

MISCELLANY.

FOR THE PALLADIUM.

FORGET ME NOT.

Go youth beloved, to distant glades,
New friends, new hopes, new joys to find;
Yet sometimes deign midst fairer maid's
To think of her thou leavest behind:
Thy love, thy fate, dear youth to share,
Can never be my happy lot;
But wilt thou grant this humble pray'r?
Forget me not! forget me not!

But should the thoughts of my distress,
Too painful to thy bosom be;
Heed not the wish I now express,
Or ever deign to think of me;
But oh! if grief thy steps attend,
If pain, if sickness, be thy lot
And thou require a soothing friend,
Forget me not! forget me not!

MATILDA.

ILL NOT FORGET.

Yes, we must part, 'tis fate decrees!—
Our canvas now begins to swell,
And as we glide before the breeze,
Our flag still waves a kind farewell:—
But say not charmer—lovely fair
That we can be united never!

That thought would rouse the fiend despair
And blight my fondest hopes forever.

What though o'er trackless seas I roam,
And many maidens fair I find;
Still will I turn to "HOME SWEET HOME,"
And sigh for her I left behind:—
Then lovely girl, to me be true,
The hour will come when we are blest;
Hope's buoyant wings will bear me thro',
And soothe the sorrows of my breast.

EDWIN.

WITCHCRAFT.

The editor of the Nantucket Inquirer is well known for his good wit and his good sense. The following playful satire upon what may still be (though in rare instances) a popular superstition amongst us, is from his pen:

It was on the morning of the 15th ult. that Messieurs Tobias Snudge and Eliakim Gukkins, with their fowling piece, aslope upon their right shoulders, were perambulating the westernmost point of our island, known as Mattekutt, and lying some two or three leagues from town. It was a lovely hour. There was a balm in the air and quietude upon the surface of the deep; the sun cast sidelong glances athwart sea and land; the plovers began to whistle, and the gnats to frolic—and the far off gulls were wheeling and floundering with ecstasy above and around the green and glassy plains that stretched hither and yon within the compass of their ken. From the still pond inland, where he had reposed through the night the black duck was soaring forth to the blue heavens; and the very eels seemed to wriggle with the new delight, as the sunbeams dipped smilingly among their muddy caverns and tangled retreats. "I snappers?" exclaimed Mr. Snudge "did you hear that?" "Hear what?" quoth Mr. Gukkins. "Why that noise in the air—it jingles like seventy thousand jews-harps—and look yonder," pointing to the ocean "see that pooqua shell with sail to it, and a broom at mast head" I 'fegs, I seem to hear a noise and now I see the shell," answered Eliakim. They stood gazing at the strange spectacle with fear and trembling, as it drew near to the beach and glided rapidly amidst the sparkling ripples along the coast southwardly against the wind—they watched its rapid course until a huge rock beneath an overhanging headland shut it from their view. Presently they beheld in the distance a tall female figure, striding with gigantic pace over the cliffs and hummocks toward that part of our town called Egypt: whereupon the two sportsmen hastened homeward with anxious and laudable expedition.

Soon was it noised abroad, that a Soothsayer had arrived, and taken up her abode at a ruined and haunted house in Egypt, equi distant from a brick kiln, a grave yard and a windmill. Certain young ladies, edging towards spinsterage, were immediately seized with a most bewitching itching, teasing, solicitude to peep through the key hole of futurity—they longed, alas! and a-lack-aday! to "have their fortunes told." So four or five blooming damsels plucked up courage and agreed to go thither in a body for the ascertainment of their earthly destiny in general, and of their matrimonial chances in particular; for what will not "hope long deferred," and expectation ardently stimulated, bring to pass? They visited the fortune-teller's dark and dreary dwelling, and underwent the process of enchanting most wondrously. The point was soon settled: they are all to be married shortly, and the most earnest of the company is to have two husbands—for which good "fortune" she paid double price.

From that moment, the aged, and the pubescent of both sexes, actuated by an extensive assortment of motives—some burning with curiosity, others with love, and others with avarice—were seen flocking to the fatal temple, where dooms were distributed at one-and-sixpence a piece.—At length an unlucky decree decided the fate of the high priestess herself. She had told a bad fortune; and was summoned before a

magistrate, to be tried for disturbing the peace of the Commonwealth. We have not a copy of the indictment; but it was doubtless framed with due legal precision, with abundance of charges for witchcraft, sorcery, magic, enchantment, soothsaying, fortune-telling, pin-swallowing, broom-riding, and paw-waving—not forgetting the customary allegation against a certain accomplice, viz. "being moved and instigated" by his Diabolical Majesty.

Well, off started the bailiff on his mission, and found the witch as aforesaid, cutting up all manner of signs, omens and befallments in the midst of a goodly assemblage of men, women and children.—There were chalked rings on the floor and sundry unmeaning diagrams on the wall; a pack of cards, a roll of brimstone, snakes' skins, dried toads, wormwood, night-shade, devil's apples and skunk cabbage. In short the old hag-ritten harridan was provided with the whole paraphernalia and pharmacopœa of witchcraft.

On her appearance before the magistrate, she attempted something like special pleading. But the justice was unbewitchable, and sentenced her to prison until the skipper of some craft for Wawquoit, her alleged home, should consent to take her off. Accordingly, the constable hauled her into durance vile. But mark the sequel. The witch was imprisoned on Saturday morning last, the 29th of April.—Aubrey, an old and experienced writer on this subject, declarath that "the witches doe meet on the night before the first of May, upon the Blocksberg in Ascanie, where they, together with the devils, doe dancce and feast;" and as Satan would have it in the present case, this witch, in less than an hour after her committal, was escorted to the wharf, whence she took passage for the very place of her residence. As soon as the vessel had disappeared from the shore, there arose a tremendous hurricane—thunders roared, lightning flashed, winds blew, rain spouted, and darkness prevailed, and the street lamps shed only a sulphurous glimmer; there was also an universal squeaking of pigs, mewing of cats, crowing of cocks, and cackling of hens and gossips. Anon it ceased, and there appeared in the murky horizon, as if drifting into the harbour, a black triangular object, like the ghost of some tempest soared sloop—it approached with the tide; and though haled three several times, no soul on board answered: while away in the north east, near the "northern verge," was discerned something like the figure 4, capsized, in the centre of a blue and yellow halo. This was unquestionably the witch of Wawquoit, posting broom haste for the black parliament at Blocksberg.

TROY, N. Y. Jan. 9.

Kissing goes by favor.—So say the ladies of Rochester, in a very serious communication under the signature of Mothers, Wives, Sisters and Daughters, which appears in the Rochester Telegraph of Dec. 29th; and they add that henceforth they will not be kissed by all the gentlemen indiscriminately, on the first day of Jan. as they say has been practised in that village heretofore. On this point they are imperative—they are not at all pleased with this fashionable practice, and are determined to abolish it. They speak with much feeling of their indignant recollections of last New Year, and, as a general rule, consider it too much for forty or fifty gentlemen to kiss one lady in one day. We are quite of their way of thinking, and admire, more over, their frank and liberal exception to this kissing embargo.—We do not complain, say they, of an appropriate salutation from our intimate friends on occasion of commencing a year. The ladies of Rochester might throw much light on the whole of this difficult subject, which truly has not been so often discussed, in newspaper articles, as its great merit derives.

Major Hook.—This singular character died on Monday se'nnight. By the will of a relation, he was entitled to an annuity 'whilst his wife was above ground.' To fulfil the tenor of this important document, after her death he caused her to be placed in a chamber, her body to be preserved, and a glass case to be put over it.—In this situation it has remained upwards of thirty years.

The Caledonian Mercury gives an account of the most awfully destructive storm of wind and snow that ever devastated the highlands of Perth and Inverness. The loss of human life is deplorable. It being on a market day and the night succeeding, numbers of poor people from the country perished. Eleven bodies had been dug out of the snow. In some parts of the highlands the snow is drifted to the depth of 100 feet. The Caledonian stage, between Perth and Inverness, lay buried in snow.—Immense numbers of sheep had perished, and those which still survived, must soon perish for want of proper sustenance. The loss of shipping on the coast of Scotland was great; in one vessel twenty persons were lost, and in another, the captain and four men.

It was well observed by the sarcastic Greek, that laws resembled spider's webs, which great flies broke thro' while small ones were entangled. We see this every day.

A Riddle.—A gentleman who was paying his addresses to a lady, at length got sufficient courage to ask if they were agreeable to her. She replied, "Stripes," and told the gentleman to transpose the letters so as to form out of them another word, which word was her answer! The reader who can find out the word, never need fear of being non plussed by a lady; those who cannot, must wait till they overcome the difficulty, or may give up all hopes of wooing.

A very awkward Squire, being obliged to mount a horse rather higher than he had been accustomed to ride, exclaimed, while putting his foot in the stirrup, Jupiter assists me;" in, saying this he made so violent an effort that he fell over on the contrary side. "Oh! Jupiter," said he "you gave me more assistance than I asked."

Animals of the Cape of Good Hope.—No country in the world has a greater variety of animals, than those found within the narrow compass of eight degrees of latitude from the Cape. In it exist the largest, as well as the minutest, in numerous classes of zoology. The ostrich, the largest bird, and the creeper, one of the smallest known to man; the elephant and the black streaked mouse, the one weighing four thousand pounds, the other about the fourth part of an ounce; the camelopardalis, the tallest of quadrupeds, and of the astonishing height of seventeen feet, and the little elegant zebra of three inches are found here. In this district which may be called the menagerie of Africa are the hippopotamus, the rhinoceros, the antelope, the beautifully striped zebra, the lion, the leopard, the panther, the tiger-cat, the wolf, the hyena.

An Hebrew tradition on the apparent perplexity in Providence.

When Moses was on the mount, receiving the law from the hand of the Almighty, he not only beheld all God's goodness pass before him in the future glory of the chosen people, but also saw a particular scene which vindicated the ways of the divine majesty to man. From the lofty summit of the sacred hill, the prophet looked towards the valley, where he beheld a great road, by the side of which was a well of water. The first person he saw approaching the fountain, was a man of war in armour, and on horseback. He saluted, and refreshed himself at the well. On his return he chanced to drop a bag of money, and pursued his journey for some time without missing it.

The next object which drew the attention of Moses, was a boy, who having reached the fountain, found the money of the soldier, and went on his way, in a path which parted from the main road.

An old enfeebled man now made his appearance, and having quenched his thirst, sat down on the margin of the well to rest his weary limbs. Here the aged traveller sat a considerable time, so long that the military hero having missed his money, was returned to the fountain before he arose.

The sanguinary soldier seeing the old man, and no one else, without hesitation challenged him with having secreted the bag and its contents. The aged sojourner, trembling and in tears solemnly protested, that he had not seen it; on which the warrior drew his sword and killed him at that instant on the spot.

At this sight Moses was amazed, and fell down before the Almighty, saying, "shall the righteous Lord suffer such an act of injustice in his creation?" The divine Being vouchsafed thus to reply: "O. Moses, thou seest but a part of the ways of Providence. Hadst thou beheld the whole of this scene, thou wouldst have acknowledged the justice in killing the aged man; for know that he was the murderer of the boy's father.

This tale reminds us of the confession of archbishop Cranmer, who was burnt at Oxford in the reign of Queen Mary, of merciless memory. He owned that his punishment was right by the hand of the Almighty, however wrong in the judges and accuser; for said that penitent good prelate at the stake, "Had not I prevailed on my royal master, Henry VIII. to burn an old woman for heresy, Thomas Cranmer would not now have been brought to a similar situation."

A bill has been brought into the Legislature of Virginia, to relieve a Mr. Lynch from the payment of taxes. Mr. L. is the father of 34 legitimate children, of whom 27 are now alive—he has been married four times, and is now a poor man. [27 children, and not one able to support the father!]

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G. H. Dunn, atty.

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