

Miscellaneous.

For the Free Press.

ACROS TIC.

Maiden dear with beauties rare, In all this world there's none so fair; Such beauteous form I ne'er have seen Such pleasing air and graceful mien. More excellence none e'er possess'd, And I if thou wouldst make me bless'd, Royal crowns should despise— There's none like thee beneath the skies. Happy mayest thou ever be, And happy may I be with thee. Every charm thou dost possess, Fairest of creation's race— Oh! what lovely form and grace. Rivers of gold for thee I'd give, Take my heart but let me live. H***.

From the Newbern Sentinel. TO A HOWLING DOG.

Confound your noise, ye howling cur, It raises on my head the fur, My hair I feel begin to stir, To hear your note;— I wish a huge pine knot or burr, Was in your throat:

For, it is said, in truth, I fear, It augurs no good luck to hear Incessantly, and loud and near, A howling dog;— I pray you then to disappear, In silent jog.

Whence is it, on each clear calm night, When moon and stars shed forth their light, And all forbid, in splendor bright, A cloud to scowl, That 'tis your horrible delight To raise a howl,—

And such a constant yelping keep, That 'tis in vain I try to sleep, And often thro' the lattice peep, And gladly would Make you in bitter earnest weep, If well I could.

Is it because you are alone, Thus to the moon you make your moan, Or is your master dead and gone, Or run away? Then take his track and follow on, Both night and day.

If, as I said, it augurs ill, To my next neighbors gate or sill, Remove yourself and take your fill, And howl till day, For sorely 'tis against my will That here you stay.

But if in vain I write and rail, And quiet means cannot prevail Your loud and piercing cry to quell, And hush your tongue, I'll try if brick-bats will avail To change your song. R.

PARADISE.

When from the bowers where pleasures grew, The Angel Adam drove; His beauteous partner quitted too, Content with him to rove.

And since, all travellers have said, No trace they can explore— They're right, when lovely woman fled, 'Twas Paradise no more.

THE NEWSPAPER PRESS.

In the debate on Mr. CLAY'S appeal to the House, Mr. FOSTER, of Georgia, is reported to have used the following expressions:

"Such unhappily, in this country, is the condition of the press, (that palladium of liberty) that no man can appeal to it without a sense of dishonor. He cannot come forward, there and say, I join issue in this charge, without exposing himself to derision by entering into competition with newspapers which utter falsehood and truth according to the object in view. He was ashamed to state it to the House, but the fact was so that, pending any great election, such was the prostitution of the public press, that there was no knowing what to believe, and it was sufficient to pronounce any charge however gravely made, an electioneering

trick, to stamp it instantly with the seal of falsehood. That press which had been so long the boast of liberty, was in this country no longer a protector of innocence; and it had long since ceased to be the scourge even of the guilty, save as it served to excite the sting of a guilty conscience."

The injustice of this sweeping denunciation of our craft, we should deem it idle to reason against, but as the National Gazette has taken up the subject seriously, we quote from it some very applicable remarks in reply.

"The letter proceeded, be it noted from a member of Congress, and to the members of Congress might be traced most of the reports of corrupt bargain and selfish arrangements at Washington. The excitement and jealousy prevailing in that body are greater than what we observe in the press generally or among the people. There is more likelihood of corruption and prostitution in it than with editors and newspaper writers, to whom embassies, collectorships, &c. are not distributed."

A few days ago, died at Aylesbury, Daniel Humphrey, shoemaker, who, says our informant, "was never known to quarrel with any one in his life." The means which he made use of to accomplish so desirable an end, deserves to be made public. He scarcely ever spoke at all, passing whole days together without opening his lips, except to take in the necessary aliment.

Bucks Gazette.

From a London paper.

Mr. Henry Hunt obtained a verdict of 2000/sterling, against the publishers of the Boston Gazette, printed at Stramford, for a libel which appeared in that paper charging him with imposition in selling roasted corn as a substitute for coffee, and of selling poison in the shape of rye. Mr. Hunt conducted his own cause, and challenged Mr. Scarlett, for the defendant, to prove his statements. He did not, however, attempt this; but merely confined himself, in addressing the jury, to arguments in favor of a mitigation of damages. The jury returned a verdict without leaving the box, which gave great satisfaction to all present. Mr. Hunt then rose from his seat and proceeded very deliberately up to Mr. Scarlett, and with a very courteous air, presented him with a pound of roasted corn. Mr. Scarlett, received the present with great politeness. This excited a loud laugh and much good humor in court.

Miss Foote, the celebrated vocalist, had obtained a verdict of 3000/ sterling of damages for breach of promise of marriage, against Mr. Hayne, a gentleman of property. The trial excited great interest, and the London papers, for two days, are nearly filled with accounts of the proceedings. The most scandalous stories had been circulated respecting Miss Foote, which appear, from the trial, to have been without the least foundation.

Death in England.—Miss Eames aged 18, in consequence of a fright from having a spider thrown on her, which crept down her neck.

Joseph Lancaster....The well known wit of this philanthropic man has always been directed and tending to moral good, fearless of any consequences. A memorable instance of it occur-

red at Dublin Castle, on his first visit to his grace the Duke of Bedford, while viceroy of Ireland. Seated at table, over wine after dinner, by the side of a young bare bosomed Patrician, who thus merrily toasted him, 'Well Friend Lancaster, here's to thy broad brim'd hat!!' (Taking his glass,) rejoined he, 'I am not accustomed to such ceremonies, but as thou dost challenge me to return the compliment: Lady Mary, here's to thy absent handkerchief;' on which she retired, covered with blushes and the laugh against her.

Judicious Defence.—A student of the South Carolina college, being attacked by a Dog as he was strolling through the streets of Columbia, took the liberty of putting an end to the animal's existence by depositing the contents of a loaded pistol in the interior of his caput. The owner of the dog thereupon complained against him to the Faculty. The delinquent was immediately brought up to the Bull Ring (as the Students familiarly term the bar of collegiate Justice) and arraigned for his offence.—He acknowledged the act, but respectfully demanded permission to make his defence, which having been accorded, he made the following impromptu justification of his conduct:—As gentlemen, I was taking one of my nocturnal perambulations for the better preservation of my health, I met one of the canine species, who made an attack upon my outward tabernacle, and lacerated my pedestals; whereupon, I drew forth one of those instruments, which were invented by man for his defence against the hostility of his neighbor, and exoriated the epidermis of his pericranium.' This speech completely unhinged the gravity of his judges, and put them in such a merry humor, that they rewarded his ready wit with a hearty laugh, and dismissed him with impunity.

A Happy Reply.—The late Rev. M. Neil, one of the Ministers of the West Church, when taking a walk in the afternoon, saw an old woman sitting by the road side, evidently much intoxicated, with her bundle lying before her in the mud.—He immediately recognised her to be one of his parishioners. Will you just help me up with my bundle, gude man?" said she, as he stopped—"Fie fie, Janet," said the pastor, "to see the like o' you in such a plight.—Do you know where all drunkards go to?" "Ay, sure," said Janet, "they just go whar a drap o' gude drink is to be got."

ON CONVERSATION.

Good nature is more agreeable in conversation than wit, and gives a certain air to the countenance, which is more amiable than beauty.

The talent of turning men into ridicule, and exposing those we converse with, is the qualification of little ungenerous tempers. The greatest blemishes are often found in the most shining characters. But what an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attention on his infirmities; to observe his imperfections more than his virtues!

When young, we trust ourselves too much, and we trust others too little when old.—Rashness is the error of youth,

timid caution of age. Manhood is the isthmus between the two extremes; the ripe, the fertile season of action, when alone we can hope to find the head to contrive, united with the hand to execute.

Rare Productions.—Mr. Lewis W. Taliaferro of Caroline Co. Va. raised this season a Beet, weighing 19 lbs. and measuring 28 inches in circumference! Mr. Richard H. Cooke raised in his garden at Bacon Castle, Surry Co. a Carrot weighing 10 lbs. 17 inches in length, and 15 in circumference!

Well done!—Mr. Lewis H. Foote, of Elkton, Md. killed a hog on Monday week, which weighed 533 pounds. The weight of this hog on the 20th March last was 70 pounds—making an increase of four hundred and sixty-three pounds in two hundred and seventy days!

Ladies' Fancy Goods.

MRS. SNEDER, mantua maker and milliner, has the pleasure of informing the ladies in this place and its vicinity, that she has made arrangements to receive the latest fashions direct from New-York, and also a constant supply of the various articles in her line of business—she has now on hand, or expects to receive in a few days—

Leighorn flats and gipseys, Ladies' head dresses and Crazy Jane caps, Silks and satins, gimps, Rose trimmings for dresses, An elegant assortment of ribbons, curls, &c. &c.

All of which will be sold at reduced prices. January 6.

Twenty five Dollars

REWARD.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, on Saturday night last, a bright complexioned negro man, named

AUSTIN,

About six feet in height, well built, hair inclined to being bushy, and about thirty-five years old; the thumb of his right hand is at present sore, affected by whitlow; one of his hands, wrist, and one side of his face is scarred in consequence of being burnt when young; he can read and write tolerable well and has some knowledge of figures; he talks much through his nose; he is a good rough carpenter and an excellent field hand. Said negro had on when he ran away, a suit of brown homespun; and took with him a considerable quantity of other clothing; he is a cunning, artful fellow and will probably attempt to pass as a free man; it is probable he will be accompanied by a white woman with whom he was intimate, and who has left the neighborhood. The above reward will be paid for his delivery to me, or secured in any jail so that I can get him again.

Joel Harris.

Halifax co. Feb. 16, 1825. 48-tf

A Carpenter.

I WILL hire out, either by the month or for the balance of the year, an excellent Negro Carpenter, with a good set of tools.

Wm. B. Lockhart.

Feb. 4. 1825. 48-tf.

NOTICE,

To all persons concerned.

THE Subscriber hereby gives public notice, that Wm. B. Eaton purchased of him a Tract of Land, lying in this county, known and called by the name of the JUSTISS' TRACT, for which said tract of land, a part of the purchase money, amounting to \$1700, is still due and unpaid. All persons are therefore hereby cautioned against buying said land, for I shall claim of the purchaser the above sum, with interest, in case the same is not duly paid by the said Wm. B. Eaton.

ROBERT FREEAR.

Halifax, Dec. 28, 1824. 41tf

Printing neatly executed

New Goods.

THE Subscribers have just received their fall supply of Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, Boots, Hats, &c.

Also, about 250 bushels prime Turks Island SALT—all of which will be sold at reduced prices, for Cash or country produce.

J. & J. W. Simmons.

Halifax, Dec. 9.

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.

Those who buy medicine at his office will have all prescriptions gratis, unless required in writing. January 6.

Dr. Thomas E. Shell,

HAVING located himself, respectfully offers his professional services to the public, being assured that if indefatigable attention and moderate charges should be an inducement, he will share a portion of public patronage. He has rented the establishment lately in the occupancy of Mr. M. T. Purnell, near Gee's old store.

Feb. 9. 1825. 48-3t.

Notice.

THE unequalled horse NAPOLEON will stand the ensuing season at Dr. David Dancy's, in Tarboro', N. C. Terms made known in due season.

Tarboro', Jan. 18, 1825. 44-tf

Notice.

THE Subscriber will sell, on a credit of one or two years, his interest in the

LANDS & MILL

Of his deceased brother, James Bradley, and in the dower right of his mother. I will also sell the land which I now hold in possession, and my interest in the mill known as Bradley's mill. A part of these lands is in Mush Island, and is well adapted to the culture of cotton, corn, &c. At the mill there is a good dwelling house and usual out houses.

John G. Bradley.

January 27. 45-tf

NOTICE.

AT the late November term of Halifax County Court, the Subscriber qualified as administrator to the estate of JAMES W. ALSTON, deceased. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment, and the creditors of the same are hereby notified to present their claims duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law.

Willis W. Alston, Admr.

Nov. 16, 1824. 35-3m

Notice

THE Subscriber having commenced a

SCHOOL,

At Littleton, takes this method of informing the Public that he will be able to attend to the tuition of ten or twelve more pupils than he has at present, in the English, Latin, and Greek languages, together with the elementary branches of the Mathematics, at the rate of \$12 per session for each scholar. The academic year will be divided into two sessions, with a vacation of one month. Board can be obtained in Mr. Little's, and other families in the neighborhood, at Thirty Five Dollars per session, payable in advance.

Singleton J. M. Cooke.

Littleton, Warren co. } 45-tf
Jan. 12, 1825. }