

POETS CORNER

From the American Lady's Proceptor

Good poetry is a refined, soft feeling, it conveys all the soft persuasive powers of numbers and harmony, and is a mixture of painting, music and eloquence. As eloquence speaks, proves and relates. As music, a fine poem is a harmony to the soul. As painting it delineates objects and lays on colour. It expresses every beauty in nature, and seems to impress more strongly on the mind than any other kind of writing.

THE NAUTILUS AND THE OYSTER

A FABLE. Addressed to a sister, by a gentleman of Baltimore.

Who that has on the salt sea been The Nautilus has never seen In gallant sailing trim. His filmy fore-and-aft sail spread, And o'er the billows shoot ahead, Impelled by winds abeam? The little bark's air-fighted hull, Keen prow and bends amidship, Full display the mermaid's powers; For paint, the Sylyphs their brushes steep In rainbows glowing on the deep Atawart retiring show'rs.

So pretty, and not vain, would be More strange than strangest things we see: Near Ceylon's spicy coast As once this tiny wanderer steer'd His halcyon course, he thus was heard, To make his foolish boast.

"What tenant of the sea or air Can with the nautilus compare, In colours gay attir'd; I've seen, nor visited in vain, Most countries bordering on the main, And been in all admir'd.

Secure I have the polar gale, Beneath the line I trim my sail, In either tropic found: Where'er a ship may go I go, Nor fear like her a treacherous foe, The rock, the hidden ground.

The distant canvass I descry Of commerce hanging in the sky That bounds the Atlantic wave. I share with hostile fleets, who ride Victorious on the subject tide, The empire ocean gave.

Alas! how different is the lot Of that poor oyster thus forgot; Unpitied and unknown: Is it by chance or adverse fate, Or cruel nature's stepdame hate He's here condemned to groan?

The splendors of the orient day Scarce visits with a twinkle ray The bed where low he lies, And whence he never can remove: To gayer scenes forbid to rove, E'en here he lives and dies.

My claims, may well his envy raise, Establish'd on the general praise Bestow'd where'er I go: He ceas'd—when, lo! amazed to hear, This gentle answer to his ear! Came bubbling from below!

"Your pity spare, my gaudy friend, Your eloquence I might commend Had truth conviction lent: I neither fate nor nature blame, An oyster's looks produce no shame, He lives upon content.

The power to go where one may choose, So much esteem'd, would I refuse: No wish I have to rove, And brilliant hues and glossy side Serve but to nourish silly pride; Yourself this truth will prove.

How falsely do they judge, who take A fair exterior when they make Their estimate of good. Know, friend, I willingly conceal, A pearl within this russet shell Whose form you think so rude.

The gem by manure may be worn, 'Twill beauty's polish'd brow adorn: Nor shall its lustre fade: When death has sunk with cruel blow, Thy evanescent brightness low, 'Twill glitter undecay'd."

My tale, dear Stella, feign'd may be; Yet may the moral found in these Convey instruction sweet; Far from unmeaning fashion's throng, Through life's calm by paths steal along Thy cautious, steady feet.

No wish to change, contented thou Seest others change: Thou seest how The gay their rattle prize— Their show and their gaudy rules, (Alike the idle toil of fools And folly of the wise.)

Thy strong and contemplative mind Has felt its early pow'rs refin'd By all the lore of truth: Severely pois'd her equal scale, 'Twill show how little did avail The fleeting charms of youth.

And giving to thy God thy heart Hast chosen, Mary's better part, In this shalt thou rejoice: Long shall thy secret soul possess That treasure which alone can bless— The pearl of countess price.

THE UNNATURAL SON.

From a French publication.

Fill'd Ingratitude! Is it not as this mouth should tear this hand For lifting food to't? (SHAKESPEARE)

M. Bertin wished to see his native country, (Perigord) from which he had been long absent, he went to pay a visit to one of his old friends, whom he had not heard from for more than a year. Upon his arrival at the house, he was received by a son of his friend, who told him that his father had been dead about a year. Though he was struck with the news which was so unexpected, it did not prevent him from going in. He conversed with the son upon the state of his affairs, and frequently interrupted the conversation to regret the loss of his old friend. At night he was conducted to his apartment, which he found to be the same as the deceased had occupied. This circumstance contributed not a little to keep alive his sorrow, and to prevent him from sleeping. He continued awake till 2 o'clock in the morning, when he heard the door of his chamber open; and by the feeble glimmering of a night lamp, and of the fire which was still burning, he perceived the figure of an old man, pale, wan, and excessively thin, with a long and dirty beard, who shivering with cold, was walking on slowly towards the chimney. When he was near the fire, he seemed to warm himself eagerly, saying, "Ah! it is a long time since I saw the fire!" In his voice, figure and manner, M. Bertin, who was seized with terror, thought he recognized his old friend, the master of the house. He was neither able to speak to him, nor to leave the bed; when the old man, turning towards the bed and sighing said, "Ah! how many nights have I passed without going to bed!" and as he said it, he came forward in order to throw himself upon it. The terror which M. Bertin felt, made him leap out precipitately, crying out, "who are you? What do you want?" On hearing his voice, the old man looked at him with astonishment, and immediately knew him. "What do I see?" cried he, "M. Bertin! my friend, M. Bertin!"—and who are you?" cried M. Bertin. The old man then mentioned his name; and the other recovering gradually from the fright, learned with horror, that his friend had been confined a year in one of the castle cells by his son, assisted by a servant that daily brought him food, and had given out that his father was dead, in order that he might get possession of his property. On that very day, as he afterwards learned, the arrival of M. Bertin, who was not expected, having thrown the house into confusion the servant who carried provisions to the unfortunate old man, had not properly fastened the door of the cell when he went away; and the latter perceiving it, waited till all was quiet in the castle, and under cover of the night, endeavored to escape; but not finding the keys in the outer door he naturally took the way to his apartment, which, though in the dark he easily found. M. Bertin called upon his servant without loss of time; said he wished to depart immediately without waking the master of the castle; and took the old man with him to Perigous, where they arrived at day break. Proper officers were directly dispatched to arrest the unnatural son; who suffered what his crimes deserved, by being shut up in the same cell in which he had confined his father.

A Caledonian Courtship.

A son of medicine verging to his climacterick, breathed out his amorous sighs to the daughter of a Scotch Peer. The Lady, prone to jocularly, seemed to listen to his suit, solely for that entertainment which grey haired folly produces in assuming the characteristics of juvenality. The doctor one day was to pay a visit in form to the goddess of his idolatry; on this occasion he was determined to be as Adonis like in habiliments as possible. It is requisite to be known, that the doctor was a man who scorned to be thought of the sect of Peripatetics; when he appeared it was in the equestrian style. On such an important event as the present, resolving to be spruce, he took an immaculate shirt, and put it, not on, but in his pocket, prudently considering that in the action of jiding, its purity might be tarnished; to prevent this he resolved to put it on when he should come within a small distance of the scene of his wishes. When arrived at the settled dis-

Since the doctor proceeded to disrobe himself of his upper garments, still sitting on his horse; his hat, wig, coat and waistcoat were taken off and laid upon the pommel of the saddle. In this critical moment, malignant fate designing, his faithful Pegasus received a fright from some what on the road. Off sat Rosinante with the doctor in deminuity, and ran with him (instinctively knowing, from frequency in going, to his masters destination) to the door of the very house he had hoped to enter with every minutiae of dress adjusted. His Quixotte like appearance threw the family into such paroxisms of laughter, as precluded the operation of speech, or the means of assisting the distressed doctor. [London pap.]

John Golder,

Attorney at law, having removed to Philadelphia, offers his sincere thanks to his friends in Maryland for their liberal confidence and support during his practice, and takes this method to inform them, he has left the exhibits and causes of action relating to his unfinished business, with special instructions in each case, in the hands of James Boyle, esq. attorney at law, in Annapolis, who will pay attention to all inquiries concerning business in his hands. James Boyle, esquire, has also in his possession the greater part of the papers relative to the unsettled business originally instituted by the Hon. John Johnson, to whom persons concerned will be pleased to apply for them. John Golder.

N. B. Mr. Boyle will also attend to the unfinished business of the late Abraham Claude, esq. March 16.

Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the chancery court, the subscriber will offer to public sale, on the premises, on Friday, the 21st April next,

A part of a Tract of Land, lying in Anne-Arundel county, and in the neighborhood of Queen-Anne, called Holiday's Purchase, being the real estate of Thomas Holiday, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. This land is of a soil well adapted to the cultivation of rye and corn; it is situated in a fine healthy country, and in the midst of a very respectable society. From its vicinity to the Patuxent, the produce of the farm can at all times be conveniently and cheaply transported to a good market. As this land is so well and so generally known, it is deemed inexpedient to give a more minute description. Those persons who may be disposed to purchase, can obtain all necessary information by applying to Mr. John Plummer, who lives on an adjoining tract. The subscriber being also authorized by the decree to sell the same at private sale, will receive any proposals which may be made previous to the 21st April next. The terms of sale are, that the purchaser shall give bond with approved security, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest, within twelve months from the day of sale, on the receipt of which the trustee will convey the title. William Warfield, Trustee. March 30.

Public Sale.

By virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will expose to sale on Thursday the 13th April next, if fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter, at the late residence of Nicholas Swormstadt, on the south side of Patuxent, All the personal estate of said Swormstadt, consisting of Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, Household Furniture, plantation utensils, &c. and one Batteau. Terms of sale, for all sums over twenty dollars a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser giving bond, with security, with interest from the day of sale; for all sums under twenty dollars the cash to be paid. Nancy Swormstadt, Adm. 2 A House and Lot, In the precincts of Baltimore, now occupied by Mr. Proud, will also be disposed of on the terms above mentioned, on Saturday the 15th April. N. S. Adm. 3w\* March 30.

Anne-Arundel County, sc. I hereby certify, that Robert Nichols brought before me this day, as a stray, trespassing on his enclosures, a small sorrel MARE, supposed to be fourteen or fifteen years old, thirteen and half hands high; said mare is shod all round, foxed; hogged, and short-docked, with no other perceivable mark or brand—she paces, trots and canters. Given under the hand of me one of the justices of the peace for said county, this 27th March, 1815. Augustine Gambrill.

The owner of the above described mare is requested to come forward and prove property, pay charges, and take her away. Robert Nichols.

An Overseer Wanted.

An honest, industrious, sober man, will meet with immediate employ, by applying to the subscriber, at his farm on the north side Severn. James Mackubin. March 16.

Wood for Sale.

THE Subscriber has a quantity of Oak and Pine wood, which he will dispose of on moderate terms, at his landing on south river. Persons wishing to purchase will please apply to Mr. Thomas Gibbs, on the premises, or the subscriber, 3X J. Mayo. March 25.

For Sale.

The subscribers offer for sale a valuable farm situated on West River, containing 400 acres of land, inferior to none in the county, a part of which is now in clover, it has the advantage of fine meadows and meadow land; it is well timbered, and enclosed. The improvements consist of two comfortable dwelling-houses; with the necessary out buildings, which with other improvements it is deemed unnecessary to particularize, as every person inclined to purchase is invited to view the property. Springfield the late residence of Joseph Court, is included in this tract, and within 60 yards of the dwelling-house is one of the finest springs in the county. The well known healthiness of the situation, with the excellence of the neighbourhood, renders it well worthy the attention of any gentleman who may wish to settle in the country. Springfield, with 200 acres, may be had possession of immediately, and the other 200 in the ensuing autumn, with liberty to seed as early as they please. One half of the purchase money must be paid in hand, for the other half 12 months credit will be given, on approved negotiable notes or bank stock. The tract will be divided in two lots, if required, to suit purchasers. Stock, plantation utensils, and some valuable hands, may be had with the land. Apply to either of the subscribers living at West River, Henry Hall, Henry A. Hall. March 9.

Property for Sale.

The subscriber will sell at private sale the plantation whereon she at present resides, in Anne-Arundel county, five miles below McCoy's tavern, on the road leading to Annapolis, and sixteen miles from Baltimore. The tract contains 312 acres of good quality, and produces well Indian corn, tobacco, small grain, particularly rye; its distance from the market of Baltimore makes it valuable to any person inclined to go into that line of cultivation. The soil is adapted to early growth of vegetables of all kinds; nearly one half of the tract is in wood, of young thriving timber. The improvements are comfortable and in good repair, the dwelling house roomy and sufficient for a large family; every convenient out house, for stock and poultry; an excellent garden newly built, rich, and well set with herbs of almost every kind; a pump of good water in the yard, and a run of every kind. There is some meadow and more can be made with little labour. Any person inclined to purchase, may know the terms by applying to Mr. Richard Gambrill, or Dr. Anderson Warfield, in Anne-Arundel county, or Mr. Eli Hewitt in the city of Baltimore. If the above property is not sold at private sale by the 20th day of June next, it will on that day be exposed to public sale, on the premises, to the highest bidder. Rachel Warfield. 120J. March 16, 1815.

Lands for Sale.

By virtue of an order of the court of chancery, in pursuance of an act of the legislature of this state, the subscriber will expose to sale on Monday the 17th April next, at Catton's Tavern in the city of Annapolis, 350 acres of land, part of a tract called

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originally granted on the 3d Nov. 1776 to Thomas Johnson, and lying in Anne-Arundel county.

These lands are part of the quantity of 1,060 acres, purchased by the late general John Davidson of Annapolis, from Thomas Johnson, the patentee, on the 28th May, 1783, for himself, a certain Benjamin Brooke, and the heirs of Col. Benjamin Ford. Davidson on the 24th April, 1776, conveyed 410 acres, his own part, to Caleb Dorsey, son of Thomas, having on the 25th April, 1786, previously conveyed 300 acres, his part, to Benjamin Brooke, the remaining 350 acres are now sold because the same will not admit of division between the heirs of Benjamin Ford.

The subscriber is unacquainted with these lands, and of course can give no description either of their particular situation, their soil, or improvements. He supposes that persons inclined to purchase will view them previous to the sale. Mr. Henry Wayman, who lives near the lands, will show them to any person who will call upon him. The title is indisputable. One sixth of the purchase money to be paid cash to the trustee, on the day of sale; and for the balance, bonds to be given for the payment of one half in 6 months, and the other half in 12 months from the day of sale, with legal months interest. Thomas H. Jovett, Trustee. March 16.

NOTICE.

By virtue of an order from the court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will offer at public sale, part of the personal estate of John Tarmay, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, on Saturday the eighth day of April next, at his dwelling at Beard's Point, Consisting of, horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep, also thirty barrels of some bacon, household furniture, farming utensils. The foregoing property will be sold on a credit of six months for all sums over ten dollars, under that sum the cash to be paid. Bond with approved security will be required, with interest from the day of sale. The sale to commence at 11 o'clock. John Tarmay, Adm. March 16.

NOTICE.

Mr. Isaac Parker having assigned the subscriber all the debts due him in his books, which have accrued since the establishment in the Union Tavern, of those indebted on said books, are notified to make payment to the subscriber only. Indulgence cannot be given, no discrimination can be made in the mode of collection. James Sklar. March 2.

50 Dollars Reward.

Ran away from the subscriber on the 2d of October, 1814, a negro named DICK; he is a short, yellow complected fellow, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, and polite when spoken to. He took with him a pair of cotton country cloth trousers, with a broad blue stripe, and a white country cloth jacket and waist coat. He is a rough shoemaker, and took away with him his tools. Whoever brings home the said negro, or receives him so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward with all reasonable charges. Benjamin Harwood, of M. A. County, South River Neck, near Annapolis. N. B. It is supposed the above runaway man may have gone to Montgomery county, where his mother lives with Mrs. Murray, near Montgomery Creek House, and may have a pass. B. H. December 1.

NOTICE.

By virtue of an order from the court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will expose to public sale on Friday the fourteenth April next, at the late dwelling of Charles Dray of Wm. late of A. A. county deceased.

All the personal estate of said deceased, consisting of two negroes, also horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep, together with a parcel of household kitchen furniture, and plantation utensils. The foregoing property will be sold on a credit of six months for all sums over twenty dollars, all sums under that sum the cash to be paid; but with approved security will be required, with interest, from the day of sale. The sale to commence on the premises at 11 o'clock. A. M. Henry C. Drury, Adm. March 23.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel county, Orphans Court Jan. 10, 1815. On application by petition of John Nicholson, executor of the last will and testament of John Nicholson sen. late of Anne-Arundel county deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer. John Gassaway, Reg. Wm. A. A. County.

This is to Give Notice.

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county of Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of John Nicholson, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereon, to the subscriber at or before the fourth day of April next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 10th day of January, 1815. John Nicholson, Executor.

Notice.

To owners and shippers of Tobacco from Taylor's landing ware house, the outgo on each hoghead is \$1 and 4 cents per month, after the first year until shipped, it is therefore expected that every person concerned with the money with their orders, otherwise the tobacco will not be delivered. David Stewart, Inspector. March 2.

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