a stout fellow, brown complexion, fifty-three or four years old, his hair a good deal white, and a scar on the nose that I gave him when brought home. A generous reward will be given for securing the said negro in any jail, or delivered to me.
J. BISHOP.

The said fellow may wish to get to Plymouth, and pass again as a free man.
Dec. 1, 1824. 37-tf

Printing neatly executed AT THIS OFFICE.

NEW STORE.

THE subscriber having taken the store nearly opposite the Mansion-house, would inform the citizens of this vicinity, that he intends opening an assortment of Ready made Clothing & DRY GOODS, Among which are—Blue and black dress coats, from \$10 to \$25. Blue and olive frocks, tartan plaid and camblet cloaks, double and single mill'd drab and Oxford mixed cassimere pantaloons, blue and black do. fashionable vests of all descriptions, Guernsey shirts and drawers, gloves, cravats and suspenders—servants clothing of all kinds, &c. &c. The above clothing is made in superior style and the best materials. Gentlemen who are in want of any articles in the line, can be assured they will be accommodated at the lowest Petersburg prices. He will keep an elegant assortment of white and red flannel—brown shirtings, sheetings, &c. at the lowest prices for cash.
EZRA SMITH.
Halifax, Nov. 18, 1824. 35-4t

Mrs. SNEDER,
HAS just received from Petersburg, a general assortment of Gros de Naples SILKS and SATINS, consisting of white figured, blue, pink, lilac and olive colors, &c. Also, a great variety of Ostrich Feathers, of all colors—Ermine Capes—Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cloaks—LA FAYETTE gloves, belts, buckles, &c.—all of which will be sold at the lowest Petersburg prices. Mrs. S. expects to receive, in the course of a few days, an elegant assortment of La Fayette Bonnets.
Halifax, Oct. 13

NOTICE.
AT the late November session, held for the county of Halifax, the subscriber qualified as executor to the last will and testament of DEMPSEY PITTMAN, deceased. All persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment—and all those having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.
JAMES J. PITTMAN,
Ex'r of D. Pittman.
Nov. 20, 1824. 36-3t

Lands for Sale.
IN pursuance of an interlocutory decree of the Court of Equity, held for the county of Halifax, I shall offer for sale at the Court-house in the town of Halifax, on Monday, the 20th day of December next, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in this county, containing about 120 acres, and adjoining the lands of M. L. Wiggins and others. Terms—12 months credit, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.
E. B. Freeman, C. M. E.
Nov. 3, 1824. 33-7t

NOTICE.
PURSUANT to a decretal order made in the matter John Appleby et al ex parte, I shall offer for sale at the Court-house in the town of Halifax, on Monday the 20th day of December next, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in this county adjoining the lands of Gideon P. Harvey, John Harvey and others, containing about 243 acres. Terms—12 months credit, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.
E. B. Freeman, C. M. E.
Nov. 3, 1824.

NOTICE.
PURSUANT to an interlocutory order of the Honorable the Court of Equity, held for the county of Halifax, will be offered for sale at the Court-house in the town of Halifax, on Monday, the 20th day of December next, a TRACT OF LAND, adjoining the lands of Rebecca Hill, heirs of B. Pope, and others, containing about 45 acres. Terms—12 and 18 months credit, the purchaser giving bond and approved security.
E. B. Freeman, C. M. E.
Nov. 3, 1824.