

DEATH AND THE DRUNKARD.
BY CHARLES PRENTISS, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

His form was fair, his cheek was health; His word a bond, his purse was wealth; With what his fields were covered o'er, Plenty sat smiling at his door: His wife the fount of ceaseless joy; How laugh'd his daughter; play'd his boy! His library, though large, was read, Till half its contents deck'd his head. At morn, 'twas health, wealth, pure delight. 'Twas health, wealth, peace and bliss at night. I wish'd not to disturb his bliss— 'Tis gone! but all the blame was his

The social glass I saw him seize, The more with festive wit to please. Daily increased his love of cheer— A little thought he I was near. Grateful indulgence on him stole; Frequent became the midnight bowl. I left that bowl the *Health* plac'd, Which with the juice his lips embrac'd.

Shameless I mingled in the draught, Indignantly he drank and laugh'd. In the bowl's bottom *Bauchraught*, I plac'd—he sipp'd with tears and glee: *Repose* then did I in it pour; He only sought the bowl the more I enlarg'd next joint torturing *Pain*; Little the less did he refrain. The *Dropsey* in the cup I mixt: Still to his mouth the cup was fixt.

My emissaries thus in vain I sent, the mad wretch to restrain: On the bowl's bottom then *Myself* I threw, the most abhorred elf Of all that mortals hate or dread; And thus in horrid whisiers said— Successless ministers I've sent, The hast'ning ruin to prevent; Their lessons nought—now here am I, a Think not my threat'nings to defeat— shadow than this, thy last' twill be— For with it thou must swallow *MRI!*

Haggard his eyes; upright his hair; Pensive his lip; his cheek despair; With shaking hands the bowl he grasp'd; My wasteless bones his carcase clasp'd! And bore him to the church-yard; where Thousands, ere I would call, repair.

DEATH sneaks—Ah, tender, dost thou hear? Hast thou no lurking cause of fear? Has not o'er thee the sparkling bowl Constant, commanding thy control? Besides reflect—betimes be ware— That suddenly, healthful now and fair, (Reform postponed another day) Thou soon may mix with common clay.

From the *Savannah Democrat*. MR. D. G. AND MY SHAD'W.

In a solitary excursion through a wood, Major Hulden fell in with a man—wore a singular appearance attracted his attention. He was sitting on the ground at the foot of a beach tree, eating a crust of bread which he shared with his dog—His dress let out, the utmost poverty's hollow countenance exhibited the very symptoms of cheerfulness. The Major saluted him as he rode past, and the man pulled off his hat. Do you see? said he to his dog, laughing. What could the dog see? it's ed the Major whose curiosity was much excited by the man's happy looks. The stranger laughed. Ay said the dog in a humorous tone, I wish to make the dog take notice of you Major. It is so uncommon for a well-dressed person on horseback, and an officer besides, to lift his cap or hat to a tattered foot passenger like me.

Who are you then? said the major to the man, looking at him attentively. A child of fortune.

A child of fortune? you mistake without doubt; for your coat seems to say otherwise.

My coat is in the right, sir. But as you lose in this coat, the odds are I have it is of as much value to me as a new one, even if it had a star upon it.

If what you say do not proceed from a disordered mind, you are in the right countryman.

A disordered mind, or a right mind is sometimes the gift of God, at least for a citizen of fortune of my case—My fate once hung heavy on my mind like lead; but care now passes through it as the wind does my coat and if that be a fault it makes up for a great deal of misfortune.

But, says the major whence did you come and whither are you going?

That question is not difficult to be answered, sir. I came from my cradle and am now going straight forward to my grave. With these two stages of my life I am well acquainted. In a word, I am endeavouring to soften my fate; but I must have something very engaging, for my dog and destiny remain faithful to me, and my shadow also—but like a false friend only when the sun shines. You shake your head, sir, as if you meant to say, I have made choice of bad company. I thought so at first, but there is nothing so bad as not to be useful sometimes. My destiny has made me humble, and taught me what I did not before know, that one cannot unhinge the world. My dog has taught me, there is still love and fidelity in it, and—you cannot imagine what fine things one can talk with, and respecting one's shadow!

Respecting one's shadow? that I do not understand.

You shall hear sir—At sun rise, when I am walking behind my long, towering shadow, what conversation I hold with it on philosophical subjects.

Look, say I dear shadow, art thou not like a youth, when the sun of life is rising, the earth seems too small? just when I lift a leg, thou liftest another, as if thou wouldst step over ten acres at once; and yet when thou puttest down thy leg, thy step is scarcely a span long, so fares it with youth. He seems, as if he would destroy, or create a world, and yet, in the end, he does none of those things, which might have been expected from his discourse. Let the sun now rise higher and thou wilt become smaller, as the youth boasts less, the older he grows. Thus I compare you see, the morning, noon and evening shadow with a hundred things: and the longer we walk together, the better we get acquainted.

At present I can forego many things which I formerly considered indispensable necessities. The shadow is my watch and my pedometer—and sometimes my servant, and sometimes my footman. It is only a pity, that a man cannot exist in his shadow, as his shadow does in him.

Well, and what do you say in the evening to your shadow?

In the evening? a man's shadow then is a very serious thing—the best moralist—a real hour glass—a true *memento mori*. When the shadow runs forward before one, still becoming longer and less visible, as if already hiding its head in the darkness of eternity while behind one is the setting sun, and before one a rising star—the shadow then seems to say, thou art on the brink of eternity, thy sun is going down, but loss not courage; like me, thou wilt become always greater; and before thee is already suspended a better star, the first ray of eternity beyond the grave.

With these words the man became serious and the major also. Both looked at each other in silence. Hem, said the major, you must go with me countryman. He took the stranger by the hand and conducted him to his house.

A FOND HUSBAND'S CONSOLATION. A gentleman once observed to a married friend, that he thought him very much to be pitied, since his wife only returned him hatred and contempt for all the kindness he continually lavished on her. Then said the husband, she is more to be pitied than I am; for I have always before my eyes a woman I adore, while she detests

Notice. The subscriber having lost two English Watches, which he believes to have been stolen from his desk, will give

Fifty Dollars to any person who will detect the man who has got them. The watches were both out of order. One of them caped, had a single yellow chain, & key, and a blue glass seal. The other an old one, without chain, key, or seal. They were both marked London and of high numbers, which are not at this time recollect. The subscriber will give the above reward for the watches and thief, or twenty five dollars for either.

A. O. S. HANWAY. Vincennes Feb'y 17th 1820.

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

JOB PRINTING. Neatly executed, on the shortest notice, at this office.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that there is an article of agreement between Joseph Lester and myself, bearing date the 30th December, 1817, binding me to pay certain rents for a lease, said Lester said he had of Capt. R. Buntin but the said Buntin having dispossessed me, and say's that no lease existed between him and said Lester, I am determined that I will not pay any of the rents, unless compelled by law.

Enoch Cockrill.

March 11th, 1820.

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.

51—tf.

NOTICE

IS hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of JOSEPH BRUMBOUGH deceased, late of Vincennes to make payment to John W. Osborn, on or before the 15th day of March next: and all those having claims against said estate will please present them to said Osborn (on or before the above mentioned period) who is duly authorised to attend to the same by

GROVE POMERGUY,

Administrator.

Vincennes, Feb. 12, 1820. 7

Hat Manufactory

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

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

Valuable Lands

FOR SALE.

THE undersigned Executrix and Executor of the Estate of *Sauvageau Dubois* deceased, offer for sale any lands belonging to the Estate of the deceased, lying within the Counties of Knox, Sullivan and Davies—Also two valuable Lots in Vincennes.

The Terms will be made easy to purchasers and sold at a fair price. For further particulars, apply to either of the undersigned, or George R. C. Sullivan and in Vincennes.

JANE DUBOIS,

TOUSSAINT DUBOIS.

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Entertainment.

THE subscriber has again taken his former stand in PEIERSBURG; he assures his old customers and travellers that nothing shall be left undone on his part, to render their stay with him comfortable—he has plenty of new Oats, Hay and old Corn, and promises every attention to travellers horses. His bar is well furnished.

THOMAS CASE

Petersburg Ia. Aug. 1819.—36f.

If Wm. Chapman.

Who formerly lived in the town of Hanover, Columbia county, in the state of Ohio, will take the trouble to enquire by letter or otherwise at the Western Sun office, in this place, he will receive information which is deemed of the utmost importance to him in a pecuniary point of view.

Simeon Sweitzer.

Jan. 22.—tf.

CASTINGS.

J. McGiffin & Co.

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public in general that he has just received in addition to his former stock, a large quantity of

CASTINGS,

comprising a general assortment of

Hollow-Ware,

also, a few sets of

MILL IRONS,

All of which he offers low for CASH

Vincennes, July 23, 1818. 3-4tf

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, hoe, and drawing chains,

Wind mill irons,

Spanish brown,

Tar rosin hawgwood, twild bags

Raw cotton domestic cottons,

Delf and Liverpool Wares.

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 Penn. 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.

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.

NOTICE.

THE public are hereby informed that Stock in the

Jeffersonville

OHIO CANAL COMPANY, may now be subscribed for at the Receiver's office in Vincennes, where the books are opened for that purpose.

B. PARKE, Agent.

N. EWING, Deputy

J. DOTY, Agents.

Vincennes, June 26, 1818. 30-tf.

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