

POETS CORNER

From the Trenton Federalist. TO CHILDHOOD. 'Tis sweet to dwell on Childhood's hour,

To soothe the mind and to impart, A pensive pleasure to the heart— To cheer the breast and bosom lone

Oh yes, in many a lonely hour, Thy accents, blest childhood, still have power,

Nor mourned for joys to come again, Each little bosom then was light—

Or grew in gaudy beauty by; And passed in wild and sportive play,

Blest hours of innocence passed by, Ye claim the tribute of a sigh,

Who but could feel how dearer far, Was childhood's hour, then thought could mar,

Compelled to change those visions glow; For vanity, deceit and woe—

And still as "morning on thro' life, Meets disappointment, care and strife,

Or felt the heart a lonely hour; When hope on every prospect smiled,

Oh yes, while "memory's hand pours down" The dews of Youth, its "brighter days"

Regret shall ever fill the mind, For hours that fled like summers wind,

On no, they've gone—those hours that charm'd, And childhood's breast and bosom warm'd,

Like meteor beam, have fled and past, Of love and happiness the last;

Of scenes we loved while yet a child— Of visions forms and dreams so wild,

Some hopes of future peace and rest— Some hours from passion void & calm,

Mount Holly, Dec. 1817.

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evidences of a similar nature, in persons who suffer the additional misfortune of being blind.

"I heard a benevolent lady mention the name of Julia Bract, a girl about eleven years old, living in the vicinity of Hartford, who is afflicted with the triple calamity of blindness. Deafness, and dumbness, having lost the senses of sight and hearing, by the violence of a typhus fever, at the age of four years.

"Her form and features are regular and well proportioned. Her temper is mild and affectionate. She is much attached to her infant sister, often passes her hand over the mouth, & eyes of the child, in order to ascertain whether it is crying and soothes its little distresses with all the assiduity and success of a talkative or musical nurse.

"All objects which she can readily handle, she applies to her lips; and rarely fails of determining their character. If any thing is too large for examination in this way, she makes her fingers the interpreters of its nature and properties, and is seldom mistaken. She will beat apples or other fruit from the tree, and select the best with as much judgment as if she possessed the faculty of sight.

"A gentleman, one day, gave her a small tin. She inquired of her lips what it was; and on being informed, returned it into the gentleman's pocket. The mother, observing, that Julia already possessed one fan; she probably thought that another would be superfluous.

"She is as obedient as the other children in general. The jar of her mother's foot upon the floor effectually prevents the commission of a fault; but she easily distinguishes the stamping of one of the children from that of her mother, and obeys or not as she pleases.

"Her parents, as you may well suppose, have not been able to indulge her in dress; but when she receives articles of clothing, or ornaments as presents, she is highly gratified to find that they resemble in form and fashion, those of her playmates. She has, as you perceive, a spice of female vanity! At a tea-table, she behaves with more gentility, than many a miss, who has the benefit of eyes, by which to adjust her motions and attitudes.

"In short, this poor girl, in her calamitous state, exhibits so much good nature, vivacity and intelligence, that I sincerely wish some plan could be devised to furnish her with instructions. The very thought, you will say, is visionary. Perhaps it is; but the fingers are so expert, that possibly she might be taught by means of letters raised, or in some way rendered susceptible to the touch. Would not charity and Philosophy be well employed in making this child an object of attention!

"She might certainly be taught to use a needle skillfully. She has made a vandyke for her cat, a bonnet for her doll, and some other little things of curious workmanship.

"Probably to discover whether the mouth be distorted, or there are any tears in the cheek.

remained upon the table. She then went out of the door, and picked the head of a large thistle in full bloom; brought it in, smelling of it as she came, and offered it to the gentleman, apparently as a nosegay. He reached out his hand to receive it; but instead of giving it, she archly pricked his hand by way of retort for his freedom in testing her sagacity."

INTERESTING TO NAVIGATORS.

Observations on the magnetic fluid, by Captain Obrien Drury, of the royal navy.

The magnetic fluid and its phenomena, are no less singular than obscure, and have too long engaged the attention of philosophers, for me to offer any hypothesis on the subject. I mean only to speak of a matter of fact, which I am led to believe may be serviceable to navigation, should the variation of the compass ever be made use of as a method of ascertaining the longitude.

It is necessary to enter into a detail of experiments to prove the existence of the magnetic fluid, which circulates continually around and through a magnet, and it is fully demonstrated by the arrangement of iron filings thrown on glass placed over a magnet.

Experience shows us that a needle of a compass, as well as other magnets, whether artificial or real, perpetually loses something of its magnetic power, which often produces a difference exceeding a point; and I am well convinced that the great errors in ship-reckoning proceed more frequently from the incorrectness of the compass than from any other cause.

Steel cannot be too highly tempered for the needle of a sea compass; as the more it is hardened the more permanent is the magnetism, and consequently the polarity of the needle. I recommend to have the needle cased with thin polished soft iron, else to have it armed at the poles with a bit of soft iron.

I have found, from many experiments, that the cased needle preserved its magnetism in a much more perfect degree than the needle not cased; and I have sometimes thought that the magnetic power of the cased needle had increased, and the magnetic power of the uncased and unarmed needle always loses its polarity.

Some time ago, I placed a case needle, an unarmed needle, and one without either case or armor, in a room for three months, having at that time precisely the same direction, and nearly the same degree of force. At the expiration of three months, I found that the cased needle, and the unarmed needle, had not in the least changed their direction, but the other had changed two degrees, and had lost very considerably of its magnetic power; if there were any changes in the other needles, it was too inconsiderable to be perceived.

These observations appear to me to be new, and may tend to great improvement in our sea compass. They are submitted to the consideration of philosophers.

By His Excellency, Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, Esquire, Governor of Maryland.



REMOVAL. Boot and Shoemaking. WALTER CROSS, Boot & Shoemaker, having removed, will in future carry on business in the shop lately occupied by Mr. Basil Shepard, nearly opposite the store of Mr. J. Hughes, Church street.

REMOVAL. BASIL SHEPARD, Having removed to the Store formerly occupied by the late Mr. Barny Curran, will in future carry on business in the same.

FOR SALE. A complete Patent Cooking Stove, For particulars inquire at the office of the Maryland Gazette.

CAUTION. All persons are hereby cautioned from taking an assignment of a bond given by me to a certain William Williams for \$200 in the year 1816, as I have terminated not to pay said bond having sufficient plea to exonerate me.

JOHN THOMPSON, MERCHANT TAILOR, Has just received from Baltimore, a select assortment of SEASONABLE GOODS,

BOARDING-HOUSE. ANNAPOLIS. MRS. ROBINSON, Occupying the large and commodious buildings formerly in the possession of Mr. William Brewer, immediately opposite the Farmers Bank of Maryland, is prepared to accommodate Ladies and Gentlemen with boarding, by the day, week, month or year.

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REMOVAL. BAKING. GEORGE SCHWAB, Respectfully returns his most grateful acknowledgments to the citizens of Annapolis, for the patronage he has received in his line of business.

NOTICE. Henry Price, having joined Partnership with Leonard Scott, in the Fruit and Confectionary Establishment, the business will hence be conducted under the firm of Scott & Price.

Take Notice. All persons are forewarned landing on or crossing through any part of my farm, on South river, also from hunting, with either dog or gun, through any part thereof, likewise from gunning or ducking round the shores, or either of the ponds, as I am determined to put the law in force against all offenders.

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Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of a writ of vendito, ex parte directed from Anne Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale, Mr. James Hunter's Tavern, in the County of Annapolis, on Thursday 8th January next, at 11 o'clock for cash, all the parts of two tracts of land, lying in A County, called Browly Hill, & Whites Plains; which were conveyed by Jos. P. Plummer to John Plummer, to satisfy a debt due to M. Culloch, use Solomon Green, the son of James Shaw.

Chancery Sale. By virtue of a decree of the Chancery Court of Maryland, in the case of David Weems, vs. John O'Brien, subscriber will offer at public sale, on Friday, the 9th day of January next, at 11 o'clock, a Negro Man named Toney. The terms of sale are, that the purchaser shall give bond, for the purchase money, with interest, for 12 months from the day of sale.

By The Committee of Claims. The Committee of Claims will receive every day during the present session, from 9 o'clock in the morning till 4 in the afternoon.

Frederick-town Lottery. Those persons who purchased tickets in the above Lottery, are requested to send the same, as the drawing is completed.

MARYLAND GAZETTE

CONGRESS. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Wednesday, Dec. 17. The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasury Department, which is ordered to be printed, with the accompanying documents.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE. The House then again resolved itself into a committee on the report of the committee on the petition of the soldiers' army, the motion to strike out the first section being still in debate.

The Military establishment, including arrearages, and Indian Department, 6,263,135 26

The Naval establishment, including the Marine Corps, 2,611,376 20

The funds out of which the appropriations for the year 1818, may be discharged, are the following: 1. The sum of \$5,000,000 annually reserved by the act of the 4th August, 1790, out of the Duties & Customs, towards the expenses of government.

INTERNAL DUTY. The amendments of the bill to abolish the Internal Duties, were taken up and agreed to; so that the bill only the approbation of a dissent to become a law.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the relief of the members of the senate and the house of representatives & the deputies from the territories of the United States—and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Resolved, That the secretary of the House be and he is hereby instructed to report to this House, the amount of the pensions which have been granted to the widows and orphans of deceased officers and soldiers of the late war, specifying the number of each grade of officers to whose widows or children the pensions have been granted.

Resolved, That the committee on the petition of the soldiers' army, be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the judges of the district courts, the several district courts, and the supreme court, to issue writs of habeas corpus, in cases where the death, disability of the petitioners, or the absence of the President, or of the President's order, or of the act entitled "to amend the judicial system of the United States," where the same is necessary to complete the trial of any pending criminal case.