

POETS CORNER

VALENTINE'S DAY, Feb. 14. From the Athenaeum. Valentine was an antient presbyter of the church: he suffered martyrdom in the persecution under Claudius II.

"The day Saint Valentine. When maids are brisk, and at the break of day Start up and turn their pillows, curious all To know what happy swain the fate provide A mate for life. Then follows thick discharge Of true love knots, and sonnets nicely penned. But to the learned critic's eye no verse. But prose distracted." HURDIS.

The first inventor of this custom, (observes Mr. Hutchinson) must have been some benevolent female, who studied to encourage the intercourse of the sexes; for by such means intimacies might arise, productive of love and marriage engagements; or otherwise the first design of these lots was, that those who shared in the dances and diversions, might have their proper partners assigned, without hazarding the confusion & displeasure which must necessarily arise in the liberty of choice.

No hidden flame discover, I glory in the name of friend, Disclaiming that of lover And now while each fond sighing youth, Repeats his vows of love and truth, Attend to this advice of mine— With caution choose a Valentine.

Hear not the lip, who loves himself, Nor let the rake your love obtain, Choose not the miser for his pelf, The drunkard heed with cold disdain; The prodigal with caution shun, His race of ruin soon is run, To none of these your heart incline, Nor choose from them a Valentine.

But should some generous youth appear, Whose honest mind is void of art, Who shall his maker's laws reverse, And serve Him with a willing heart; Who owns fair Virtue for his guide, Nor from her precepts turns aside, To him at once your heart resign, And bless your faithful Valentine.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND GIRL.

[COMMUNICATED.] Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Boston, to his friend in New-Haven.

"On my return from your city, I tarried a short time at Hartford, & visited the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. I should have trespassed offener on the urbanity of the reverend instructor, and his amiable associate, if I had not been deterred by a fear of retarding the improvement of their pupils, for whose welfare and proficiency I felt a peculiar regard. Their promptitude, readiness of apprehension, and docility, notwithstanding the obstacles to their advancement in knowledge, excited, in my mind, mingled emotions of pleasure and compassion. They are certainly interesting objects; and if I were required to prove the immaturity of the human soul, by a single instance, I would point to one of the inmates of that Asylum, and inquire, whether the intelligence that animates his eye, is not the effect of an ethereal energy?"

"If proofs of vigorous intellect in the deaf and dumb, are admirable, how much more wonderful are 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 Brace, a girl about 11 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 4 years. On visiting her myself, I learned that the extreme poverty and the obscurity of her parents, have prevented her from being known or particularly noticed, except by the charitable ladies of the town, and a few gentlemen, who have been induced, by motives of curiosity, to examine her conduct. The following facts are little anecdotes, I relate for your amusement.

"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 and 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, & is seldom mistaken. She will beat apples or rather fruit from the trees, and select the best with as much judgment as if she possessed the faculty of sight. She often wanders in the fields, and gathers flowers, to which she is directed by the pleasantness of their odour. Her sense of smelling is remarkably exquisite, and appears to be an assistant guide with her fingers and lips.

"A gentleman, one day, gave her a small fan. She inquired of her lips what it was; and on being informed, returned it into the gentleman's pocket. The mother observed, that Julia already possessed one fan; she probably thought that another would be superfluous. The gentleman gave the same fan to a neighbouring girl, whom Julia was in the habit of visiting—She went, a few days after, to visit her companion, whose toys she passed under the review of her fingers and lips, and among other things, the fan, the identity of which she instantly discovered, and again restored to the pocket of the gentleman, who happened to be present.

"She feels and admires mantle-piece ornaments, and never breaks or injures the most brittle furniture, even in a strange room. "She is as obedient as 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 playmate. 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 instruction. The very thought, you will say, is visionary. Perhaps it is; but her 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 skilfully. She has made a vandyke for her cat, a bonnet for her doll, and some other little things of curious workmanship.

"A gentleman once made several experiments with a view to satisfy himself whether she really had the discernment, which she was reported to possess. Among other arts for effecting his object, he pretended to carry away her infant sister. She immediately detected the cheat, by ascertaining that his umbrella 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."

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

NOTICE. The Levy Court of Anne-Arundel county will meet in the city of Annapolis, on the third Monday in March next, for the purpose of laying the county levy, &c. By order, WM. S. GREEN, CLK. Jan. 29.



ON MONDAY THE SECOND MARCH THE GRAND STATE LOTTERY COMMENCED DRAWING IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN THIRTY DRAWINGS.

The Splendid Scheme contains the following GRAND CAPITALS: \$ 50,000, \$ 20,000, \$ 10,000, 3 of \$ 5,000.

Besides the above there are 100 Prizes of \$ 1,000, equal to \$ 100,000, ALL FLOATING IN THE WHEEL. Together with a large proportion of 500, 100, &c. 15,000 Tickets in the Scheme. One and three fourths blanks to a prize. Lowest Prize TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. Present price of Tickets \$ 30.

Orders received for Tickets and Shares at ALLEN'S LUCKY LOTTERY OFFICE, Who sold Ticket No. 3,320, which drew on the last new-year's day THE GREAT PRIZE OF \$ 100,000, And Ticket No. 10,323, which drew but a few days since the SPLENDID CAPITAL OF \$ 30,000,

Each drawing will be duly received and Tickets examined gratis. Orders by mail (post paid) enclosing the cash or Prize Tickets promptly attended to. ADDRESS S. M. ALLEN, & Co. 151 Market-street, Baltimore. March 5.

MR. BOND'S Account of Botany Bay, &c. (Price one Dollar.) In consequence of the absolutely unprecedented orders for copies of this publication, a sixth edition has recently been published, to be had only of the learned author in person. To prevent trouble, the money must be paid at the time of ordering the above celebrated work. Names of those who have ordered copies. Prince regent, duke of York, duke of Kent, duke of Sussex, duke of Cambridge, duke of Devonshire, duke of Newcastle, duke of Argyll, marquis of Tweeddale, marquis of Thomond, marquis of Donegal, marquis of Northampton, lord Annesley, lord Cairns, lord Mayo, lord Northland, lord Liford, lord Fingal, lord Minto, lord Glasgow, lord Glenbervie, lord Glentworth, lord Bantay, baron Gifford, baron Hotham, bishop of Salisbury, bishop of Dublin, lord Amherst, ambassador to China, her majesty princess Elizabeth, duchess of York, duchess of Wellington, dowager duchess of Rutland, dowager lady de Clifford, dowager countess Liverpool, &c.

Georgetown, printed by H. B. Blagrove. March 5.

Land for Sale. Will be sold at private sale, the Farm where the subscriber formerly resided, being part of the tracts of Land called "The Connexion and Woodward's Inclosure," but generally known by the name of the "Black Horse." This farm contains about three hundred acres of land, and is about one mile distant from the river Severn, more than half in wood, well watered and stocked with an abundance and a great variety of fruit trees, with every necessary building thereon—Terms made known, and the property shewn to any person inclined to purchase, by applying to the subscriber. Lancelot Warfield. March 5.

State of Maryland, sc. Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, Feb. 21, 1818. On application by petition of George Kirby, administrator of Richard Kirby, 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. Wills, A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given, That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Richard Kirby, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, at or before the first day of May next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 23rd day of February, 1818. George Kirby, admr.

NOTICE. This is to give notice, that the subscriber of Charles county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Charles county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of William C. Brent, late of Charles county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, on or before the first day of September next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 19th day of February, 1818. Nicholas Stonestreet, Regr.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM, Editor, December 1817.

Public Sale. Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly, the subscriber, on Monday the 2nd of March, at 11 o'clock, will sell at first fair day thereafter, all the land dwelling of John A. Green, deceased, formerly the property of the late John A. Green, and which he bequeathed to Anne Arundel county, in a deed bearing date the 15th day of June, 1797, containing 300 acres of land, more or less. The land is situated on it a comfortable dwelling house, and other necessary out buildings, and on it a choice collection of fruit trees, is well wooded and has a good view, land making it a desirable residence for a person engaged in the business of Baltimore and Annapolis. The land is well adapted to the growth of grain, and particularly suited to the early growth of all kinds of market stuff. The above land will be sold on a credit of twelve months, the purchaser giving bonds with two approved securities, which interest thereon from the day of sale. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock. Thomas Sellman, Trustee, March 5.

ATTENTION! The subscribers want immediately a person who understands the management of a Brick Yard, and who can mould, set and burn bricks; likewise four labourers, whom they will employ by the month or year, and to whom they will give liberal wages. WM. ROSS, PHILIP C LAYTON, Annapolis, March 5.

PROSPECTUS, OF THE EASTON GAZETTE, And Eastern Shore Intelligencer.

HAVING purchased the establishment of the People's Monitor, from Mr. Rowleson, the paper will be published every Saturday, as formerly, under the above title. The Editor candidly acknowledges that his principles are purely Federal, and that his paper will be impressed with the same character. This character ought to be long, and does in fact belong to the state of Maryland; and he is encouraged to believe that the unexpected and unpleasant returns of the elections in some of the districts on this Shore, have not proceeded from any change in the sentiments of the people, but from a degree of apathy and indifference in several of their leaders, from which, judicious observations on their danger happily might have roused them. It is, therefore, improbable that better information upon the state, of their affairs, and more frequent admonitions concerning the arts and designs of their opponents, may have the useful effect of keeping alive the free spirit of federalism, and a due sense of the necessity of continual vigilance. No measure can promote these desirable objects with so much convenience and satisfaction, as a well conducted paper; and such a paper the Editor will employ all his industry and resources to establish and to assist his own efforts, he will proudly rely upon the Talents and Counsels of his Patrons and Friends.

But such a paper need not be exclusively confined to political topics. Instruction and amusement of another kind may be communicated; such as Foreign and Domestic Intelligence; Improvements in Agriculture, Manufactures, Trades, Treaties upon the Arts and Sciences, Sketches of History, Geographical and Biographical Customs, Manners, and Religious and Moral Essays, furnish a variety of interesting matter, which the Editor will always be careful to select the most agreeable pieces, for the Entertainment and Information of his Readers.

With these assurances, he submits his Prospectus to a person whom he understands to be a liberal than enlightened; and by his diligence and attention, deserves the patronage and friendship which they may feel it a gratification to bestow.

CONDITIONS. The Easton Gazette and Eastern Shore Intelligencer will be published weekly, on a large and handsome paper, with a new type, at two cents and fifty cents per annum; payable half yearly in advance. Arrangements will be made to receive the earliest information by the Editor, and the utmost care taken to transmit the paper to subscribers. ALEXANDER GRAHAM, Editor, December 1817.

MARYLAND GAZETTE

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LAWS OF MARYLAND, Passed December session, 1817. AN ACT

to provide for building Bridges over Patuxent River. Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petitions of a number of inhabitants of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties, that it would tend greatly to their accommodation and convenience, and to that of the public generally, if bridges were erected over the Patuxent river at Queen-Anne, and at the two fording places called the Governor's Bridge, and the Priest's Ford, therefore

Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy courts of Prince-George's county, and Anne-Arundel county, are hereby authorized and empowered, to assess and levy sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars, on the assessable property in their respective counties, at the time of laying their next rates, together with the commission for collecting the same, which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, to the commissioners appointed by this act, or to their order, as soon as the same shall become payable, by law.

And be it further enacted, That the following, to wit: To the commissioners for building the bridge at Queen-Anne, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars; to the commissioners for building the bridge at the Governor's Bridge, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars; to the commissioners for building the bridge at the Priest's Ford, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars; and in case the collector shall refuse or neglect to do the same, the said commissioners shall have the same remedy for recovering the same as is prescribed by the act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies levied or received by sheriffs and collectors, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety seven; Provided, that before the said commissioners for building either of the bridges shall be entitled to receive any money levied in virtue of this act, they shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of double the sum to be levied, for the faithful discharge of their duties as commissioners for building the bridge to which they are appointed, which said bonds shall be lodged with the clerks of the levy courts of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties respectively, and may be sued as any public bonds now are, and a certified copy of said bonds, under the seal of either of the county clerks aforesaid, shall be evidence in any court of law or equity in this state.

And be it enacted, That the following persons are appointed commissioners for building said bridges, to wit: for building the bridge at Queen-Anne, Joseph W. Giddens and Samuel Tyler, of Prince-George's county, and Joseph N. Keck and James Sanders, of Anne-Arundel county; for building the bridge at the ford called the Governor's Bridge, Dennis Boyd and George Tyler, of Prince-George's county, and James Iglehart and John Hodges, of Anne-Arundel county; and for building the bridge over the Priest's Ford, Benjamin Ogle, William Bowie, of Prince-George's county, and Thomas W. Hall, John Duvall, of Marsh, of Anne-Arundel county; and the said commissioners, or a majority of those named for the purpose of building and empowering, are authorized and empowered, as soon as they shall be convened, to cause the bridges to be built of sound and durable materials, and compounded in size and most substantial manner, and they, or a majority of them, may, by this act fully authorized and empowered, to agree with a contractor or contractors for each of the bridges, or they may purchase materials, and hire workmen and

labourers to erect the same, in their best and most judicious manner, and in such manner as shall be directed and approved by the said commissioners, and the said commissioners shall have full power, with their own or other persons, to do all the things which shall be necessary to be done, in and about the execution of the purposes of this act, and they shall be liable to the same penalties and forfeitures as are provided by law, in relation to the execution of any act of the general assembly, which shall be in force at the time when the same shall be put in execution.

And be it further enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may, by this act fully authorized and empowered, to agree with a contractor or contractors for each of the bridges, or they may purchase materials, and hire workmen and