



Variety's the very spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor.

THE SWIFT-TEST SPOT.

Old tree whose form is crooked,
And whose boughs are crooked,
From which to sleep, from which to fall,
All round this glorious world has reared;
I say, of thine eyes have seen,
Each town of gold, each grove of green,
Which is the sweetest happy scene,
The richest town, the fairest field?
Lady, lady! that dear place,
Though poor and scant in space,
Where we live, the girl whose grace
Has with sweet bondage blessed the breast,
That spot where she in pomp doth bide,
However mean, o'er all beside,
Emblems of power and lands of pride,
Is sweetest, richest, fairest, best!
Wherever dwells the maid we prize,
Bright as the moon that walks the skies,
Her presence dost insiprardise
The rock where she in light doth move;
Were it a sinless cavern drear,
To her beseid lover 'twould appear
More rose besprew'd, and bright and clear,
Than Eden rich with light and love.
Behold, my soul's beloved! with thee
The dragon's dragon would to me
Be as a bower of respite.
All paved and glorified with bliss;
Heart-piand'ner! whom I love so well,
With thee I joyously could dwell!
Even in the bonds of mystic spell,
And from thy lips in Eden kiss!

BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

Old shaggy—queues—worn-out cloaks—
Cut fingers and dead bats,
Figures in verse, besides soft rhymes
On hose and ragged hats.
And o'er such prosaic themes
His pen the poet shakes,
Fancy may surely strike the quill
That praises Buckwheat Cakes.
The dreamy memory of the plate
I feasted on last night,
Plays with my fancy now, and warms
My bosom with delight.
I muse upon it, and my mouth
Yet waters with the thought,
Knowing that I to sight can only
Others where that was bought.
You'll know a yester by the way
He sits before his dish,
His plate is all bespattered, he seems to have
On earth no other wish.
Softly before his eager nose
The pleasant fumes are fanned,
While he pouts the luscious treaties on
With an unsparring hand.
No turtle soup no rich champagne,
With him can have such power;
An alderman might envy him
The luxury of the hour!
No thought of insignis'cane comes,
No base act gives him fears,
As steadily he ponders o'er
Each cake that disappears.
He pays his six, once and retires,
On bee bassed fields to dream,
And fire-side thoughts of home encumber
Across his memory gleam.
'Tis pleasant, and 'tis cheap enough,
The thought it conjures up,
Better than sparkling wine that fills
The coronation cup.
He never lived in yankee land,
Who loves not pumpkin pie,
Neither did he who does not drink
The mug of cider dry!
New England, never pleasant dreams
In that youth's mind awakes
Whose bosom warmth not with mine
In praise of Buckwheat Cakes.

Message of the governor of Ohio.—This is a brief, but perspicuous document. The legislature assembled on the 5th Dec., and on the 6th governor M'Arthur transmitted his message.

The aggregate amount paid into the treasury for state and canal purposes, for the year ending the 14th November 1831, is \$235,985 75, which, added to the balance remaining in the treasury on the 15th Nov. 1830, viz. \$6,280 44, amounting to 242,266 19.

The aggregate amount disbursed at the treasury for state and canal purposes for the year ending 15th Nov. 1831, including interest on school funds, is 236,180 \$1, leaving a balance in the treasury at the last date of 6,075 30, to which may be added the 2000 drawn from the treasury for the repairs of the U. S. road.

A hint to the sedentary.—Speaking, reading aloud, and singing, are useful kinds of exercise, and it is supposed that this is at least one cause of the greater longevity of clergymen, public speakers, teachers in universities, and school masters; and Dr. Andrew pleasantly observes, that one reason why women require less bodily exercise than men, is, that they are in general more loquacious. Hence those sedentary officers, who, from habit, almost always sing at their work, unintentionally contribute much to the preservation of their health.

The following gentlemen were appointed by Mr. Girard, previous to his decease, trustees to settle the affairs of his banking house:

James C. Fisher, Samuel Wagner,
Thomas B. Cope, Robert Wels.
Robert Smith, Timothy Paxton,
Gustavus Catherwood, William J. Duran,
Tobias Wagner, Joseph Roberts.

Mathias Briggs, a notorious counterfeiter, but one who had escaped justice until now, was tried at the last term of the supreme court, at New Bedford, Massachusetts, and convicted by the evidence of an accomplice

in the street, leaving behind basket, turkey, and wages, &c., they being a mere circumstance in the balance against the chance of eating his Christmas dinner. He has not since been seen or heard of.—*Courier*.

American types.—The Kingston (Jamaica) Courier twists the Courant for "appearing in a full suit of American types." The only wonder is, how they could ever get them there. Perhaps John Bull, in his double and treble fortifications for his own manufactures, never dreamed that the yankees could make printing types.—*Boston Patriot*.

Dreamers take care.—A man employed by a farmer in Virginia, was heard to say in his sleep, "I didn't kill him; I only shot at him, and he fell." This simple expression led his bed fellow to suspect him, and he has since been taken into custody as an accomplice in the murder of a constable in Norfolk.

A friend of mine was asked lately to give the derivation of *Coffee*, a word colloquially employed to designate the sons and daughters of Ethiopia. "Our community," said the legal gentleman, is divided into two great classes, the *whites*, who are the *Coffers*, and the *black*, who are the *Cuffees*.

The Greenlanders suppose thunder is caused by two old women flapping seal skins in the moon; and the aurora borealis, owing to the spirits of their fathers, frisking at football.

Materials of poetry.—Good sense is the body of poetic genius, fancy its drapery, motion its life, and imagination the soul that is every where and in all, and forms all into one graceful and intelligent whole.

Going it with the vengeance.—We have seen a letter from a very influential and respectable inhabitant of Birmingham, in which the writer says, "Let the lords throw out the bill and we pay no more assessed taxes—that has been decided upon. I have prepared a notice which I intend to place over my door:—"No taxes paid here, and no goods bought distrained for taxes." There is nothing illegal in this, the government have their remedy, let them act upon it—I know." Now, if this had come from a wild radical, without money and without brains, we should have thought little of it; but it comes from a very different sort of person.—*London Morning Herald*.

Replacement of noses.—Dr. Barthélémy, in a paper in the *Journal Hebdomadaire*, on the reunion of parts entirely separated from the body, gives the following nose cases, which he says he has upon the best authority. The first he obtained from a lady, who gave him her hand that it was true. A soldier at Lyons, in 1815, had the end of his nose cut off in a duel, by his adversary's sabre. He put the piece of his nose in his pocket to keep it warm, and returned home to his lodgings. A surgeon was sent for, who put the dissected parts together again, and they took to admittance. For the following case, the veracity of Dr. Regnault, of the military hospital of Grand Caillou, is pledged. In the prison of Niort, two men had a fight, in which one of them bit off a considerable portion of the other's nose. The unfortunate fellow who suffered the mutilation did nothing for four or five hours but deplore his loss; the piece of nose, however, he picked up, and wrapped it in his handkerchief, and put it in his pocket. A fellow prisoner suggested to him the propriety of applying to the surgeon of the jail, to see what he could do for him: he did so, and the medical officers having speedily warmed some alcohol, steeped the part in it, and then put the divided surfaces together. After ten days they were solidly united.—*Medical Gazette*.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.

A Christmas dinner spoiled—A lady residing in Pearl street, called to a black fellow whom she saw passing the door with an axe on his shoulder, and an empty dinner basket in his hand, yesterday afternoon, and requested him to go down into her cellar and split a load of wood which had been recently saved; the fellow eagerly accepted the job, and went to work, but before he was half done, an uncommon fine turkey caught his longing eye, hanging from a joist, within his reach, and caused a suspension of operations for a while, during which the vision of a fat holiday dinner, of poultry and mince pies, and potions of "old rye," quickly succeeded each other's flush through his troubled brains, and fairly made his mouth water with the delightful thoughts. In this state of excitement he seized the offending bird, and in a twinkling, it was closely trimmed, and snugly stowed away in his basket, and covered with an old rag of a napkin, in embryo for Christmas; he then fell diligently to the prosecution of his labors. Having finished, shipped his coat, picked up his basket and axe, and was ushered into the presence of the lady for his wages. The moment the lady saw the full basket, she thought there was something wrong, and carelessly asked him what he had in his basket. "Only a stick of wood!" was the reply. "Well, let me see it?" said the lady, at the same time taking hold of the basket, which the fellow instantly dropped, and darted into

the street, leaving behind basket, turkey, and wages, &c., they being a mere circumstance in the balance against the chance of eating his Christmas dinner. He has not since been seen or heard of.—*Courier*.

More insurrection.—The Western Freeman, published at Shelbyville, Tennessee, of the 6th ult., has the following: "We have been credibly informed, that there has been a considerable excitement among the citizens of Fayetteville, Tenn., within a few days past, in consequence of the discovery of a plot among the negroes in that place and its vicinity, for an insurrection, all the particulars of which we have not yet learned. The plot was discovered by a female slave, who, it appears, had honest enough to communicate the hellish designs of the blacks to some white person, perhaps master. Their object was to set fire to some building, and amidst the confusion of the citizens, to seize as many guns and implements of destruction as they could procure, and commence a general massacre.

Many of those, who were engaged in this infernal conspiracy, have been slain with all the severity which the inquiry of their diabolical schemes so justly deserved.

A bill is before the legislature of North Carolina, to exempt 100 acres of the land of all freeholders, (including the dwelling house,) from all sales by execution, for any debts contracted after the 4th of July next.

South Carolina.—The legislature adjourned on Saturday night, 17th Dec., at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. [No bill, we hope.]—The number of acts passed during the session was 32. The tax on lottery offices is reduced from \$5000 to \$2000; two per cent. tax laid upon U. S. bank stock, and all stocks held on monied institutions without the state. A bank is established at Columbia, with a capital of \$500,000.

Railway in Illinois.—A meeting was held at Beardstown, Illinois, the 8th of Nov., at which resolutions were passed approving of the project of a rail road between the western extremity of Lake Erie and a place called Quincy, on the Mississippi. By this route it is said in an address delivered at the meeting, a person might travel from New York or Philadelphia to the Mississippi in about 5 days.

A letter from Liverpool says: "The Reform Bill may pass, the discontent may be appeased, public confidence may be restored; but, the match is very near the powder."

The taxable real estate in New-York, as assessed in 1830, amounted to \$95,716,485.

Trustee Elections.

THE QUALIFIED VO. ER., of the several congressional townships, within the county of Switzerland, will meet, in their respective townships.

On Saturday, February 4, 1832, to elect, by ballot, THREE TRUSTEES, for each congressional township, who shall be freeholders or householders of the same. The election to be held at the following places:

At the school house, on sec. 16, T. 3, R. 12, At the house of Jas N. Taylor, near sec. 16, T. 4, R. 12, Bakes' mill, near sec. 16, T. 2, R. 3.

The house occupied by John Clark, on sec. 16, T. 3, R. 3, The house occupied by Jas. Merer, on sec. 16, T. 2, R. 2, The house once occupied by G. Ripp, on sec. 16, T. 2, R. 1.

In those townships, in which the school sections remain unsold, the electors thereof, at the above election who favor a sale, shall write upon their ballots for trustees, ("Sale"), and those opposed to such sale shall write upon their ballots, ("No Sale").

By order of the county commissioners

HENRY BANTA, sheriff

Sheriff's office, Vevay; Jan 5, 1832.

SURGEON & PHYSICIAN

Dr. And. C. Forbes,

THROUGH this medium, wishes to inform the citizens of Vevay and the public generally, that he still practices.

PHYSIC AND SURGERY,
in the town of Vevay and its vicinity. He returns his grateful thanks to his friends for the patronage hitherto extended to him. He hopes by attention

to business to merit a share of public patronage, having resided here about seven years, and also trust that the public are sufficiently acquainted with him to extend their patronage. He may be found, at all times, unless absent on professional or official business, at his office, three doors east of the corner of Main and Ferry streets, on Main street.

Vevay, January 7.

A word, to the Wise.

WANT every person, that is indebted to me, by note or otherwise, to call and pay the same. I, positively, cannot wait longer.

RICHARD T. GODDARD
York township, January 2.

FERRIES.

THOSE persons owning FERRIES, within the county of Switzerland are requested to call on the Sheriff of the Circuit Court, for their list, for their attention to this notice, may save them no trouble, and a neglect, on their part, so soon, will consider it as a relinquishment of their right, and it will be granted to others.

By order of the county commissioners.

EDWARD F. A. N. S. Clerk's office, Vevay, Jan. 7.

BRIGADE ON DUTY.

Tenth Brigade of Indiana Militia, 7th
Prints' Retreat, Jan. 7, 1832.

THE seven regiments comprising this brigade, will be mustered at such places as their respective regiments may direct, as follows: The 3d regiment on Tuesday, Jan. 4.
1st regt. on Saturday, Jan. 5.
" 15th regt. on Wednesday, Jan. 6.
" 4th regt. on Saturday, Jan. 6.
" 5th regt. on Saturday, Jan. 6.
" 6th regt. on Friday, Jan. 5.
By order of the brigadier general.
E. G. C. BERLIN, A.M.

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