

POETS CORNER

From the Village Record. "DON'T BELIEVE IT JO." My uncle Tim, a thoughtful wight, Who watch'd my early youth, Was fond of every sentence true, That wore the face of truth, And when through life, alone to steer, Ambition bade me go, He only whisper'd in my ear, "Don't, don't believe it Jo."

VILLAGE MINSTREL

Russian Embassy to Persia—1817. Extract from the Inedited Journal of Captain Moritz von Kotzebue. On the third day after our arrival at Erivan, the weather was fine; at ten o'clock in the morning the Sadar (or governor, paid a visit to the ambassador. He threw himself rather awkwardly on a chair, smoked a great deal, spoke little, and scarcely nodded his head when we were presented to him; but enjoyed the liquor in spite of the prohibition of Mahomet. The climax is, that he makes no secret of it, but declares openly that he could not live without spirituous liquors. After a good half hour he took his leave and invited us all to dinner. At 12 o'clock we proceeded with much pomp to the fortress, which is only inhabited by the Sadar. We formed a handsome procession; a detachment of cossacks went first; then came our military band; then the ambassador and his suite, with another detachment of cossacks to close the procession. The people had never before seen any thing like it, & pressed on us dreadfully from all sides; the police officers threw great stones, beat back the crowd with clubs, and particularly one of them, who absolutely marched before the ambassador, and for the music, and who was provided with a club of metal, which he laid about him most unmercifully on the heads of the people. I believe they would have killed me, had not the ambassador out of compassion begged them to desist. When we came to the gate of the fortress, the people were obliged to leave us. We rode through narrow streets and alighted from our horses at the entrance of the house of Sadar. After we had passed many courts, which were all surrounded with armed men we entered one in the middle of which there was a large marble basin, and several fountains; the Sadar came to the door to meet us, and led us into a large saloon, the open side of which was towards the court, in which the most distinguished persons of Erivan stood assembled, and nobody was permitted to enter, except the brother of the Sadar, and our Mehemdar. * Opposite to the opening side of the saloon, the building forms a great niche, in which there is a beautiful basin of white marble, with some fountains. This side can also be opened, and affords the most beautiful prospects of a newly laid garden; the river Sango flows under the window, the banks are adorned with fine trees, a beautiful stone bridge with arches is thrown

across it, and the horizon is bounded by Mount Ararat. Certainly no house can be better contrived for a summer residence; there is constantly the fresh water from the fountains, and even the sight of the eternal snow upon Mount Ararat must produce a degree of coolness. After we had all taken our seats, a kalimot was presented, and then a small table placed before each of us, with sherbert and confectionary. The latter is made with sheep's fat, so that it may be imagined with what appetite we ate of it, particularly before dinner. Nobody could get down a morsel, and this prelude to dinner was taken away. Hereupon a number of servants appeared with table cloths of white India cloth, here and there ornamented with flowers; in the corners were some suitable sentences in the Persian language, printed in black letters; as, for example, "All the fruits and provisions here presented to you are good, and given with a good will," &c. &c. But so much was given with a good will, that a thousand people might have dined upon it. I will only mention what stood on the table before me and Dr. Muller alone, and this will give an idea of the rest—a great pancake, which not only covered the whole table, but hung over half an ell all round; the Persians call it tschuruck, and make use of it both as bread and as a napkin; half a sheep, a leg of beef, two dishes of different kinds of meat, five dishes of various ragouts with saffron, two dishes of boiled rice, two do with boiled fowls, two dishes of roasted fowls, two dishes of roasted geese, two dishes of fish, two dishes of sour milk, a great dish with sherbet, and four pitchers of wine; and for all these no knife, no fork, and no spoons. All these were piled upon one another with the greatest rapidity, so that I and Muller suddenly sat behind a wall of meat, which deprived us of the prospect to the court, and could not see our opposite comrades except through little embrasures in these ramparts of cookery. I attempted to see through a little opening in my wall of dishes, what the Sadar did. The left hand resting on a dagger, because the Persians never use the left hand in eating, he slowly puts his right hand in the dishes full of fat rice, kneaded with three fingers a good portion together, and put this with much dexterity into his mouth, so that the beard and whiskers seldom shewed any traces of it. After he had repeated this several times, he tore a piece off from the gigantic pancake, wiped his fingers in it, and swallowed this also happily down. He then put his finger according to his fancy in different dishes which pleased his taste, and performed every time the same manœuvre; he at last took the sherbet, and drank part of it, and looked pleased on his amazed guests. As scarcely any body had touched any of his dinner, for many things could not be pulled out of the middle, for fear of upsetting the whole pile, signal was made to bear off, & the servants as well as the gentlemen, standing out and envying us, took us to be very genteel, because it is the fashion in Persia at great dinners, that the less you eat, the more fashionable you are. After our redoubts were all happily destroyed we could take a mouthful of fresh air; and the servants presented water to wash the hands, out without towels; the Persians dry their hands in the air; we were obliged to dry them on our pocket handkerchiefs. Scarcely was this work finished, when to our terror, another army of dishes was brought in; but this time we escaped better because they contained fruit and confectionary, and happily only one dish stood before every one, or else we should have seen nothing of the dancers who just entered, & placed themselves at the door. The music was composed of a guitar, a kind of violin with three strings and two drums, and also a singer, who with dreadful grimaces and real convulsions, screamed with all his might, but happily according to their custom, often covered his face with a piece of paper, not to shew to the public his wide jaws. The music kept time indeed, but altogether sounded like the mewling of cats. Three pretty boys in long dresses to which silk ribbons of different colours were fastened, were so inspired by this squeaking music, together with the screaming of the singer, that they at first danced, and at last performed summersaults. They had in their hands little metal castinets, with which they beat time to the movements of the dance. I believe that two of them repre-

sented women, as their movements were slower and more decent; but the one in the middle threw himself about as if he was mad, and turned himself alternately to the one and then to the other. The drollest was, when the music suddenly became very loud, the singers began to scream without mercy, the three dancers tumbled along the whole saloon, performing their summersaults, and at last stood still on both sides in a graceful attitude, while the middle one, standing upon his head, presented a couple of naked feet, which had before been hid by the long pantaloons.—One thing these dancers performed with great dexterity; they were able to throw themselves heels over head several times in the air without touching the ground with their hands on their head. With full ears and empty stomachs, we at last broke up. The ambassador took leave of his liberal host; and we returned home in the same parade, to—get our dinner. *The person whose charge it was to provide for the embassy. †The tobacco-pipe to smoke thro' water. From the Connecticut Mirror. ALISMA PLANTAGO. As frequent inquiries have been made, whether the Alisma Plantago is to be found in this part of our country—we answer these inquiries by informing the public, that some of the above named plant has been gathered and left with us at this office, by Dr. Comstock, of this city, and may be seen and examined by all who have any doubts of its being the genuine plant. It perfectly agreed with the following description, copied from an English paper. It is said to be abundant throughout our country. It frequents a wet soil, and is most luxuriant in low standing water, flowering about here, in the months of July and August. It will be seen also, that the following description of the Alisma Plantago, agrees with the one published in our paper of the 6th ult. IMPORTANT DISCOVERY. HYDROPHOBIA. At the present season of the year, and with several cases of this most dreadful of all maladies around us, it may be useful again to call the attention of our readers to a discovery made by a Russian peasant of Simbirsk, as announced in this paper of the 23d of Feb. last. The specific, which is said to be never-failing, is the bulbous part of the plant, called by botanists Alisma Plantago, or the Great Water plantain; and to add to the value of the discovery, this simple is to be found in all the countries of Europe. In Germany as well as in Russia, the extraordinary properties of the Alisma in the cure of Hydrophobia, is said to have been established by the physical world; and we hope the physicians of our own country will, without delay, ascertain its qualities, and give to it, if found efficacious, the sanction of their authority. The Russian-Councillor of State, Lwshwin, has lately published a report upon the subject, in which he bears ample testimony to its efficacy, and prescribes the method of administering it. The root which, when divested of the tuft of fibres, resembles an onion, may be reduced to a powder, which powder may be strewed on a slice of bread and butter, and given to the patient to eat. The plant in question, grows in water marshes, lakes and stagnant pools, and we believe is to be found in such situations in almost every part of England. A specimen of this plant, gathered in a lane leading to West Derby, is now before us, and we find it to answer strictly to the description of the Alisma Plantago, given in "Curtis's Flora Londnensis," vol. 4, article 28, folio edition. Root perennial, white, somewhat bulbous, coated, and furnished with a tuft of numerous fibres. Leaves all springing from the root, standing on long footstalks, ovate, pointed, smooth, ribbed, perfectly entire, upright, slightly waved, the footstalks semi-cylindrical, at bottom sheathing and purplish. Stalk obtusely 3 cornered, naked, smooth, from one to three feet in height. Branches producing the flowers disposed in whirled round the stalk and the lesser branches in a similar manner round them, varying greatly in number, and naked.

Stipule at the base of each whirled, membranous, withered, and sheathing. Calyx: a Perianthium of three leaves, the leaves ovate, a little pointed, concave, marked with lines, spreading membranous on the edge. *The season of flowering in England is in the months of July, August and September; the specimens we have before us, and which may be seen at our office, are of course not at present in flower, but the identity is indisputable. It may be gathered at any time, but is best when it has flowered. The roots should be washed and cleaned, and dried in the shade; when dry it is pulverized and administered as above. Two or three doses, it is said, have always been found sufficient to effect a cure, even after the hydrophobia is declared in the patient, whether it be men or animals. Carolina three Petals, roundish, purple, grazed on the edge, flat, spreading, somewhat remote from each other, claws yellow. Stamina, six filaments, fine and tapering, slightly bending inwards. Anther greenish. Pistillum: Germinal numerous, to 12 or more placed in a circle. Styles as numerous as the germinal, filiform, upright. Stigmata simple. The Pistillum magnified. NEGROES WANTED. We wish to purchase about thirty Negroes to take on to Lexington, Kentucky, and its neighbourhood, where slaves are as well treated as in any part of the world, for our own use. Girls from 9 to 20 years of age, and small Boys, would be preferred, for which we will give liberal prices. Those persons wishing to sell will please give us a call at Mr. Brewer's Hotel. DAVID SUTTON, JOHN SHORTRIDGE, Annapolis, Aug. 13. Valuable Estate for Sale. Under the authority of a decree from the Equity Court of Prince George's county, the subscriber will on Wednesday the 23d day of September next, offer at public sale, at the house of Isidore Hardy, in Piscataway, a most valuable property, the Estate of George H. Leiper, Esq. deceased, so well known by the name of MONTPELIER—about 2 miles from Piscataway, 9 from Alexandria, and 16 from Washington city. This farm, which contains rather more than 60 acres, is truly valuable. The soil is fertile and highly susceptible of improvement by the use of clover and plaster. The buildings are good and commodious, and the site of the Mansion, in beauty of perspective and salubrity of air, is excelled by few on Potomac river. To be enabled to appreciate fully the elegance of the situation and all the advantages which result to the possessor of this valuable estate, it is only necessary that it should be viewed, which may be done, and every necessary information obtained, by application to the subscriber, or Mr. Aquilla Baden, the present manager of the farm. The terms of sale are that the purchaser shall pay one-third in ready money, and the residue in two equal annual payments, with interest from the day of sale to be secured by bond with approved security, and on the ratification of the sale by the court, and the payment of the whole purchase money with the interest thereon due, and not before, the trustee will execute to the purchaser a deed in the terms of the decree. The purchaser on complying with the terms of sale, will have the liberty of seeding a crop of winter grain. Thomas Mundell, Trustee. Oakland, near Piscataway, 3 ts. August 13. Land for Sale. I will sell the land whereon I live, situated on Herring Bay, in Anne-Arundel county, about 20 miles from the city of Annapolis, and about 50 miles from Baltimore; it contains between nine hundred and one thousand acres, is considered by judges to be inferior to no land in the county for the cultivation of tobacco, and is acted upon by plaster and capable of great improvement by clover, a great proportion of the land is covered with wood timber, & may be easily carried to market, having the advantage of fine landing places, being bounded by the water. Persons inclined to purchase it is presumed, will view the premises, which they are invited to do. The terms will be accommodating on payment of part of the purchase money in hand. For terms apply to Nicholas Brewer, who is authorized to contract for the land. GEORGE HOGARTH. July 9. 8

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 2000 bushels of corn, and from 3 to 400 bushels of wheat and rye, and a profitable amount of market stuff, the production of which place is particularly adapted to, is divided into three fields, well enclosed with chestnut fence, has comfortable dwelling houses, a good barn, &c. been carried on by an overseer a number of years. The produce of the farm, about 100 barrels 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, clover seed and plaster furnished gratis. Also, two Overseers are wanted, the ensuing year, one for a tobacco plantation, and the other for a large establishment, where there is a number of hands, teams, vessels, &c. employed. The other for a small farm 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 recommendation were fully satisfactory. Persons living at a distance might write me, & I would enclose their recommendation, enclosing the terms on which they would engage, also informing me to what place they would be sent. Young Men, with little experience, if noted for industry and a capacity to improve, would be taken. CHS. WATERS. Water's Ford, Aug. 6, 1818. 12 miles above Annapolis, 6 from Baltimore, and 16 from Washington City. P. S. A lease would be given for term of years if desired. The Editor of the Eastern Gazette will give the above insertions, and forward his account to this office for collection. State of Maryland, sc. Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court. July 28, 1818. On application by petition of Susan A. Wells, executrix of the last will and testament of Daniel Wells, sen. late of A. A. county, deceased, it is ordered that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, & that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligence. John Gassaway, Reg. Wills, A. A. County. Notice is hereby given. That the subscriber of Anne Arundel county, hath obtained from the court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Daniel Wells, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, & is acted upon by all persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereunto, to the subscriber, at or before the 1st day of October next; they 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 a coal or bringing home Tom; 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 a 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 fur hat. He has relations living in Baltimore and Calvert counties. I will give ten dollars if taken in Anne-Arundel county, and if out of the county above reward. EZEKIEL STEWART, Living in Anne-Arundel county, about 7 miles from Craig's Ferry, on the Annapolis road, near Poulton 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 of 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. 18. 6

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