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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Annapolis, Thursday, Jan. 3f.

For the Maryland Gazette THE TWELFTH CAKE.

Notwithstanding the most diligent re-searches, I have been altogether unable to trace to its source the twelfth night coro-nation. The legends of antiquity appear to assign no era to a custom which has prevailed from time immemorial. Though this usage disclaims any origin, yet there must be a period of its introduction as a winter's anusement. It matters not however whence it originated, since we must pronounce it to be a very good old custom, and much should I regret to see it exploded from the scale of diversions. We are somewhat advised that

"Tyrant custom shackles man."

I think I may nevertheless hazard the assertion that both males and females are withing to be shackled by a custom that brings the sexes together for the purpose of making merry.

These remarks are elicited owing to a

These remarks are elicited owing to a twelfth cake given a few nights since at Mrs. S*****s, where was exhibited a scene truly splendid—whether we regard the sumptuousness or elegance of the enter tainment, the splendour of the rooms, or the brilliancy of the company there assembled. Many a Strophon that festire eve, no doubt, was vanquished by the missiles that emanated from eves more twinkling than the nocturnal torches which radiate the firmament. I must descend from this altitude least I should omit to describe the So soon at the company assemble at a

So soon as the company assemble at a twel-to night orgie, the lady who is to undergo the ceremonies of crowning, is conducted as near the centre of the room as practicable, and is attended by several other ladies, among whom is the queen, who is prepared to divest herself of those realizable with which she was invested the year he ore, on an address in verse being read to her successor. For immediately the verses composed for the occasion, are read to her successor. For immediately the verses composed for the eccasion, are read, the lady who is to be crowned, has her brow encircled by a wreathy chaplet of roses—which is the insignia of royalty. The queen elect is usually stiled in the address. "QUEEN or BLAUTY," or "QUEEN or FASHION," though the more appropriate appellation, in my opinion, would be, the QUEEN or FLOWERS, since flowers associate with them the idea would be, the Quren or Flowers, since flowers associate with them the idea of sweetness and heauty, two of the most inestimable qualities in a female; but there is another title by which she-might with e-qual propriety, perhaps, be distinguished, which is, as the Queen of hearts.—Be this as it may, so soon as the coronation of the queen takes place, she either stands in the floor, and receives the gratulations of her loyal and dutiful subjects, or is for that purpose left to a seat. pose led to a seat.

That nothing may be omitted in the rela tion of this ceremony, I must apprize those who never witnessed the pageantry of a twelfth night coronation, that there is a cake, handsomely decorated, prepared for the queen's special use, and which precedes her majesty to the carriage when about to retire for the night.

When the queen has received the homage due to her station, the company after having sacrificed to the muses by dancing and reading of verses numbered so as to divide them off in pairs, think, at nine, which being the number of the muses, it is time to exhibit the graces, by trinning up the

to exhibit the graces, by tripping "on the light fantastic toe."—At length. "Up springs the dance along the lighted dome"

"The poetry of motion," as Miss Owenson stiles it, but as it is commonly called danc-ing, continues until about twelve, when the rolling carriages, while rousing the the rolling carriages, while rousing the more orderly citizens from their slumbers, proclaim that the entertainment is concluded; and thus concludes the narrative of MONTAGUE,

For the Maryland Gazette. Mr. Green,

Mr. Green,
Having read the eulogy pronounced in
the Maryland Republican of the 22nd inst. on the two young gentlemen who graduated in St. John college, at the recent commencement of that institution, I cannot in justice to the other collegians who delivered orations on that occasion, withhold the commendation and applause that should bestowed on their without any disparagement whatever to the graduates Mr. Howard and Mr. Randall, graduates Mr. Howard and Mr. Randall, was comparatively speaking equally brilliant with the performances of those gentlemen—that they are deservedly entitled to the lofty and high coloured encomium passed on them by the writer in the paper above mentioned, I cordially join with him in acknowledging, but why, in noticing an exhibition of this kird, particularize that we graduates, as having signally distinct. two graduates, as having signally distin-guished themselves, when the other collegi-ans acted full as well their part while engaged in the performances to which I have allud-

Since the author of the piece in the Ma-ryland Republican, has not described par-ticularly the manner in which this exhibition was conducted, I will endeavour toexecute that office.

At the west extremity of the college hall. a room of spacious dimensions, and admirably calculated for collegiate exercises was raised a scaffold or stage, the platform of which whence the pupils delivered or enunciated their harangues was in order to render the stage more comfortable covered with carpets. On either aide of this elevation were scated in chairs provided for the purpose, the governor, council, and senate of Maryland, and the trustees of the college. In the intermediate space (still affording fording compass for the speakers) was placed a table at each end of which sat the professors of the institution. Fronting the rostrum were disposed the audience who occupied benches arranged for their ac-commodation—and a numerous and brilliant audience it was ... since it was an audi ence distinguished for beauty, taste, inshion and elegance; intermingled with and as a component of this audience were the mem-bers of the legislature; and many other conspicuous characters. In the gallery ove the hall was stationed the band from the garrison at Fort Severn, which at intervals previously designated entertained the com-pany with the finest music. Indeed the out ensemble was such as to elicit unqualified approbation.

this seminary is destined ere long to shed lustre over the state, requires not, I think, the spirit of prophesy, to predict. We had, at the commencement which has

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ABSTRACT

Of the Proceedings of the Legislata
HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Wednesday, Jan. 23.
Mr. Bruce reports a bill to ascertain a
allowance of members of the general
sembly, electors of the senate and elector
of the president and vice-president the president and vice-president of the United States
The bill for the benefit of Samuel Thoma

The bill for the benefit of Samuel Thoma of Taibot; a forther supplement to the set for the revaluation of real and personal paperty in Caroline, reported by Mr. Whitely, the resolution in favour of Samh Middleton; the bill for the benefit of Term Mankin; the bill for the benefit of Term Mankin; the bill for the benefit of Term Mankin; the bill for the benefit of Term Minks and the bill authorising the length of the property of the manual to build a bridge over Big Pipe creek, we severally passed and sent to the seaste. Mr Millard reports a supplement to the act to incorporate a society, for the manuel and education of poar female eld dren, by the name of the Benevolent Society in the city of Baltimore.

The hill for the benefit of Levi Porte was rejected.

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Dawkins was rejected.
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Lucas was rejected.

Mr. Marriott reports unfavourably at the petition of Charles Browning.

Mr. Cannell reports a bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Dedman and others of Ker. Mr. Marriott reports a bill respectingth court of appeals.

Mr. Woodward reports a bill respecting the second election district of Anne Aradel.
Mr. Hoffinan reports favourably on the

Mr. Hoffman reports favourably on the petition of Be jamin Tickle.

Mr. Pigman reports a bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors of flourist the city of Baltimore.

Mr. H. Kemp obtained leave to report supplement to the act to establish a pure in St. Mary's county.

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The clerk of the senate returns the bil to make valid the acts and proceedings of John Rigby as a justice of the peace, put

Mr. Mossitt reports favourably on thepetition of Eliza Bruss.

Thursday, Jan. 24.

The resolution repealing the resolution in favour of the clerk of the Council; the amended bill relative to the University of Maryland, and the further additional sequences. Maryland, and the further additional supplement to the act, regulating the inspection of salted fish, were severally passed,
and sent to the senate.

Mr. Hoffman reports a hill for the relief
of Henry Korn, of Allegany.

Mr. Saulsbury reports a further supplement to the act for distributing the free
school fund.

school fund. The resolution in favour of Ann Rawlings,

was rejected. Mr. Dennis obtained leave to reports bill laying duties on licences to retailers of

dry goods.

Mr. Dorsey reports a bill to repeal al such laws of this state as authorise the courts to sentence free negroes and mulatoes to undergo confinement in the peniter

tiary

Mr Forwood reports a bill relating to

The clerk of the senate returns the billion the benefit of Mary Scott, and the supplement to the act for the valuation of rel and personal property in Caroline, several ly passed.

Friday, Jan. 25.

The bills for the benefit of Elizabeth Dedman and others; to lay out and make public two roads in Cecif; the supplement to the act to establish the City Bank of Baltimore; for opening roads in Harford; and the add tional supplement to the act autho-rising the appointment of inspectors and wood corders, were severally passed and

sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill relating to the University of Maryland, passed.

Mr. H. Kemp reports a supplement to the act to establish a patrol in St. Mary's, and other counties. and other counties.

Alr. Williams reports a bill to authorize

the levy court of Cecil, to levy money to build a bridge over the Octorata creek in The report on the petition of William Holmes was rejected.

Mr. J. Forrest reports favourably on the petition of Benjamin Duvall.

Mr. Orrick reports favourably on the claim of Henry Murray.

The supplement to the act for quisting possessions, enroling conveyances, &c. was

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rejected
The clerk of the senate delivers the following bills:—To incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Bognsborough to Hager's-town—For opening Bottle alley in the city of Baltimore—For the benefit of Capt, James Mitchell, of Cecil, for the consideration of the house, And returns the hills to present awing & gees returns the bills to prevent swine & gere from going at large in friendship—authorising the levy court of Harford, to layout and open certain roads—to enable the commissioners of the town of Havre de Grate to hold a lot of ground, &c.—Aliso the resulting to compensate the commissioners

solution to compensate the commissioners for examining the turnpike road severally passed. Saturday, Jan. 26.
Mr. Dennis reports a bill laying dates on licences to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes.
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Mr. Hardcastle reports a bill to authorise the recording of a deed from resistant Scott to Isaac Colgar, of Isaac.

The supplement to the act to confirm 8 make valid the acts and proceeding to the commissioners of the town of this commissioners of the town of this to build a church in Elkton to authorise the president and managers of the Results.

ongh tarmpile rose company, to raise a ring of memory by lettery for the felief of Lijah Morris and others—to lay ont and pen, a road in Baltimore county—in layour open, a road in Danish and Danish and Saragaret Lewis tha supplement to the let to prevent the destruction of oysters in this state—and the bill relating to public oads in the several counties therein menoned, were severally passed and sant to

he senate.

Mr. Douglass reports a supplement to he act for the preservation of the navigation of a branch of Nanticoke giver, called North West Fork, in Caroline:

North West Fork, in Caroline:

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to repeal part of the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes; and the bill in favour of Walter K. Armistead, sevirally passed; and delivers a supplement to the act to incorporate the stockholders of the Marine Bank of Baltimore, for the confideration of the house

Mr. Whiteford reports a bill empowering the leave court of Harford to build a bridge

he levy court of Harford to build a bridge byer Deer Creek. The report in favour of George W. Brad-ford, was dissented from.

ford, was dissented from.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill declaring the assent of the legislature to a conveyance of lands in Harford, made in trust for the benefit of the preachers of the Methodist church that may have families on Harford circuit, passed with an amendance which was sented to

ment, which was assented to.

Mr. Bruce reports a further additional supplement to the act to regulate and discine the militia of this state.

M. Dalrymple reports a supplement to the act for the distribution of the free school

The clerks of the senate returns the sup-The clerk of the senate returns the sup-plement to the act for the improvement of the public roads in Kent, and the addition-al supplement to the act to regulate elec-tions, severally passed with amendments, which were concurred with by the house

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the following was read:
Ordered. That the memorial of Samuel Barnes, this day presented, be referred to the committee of greivances and courts of justice, & that said committee be directed to issue suppoenas for such witnesses as they shall be well advised will give testimony touching the facts and charges contained in said memorial And the question being put, Shall the housd assent to the same? it vas determined in the negative, 34 to 23.

Monday, Jan 28. Mr. Bruce reports a bill to impose and collect a tax upon the estates of deceased

The bill annulling the marriage of Thos. F. Ward and Anne Ward, was passed and sent to the sentte

The clerk of the senate delivers the fol-lowing bills—for the relief of Eleanor Hicks of Charles—for the support of Teresa Man-kin, and her infant children, of Charles— to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of St. Mary's county—for the benefit of Saml. Thomas of Talbot—authorising the levy court of Frederick to raise a sum of money to build a bridge over Big Pine of money to build a bridge over Big Pipe Creek, severally passed. Also a bill vesting certain property in the eastern part of the city of Baltimore in trustees for the use and henefit of the society of Friends, &c. in said city. Read.

Mr Weems reports unfavourably on the recition of Wm B. Savrell of Calcar. Bead.

petition of Wm. R. Sewell of Calvert. Read and assented to.

Mr. Barney reports a bill for the widening of East street in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Bruce reports's bill to authorise the building an arsenal in the city of Annapolis.

Mr. Douglass reports a bill to authorise the recording of a deed from Jacob Charles of Caroline, to Thos. Payne of said county.

Mr. Weens reports a uniformet to the

Mr. Weems reports a supplement to the act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert

line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties. Also a bill concerning Lower Marlborough Academy.

Mr. B. Forrest reports a bill authorising a lottery for the benefit of the Rockville and Barnestown Roman Catholic Congregation in Montgomery course. Read.

The additional supplement to the act to incorporate a company make a turnpike road from the west eithof Frederick town to Harper's ferry, and a supplement. Passed and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the first reported bill relative to the University of

reported bill relative to the University of Maryland, rejected. Also the bill for the benefit of Robert Guest, of Charles, pass

The bill for the relief of Henry Korn, of Allegany, we passed and sent to the senate.

The silk for the relief of Robert Usselton and diamin Arno of Kent—to alter such pass of the constitution as relate to the division of Anne Arundel county into election districts. election districts, and to change the place of holding the elections in the 2d election district of said county—empowering the levy court of Cecil to build a bridge over Octorara creek, were severally passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Bruce submitted a resolution pro-

posing the sale of the unsubscribed stock to which this state is entitled in the Bank of

Mr Barney reports a bill for the relief of Ann Merryman,
The resolution in favour of Richard

Graves was passed and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to the act to regulate the inspection of tobaceo and lumber in the eity of Baltimore, passed.

Mr. Orrick reports a bill relating to the

removal of causes for trial within the 6th district. Read. Mr. J. Forrest delivers a resolution in fa-

your of Richard W. West. Mr. Barney reports a bill relating to the

pentlentiary.

The bill vesting certain property in the castern part of the city of Baltimore, in tiustees for the beauty of the society of Friends, &c. in a layer, and the resolution is favour of Benjamin G. Jones, were passing favour of Benjamin G. Jones favour of Benjamin G. Jon

Tuesday, Jan. 29. On motion by Mr B Forrest, the following order was read; Ordered, That the statement and affidavit of Matthias Bargis, reported to the house by the committee of grievances, &c. be committed to the said committee, to the end that testimony touch-

ing the same, may be examined and re-ported by said committee to the house. Mr. J. Forrest reports a bill to provide for the erection of an additional wharf inthe town of Nottingham; which was passed

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