

has passed over. The police officers must come forward and declare where the house was, and what discoveries they made. The gentleman cannot recollect the situation, though he thinks he could find it out. He says the police told him they had observed the house was to be let for some time. The trap door in the floor at the foot of the bed shows the plans of the *Burking* villains, for, had the fellow got a good hold of the young gentleman's feet or legs, he could soon have drawn him down to the foot of the bed, and, when his balance was lost he would naturally have fallen head foremost down two stories into the cellar, and either broken his neck, or been sufficiently stunned to admit of the remaining part of the *Burking* ceremony being easily finished. Have the abandoned females of the town, then, lent themselves to these horrid butchers of their species? and are they out as decoys, not only for the ruin of the morals of the rising generation, but to lead them to the slaughter houses? It wanted but such a climax to give a last touch to the most inhuman of all practices. We are in possession of the real name and address of the young gentleman, who, if necessary, will come forward to assist in bringing out these crimes."—*London paper.*

LONDON POLICE.

Mansion House.—A young man named John Morgan, the husband of a girl who was said to be respectable, but whom adversity had driven into the condition of a servant in a family, was charged by his wife with having assaulted her mother.

The complainant's statement was as follows: She had a few years ago married the defendant, who from the commencement of their acquaintance regarded every one who spoke to her with extreme jealousy, and made her life one unvaried scene of misery. She would have made every effort, however, to reconcile herself to the opinion, which he did not hesitate to avow, of her infidelity, if he did not follow up his suspicions with threats and blows, and sometimes even with attempts upon her life. Unable to bear such harsh treatment, she had gone into service in a very respectable family, by which she was kindly treated, but he constantly annoyed her, even when she was living wholly independent of him. At last, after having persecuted her in the many ingenious ways which the green-eyed monster is for ever pointing out to his votaries, he followed her to her mother's house, and seizing her by the hair, dragged her towards the bed, as (if according to the evidence of a witness) "to slip the wind out of her with a pillow." Her mother, however, not fancying the spectacle of a daughter dying the death of *Desdemona*, interposed, and effectually prevented such a catastrophe, but the poor old woman received such a dose in the chops at the same moment, that her memory of all previous transaction was impaired.

The Lord Mayor said, that he regretted to be obliged to be an arbitrator in case of the kind; but he must say, that in the great majority of instances the husband gave cause of jealousy and not the wife.

The complainant said that her husband had no cause whatever to be jealous of her; but she believed, the more free from a stain, a woman was, the more desperate would be his suspicion of her virtue.

Defendant.—Tot, tot! you know I have cause, and good substantial cause. Recollect the bonnet, the bonnet! Oh, woman, recollect the bonnet.

Complainant.—Well what of the bonnet! You know I never permitted any man to take liberties with me.

Defendant.—(with an hysterical laugh)—Liberties! oh, no! kissing is no liberty; but, of all things, kissing with a captain is no liberty.—(A laugh.) As I live my Lord, I saw him kissing her.

Complainant.—Never! I never kissed him. He is altogether mistaken, my Lord. He supposes that if a gentleman speaks a civil word to me I have been guilty of a crime.

Here the defendant produced several fragments of a letter, some parts of which he had picked up out of a corner of his wife's mother's room, and other parts of the dust hole. The complainant did not deny that the writing was hers, but she declared that it was a letter merely of gratitude, and not of more intense feeling.

Defendant.—Wasn't she grateful, my Lord? (Laughter.) In her gratitude she not only kissed him—and I saw her at it—but she called him her dearest fellow in this letter, and actually throws herself into his arms. Do you call nothing?

The Lord Mayor.—But still you must not attack her in the brutal manner described.

Defendant.—Listen to this letter. He then read the letter, which certainly was calculated, especially when combined with the kissing, to raise a husband's blood.

The complainant most solemnly asserted that she never wrote it with any bad intention.

The Lord Mayor told her that she was applying a bad remedy to her husband's disease, and advised her to give up the Captain at any rate.

She said that her husband had once cut her across the neck with a knife, and that she knew he would some time or other destroy her, if not bound down by some strong obligation.

The Lord Mayor ordered the defendant to find bail in the sum of fifty pounds.

Time may retrieve every thing—but nothing can retrieve time.

THE PUZZLER.

Mr. Kneiss.—Please receive this as a solution of your puzzle published in the 27th number of your paper. The word of nine letters is *Pedagogue*; the rest is as follows.—1 *Peg*—2 *Pedo*—3 *Pe*—4 *Gape*—5 *Gap*—6 *Adage*—7 *Gad*—8 *Gape*—9 *Due*—10 *Page*—11 *Dog*—12 *Egg*—13 *Pagoda*—14—*Goe*—15 *God*—16 *Pea*. Jefferson Township, March 21, 1831. A. S.

1. My first is a coin whose value is small, My next includes more than one, tho' not all; My third is a grin good for man or for beast, My whole is a space of time, not the least.
2. My first is a port that Englishmen prize For pleasure, for health, and good exercise; My next is a weight, tho' much used; we're told, Was never found correct in weighing of gold. My whole is a place, I won't tell you where, If you find out the riddle what more need you care.
3. My first's a conjunction whose use it is plain Saves the repeating of many words over again; My next is a metal more useful than gold, And my whole is most wanted when the weather is cold.
4. The sight of my first, to the wise, is most hateful, The roar of my second is wild and ungrateful; My whole oft delights the B. banist's eye, Who, Nature's God in me can descry.



WEEKLY MESSENGER.

PRINTER'S RETREAT, INDIANA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 1832

The rev. Mr. FARMER will preach at Jacksonville, on Sunday morning next, at 11 o'clock. March 27.

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.
An election will be held at the School house on Saturday the 31st of March inst, to elect Three Trustees. March 20, 1832.

FRANKLIN LYCEUM.

The Franklin Lyceum will meet on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. G. M. C. A. S.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

By an advertisement of the sheriff, in an adjoining column, it appears that an election is to be holden at the court-house, in Vevay, on Saturday, the 7th of April next, for a justice of the peace, in place of David McCormick, whose term of service has expired.—The following gentlemen are said to be candidates for said office:

Thomas Hatton,
David McCormick,
John McCullough.

ROBERT MCKAY'S ESTATE.

THE undersigned, having since the death of the said Robert McKay, been appointed administrator of his estate,

Robert McKay, deceased, requests all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment; and persons having claims against said estate, will present them, according to law, for examination and settlement. The estate is solvent.

DAVID GAIN,
ISAAC MCKAY.

Craig township, March 24th.

MONEY!!!

ALL persons indebted to the subscribers, are respectfully requested to come forward and settle up their respective accounts, on or before the 1st of May next. They are in want of CASH, and hope their friends will contribute as much as in their power to relieve them.

CARLOW & WEBB.

A BLACKSMITH WANTED.

A BLACKSMITH who is capable of ironing wagons, and complete making plows, and doing country work generally, will find constant employ in Patriot, Switzerland county, Indiana.

JESSE THURSTON.

Patriot, March 24.

THE AMERICAN LYCEUM was established in 1826, by the citizens of a village in the central part of Massachusetts. Since that time upwards of nine hundred have been established in different parts of the Union.—*Cin. Chron.*

A convention of delegates and members of assembly was held at Richmond, Virginia, on the 27th ult, for the purpose of nominating a President, Vice President and Electors Not being a title to agree respecting a candidate for Vice President, the convention adjourned without doing any business.

It is stated in a Baltimore paper, that a large and respectable number of the citizens of Baltimore have applied to the legislature of Maryland, for lottery, to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to erect a monument to Thomas Jefferson.

Supposing the productive power of wheat to be only six fold, the produce of a single acre would cover the whole surface of the globe in fourteen years.

Capt. Maurice, Engineer corps, fell down at Washington, whilst transacting business at the Engineer department, and instantly expired.

From the National Gazette.

Mr. Editor.—Walking up our Avenue, the other day, I discovered a roll of paper, carefully tied up with red tape, which from its appearance, had evidently fallen from the pocket of some great man. I was induced to open it, in order to discover its lawful owner. I was however disappointed in that respect. Finding that it relates to weighty matters, interesting to the nation, I enclose you a copy of it, in order that through the medium of your ubiquitous journal it may reach its lawful owner.

A PENNSYLVANIAN.

Washington, Feb. 14, 1832.

[Copy of the manuscript found.]

Resolved, that the President of the United States be requested to inform this house, what is the reason the River Mississippi always runs down towards the Gulf of Mexico, and never runs back again.

Resolved, that the Secretary of State be directed to inform this house, whether, according to his view of the law of nations, a public minister can be presented at court in white topped boots: and said Secretary be further directed to inform this house, whether Grotius and Vattel had not both long noses.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the treasury be directed to inform this house, how many silk worms, Caterpillars and grasshoppers there were in the United States on the first day of January last: also, the said Secretary, be further directed to inform this house, how many Codfish have been taken upon the Bank of New foundland since the declaration of Independence, distinguishing the number of each sex.

Resolved, that the Secretary of War be directed to inform this house, how many men were killed and wounded at the memorial siege of Troy, and how many of the latter were placed upon the pension list.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Navy be directed to inform this house, what was the exact tonnage of Noah's Ark: and also, what was the mode of computing tonnage before the Deluge.

Resolved, that the Attorney General be directed to inform this house, whether the renowned Lord Coke usually slept in his night cap or in his full bottomed wig.

Resolved, that the commissioner general of the land Office be directed to enquire into the expediency of exporting one hundred thousand acres of the public land to the West Indies, where it is understood there is a great want of elbow room.

Resolved, that the Post master general be directed to enquire into the expediency of opening a post road between New York and Liverpool, by means of a Tunnel under the Atlantic.

Resolved, that the President of the bank of the United States be requested to inform this house what is the capital of the bank of New foundland, and whether said capital consists in specie or Codfish: and that the President of said bank be further requested to inform this house, whether, according to his view of the law of nature and the law of nations, brother Jonathan has not as good a right to draw upon said bank as his father John Bull.

ODE TO SPRING.

Lightly dawning o'er the green,
Welcome spring at length is seen;
Yielding now refreshing flowers,
Swelling buds and blooming flowers—
Modest primrose fair and shy,
And violet of bolder die;
Daisies spriggle thick the green;
Gleed snow drops humble mien,
All await to grace his reign,
Sweets diffusing o'er the plain,
Now, no more, from ebon throne,
Winter with terrific frown,
Throws around his iron chain,
O'er the brook, the wood, the plain,
Mark the rivulet gilding near,
With pleasing sound to soothe the ear:
From herbs and flowers incense sweet,
Fanning zephyrs rise to greet,
Lowliest daughter of the year,
Varied charms with thee appear:
Dormant nature wakes to spread
Rosy chaplets round thy head;
All thy sons with cheerful voice,
Hail thy presence and rejoice,
Piping shepherds call up glee,
All in joy and harmony.
Hence ye boreal blasts retire:
Winter see thy reign expire,
With thy howling tempests haste
To Siberia's dreary waste;
Or, where 'mid eternal snows
Hecla's burning torrent flows;
While, o'er all Columbia's plain,
Lovely Spring extends her reign.

The word "fast" is a great contradiction as we have in the language. The Delaware was fast, because the ice was immovable: and then the ice disappeared very fast, for the contrary reason—it was loose. A clock is called fast when it goes quicker than time, but a man is told to stand fast when he is desired to remain stationary. People fast when they have nothing to eat, and eat fast, consequently when opportunity offers.—*Salem Mer.*

New York Feb. 29.—The individual who was found on Sunday last in the clefts of a rock at Hoboken, under the circumstances detailed in our paper of Tuesday, turns out to be Carl Koessler, a German subject of the King of Wirttemberg, who was about forty years of age, and had been in this country perhaps eighteen months. He was a gardener by occupation and out of employment. He had been boarding since his arrival in this country with Mr. Mickel, in Frankfort street, whose house he left on Friday last, after dinner. On Saturday a letter was received through the post office, of which we have procured a translation.

New York 5th Feb'y 1832.

Mr. Francis Mickel,

Dear Sir—I see that I cannot find a living for myself as a person ought to live, and am resolved to fulfil the promise I made my father—I told him that if he did not allow me the same position which he gave my brother and sister, I would shoot myself I wish you to have the goodness to write to my father that I have done so. I enclose you notes for \$216 which I wish you to send to my father for payment. The expense of my funeral I wish you to send likewise. It would be folly in me not to charge him with it. Do not sell any of my clothes until you get an answer from my father. I am now going over to Hoboken, and the mountains above Caltenbach—there I will look about once more and consider the misery of a human being, and then I will do the deed. CARL KOESSLER.

On a small piece of paper enclosed he had written with a lead pencil, "If the weather had not permitted me to go abroad, I should have done it in your house."

Canal Navigation on a new plan.—An ingenious mechanic of Chillicothe, Mr. Wm. McCarrell has constructed a vehicle, which, from the description given of it appears admirably calculated for running on the canal, when the severity of the weather renders the usual mode of navigation impracticable. It partakes of the nature of the sleigh and canal boat; being fixed on runners, so as to move on the ice with great rapidity, and is made water tight, in order that it may float in case of breaking through. It came up to this place on Wednesday evening, with a number of passengers; and we have been informed by some of our fellow citizens who have taken a ride in it, that it is a very easy, safe and comfortable mode of conveyance. It is the intention of the proprietor, we understand to run it regularly between Chillicothe and Columbus, so long as the season will permit, should he meet with sufficient encouragement. —*Ohio State Journal.*

Sagacity and ferocity of an Elephant.—On the 28th ult, at Triplicance, a native of the Barber tribe, unfortunately lost his life by provoking the elephant belonging to Parthasurady Pagoda. It would appear that this sagacious animal, from a circumstance which happened to him, so far back as two years ago, took a decided aversion to all Mussulmans, or any one approaching in their costume. We were informed that it was customary with the keeper to attend with his elephant during the celebration of the native festivals at St. Thome. He would on these occasions receive from the people fanams and pice which the elephant would pick up and give to him. Some rather choleric Moorman wishing to enjoy a little fun with the animal, held out his hand as if he had something to give, and the elephant having felt with his proboscis and found it was only a deception, grew enraged, and attempted to chastise the individual for his temerity, who, on his part found his choler rising, and flung his slipper at the beast, which hit him on his head. The animal became furious, chased his persecutor, who was willing to save his life by taking shelter in a house. From this circumstance, the elephant could not bear a Moorman in his presence, and always eyed one with abhorrence.

The unfortunate man who was killed, by a blind fatality, or something like it, having dressed himself in a Moorish garb, appeared before the elephant. It was the festival night at Triplicance. The elephant, as usual, when before the images, receiving the voluntary bounties of the spectators. This ill-fated man also extended his hand, and two or three times, would appear, deceived the animal; altho' the keeper repeatedly entreated him to desist. The elephant got annoyed and knocked the man down with his trunk. But one of the keepers alongside pushed him away, upon which the animal turned round with a fury not to be described, bore down all opposition, and killed him on the spot. The work of death being completed, he set off to his stall in full trot, the affrighted people running in all directions.

NEW COLONY.

We learn from the N. Y. Whig that a charter for the establishment of a colony on the southern coast of Australia, or New Holland, has recently been granted by the British government. It allows the colonist to choose a legislative assembly, so soon as the population of the colony amounts to 10,000 adults: but it retains the power to appoint a governor in the hands of the king. The projectors look forward to this enterprise, as the commencement of a new empire on the earth; and when we regard the genial climate, fine harbors, fertile districts, and immense regions of Australia, together with the present condition of the late British colonies in North America, we cannot think their expectations are extravagant. The domain of the new colony extends from the 132 to the 141st degree of east longitude, (a distance of 600 miles,) and the adjacent islands, without limit on the North. Port Lincoln, at the entrance of Spencer's Gulf, is fixed on for the commencement of the colony. The company give the government 125,000 pounds for the land, which the board of Emigration are to expend in supplying the company with selected laborers! The scheme of the colony is very flattering to the hungry and oppressed poor of Great Britain.

The legislature of Arkansas has passed a law for clock pedlars.