

## MISCELLANY.

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Again, bright Fancy wakes that glorious morn,  
Whose spreading light beheld a nation born;  
That saw our Eagle spread her untaught wing,  
And in the gladness of her Freedom spring;  
Thanks to that Power, who watch'd her infant  
flight.

And nerved her pinions with resistless might,  
Still may she soar, O thou! her being's source;  
Untan'd the boldness of her upward course;

O, in the splendour that surrounds us now,  
Let not our souls to Earth's mean idols bow;  
While songs of triumph from our lips ascend,  
Let not our souls to Passion's thraldom bend.

We talk of Freedom as a prize most dear,  
Its mighty worth should more in deeds appear—  
Our father's toiled this bright reward to gain;  
Their children's virtue must the cause sustain.

To us, bow'd millions in their bondage turn,  
And kindling hopes to brighten promise burn;  
Shall those sweet hopes sink back in darker  
gloom?

That bondage fasted, till it meet the tomb?

It cannot be—this pure and hallowed cause,  
Which rests its strength on Heavens eternal  
laws;

It cannot be—that this soul kindling fire,  
Shall, in the spot that saw its birth, expire.

Our hopes go forth beneath a brighter sky,  
And read the promise of man's destiny;—  
When lawless pow'r shall yield to freedom's  
reign;

Life's dearest blessing, for a slavish chain:—  
When freedom's sun shall mount her destin'd  
way,

"And warm the nations with redoubled ray;"  
A tyrant pow'r shall perish with its throns,  
And Earth redeem'd one mighty sway shall  
own.

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From the Ohio State Journal.  
NOTES ON OHIO.—NO. 1.

The State of Ohio lies between the parallels of 38 degs. and 42 degs. north latitude, and between three degs. and 30 min. and 7 degs. 40 min. west longitude from Washington. The first Europeans who visited this region, were the French. In 1630, La Salle, a Frenchman, started on an expedition, and passing up Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair and Huron and cruising along Lake Michigan, he disembarked near where fort Chicago now stands. He crossed the intermediate country between that place and the Illinois river. He descended that stream to its mouth. Descending the Mississippi he arrived at length at its mouth, after passing through many dangers and great hardships. Going home to France he returned by sea, to the mouth of the Mississippi, and in endeavouring to pass through the country by land, to Canada, he lost his life, being murdered by one of his own party, some where in what is now the state of Illinois, as near as we can judge from his narrative. From this period, forward, the French Missionaries, visited the valley of the Mississippi very frequently, and their government was engaged in sending persons among the Indians to conciliate them; and military men were sent to examine the country, and select the most eligible sites for fortifications. Whoever looks at the map of the country traversed, will at once perceive with what prudence they executed their commissions. Quebec, Montreal, Oswego, Niagara river, Presque Isle, Detroit, Mackinaw, the Straits of St. Mary, Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, &c. were as well selected for military posts, as could possibly be done, even at this day when this country is well settled and well known.

The first vessel ever launched by Europeans, on the upper lakes, was the Griffin, built by La Salle, in 1580 and was lost on its return voyage from Chicago to Niagara river. After its departure it was never heard of, nor of the fate of any of its crew. Two hundred and forty-seven years since the first vessel sailed across Lake Erie, not a white man dwelt on the borders of that lake, nor in the western States. Who would have then imagined that the State of Ohio would now have existed, containing nearly one million of freemen, and the fourth state in a nation, of twelve million of inhabitants? Sixty years had elapsed since the landing of the pilgrims on Plymouth rock. The western states were one vast wilderness, inhabited only by savages and wild animals. The contrast is令人惊异 to all the friends of human happiness. Steam boats and other vessels are fast multiplying on the lakes, and on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers are as many of them as are necessary to carry passengers, and to carry on a vast and increasing commerce.

The French intended to keep possession of the Canadas and of the whole valley of the Mississippi, which they claimed either by actual settlement, or by discovery, as well as by their treaties with the Indians, and confirmed to them, as they said by the treaties of Aix La Chapelle &c. with the European governments. That they intended to erect a great and powerful State in the new world, is evident from the vast expenses they were at, in building forts at all the proper points of communication, from the great extent of their church establishment—their large endowments for colleges and other schools of learning.—The

extreme anxiety, to keep possession of this vast territory is seen in every thing they did respecting it. Professor Siliman in his "Tour between Hartford and Quebec," justly remarks, that "he knows nothing that has excited his surprise more in Canada, than the number, extent, and, variety of the French institutions, many of them, intrinsically of the highest importance, and all according to their views, possessing that character."

They are the more extraordinary, he remarks, when we consider that the most of them are a century old, and at the time of their foundation the colony was feeble and almost always engaged in war. It would seem from these facts as if the French contemplated the establishment of a permanent and eventually, of a great empire in America, and this is the more probable, as most of these institutions were founded during the ambitious, splendid and enterprising reign of Louis XIV." We add, that Louis XV, pursued the same policy towards his American empire, as his predecessor had done.—The Marquis Gallisonere, Governor General of New France, (as all this western country was called by them) in the year 1749, sent out an expedition, commanded by Novis Celeron for the purpose of depositing medals at all the important places such as the mouths of the most considerable streams, and at remarkable places, such as the largest mounds, and other ancient works. Most of these medals, perhaps all, which were made of lead, containing "a proce-*script* verbal," drawn up by order of the Governor General, contained blanks to be filled up with the date of the time of depositing them, and the names of the places, rivers, or objects where they were deposited. I had, for a considerable time, in my possession, such a medal, which stated it to have been left at the mouth of Venango river, where that stream puts into the *Belle riviere* or river Oyo, as the Ohio was called by them. This medal was a thin plate of lead and the lettering was rudely done. It asserted the claims of Louis XV. to all the country watered by the "riviere Oyo" and its branches, and was deposited at the mouth of "Venango riviere," August 16, 1649.

Such medals as the above were deposited in many places, all over the western country, and may ancient coins, belonging to the Greeks, Romans, Gauls, Germans, &c. were also left at different places. Several of these coins have been found at different times, in ancient works, at the mouths of rivers and other remarkable places, and many speculations and new theories were started by travellers and others, as to the authors of our antiquities!!

The events of the "old French war," in this western region, are well known, and so are those of our revolutionary period, continued down to 1796, when General Wayne conquered and concluded a peace for us, at Greenville.

The first permanent settlement made in this state, was at Marietta, at the mouth of the Muskingum river, on the 3d of April, 1787, by Gen. Rufus Putnam and associates.

### NEW HISTORICAL NOVEL.

The following extract is taken from the manuscript of a Historical Novel, now in preparation for the press, by Mrs. DUMONT, of Vevay, Indiana. The incident is given on the authority of a gentleman who had spent twenty years of his early life a prisoner among the Shawnee Indians and who knew the celebrated Tecumseh familiarly as a brother.

#### Cin. Chronicle

"TECUMSEH was returning slowly and thoughtfully, from the chase when a shriek as of nature's last and most dreadful extremity, burst on the stillness of the forest. He turned, and beheld, through a vista of the trees, a party of marauding savages, loaded with the spoils of war. A female form, whose fair though faded countenance, bore a strong contrast to the swarthy and painted features of the savages that surrounded her, had just fallen to the earth, exhausted with fatigue and suffering. With one hand she clasped a lovely infant to her bosom; while the other was raised to avert the tomahawk that glittered on her closing eye. But vainly!—the dreaded instrument was sunk deep in her pallid temples, and the sufferer already struggled with the throes of death, while the babe, now spotted with its mother's blood, was torn from her last convulsive grasp. It shrank with instinctive fear, as it raised its blue eyes to the dark, distorted features of the warrior; but he gave a loud whoop of unimaginable horror, and, grasping its little feet, swung it carelessly in the air, as he approached a knotted tree, to complete its destiny. One moment longer, and its unstained soul would have flown with the passing spirit of its mother; but the murderous arm, as it was drawn back for the last fearful blow, was suddenly arrested, and a calm, but impressive voice bade the savage stay his ruthless hand! And who thus dared to use the language of command to the ferocious and independent son of the forest? Was it the aged chief, whose voice resounded in the councils of his nation? or the warrior, whose front wore the seals of battle? No! it was a stripling who stood before them, loaded with the spoils of the chase; his olive cheek reddened with the glow, his eye radiant with the fire of youth. But the impress of native authority sat on his polished brow; and his slender form was drawn up with the attitude of command. The leader of the band quailed before the glance of his calm but terrible eye, and quietly yielded up the gasping babe to the extended arm of the stripling.

"I will give you these," said Tecumseh,

throwing his load of furs at the feet of the subdued warrior, "and the child shall be mine." He received a ready assent to the proposed exchange; and, turning away with a look of unutterable scorn, directed his exclusive attention to the little victim he had rescued. Its face was yet purple, and its hands still clenched in its agony; but the accents of gentleness again tranquillized its features, and it soon gazed, without fear on the bright face of its deliverer.

"Tecumseh again proceeded homeward; his lovely burden but added fresh elasticity to his steps, and he advanced with rapid pace, till the moans of the hungry babe arrested his progress. He then laid it on a bed of moss; and bringing a pheasant from a neighbouring bough, fed his famishing charge with its blood. Never had Tecumseh felt a pure pleasure than that which warmed his heart when the poor infant, as he bent over it with anxious care, smiled like a cherub in his face. A glory of holy feeling thrilled through his whole frame, and angel of mercy like the pillar of fire that guided the wandering Israelites, went before him in light, through the darkness of the forest. He reached the village, and Yonca came forth to meet him. She looked for the slaughtered victim of the chase; and, started with surprise at beholding an infant, locked in living slumber, and clothed with the tints of a pale morning sky. But alas! its golden ringlets were stained with blood, and Yonca at once conceived its melancholy history. "I have brought you a gift" said Tecumseh, laying the sleeping innocent in the ready arms of the compassionate girl. "It is an offering fit for the daughter of Otolaska. Look at her, Yonca! she is fresh from the hand of the Great Spirit, and pure as the snow flake that falls from his high dwelling. Take her to your heart; and let your affections cling around her like the vine that embraces and strengthens the tender sapling. Cherished by the daughter of the red man, and ignorant of her own nation and its vices, her soul shall retain its whiteness, like the snow on the mountain precipice, where no foot can tread. Removed beyond the breath of luxury which withers the pale daughters of her people, like the mists of the green pool, she shall grow up fleet and healthy as the antelope, and learn to imitate the proud arts and active employments of the Indian maid."

Yonca obeyed: the infant was joyfully taken to a heart whose affections gushed like the rills of spring; and boundless tenderness supplied the place of the delicacies it had lost.

Heavily animated, and beautiful, the babe, to whom they gave the name of Egluree, grew up unconscious of misfortune, and regarding her foster family with the utmost fondness.

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