

## Miscellaneous.



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To Miss L. B. who requested that Marmion would continue to write poetry.

Why bid my simple lyre awake  
For thee, its wild untutor'd lay?  
What welcome offering can it make?  
What can its wild, sad murmurs say?

True, I might wish on thee conferr'd,  
All that thy heart would prize most dear;  
But the warm wish that's never heard,  
Is often, not the less sincere.

And I might strive, to win thy praise,  
By all the eloquence of art,  
But will not Friendship's genuine lays,  
Best please thy warm ingenuous heart.

And I might sing, "Forget me not,"  
But well I know 'twould be in vain;  
For this brief song will be forgot,  
By her whose heart inspires the strain.

For varying scenes, and changing years,  
Will bring their changes to thy mind;  
And all that fancy now endears,  
Will pass—nor leave a trace behind.

Yet no! I cannot, will not deem,  
My lay will be so soon forgot;  
Dream on—my trusty spirit, dream—  
Breathe my wild muse—"Forget me not."  
MARMION.

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### ACROSTIC.

Must I then confess I love thee still,  
Am still controll'd and govern'd by thy will;  
Raised by thy smile & lower'd by thy frown,  
Yes, tis a truth I am compell'd to own.

Why not then accept a heart so true,  
It beats and throbs alone for you;  
Long I've experienced the ardent flame,  
Long I've my feelings tried to tame—  
I still do love you, I assure you,  
And that I do most sincerely;  
Must love thee still, and only thee,  
So long as heaven on earth will spare me.  
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### LOVE.

"Love that is but slightly grounded,  
Separation soon may cure;  
'Tis a dream on fancy founded,  
Wanting substance to endure.

True affection lasts the longer,  
When its brightest hours are o'er;  
Parting sorrows bind it stronger—  
Memory but endears it more.

Dearest then the tender sorrow,  
Teaching passion to endure;  
Which can strength from memory borrow,  
Loves—but never hopes a cure."  
NARCISSUS.

**General Assembly.**—The installation of Governor BURTON took place on Friday, 29th ult. in the Commons Hall, where both branches of the Legislature had assembled, according to usage. Immediately after the oaths of office were administered, the Governor made the following address:

**Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Commons:**

This being the last opportunity I shall have of addressing you, standing in that relation which I at present occupy, I should consider myself wanting in every generous and manly feeling, not to be sensible, and frankly to acknowledge, the kind indulgence so repeatedly manifested, by so respectable and intelligent a portion of my fellow-citizens, as those who compose the Legislature of our State.

That I have often erred, in the discharge of my official duties, there can be no doubt. Of this fact I am sufficiently admonished, by a knowledge of my own weakness and infirmities. I will then, ask what has been your conduct towards me? Have I met the stern frown of a relentless tyrant—or

the smiles of an indulgent parent, willing to forget and forgive, and hope the best for the future? Let the frequent renewal of your confidence answer this question. Being unwilling to tax your patience, knowing the many important subjects which claim your valuable time, I will take my leave, hoping that future generations may with pleasure and delight, trace the origin of their happiness and prosperity, from the wise measures of the present Legislature.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.

**Cold Weather.**—We rarely witness in this climate more intense cold than has been experienced here during the whole of the last week. We have not noticed the thermometer, but are certain it must have been unusually low. In Charleston, on the 28th ult. Fahrenheit's thermometer was down at 12 degrees; and, in Petersburg, on the 1st inst. a thermometer, on being placed in the open air, immediately fell to 20 below the freezing point. James River was frozen over as low as City Point; and, as another fact to show the general and excessive coldness of the weather, such is the strength of the ice on the Roanoke, that it has, for a day or two, answered the purpose of a well-arched bridge. The stage, we are informed, crossed it on Tuesday last. This is a circumstance, we believe, which has not taken place since the year '33.—*Star.*

**Georgia.**—The Legislature of Georgia, previous to its recent adjournment, appropriated \$120,000 for the improvement of the rivers, and abolished the District System law and the Board of Public Works. The Report lately made by Mr. Fulton to that body, and which was so highly bepraised, is said, by the Georgia Statesman, to be all borrowed from Rees' Cyclopaedia.

Several murders have lately been committed by the Seminole Indians, and report says that a large party of that nation are under arms and determined on war. The Legislature promptly authorized the Governor to adopt such measures of defence as he may deem proper.

**The Navy.**—The United States Navy contains 12 ships of the line, 17 frigates of the first class, 3 of the second, 16 sloops of war, 4 schooners, of 12 guns each, and 3 receiving ships.

**Treasury Report.**—The Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, recently laid before Congress, states that the National Debt has been reduced fifty millions in ten years. The expenditures for 1827, are estimated at \$20,703,000, which will leave a balance of receipts over the expenditures, of \$2,300,000. The imports of 1826, amounted in value to \$85,000,000, and the exports are estimated at \$78,000,000.

**West Point Academy.**—The whole number of Cadets who have been graduated at the Military Academy at West Point, since its first establishment in 1802, up to July 1825, is 428, of whom 333 have been graduated since 1812.

Of the whole number, 261 are now in the army, forming more than half the number of its officers; 3 are in the civil service; 9 have been killed in battle; and 33 have died in service—45 of the whole number have been attached to the corps of engineers; 249 to the artillery and ordnance; and 134 to other corps.

**Patent Office.**—Four thousand patents have been obtained under the patent law of the United States; two thousand models, ingeniously executed, are presented in the model rooms of the Patent Office at Washington. Bridges of various constructions, steam engines, boats, ploughs of every form, carriages of all kinds, bedsteads, chairs, chimneys, cooking apparatus, salt works, glass works, clocks, machines for making hats, shirts and shoes, nail machines, slittings irons, brewing, distilling, carpeting, nautical instruments, mills to be moved by wind or water, locks, improved rigging for ships, window blinds, cotton presses, rice cleaners, corn shellers, pumps, rail roads, and docks, are among the specimens deposited there. A more ample space is wanted for their exhibition. Twenty or thirty models are crowded on a shelf not more than three feet long and half as deep. More than one thousand patents were issued during the last five years.

**Liberia.**—A vessel is about to sail from Baltimore (and will touch at Norfolk) for Liberia, and will take out as many emigrants as her burthen will allow her to receive. This is an excellent opportunity to communicate with the American Colony in Africa, and those who wish to do so, should lose no time in forwarding their letters to the Society's Office in Washington.

**Bachelors.**—Mr. Reneau lately introduced a bill in the Legislature of Tennessee, by which it is made the duty of the Sheriff of each county, to make an annual return of every man who shall have attained the age of thirty without marrying; and also of all his property, on which a tax of twenty-five per cent. is to be laid, and the fund thereby created, by the provisions of the bill, is to be divided among such unmarried ladies as have reached the age of twenty-five. The bill further provides, that if any Bachelor suffers himself to be returned three times, he shall thenceforward be deemed incorrigible and the tax increased to fifty per cent. The bill passed with great unanimity the House of Representatives, but the Senate ordered it to lie on the table for thirty years. [What a pity!]

**Northern Cotton.**—The Eastern States have lately introduced the culture of Sweet Potatoes, and wonderful stories have been told of the large roots of this vegetable raised on the banks of the Connecticut. It seems that they are now trying the same experiment with the Cotton Plant, not without some prospect of success. A Worcester (Mass.) paper mentions that several bales of Cotton have been raised in the garden of

Daniel Waldo, of that town, the wool of which is perfectly ripe and of good staple.

**Lottery Gambling.**—A police report in a Philadelphia paper sets in a strong light the consequences of this practice. An old man of good appearance and well dressed, was brought up on a charge of assault and battery, and charged in picking the pocket of a drunken Irishman. In answer to the questions put to him by the Mayor, the prisoner declared "he was nearly sixty years of age—that he was reduced to poverty and desperation by gambling in lotteries—that he had within the last forty years spent twenty-three thousand dollars, or more than \$500 a year, and that he had never drawn a prize of any importance."

**Rare Species of Man.**—In the late Liverpool papers, a man, covered with scales, of a substance similar to horn, is advertised for show. His face, the palms of his hands, and the soles of his feet, are alone free from this covering: the rest of his body is enveloped in scales, which in some places are half an inch in length, and which are so hard and firm, that when ruffled by the finger they rattle like pebbles shaken together. The advertisement states that he has been exhibited before the greatest monarchs in the world, among whom were the late Emperor of Russia and the Grand Seignior.

**Cure for the Tooth-Ache.**—Alum, reduced to an impalpable powder, two drachms; nitrous spirit of aether, seven drachms; mix and apply them to the tooth.

### A List of Letters,

Remaining in the Post-Office at Halifax, N. C. on the 1st January, 1827, which if not taken out before the 1st of April next, will be sent to the General Post-Office at dead letters.

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