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A TRAPPER & PROBLEMSOME TONGUE

Sheridan was very much annoyed by a fellow member of the House of Commons who kept trying out every new book or paper to describe a political controversy that wished to play the rogue, but had a sense enough to play the fool.

Where, explained he with great emphasis, where shall we find a more fool than or more knavish fool than he?—Hear I hear! was shouted by the troublesome member. Sheridan turned round and thanked him for the prompt information, and sat down amid a roar of laughter.

The best termination of a duel we ever read of. Two gentlemen residing in Cork, on terms of great intimacy, were kindly sent together by a miscellaneous acquaintance, and a duel was decided on.

The parties met, both fired their pistols in the air, and had an amicable conversation; the result of which was, that they both set to and drubbed the man who had meddled.

HEAVY SENTENCE. A man was recently sentenced to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary, in Mississippi, for stealing goods of the value of 30 cents.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE. The Romney (Va.) Intelligencer, speaking of the murder of Orndorff by McDonald, a few weeks ago, in Hampshire county, relates a strange coincidence.

McDonald was robbing Lockmiller's house when Orndorff came up, and he shot him for fear of being detected. Fifty years ago McDonald's grandfather, near the identical spot, was robbing the house of a Mr. Lupton, when Lupton's three little children came upon him, and for fear of detection, he murdered, as he supposed, all of them, but fortunately one lived to testify against him, and he was hung.

THE "MONSTER WEDDING"

The New York evening Post of the 6th says as follows in reference to the great wedding that, according to the newspapers, is soon to take place at the St. Nicholas Hotel in New York.

Judge Conklin and his daughters were guests of the hotel about a month ago, and nothing was heard at that time, or after, of any intended marriage feast there or elsewhere, in which they were interested.

There is to be a small wedding party at the St. Nicholas some time during the present month. A gentleman named Lawrence of Kentucky, is to be married to a Southern lady, and the wedding party will come to the north and stop a few days at the St. Nicholas. About fifty rooms have been partially engaged for the party.

Thirteen and bridegroom and their friends will afterwards leave the city for Saratoga and other places of summer resort. This is the nearest approximation to the "Monster Wedding" of which the proprietors of the St. Nicholas have any knowledge.

HORRID DEATH. The Darville Register says that Hon. Dr. Averett, late representative from the Halifax District, in Congress, came to his death by accidental burning.

On Friday week he returned to an office in the yard, shortly after supper, and lay down on the bed with his clothes on. By some means or other the flame of the candle communicated with the bed clothes, and from them to the cloth of the deceased.

A neighbor passing by discovered an unusual brilliant light in the room, rushed to the office, and on entering it found Dr. A. standing in the middle of the room, with his person enveloped in flames. On extinguishing the flames, his person was so burnt and charred, that he survived only a few minutes. His daughter had been married the day before.

A WONDERFUL FLOWER

At the late meeting of the Natural Historical Society, at Newark, N. J., Dr. Isaiah Deck exhibited a wonderful flower. Its characteristics are that when dry it is struck and apparently dead, but when it is immersed in a glass of water for a few days, the upper petals or lobes of the flower gradually swell and expand, and throwing themselves back in a magnificent order, assume the appearance of a beautiful, radiated starry flower, so that, resembling the daisy or sunflower, in that respect, it is not unlike the appearance of a sunflower.

It is not known to what species it belongs, but it is believed to be a new one, and is highly interesting.

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