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For the purpose of gratifying the town, we publish the following account of a private party which came off a few evenings since:

THE "DOINGS," SATURDAY NIGHT.

Decidedly one of the richest affairs which have ever "come off" in our village took place last Saturday night, at Mrs. Binford's. The young ladies and gentlemen of town concluded to get up a sort of masquerade, and knowing the unequalled hospitality of the lady just mentioned, they determined to hold the party at her splendid residence, she, of course, being understood to be perfectly "willin'," and in favor of the fun.

The idea was, for the young ladies and gentlemen aforesaid to represent the personal appearance of many "distinguished individuals," both in history and romance. As well as we can remember, the following were the announcements, as made by Julius Caesar Hannibal, in the true polite style.

Selim and Zuleika, by Mr. Aaron Blair and Miss Loring. Morning Star, Morning, and Evening, by Miss Maggie Johnson, Miss Sperry, and Miss Mary Earl. Sir John Falstaff, and Mistress Anne Page—Wasson and Miss Gilmore. Earl of Argyle and Lady, Midshipman Morgan and Miss Mary Ingersoll. Don Quixote and his Dulcinea del Toboso—Beadle and Miss A. Earl. Two Flower Girls—Miss H. Elston and Miss Winn. Earl of Leicester and Mary, Queen of Scots—Braden and Miss Sue Jennison. Rowena and Rebecca—Miss Sue Ingersoll and Miss Holton. Gen. Jackson and Lady—Hanna and Miss Defrees. Dr. Franklin and Lady—N. Morgan and Miss Sue Ramey. The President of the Underground Railroad, and his lady—Geo. Brown and Miss Herndon. Sam Slick and wife—Davis and Mrs. Key Wilson. Widow Bedott, by Miss Johnson. Paul Pry, by Mick—Indian Chief, by Crawford. Rocky Mountain Bee Hunter, by Sweetser. American Tar, by E. Binford. Mrs. Partington, by Mrs. Bryant. Colored fortune-teller, by Mrs. —White do., by Jack Morgan, in petticoats—Chinaman, by Elston—Nun, by Miss Crawford. George Washington Andrew Jackson Henry Clay Smith, of Boone County, by Dar. Brown—Dutchman, by Cassell. The Marchioness D'Yrujo, by Miss Andrews, and Miss C. M. Sedgwick, by Miss Willson.

It is quite possible that some have been omitted, but the above is certainly not deficient in variety, and the scenes presented during the evening ran through all the phases between the grave and the gay, the lively predominating in the fun of Sam Slick and Mr. Smith of Boone. Sam was quite perfect, and, if possible, Smith beat him. Sir Jack, generally by the side of Anne Page, was full of fun—all he wanted was "room!" Mary, Queen of Scots, remarkable for her beauty, might well have envied the beauty of her representative—Rowena, the last representative of the pure Saxo dynasties, could not object to the dignified bearing of "Sue," unless a sly laugh in the sleeve derogated from the character. Zuleika was beautiful as a dream of an Oriental poet. Mrs. Partington was perfect, and so was Widow Bedott. Gen. Jackson reminded us of the elder day, when to be a Jackson man were greater than a king, and Mrs. Jackson quite filled our idea of the American lady of the old style. The Chinaman was selling "rats for pies," but we couldn't understand a word he said! He was evidently a true imperial, however. Binford finely represented the American Tar. The Duke and Duchess of Argyle wore the Highland costume out and out—a fine looking couple. But we cannot particularize further. Suffice it, that all went merry as a marriage bell—that those who got up the entertainment, and all who participated in it, are justly entitled to every praise both for design and execution—that Mrs. Binford is a glorious mine hostess, and that such Saturday nights as last Saturday night, only come once in a thousand years. So all "the outsiders" told.

LINK ENSALE.

THE LAFAYETTE COURIER.—This paper has changed hands. WM. R. ELLIS, the former proprietor having sold his interest to W. S. LINGLE. It comes to us considerably enlarged, and in many respects materially improved. Mr. LINGLE is an able and experienced journalist, as his former connection with the Lafayette Journal has fully proved. High toned in character, and with a mind elevating above the silly bickering of scandalous personalities, he cannot fail to impart to its columns a dignity of tone and an elegance of sentiment. Although differing essentially with Mr. L. in political matters, yet he has our kindest wishes for his future success, which we hope and trust will be entirely pecuniary, at least, until he ceases to advocate the dogmas of bogus Republicanism.

The people of Columbus, Ohio, had a festival on the 6th inst., to celebrate the completion of their State Capitol, which has been seventeen years in building, and has cost over \$1,000,000.

We notice that Mr. O. P. Hamilton & Co., have completed their extensive flouring mills and ware house, in the town of Brookston. The apparatus and machinery of their mills is all new, and they are prepared to fill all orders with promptness and dispatch.

The Louisville Times says that most of the young ladies of that city are under promise of marriage. They have been going off at the rate of half a dozen a day for the last two months.

BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA.

There are many persons, no doubt, who have never heard the origin of this often quoted passage; for them, and others who may have, perhaps, forgotten the subject, we copy the following article, which tells the whole mournful story:

Lord Clive, while a Colonel of the British army, commenced his career as founder of the British empire in India. Full of honors and wealth he returned to England, but, being defeated in getting into Parliament, in 1775 sailed, under the King's command, again for India, the company appointing him to the governorship of Fort St. David. But the very day he stepped into the gubernatorial chair at Madras, the Bengal Nabob took Calcutta. Then came that chapter of unheard of cruelty, familiar to every child who has learned to read his story books. The tragedy of the Black Hole occurred in 1756, just a hundred years ago.

The dungeon was but twenty feet square. Midsummer heat was parching in India. The little garrison thought it all a joke when they were ordered to go in, but to refuse was to die, for Sarajahul Dowla's orders must be obeyed. Prolonged suffering was better than instant death; they entered, one hundred and forty-six in all. The door was closed, the small aperture admitted neither light nor air. When they began to exchange breaths the stinging truth burst upon them. The air already was almost putrid; they shrieked, they yelled in mortal agony; they screamed for water, and then killed each other over the cup which was passed through the grating. While the poor prisoners were biting and squeezing each other's life away—gasping for air, for water, for anything to relieve them of their agony, the jailors laughed and danced in pure delight. Holmei, the highest in rank, offered the jailor heavy bribes; but no, the Nabob was sleeping, and no one dared to awake him. In the morning, when the debauch was slept away, he ordered the dungeon door to be opened, and out staggered twenty-three swollen, distorted living corpses! One hundred and thirty-three were piled up—a putrefying mass of men—all shapes and forms were represented in the death struggle. The English woman who survived was sent to the harem of the Prince of Moorsheadabad. Holmei was saved and tells the tale. The dead were buried on the spot, but the harrowing picture did not move in the least the horrible deed reached Clive, and the celebrated battle of Plassey was the result. The Nabob thought it was a fool-hardy thing to trifle with the feelings of Englishmen. The soldiers fought like bull dogs; revenge stimulated them on, and the Nabob's army of sixty thousand strong was broken like a reed. Clive lost but twenty-two men.

BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.

The following waflet on the "sea of reading," we clip from an exchange. We do not know its paternity, but it contains some wholesome truths beautifully set forth: "Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadow falls across their own path, hiding forever from their eyes the traces of the loved ones whose living smiles was the sunlight of their existence. Death is the great antagonist of life, and the cold thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valley, although its passages may lead to paradise, and, with Charles Lamb, we do not want to lie down in the muddy grave, even with kings and princes for our bedfellows. But the flat of nature is inexorable. There is no appeal of relief from the great law which dooms us to dust. We flourish and we fade as the leaves of the forest, and that flower that blossoms and withers in a day has not a fairer hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his footsteps. Generations of men appear and vanish as the grass, and the countless multitude that throngs the world to-day will to-morrow disappear as the footsteps on the shore."

In the beautiful drama of Ion, the instinct of immortality, so eloquently uttered by the death devoted Greek, finds a deep response in every thoughtful soul. When about to yield his existence as a sacrifice to fate, his beloved Clemen asks if they shall not meet again, to which he replies: "I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that look eternal, of the clear streams that flow eternal, of the stars among whose fields of azure my raised spirit hath walked in the glory. All were dumb. But while I gazed upon thy living face, I feel that there is something in the love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemen."

It is a wise saying that "truth is stranger than fiction," and it requires not a very scrutinizing observance of passing events and every day transactions to be convinced of its correctness. Fiction or falsehood may be moulded to suit the inimitable prejudices and blind bigotry of any one; but truth, though conning with all the force of justice and rectitude must sometimes be thrust aside, and be compelled to give way to falsehood, because it is more congenial to the perverse tendency of a corrupted mind. Such may be the fate of truth here presented, but with a strong confidence in the old adage, that "truth is mighty and must prevail," we venture to assert these facts: That Hannah & Cassell sell Clothing cheaper than any other establishment—that their clothing is better made than any other, and are all of good, substantial and durable goods. Any person doubting these assertions (and every body else) will please call at their establishment on Main street, Crawfordville, Ind., and examine for themselves and be convinced.

A bridge is now being built across the Upper Mississippi, at St. Paul, Minnesota. It is to be one thousand three hundred feet in length, resting upon nine piers—the highest of which are seventy feet above high-water mark, so as to enable the largest boat to pass under without difficulty. The greatest span will be two hundred and twenty feet; sufficiently wide to allow the largest raft to pass without coming in contact with its abutments. The whole cost of the work will be near \$120,000.

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WAR IN THE EAST.

There is a formidable war brewing far in the East, or rather in the centre of the old continent of Asia, among those States which we of the Western World (including modern Europe) are wont to remember and think of as mythical nations of antiquity, to be read of in the old histories of the Greeks, and only to be visited by curious travelers, intent on the disinterment of those quaint vestiges of a once powerful and highly civilized race, which serve to fill ponderous tomes so eagerly sought after by those who delight in using "old bones to knock down live flesh," as some satirist quaintly describes the antiquarian tribe.

The long buried Persians, who were far advanced in luxury and civilization when Athens and Sparta were just entered upon their heroic age, have recently risen from their graves of three thousand years, thrown off their cerements, and asserted their reality and existence as a nation of people in a manner which shows that they have forgotten the severe lessons they received so many years ago on the plains of Marathon and at Plataea. They are again arrayed against a powerful warrior tribe, which has emerged from barbarism long since they turned the zenith of their power and greatness, a tribe which, in its ambition and in its career, has followed closely the track of the Macedonian who once swept like a tornado over the old nations of Asia.

Step by step has the audacious Briton stretched his arms into the bowels of Asia, swallowing State after State, buying up this monarch, coercing and debauching that, until his empire has expanded into a territory upon which, it may be said, as was vaunted of old Rome, the sun never sets. A few months ago the King of five millions of people, living nearly in the centre of Asia, was dethroned by an edict of the East India Company, on the ground that he did not regard with sufficient care the rights of his subjects and of his kingdom. Thenceforward this people became British subjects. Meantime Russia—justly alarmed at these strides of British power toward its own eastern boundaries—has taken steps to establish a counter influence, and arrest British ambition in its remorseless expansion. Near the Afghanistan States, where British intrigue and wealth have been most zealously employed in furtherance of her aggrandizing policy, lies the old kingdom of Persia.

Here Russia has established her influence on the most permanent basis, and has enjoyed peculiar favor and kindness, having purchased from Persia various sections of territory and valuable towns, that were important to the defense of her eastern borders. This policy has placed Russia in a position which would enable her to threaten the English Possessions in India, and in case of war, to pour into that region a body of troops far greater than any Britain would ever be able to assemble there. And yet this great peril does not alarm John Bull. He has rushed very recklessly into a war with Persia, on account of some pretended alliance, offensive and defensive, with a drunken Afghanistan chief, who has drawn upon himself the vengeance of Persia. This latter State has a good army, officered by European commanders, and abundant means, and shows a bold front to the menacing British. General Outram had taken up the case from London for the scene of difficulty. Meantime Russia is advancing a powerful force toward the Persian line. This vast and powerful Empire will here enjoy great advantage over her recent foe on a field where her power was greatly circumscribed. If she backs Persia, there will be stirring times in the neighborhood of Herat, and the disgrace of Sebastopol may yet be wiped out on the shores of the Caspian.—*Cin. Eng.*

A MISDEAL IN LOVE.—The Keokuk "Gate City" relates the following:

Ed. H. paid his addresses to Rosa, a daughter of Dr. P., of this city, but his suit was not favored by her parents, and she was driven to make clandestine appointments with her darling Ed. One of these eventuated finally enough. Ed. was to come to the house and wait outside until the lights were turned off, and then she would quietly let him in. The evening came, and Rosa thought her parents never would retire. But after a while the Dr. sought his night cap, and Rosa slipped out into the back parlor and sat down in the dark. Her mother thinking all the rest had gone to bed, lit a lamp, turned off the gas, and went upstairs. But while she was standing in the hall, at the head of the stairs, she heard a gentle rap on the door. Fearing that the wind would blow out her only light she thoughtfully sat it down in the hall, and descended to the door by its uncertain light. As she threw open the door in rushed Ed., and seizing her in his arms, began such a siege of kissing as prevented her from crying out for aid. Poor Ed. did not discover his mistake until he had called her his darling Rosa about ninety times, and received upon his face a blow in exchange for each kiss. But hearing himself called an impudent villain, he ineffectually fled the house, as greatly chagrined as Mrs. P. was angry persistence won the mother to his favor, is not stated, but Ed. and Rosa were shortly married, with the full consent of the parents. It proved with Ed.'s love making as it often does in cards, a misdeal change the luck.

CHURCH DIFFICULTIES.—The New York Herald says, that one of the most fashionable and exclusive churches in the Fifth avenue:

Is now in a tight place, financially speaking. It is heavily indebted, and in danger of being sold out by the sheriff. It is a Baptist church, but the preacher, is not exactly the type of him who preached in the wilderness of Judea. His raiment is not of camel's hair, but of the finest broad cloth; his meat is something more elaborate than locusts and wild honey; the water in his Jordan comes from far away in the country, and is carefully warmed for fear that the faithful might take cold in immersion. He does not cry "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," but he preaches pleasant dulcet discourses, showing the whitest hands—the most immaculate of pocket handkerchiefs—the most splendid of ambrosial curls. He is a sweet preacher for the ladies, and thoroughly understands the dilettantism of modern Christianity. Decidedly, John the Baptist would be astonished at his Fifth avenue representative. It is to be hoped that the bulls and bears of Wall street will forget their quarrels for awhile, and come down handsomely for the relief of the modern John the Baptist.

THE DYING BOY.

Pillowed on a downy bed Lay a little weary head: Cold dew on the forehead fair, Moistening the soft brown hair; Pale, sweet, quivering lips apart, And a faintly beating heart, Told that death, unsparring death, Soon would stay life's feeble breath.

Evening filled the silent room With a fast lingering ray From the half closed eyes of day, With a dreamy languid light, Seemed to bid the world good night; Then dark clouds came rolling by, Spreading onward o'er the sky.

Bowed by grief that seemed to be Voiceless from intensity, Motionless as sculptured stone, The father sat and watched alone; Haggard were his looks and wild Fixed intently on the child; Every earthly hope and joy Fading, dying, with his boy.

Slowly, surely ebb'd life's tide, Heaven's gates were opening wide, To those accents, low yet clear, Quick he bent with eager ear; For the hands (twin snowdrops) lay Folded seemingly to pray, And the lips devoted were Murmuring a childish prayer.