

SELECTED POETRY.

TO AN OLD PEN.

Alas! poor pen, thy strength is spent;  
With age and labor thou are bent—  
The length of service proving—  
A literary vet'ran thou—  
A second Witbrington, I vow,  
Upon thy stumps still moving?

The day I can remember still,  
When first a green and youthful quill,  
Of a poor Jew I bought thee,  
And when thy tongue was neatly  
split,  
And shaved thy sides, for writing fit,  
A shapely pen I thought thee.

What seas of ink since then thou'st  
spill'd.

What continents of foolscap fill'd,  
With crotches of the brain!  
But now thy days draw near an end,  
And thou canst never hope, old friend,  
To do the like again.

Yet comfort take, and as the knife  
Shortens thy slender thread of life,  
Reflect, with satisfaction,  
That though thy master wanted  
wealth,  
He never bade thee, e'en by stealth,  
Become the tool of faction.

Of pens, or penmen, think how few  
Their life's past labors can review  
Without a parting sigh;  
Be this thy boast, that though grown  
old,  
You never wrote for filthy gold;  
A libel or a lie.

*From Goldwin's Recollections of Japan.* "The Japanese artillery is still extremely imperfect. It is nearly in the same state as it was in Europe at the time that cast cannon began to be used. Those castis Japan are of copper; and, in proportion to the caliber, uncommonly thick. The breech is unscrewed in order to load; the Japanese, therefore, load their cannon very slowly, and do not fire until all their artillery men have retired to some distance one of them then discharges it with a long linstock. Their cannonading therefore may put to flight savages by the noise but not Europeans.

Their infantry are armed with matchlocks, pikes, sabre and daggers, bows and arrows, in the use of the latter of which they are much more dexterous than with their muskets and pistols, which have copper barrels and are very heavy.

The following is the extraordinary account which the Japanese are stated to have given of their population:

"They also shewed us a plan of the capital, and told us that a man could not walk in one day from one end of it to the other. When we questioned the Japanese respecting its population, they affirmed that it contained upwards of ten millions of inhabitants, and were very angry when we doubted it. They brought us the next day a paper from one of their officers, who had been employed in the police of Yedo. It was stated in this paper that the city of Yedo has in its principal streets two hundred and eighty thousand houses, and in each of them there live from thirty to forty people. Suppose there were only thirty, the number of inhabitants must amount to eight millions four hundred thousand; add to this the inhabitants of the small houses and huts, those who live in the open air, the imperial guard the guard of the princes in the capital, their suites, &c. the number of inhabitants must exceed ten millions. As a confirmation of their assertions, the Japanese mentioned besides, that Yedo alone contained 36,000 blind people. To this we could say nothing, and neither allow the Japanese to be right nor contradict their assertion."

Of the customs and manners of this remarkable people, we have some curious notices.

"A very singular custom at the marriages of the Japanese is, that the teeth of the bride are made black by some corrosive liquid.—The teeth remain black ever after, and serve to shew that a woman is married or a widow. Another circumstance is, at the birth of every child, to plant a tree in the garden or court yard, which attains its full growth in as many years as a man requires to be mature for the duties of marriage. When he marries, the tree is cut down, and the wood is made into chests and boxes, to contain the clothes and other things which are made for the new-married couple.

The Japanese may marry as often as they please: marriages with sisters are prohibited; but they can marry any other relative."

*From the National Intelligencer.*  
ANOTHER NEW INVENTION.

We understand a patent has lately been taken out, by a gentleman from Massachusetts, for an invention which

seems to promise extensive advantage to navigation, if once fairly brought into operation. It consists, principally, in a new method for submarine ploughing, to any necessary depth, by the power of a steam boat. When the matter is effectually loosened up and pulverized, it cannot reasonably be doubted but the rapidity of ebb-tides, united with the natural current of the rivers, will soon carry it off, and keep the channel open. The inventor is now in this city, giving a perspicuous view of his plan, which appears uncommonly simple and practicable. The advantages of being able to plough open channels through the shoals which so frequently form in many of our immense rivers, would, a lone, be an object of very great advantage to our southern and western states; but, when we consider the invention as extending to opening channels for large ships to enter the harbors and rivers throughout our whole sea-board, the advantages presented to view are incalculable.

Hat Manufactory

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public in general that he continues to carry on the

Hatting Business  
in all its various branches, at his shop on *MAIN STREET*, in Vincennes where he has on hand and will at all times keep an extensive assortment of *FASHIONABLE HATS*, which he will warrant shall not in point of elegance & durability, be excelled by any in the U. States. His prices shall also be as low as Hats of the same quality can be procured elsewhere.—He returns his thanks to his old customers for former favors, and pledges himself that no efforts on his part shall be wanting to merit a continuance of their patronage.

RICH'D. P. PRICE.  
\* \* \* Orders from a distance thankfully received and promptly attended to.

January 30th, 1818. 6—tf

GEORGE R. C. SULLIVAN,  
(ATTORNEY AT LAW)

Will practice in the first Judicial Circuit, of the state of Indiana and in the County of Crawford and Edwards in the Illinois state.

He may always be found at his office in Vincennes unless when absent on professional business—he has made an agreement, for business forwarded to him, in his absence, to be attended to.

6—tf.

GEORGE M'DONALD.  
(ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW)

Has opened an office in the house of General W. Johnston, Water Street, Vincennes.—He will practice in the Supreme Court of the State, the United States District Court, and the Circuit Courts of Knox, Davis, Sullivan and Vigo counties.

All business committed to his care, will be punctually attended to.

Vincennes, Dec. 8, 1819.

AMORY KINNEY,

Having returned to Vincennes, respectfully gives notice, that he has resumed the practice of the Law and that he will punctually attend to conveyancing at his room on Water-street.

Vincennes, January 26, 1820.

H. H. Moore J. N. Dunbar.  
(Attorneys & Councillors at Law.)

HAVING entered into partnership, will in future practice law in conjunction, they will attend the Circuit Courts of Orange, Washington, Jackson, Jefferson, Clark and Harrison;—also the Federal and Supreme Courts, and one of them will attend in the western circuit. Those who wish to consult them in their professional capacity, will find one or the other, constantly at their Office in Corydon.

MOORE & DUNBAR.

Letters on business must be sent paid.

W. Mills, jr. & CO.

Commission Merchants,

EVANSVILLE, (IND.)

REFERENCES.

Mess. Calvin Sampson, &c. co.

Hayden & Aubin, &c. co.

Hathorn & Barnes, &c. co.

Dan'l Hirtz & co.—Louisville.

Ropes & Feltz, &c. co.—N. Orleans.

W. E. Breading—Vincennes.

THEY HAVE ON HAND,

and intend keeping

a large and general assortment of

DRY-GOOD,

GROCERIES,

QUEENS and

HARD-WARE.

All of which will be sold very low for

CASH.

Evansville, May 20, — 22tf

JOB PRINTING

Neatly executed, on the short

est notice, at this office.

NOTICE.  
IF STEPHEN COLLINS, an invalid pensioner, of the U. States, will call at this office, he will receive some serviceable information.

G. W. LINDSAY,

(ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW.)

Has removed to

EVANSVILLE, (IND.)

where all business entrusted to him, will be promptly attended to.

Evansville July 17, 1819—31—tf

THE co-partnership of SULLIVAN & CALL, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Their united attention will be bestowed on all business heretofore entrusted to their care.

G. R. C. SULLIVAN,  
J. CALL.

Dec. 10, 1819. 50tf.

J. & W. L. COLMAN.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

(Vincennes Indiana.)

HAVE just received, in addition to their former stock of

Merchandise,

Window glass, all sizes by the box.

Glass ware assorted by ditto.  
Best rosin soap, and tallow candles by ditto.

Smoaked herrings by do.

Snuff and segars by do.

Chewing Tobacco by the keg.

Best gun powder by do.

Cutt and wrt. nails by do.

Lead—best new Eng. cheese

Monongahela whiskey, cherry

bounce, Jamaica spirits A-

merican wine, by the barrel

Castings, iron and brass wire.

Seaves and riddles and fire

fenders.

Patent ploughs and plough irons, mattocks, axes, hoes and drawing chains,

Wind-mill irons,

Spanish brown,

Tar rosin longwood, twild bags

Raw cotton domestic cottons,

*Dely* and *Liverpool Weres*,

Writing, Printing & Wrapping Pa-

per by the REAM.

Six, Seven, and ten plate

STOVES,

for sale or rent.

All of which, we are enabled to sell at the most reduced prices

for cash or current paper in hand; most of the paper of the Independent Banks of Ky. and uncurrent Banks of Ohio and Tenn. will be received at par, or a small discount in payment for Merchandise.

No credit will be given for Merchandise at our store by retail after this date.

Those indebted to us by note or book account, are earnestly requested to come forward and settle the same, on or before the 15th day of Jan. next, and save costs, as those neglecting this notice, may expect to find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer for collection.

Good CORN FED PORK will be taken as cash in payment of debts.

J. & W. L. COLMAN.

January 1, 1820...tf.

NOTICE.

THE members of the Vincennes Mechanics Benevolent Society, will meet at J. C. Reiley's office on Saturday the fifth of February next, at 6 o'clock P. M. It is to be hoped the Members will be punctual in attending, as business of importance will be before them.

JOHN C. HOLLAND, Sec'y.

Vincennes, Jan. 20.

For sale

A NUMBER OF

Building Lots,

eligible situated for business, on

MARKET STREET.

application to be made to the subscriber before the 20th inst. and incase of his absence afterwards, to Dr. Jacob Kuykendall.

JOHN EWING.

Dec. 10th 1819.

BLANK NOTE BOOKS

For sale at this office.

Dissolution of Partnership

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between

E. HARRISON & O. FAIRCHILD

Merchants of Evansville, trading under the name and firm of Harrison & Fairchild, was on the 20th day of

September 1819,

Dissolved by Mutual Consent.

All those indebted to said firm will make payment to E. Harrison, who is duly authorised to receive the same, and all those to whom said firm is indebted, will call on E. Harrison for payment, who is hereby bound to pay all debts contracted for the benefit of said firm.

E. Harrison,

O. Fairchild.

P. S. The business will hereafter be conducted by the undersigned,

Who will keep on hand

A general assortment of

Merchandise,

which will be sold on moderate terms for CASH in hand or on a short credit to such persons as will be punctual.

All those indebted to the late firm of Harrison & Fairchild, must make payment to the undersigned against the first day of January next, otherwise their notes and accounts will be left with officers for collection. All those who have neglected to call and close their accounts by giving their notes, where they cannot make payment, are once more requested to attend to that part of their duty without delay.

All Bills heretofore issued, payable in current paper and bearing the signature of E. Harrison, will be promptly Redeemed as usual at my office.

Storage and commission business transacted as usual by

E. HARRISON.

Dec. 25th, 1819.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE partnership of Kausler and Wise, is this day

Dissolved by Mutual Consent.

Those indebted to either of the subscribers, on NOTE or BOOK ACCOUNT, are requested to discharge the same on or before the first day of February next.—This notice is decisive; and all those interested, will do well to attend to it.

John Kausler,

John Wise.

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