

*The Prognosticator.*

A farmer once with many a comfort blest,  
Honest and plain—his plough too al-  
ways going;  
Still wanting something more to  
crown the rest;  
Took to himself a wife active and  
knowing.  
Their days they pass'd with harmo-  
ny full fraught,  
And nothing knew of matrimonial  
strife,  
Save from a cant phrase that his  
dear had caught,  
Which prov'd the torment of the  
poor man's life.  
To cut the matter short, a curious  
power  
She boasted of foretelling each e-  
vent;  
And did it rain—she knew there'd  
be a shower;  
If sinners turn'd—she knew that  
they'd repent.  
Whene'er the good man vex'd,  
would say my dear,  
Old Hodge's hogs the cornfield have  
been plund'ring,  
Or that the cows had ate the clover  
bare,  
I told you so she'd cry, why are  
you wond'ring.  
When freshes rose and swept a fence  
or gate;  
If barns blew down or cattle went  
astray,  
I told you so his loving spouse woud  
say.  
One day to prove her wond'rous  
foresight more,  
He hit upon a plan somewhat un-  
couth,  
He ran into the house, and stoutly  
swore,  
The hogs have ate the Grindstone  
up smack smooth.  
Up starts his rib so ominous, to  
prove it,  
And gazing in his agitated face,  
Cries out, I told so, then why not  
move it,  
I knew it stood in an improper  
place,  
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**WHITFIELD.**

An intimate friend of  
the celebrated Mr. Home  
asked him what he thought  
of Mr. Whitfield's preach-  
ing, for he listened to the  
latter part of one of his ser-  
mons at Edinburgh. He is  
sir, the most ingenious  
preacher I ever heard, it is  
worth while to go 20 miles  
to hear him. He then re-  
peated a passage towards  
the close of the discourse  
which he had heared—Af-  
ter a solemn pause, he thus  
addressed his numerous au-  
dience. "The attendant  
Angel is just about to leave  
the threshhold and ascend  
to heaven: and shall he as-  
cend, and not bear with  
him the news of one sinner  
among all this multitude,  
claimed from the error of

his ways? To give the  
greater effect to this exclama-  
tion, he stamped with  
his feet, and lifted his hands  
and eyes to heaven, & with  
gushing tears cried aloud,  
'Stop Gabriel! stop Gabri-  
el! stop ere you enter the  
sacred portals, and yet car-  
ry with you the news of one  
sinner converted to GOD.'  
He then in the most simple,  
but energetic language, de-  
scribed a dying Saviour's  
love to sinful man, so that  
almost the whole of the con-  
gregation melted into tears.  
This address was accom-  
panied with such anima-  
ted, yet natural action, that  
it surpassed any thing I e-  
ver heard in any other  
preacher.

**FROM AN OLD PAPER.**

A lady of rank returning from a  
party at a very unseasonable hour,  
found her waiting maid dozing  
with a small pamphlet before her  
which she had been reading: her  
eye caught the title, and she became  
agitated: while the maid was un-  
dressing her, she ventured to in-  
quire the cause of her trepidation—  
'Oh!' exclaimed the lady, 'that lit-  
tle book which lay before you—E-  
TERNITY! ETERNITY! ETERNITY!—  
what a state am I in should Eternity  
begin this night.,,

**THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.**

Writers differ in their opinion,  
on what fruit it was, that Adam, by  
the persuasion of his wife, ate in  
paradise. Some say it was an ap-  
ple, others, who are fond of sweet  
fruits, say, it was a fig; while others,  
who are partial to acid, contend it  
was citron. Rabbi Solomon is of  
opinion, that Moses concealed the  
the real name of the fruit, fearful it  
would be detested by all the world,  
and that no one would ever taste it.

With due submission to rabbini-  
cal opinions, I must differ from the  
learned Israelites; for it appears to  
me, that if the fruit was known,  
more would be eaten of it than of  
any other.

During the revolutionary war, a  
gentleman in riding through Penn-  
sylvania, came to a field where a  
quaker was at his usual employment,  
and inquired for the road that lead  
to the place of his destination; the  
quaker gave him the necessary di-  
rections, and added 'thee looks like  
a fighting man by thy dress,' the  
gentleman replied he was and that  
he belonged to the American army;  
the friend informed him that he was  
in error, that when he was smitten  
on one cheek he should turn the o-  
ther, the man (who was an officer)  
thought he wold try the spirit of the  
quaker, & immediately began to  
flog him with his long horse whip;  
the quaker in return for such treat-  
ment, pelted him so severely with  
stones, that the officer was obliged  
to gallop off for his own safety.

**NOTICE.**

THE subscriber begs leave to  
tender his thanks to his former cus-  
tomers, and the public in general,  
for their liberal support, and wish-  
es to inform them that he continues  
to keep at his old stand in Madison,  
(next door to the Farmers and Me-  
chanics Bank of Indiana,) a general  
assortment of Merchandise, a-  
mongst which are the following ar-  
ticles, to wit :

Cloths  
Coatings  
Cassimeres  
Cassinets  
Velvets  
Cords  
Flannels  
Blankets  
Cotton, Worsted  
and Silk Vestings

Assorted.

Snuff boxes  
Sleeve buttons  
Coat ditto  
Vest ditto  
Shirt ditto

Calicoes  
Cambrics  
Leno Muslins  
Shirting ditto  
Bombazetts  
Dimities  
Handkerchief  
Shawls  
Hose  
Gloves  
Socks  
Kid, Morocco,  
& Leather shoes

Assorted.

MENS SHOES, coarse and fine.  
Books and Stationary.

**JEWELRY.**

Tea  
Coffee  
Pepper  
Ginger  
Spices and  
Sugar

Inkstands  
Candlesticks  
and Snuffers  
Tongs  
Shovels and  
Pokers

Cutlery  
Hardware  
Queensware  
Glassware  
Nails  
Kettles  
Pots & Ovens

Combs assorted.

Tinware ditto

And a great variety of other arti-  
cles too tedious to mention.

I wish to purchase a quantity

Whiskey  
Pork  
Lard  
Beeswax  
Tallow  
Sugar  
Butter and  
Linen.

Dressed Deer skins

For THOMAS DOUGLASS,  
JOHN MEEK.

Madison, Jan 9, 1817, 2-5w

N. B. Those indebted to the  
subscriber, are requested to call and  
make payment.

For T. DOUGLASS,  
J. MEEK.

New, Cheap, and Elegant  
GOODS.

Thornton and See, just from Ky.,  
have brought on & are now open-  
ing in the new brick house, two  
doors below Captain Ristine's tav-  
ern on Main Cross-street, a choice  
and fashionable assortment of fall  
and winter goods, consisting of

SUPERFINE CLOTHS,  
FLANNELS,  
BOMBAZETTS,  
CASSIMERES,  
PELECES,  
COARSE CLOTHS,  
CORDS,  
VELVETS,

And a variety of elegant  
VESTING,

Blankets, Calicoes, Ginghams, Silks  
and Silk-chambrays, cassinets, gen-  
tlemen's roram and caster Hats and  
ladies Bonnets &c. All of which  
goods having been purchased late  
last fall at Philadelphia, they will be  
able to retail as low for cash, as any  
goods have been heretofore sold in  
the western country.—Having re-  
moved with a determination of set-  
tling permanently in this country,  
they solicit, and hope to receive a  
part of the public patronage.

THORNTON & SEE.

Madison, Dec. 23, 1816. 1-3w

N. B. They expect to have on  
hand in a short time, a supply of  
groceries, hardware, queensware,  
cutlery and cotton yarn.

I have several tracts of  
unimproved land, near  
Madison, (Indiana,) which  
I will lease on good terms,  
if application is made im-  
mediately.

A. A. MEEK.

Madison, Jan. 1, 1817. 1-6w

**NEW GOODS.**

The subscribers hereby respect-  
fully inform the citizens of Madison  
and the adjacent country, that they  
have just received direct from New  
York and Baltimore, a supply of  
new and seasonable goods, of the  
latest importations from Europe:  
which they offer for sale at their  
store opposite to Messrs. Branham  
and Stapp's tavern, where they in-  
tend keeping a general assortment  
of American, European, and West  
India goods; which they will dis-  
pose of on very moderate terms  
for cash.

L.R. & G. W. LEONARD.

Jan. 2, 1817. 1-1f

**FOR SALE,**

A lease of ten acres of land,  
for the term of three years;  
it is now under a good  
fence; within two miles of  
Madison near M'Clure's  
horse-mill and Mount Plea-  
nt meeting house. For  
terms, apply to the sub-  
scriber near the premises.

WILLIAM HOOD.

Jan. 4, 1816. 2-3w

Tallow wanted at this office