

POETS CORNER.

From the New-York Daily Advertiser

Lines on reading "Rob Roy."

Magician, the spell which thy wild stories give.

Must ever a charm to the bosom impart.

That long in the memory delighted shall live,

And remain deep impress'd on each Highlander's heart.

For thy tales speak of Scotland, the home of the brave,

Of the warrior stern, and fair mountain maid;

And thy picture so sweet of "Loch Lomond's" dark wave,

Is in colours so bless'd, they never can fade.

And the tale of the "Outlaw" must ever awake

In its children some fond recollection of home;

Of some spot once so dear, some wild lonely lake,

And some torrent that rush'd thro' its valleys in foam.

Yes! even the heather that waves on its hills,

Its moss-covered rocks, when painted so gay.

With the "bloom of its valleys," the gush of its rills,

Must be dear to each Scotsman, from home far away.

Land of the muse! where the rock and the mountain

Are mingled together in grandeur so wild;

Where the rush of the torrent and roar of the fountain

Are music to him who is nature's own child.

Land of the bard; where sorrow's sad tale

Is dwelt on with pity, and blest with a tear;

Where the story of Misery never can fail

To move with compassion the rough mountaineer.

Land of the brave! the red tide of blood

Has crimson'd thy heather in the dark hour;

When, defending their own native mountain and flood,

Thy children here fell 'neath the tyrant's stern power.

Thy hills, clad with pine, have oft echoed to war;

Thy heath has been stain'd with the hue of its rage;

When thy clansmen, with valour, have rush'd from afar,

The foes of their country, their homes, to engage.

And dread was the combat, and stern was the strife.

When the Gael and Spethern in battle had met.

For the sun, that rose, on them in vigour and life,

And the veil that so long has o'ershadow'd thy glory,

Be remov'd from the face of a nation in tears.

From the Franklin Gazette.

The following is an extract from a letter written from Edinburgh,

to an American lady, by a Scotch lady, well known in the literary world.

"Of Walter Scott, the author of the inimitable Lay, and splendid medley of Marmion, it is a pleasure to speak.—He is unique, without having any marked peculiarity of character."

"He is unique, because he unites simplicity of manner with splendid talents—undefatigable industry, both in business and literature, with manners disengaged, social and easy; and doing more than any other man, still finds leisure & warmth of heart to be kind, compassionate, and indeed most endearing to his little Swiss wife, (who looks up to him with unbounded admiration,) and half a dozen fine, artless, half rustic children, in whom he delights. His conversation is various, pleasing, and more engaging than brilliant. It resembles his notes, and abounds in that kind of easy told anecdote and playful discussion. He is very social and hospitable, without affectation or profusion. He takes every advantage of his fame and popularity which it is necessary that a younger brother, with a large family should do, for their benefit; yet never neglects his old friends, and invites the plainest of his humble brothers\* to mingle at his parties with the leaders of fashion and the arbiters of taste.

Miss Hamilton (author of the works on education, &c.) lives here very respectably, receiving the attention due to the real worth of her private character, from those who consider her opinions like mine, very antique, to say the best. She is most exemplary, and does much good in various ways. Sure I am, you must know Cowper, intimately, and must be interested in those admirable females who were to him as guardian spirits.—Miss Fanshaw was the intimate friend of the incomparable Lady Hesketh, who died only 3 years since, but who never recovered from the bodily fatigue and mental distress consequent on her last attendance on her cousin. You must have observed the high praise that Cowper bestows on the epistolary merits of Miss Fanshaw; and the pretty epigram in which he compliments her on the solidity of her thought, and the purity of her language. There is hardly any thing I am so proud of as being the correspondent of so distinguished a being, who for wit, piety, benevolence, and all the polished graces of a fine and highly cultivated mind, has few, if any equals; yet is accounted shy and somewhat fastidious. Before I quit this subject, I must mention another female, who, to genius of the highest order, unites a simplicity and even timidity of character. I mean Miss Baillie, who is one of my Scotch circle in London. I am not intimate with her; but I think I have already described this "bold enchantress," as Walter Scott calls her. O the poet Campbell—I never knew of any one but himself, who, combining great talents with at least respectable morals, continued to make himself disliked and unhappy.—But his caprice and self-indulgence are boundless. Not so Walter. He lives and thrives just like other people, and has too much good sense to allow the consciousness of possessing genius to interfere with the common duties of life."

\*There is some doubt whether this word is correctly given.

I laughed heartily the other day, at the ingenuity and presence of mind by which an English Sergeant at Law, celebrated for bullying and brow-beating witnesses, saved himself from the indignity and corporal pain of a good flogging. He had it appears, on the western circuit, most grossly insulted a respectable gent man in court, in the course of a cross examination. The next morning, very early, the insulted party proceeded to the lodgings of the advocate, with a good horse-whip in his hand, and requested of the clerk to see his master alleging that he had business of great importance with him; the clerk shewed the gentleman into his bed room, where he lay fast asleep, and upon his awakening was addressed by his visitor as follows:—"Sir, I am the person whom you so scandalously treated yesterday in court, without

any reason, and I am come personally to chastise you with this horse-whip for your insolence." "Are you indeed," replied the barrister, "but surely you would not strike a man in bed?" "No sir, I pledge my honour not to do that," said the gentleman. "Then, by my merit," exclaimed the sergeant, "I will lie here till doomsday." The humor of the thought disarmed the anger of the affronted gentleman, & bursting into a fit of laughter, he said "there sir, you may lie as long as you like; I will not molest you this time; but let me recommend you never again to hold up a person of respectability, whose only object is to tell the truth, to the derision of a court of justice," and left the man of law to console himself.

[Brydon's tour through Sicily.

From the Liverpool Mercury, of June 5.

Honourable conduct of the Americans.

Extract of a letter from St. John's, Newfoundland, Feb. 12, 1818.

"Above half this once extensive and valuable town was last year destroyed by fire. This time 12 months such was the disaster that the principal inhabitants, who had escaped the calamity, were under the necessity of feeding from 80 to 90 persons daily. The scarcity of provisions was such that the scanty proportion issued to the sufferers was obliged to be defended by a guard of 40 soldiers; and on the day of the first arrival, there did not remain in the town 5 cwt. of grain of any kind, for the support of from 12 to 14,000 inhabitants.

"What do you think of our neighbours of New-England? These men on hearing of the destruction of the place, (and at a season when we could expect but little, if any relief from the eastward) entered into the most liberal subscriptions in Boston and other places, for our relief, and in the most prompt manner loaded a fine new brig and sent her to this place with bread, flour, &c. as a gift to the distressed. One or two others, we understand, were loaded at New York and other places, but the sea being covered with ice, and the weather being so excessively severe, there was no possibility of approaching the coast. Such acts of disinterested generosity from men whom we heretofore considered as our greatest enemies, will derive additional brilliancy from the fact, that at this time the greatest reluctance was shown in the issues from the King's stores; and when a barrel of flour could be obtained, one third more than the real value was extorted from the starving man who appealed for it."

From the Rochester Gazette.

"Huzza! huzza! huzza!" bawled a fellow as I was passing him. What's the matter enquired I—"Huzza! huzza! huzza!" was his answer. Perhaps thought I, we have gained some signal victory, (for it was during the revolution) and so I huzzaed too.—The crowd increased and all shouted huzza. The tumult subsided, and on asking the cause of the fellow's outcry, he informed us, with a self-approving laugh, that "his dog had just given John's a ternal kicking." You may truly guess we all hung our tails and sneaked home.

My good old Uncle Ned never told me this story (for him it was that used to tell it) without concluding with a long string of advice.

My son, (the old man used to say) this little trifling event done me more good than any one circumstance of my early life—it taught me one very important thing for a young man to know, that is, never to undertake or engage in any affair without first knowing from what principle I acted, the moving cause, and examining into the probable result. Never (he would say) do this, that or the other thing, because your neighbour such a one, may have done so; your neighbour such a one may be a fool, and it is no more than prudent to find out before you make a beginning, lest you be foolish like your neighbour.

One evening when coming into his presence he asked me significantly, (knowing I had been with the girls) how I spent my time:—I answered him, and then began telling him the particulars—as how Miss Such a one was making great havoc among the young men's hearts—and as how all of them flocked about her to the neglect of the other ladies—and here my uncle interrupted me with the exclamation of Nonsense! that puts

me in mind of the Dog escape again! He then went on to say, that he should have no hesitation in pronouncing Miss a fool—for, said he, she must be destitute of delicacy to suffer herself thus to be flattered, and not only that, but must be weak minded in the bargain. My son, continued the old gentleman, never choose you a wife because of the number of admirers, or the noise she makes in society, for let me tell you, it is ten to one but you find more beauty than good sense, and more impudence than real merit.

From the Pittsburg G. zette.

"For all the Athenians, & strangers which were there, spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear something new." Ats XVII, 2.

When the accomplished Paul visited Greece, he found the inhabitants of her cities, as eager to hear strange news, as those of any little village of modern times. Eighteen hundred years have not altered the dispositions of man, and climate has made no change in the tone of thought.

The novel doctrine preached by the apostle excited the buzz of curiosity in every part of Athens; the schools of the Epicureans, and of the Stoics were deserted; the mechanic, the merchant, the priest and the soldier crowded round the orator, to hear what his "satter tortia of strange gods" had to say; and when their curiosity was gratified, they laughed at him and left him, satisfied at having some plausible excuse for neglecting their different avocations. Our towns in these days, exhibit the same thirst to hear of passing events; when a traveller whose object it may be to collect memoranda "or a "Right merrie and conceitede tour" in the manner of the authentic Ashe, or a merchant whose business may be to procure a little parmoney from a neighbouring bank, arrives at the Caravanera of a country town, the good citizens immediately forget every thing else, but the news which may be brought by this ominous visitor. The merchant locks his door. (for this may be done now a days without much loss,) the taylor quits his board, the blacksmith leaves his shop, the white iron on the anvil cools, to catch with eager years, the events that are passing without the limits of the microcosm in which they dwell. Often have I wondered at the persevering curiosity of these worthy villagers, who generally succeed in finding out the whole business of the sojourner.—A stranger may remain in a city for months without being forced to disclose his views: but let him abide a day in one of our towns & his secrets are drawn from his bosom with as much ease, as the modern magi transfer a ball from your pocket.—But the consequences of this desire to hear news is fatal to our workmen; the business of the day is broke in upon; they meet to discuss the matter over an intoxicating cup, and from the tavern adjourn to finish the day at quitoes or fives. The work is neglected, the employer murmurs, pay is withheld, and the industrious wife too often suffers with her little innocents. Eradicate then this thirst for news, which is too often the parent of idleness. No matter what bank has stopped; no matter who is in or who is out; it cannot affect you. If such a man as Paul arrive among us, we may neglect our business to listen to the word of his mouth—but until then, let us attend to our families, which conduct alone must be righteous in the sight of him who made us all, to fill some useful place in his great design.

FOR SALE.

That valuable Lot of Ground No 59, opposite the Church, lately in the possession of Mr Thomas Brown, fronting 82 feet on the Church Circle, and running back with Doctor-street, 104 feet to Cathedral-street, thence with Cathedral-street 82 feet, and thence to the Church-Circle. The Lot is enclosed with a good post and rail fence. There is a basement story of Brick for a house 30 feet by 40 on it, nearly ready for the first floor. Likewise may be had at moderate prices, Doors, Sashes, Shutters, Door and Window frames, &c. enough of each kind to finish the building. The terms of sale will be made known by applying to

JOHN SHAW, Annapolis, August 13.

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the next Prince Georges county court for leave to discontinue the road by William D. Digges's mill near Bladensburg.

August 13.

To Farmers & Overseers

The subscriber has for rent Farms, situate about 16 or 18 miles from Baltimore, the one adjoining navigable waters of Severn, and the other, those of Magothy; the average produce of the latter is about 200 bushels of wheat and rye, and a profitable crop of market stuff, the production of which this place is particularly adapted to; is divided into three fields, well enclosed with cheanut fence, has comfortable dwelling houses, a good barn, &c. been carried on by an overseer a number of years. The produce of the other, about 100 bushels of corn, & 250 bushels of small grain, with market stuff. Both of these places formerly produced good crops of tobacco. To men of industry, disposed to improve lands, the terms would be accommodating, cloverseed and plow furnished gratis.

Also, two Overseers are wanted, the ensuing year, one for a tolerable large establishment, where there is number of hands, teams, vessels, &c. The other for a smaller establishment with only 4 or 5 hands, and a proportionable stock, &c.

To active, industrious men, who come with a suitable recommendation, the highest wages will be given, & a payment. Single men would be preferred, but small families would not be objected to if the recommendations were fully satisfactory. Persons living at a distance might write me, & lodge the letter in the post office Baltimore enclosing their recommendation, & the terms on which they would engage, also informing me to what place they should send my answer.

Young Men, with little experience, if noted for industry and a capacity to improve, would be taken.

CITY WATERS

Water's Ford, Aug 6, 1818. } 6 miles 12 miles above Annapolis. } P. S. A lease would be given for term of years if desired. } The Editor of the Eastern Gazette will give the above advertisements forward his account to this office.

State of Maryland, Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, July 28, 1818.

On application by petition of Susanna Wells, executrix of the last will and testament of Daniel Wells, sen. late of A. A. county, deceased, it is ordered, she give the notice required by law, to creditors to exhibit their claims against said deceased, & that the same be paid, lished 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 here'y given

That the subscriber of Anne Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, a copy of the letters testamentary on the personal estate of Daniel Wells, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereto, to the subscriber, at or before the first day of October next; and may otherwise by law be excluded from the benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 28th day of July 1818.

Susanna Wells, ex'ca.

Stop the Runaway.

20 DOLLARS REWARD

The above reward will be given for lodging in gaol or bringing home Negro; about thirty years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; he is tolerably black and bow legged; the first joint of his thumbs is rather short, with small nail, occasioned by a whitlow. He had on and took with him, two pair blue cloth pantaloons; one old blue cloth coat, one black cassimere waist coat, one osanburgh frock shirt, and one old fur hat. He has relations living Baltimore and Calvert counties. I will give ten dollars if taken in Anne Arundel county, and if out of the county the above reward.

EZEKIEL STEWART, Living in Anne Arundel county, about 7 miles from Crags's Ferry, on the Annapolis road, near Poulton's Tavern July 23.

SHERIFFALTY.

Having been particularly solicited by my friends, I am induced to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff at the ensuing October election. Should I be favoured with the support of my fellow-citizens, I pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the public in general.

GEORGE W. DUVALL of Marsh, Annapolis, Aug. 13.

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IN COUNCIL, March 18, 1813.

Ordered, That the Act passed at the last session eighteen hundred and seven, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter the laws concerning runaways, be published once in each week, for the space of six months, in the Maryland Gazette at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette and Federal Republican at Baltimore, the Frederick town Herald, the Torch Light at Hagerstown, the Annapolis Herald at Cumberland, and the Annapolis Gazette.

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

AN ACT

To prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter the laws concerning runaways.

Whereas, the laws heretofore enacted for preventing the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes, and of exporting out of this state negroes and mulattoes entitled to their freedom, for a term of years, have been found insufficient to restrain the commission of such crimes and misdemeanors; and whereas, slaves have been seduced from the service of their masters, and fraudulently removed out of this state, and that the children of such negroes and mulattoes have been seduced from their masters, protected, and transported to foreign places, and sold as slaves for the purpose of preventing such heinous crimes, and to punish them when committed.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the publication of this act, no person shall sell or dispose of any servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years, after any particular time, or upon any contingency, knowing the said servant or slave to be entitled to freedom as aforesaid, to any person who shall reside at the time of such sale a bona fide resident of this state, and who has not been a resident therein for the space of at least one year next preceding such sale, or to any person whomsoever who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a bona fide resident, and if any person claiming to possess, or being entitled to such servant or slave, shall sell or dispose of him or her to any person who is not a resident as aforesaid, knowing that such person is not a resident as aforesaid, or to any person who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a bona fide resident, knowing the person so buying or receiving such servant or slave to be so procured, engaged or employed, or who shall sell or dispose of such servant or slave for a longer term of years, or for a longer time than he or she is bound to serve, or any person making any such sale or disposition contrary to the meaning and intention of this act, shall be liable to indictment in the county where such seller or slave shall reside, or sale be made, and on conviction shall be sentenced to a term of confinement in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, according to the discretion of the court; and such servant or slave who may have been sold contrary to the provisions of this act, to any person who is not a resident as aforesaid, or to any person who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a bona fide resident, shall be sold by the order of the court for the time he or she may have to serve, for the benefit of the county where such conviction shall be had, or for the use of the mayor and city council of Baltimore if the conviction shall be had in Baltimore city court.

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10. And be it enacted, That if any person who is not a bona fide resident of this state, and who has not resided therein for the space of at least one year next preceding such purchase, shall purchase or receive on any contract any such servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom as aforesaid, knowing that such servant or slave is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, or if any person whomsoever who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being resident as aforesaid, shall purchase or receive on any contract any such servant or slave entitled to freedom as aforesaid, know-

ing that such servant or slave was so procured, engaged or employed, or who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being resident as aforesaid, shall be liable to indictment in the county where such seller or slave shall reside, or sale be made, and on conviction shall be sentenced to a term of confinement in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, according to the discretion of the court; and such servant or slave who may have been sold contrary to the provisions of this act, to any person who is not a resident as aforesaid, or to any person who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a bona fide resident, shall be sold by the order of the court for the time he or she may have to serve, for the benefit of the county where such conviction shall be had, or for the use of the mayor and city council of Baltimore if the conviction shall be had in Baltimore city court.

11. And be it enacted, That if any person who is not a bona fide resident of this state, and who has not resided therein for the space of at least one year next preceding such purchase, shall purchase or receive on any contract any such servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom as aforesaid, knowing that such servant or slave is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, or if any person whomsoever who shall be procured, engaged or employed, to purchase servants or slaves