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## MISCELLANY.

### MY GODFATHER'S MANGOVERING.

By Miss Clifford.

I have said that my dear godfather was a great matchmaker. One of his exploits in this way, which occurred during my second visit to him and Mrs. Evelyn, I am now about to relate. Amongst the many distant cousins to whom I was introduced in that northern region, was a young kinswoman, of the name of Hervey—Lucy Hervey—an orphan herself of considerable fortune, who lived in the same town and in the same street with my godfather, under the protection of a lady who had been the governess of her childhood, and continued with her as the friend of her youth. South to say, their friendship was of that tender and sentimental sort at which the world, the wicked world, is so naughty as to laugh. Miss Reid, and Miss Hervey, were names quite as inseparable as goose and apple-sauce, or tongue & chicken. They regularly made their appearance together, and there would have appeared I know not what of impropriety in speaking of either singly.—It would have looked like a tearing wound in the double cherry respecting which in their case, even the seeming parted would have been held too disjunctive a phrase, so tender and inseparable was their union; although as far as resemblance went, no simile could be more inapplicable. Never were two people more unlike in mind and person. Lucy Hervey was a pretty little woman of six and twenty, but from a delicate figure, delicate features and most delicate complexion, looking much younger. Perhaps the total absence of strong expression, the mildness and simplicity of her countenance, and the artlessness and docility of her manner, might conduce to the mistake.—She was a sweet gentle creature, generous and affectionate, and not wanting in sense; although her entire reliance on her friend's judgment, and constant habit of obedience to her wishes, rendered the use of it somewhat rare. Miss Reid was a tall awkward woman, raw-boned, lank, and huge; just what one fancies a man would be in petticoats—with a face that, except the beard, (certainly she had no beard,) might have favoured the supposition—so brown and bony and stern and ill favoured was her unfortunate visage. In one point she was lucky. There was no guessing at her age, certainly not within ten years, nor within twenty. She looked old—but with that figure, those features, and that complexion, she must have looked old at eighteen. To guess her age was impossible. Her voice was deep and dictatorial—her manner rough and assuming—and her conversation, unmercifully sensible and oracular—full of wise saws and modern instances. For the real, in spite of her insipid exterior, she was a good sort of disagreeable woman—charitable and kind in her way—genuinely fond of Lucy Hervey, whom she petted and spoiled and coaxed and managed just as a nurse manages a child—and tolerably well liked of all her acquaintances.—except Mr. Evelyn, who had been at war with her for the last nine years; on the subject of his late cousin's marriage—and had at last come to regard her pretty much as a prime-minister may look on an opposition leader—as a regular opponent, an obstacle to be put down or swept away. I verily believe that he hated her as much as his kindly nature could hate any body. To be sure it was a slight grievance to have so fair a subject for matrimonial speculations, and a kinswoman too; but under his very eyes, and to find all his plans thwarted by that execrable Government—more especially, as without her aid he was mortally certain that the pretty Lucy would never have the

heart in any way to any body. Ever since Miss Hervey was seventeen, my dear godfather had been scheming for her advantage. It was quite melancholy to hear him count up the husbands she might have had—beginning with the duke's son, her partner at the first race ball—and ending with the young newly arrived physician his last protégé. "now," he said, "she might be an old maid; he had done with her." And there did actually appear to be a cessation of all his matrimonial plans in that quarter. Miss Reid herself laid aside her mistrust of him; and a truce, if not a peace, was tacitly concluded, between these sturdy antagonists.—Mr. Evelyn seemed to have given up the game—a strange thing for him to do whilst he had a pawn left! But so it was. His adversary had the board all to herself and was in a good humour as a winning player generally is. Miss Reid was never remembered so amiable. We saw them almost every day, as the fashion is amongst neighbours in small towns, and used to ride and walk together continually—although Lucy, whose health was delicate, frequently declined accompanying us on our more distant excursions. Our usual haunt, besides the dear godpapa was a Mr. Morris, the curate of the parish—an uncouth gawky, lengthy man, with an astounding Westmoreland dialect and almost portentous laugh. Really he had not a word of real shower bath—so sudden and so startling was the explosion. In loudness it resembled half a dozen ordinary laughs, rolled into one; and as the gentleman was of a facetious disposition and indulged his own good things, as well as those of other people, with this awful calmness, it was no joking matter. But he was, so excellent a person, so cordial, so jovial, so simple hearted, and so contented with a lot none of the most prosperous, that one could not help liking him, laugh and all. He was a widower, with one only son, a Cambridge scholar, of whom he was deservedly proud. Edward Morris, besides his academical honours (I think he had been senior wrangler of his year,) was a very fine young man with an intelligent countenance, but exceedingly shy, silent and abstracted. I could not help thinking the poor youth was in love—but his father and Mr. Evelyn laid the whole blame on the mathematics. He would sit some times for an hour together, immersed as they said in his calculations, with his eyes fixed on Lucy Hervey, as if her sweet face had been the problem he was solving. But your mathematicians are privileged people; and so apparently my fair cousin thought; for she took no notice, unless by blushing a shade deeper. It was worth while to look at Lucy Hervey, when Edward Morris was gazing on her in his absent fits—her cheeks were as red as a rose. How these blushes came to escape the notice of Miss Reid, I cannot tell, unless she might happen to have her attention engrossed by Edward's father. For certain that original paid her in his odd way great attention—was her constant beam in our walking parties—sat by her side at dinner; and manoeuvred to get her for his partner at what. She had the benefit of his best bouquets, and his loudest laughs—and she seemed to me not to dislike the sound, so much as might have been expected from a lady of her particularity. I ventured to hint my observations to Mr. Evelyn, who chuckled, laid his fore finger against his nose, rubbed his hands, and called me a simpleton. Affairs were in this position, when one night just as I was going to bed, my good godfather, with a little air of mystery (no uncommon preparation in his most trifling plans) made an appointment to walk with me before breakfast, as far as a pet farm, about a mile out of the town, the superintendent of which was one of his greatest attachments.—Early the next morning the household, who usually attended me, made her appearance, and told me that her mistress was waiting for me; that I must make

blue ribbands, but I was still at a loss as to the parties, and felt quite relieved by Mr. Evelyn's question, "Pray, my dear, were you ever a bride's maid?" since, in the extremity of my perplexity, I had something like an apprehension that an unknown brain might appear at the call of this mighty manager, and I be destined to play the part of a bride myself. Comforted to find that I was only to enact the "consortante; I had now leisure to be exceedingly curious as to my prima donna. My curiosity was speedily gratified. "On entering the church we had found only a neighbouring clergyman, not Mr. Morris, at the altar, and looking round at the opening of another door I perceived the worthy curate in a jetty clerical suit, bristling with newness, and handkerchiefed and beveled and beplumed, and all in a flutter of bridal finery, in great state, up the aisle. Mr. Evelyn advanced to meet them, took the lady's fair hand from Mr. Morris, and led her along with all the grace of an old courtier. He fell into the procession at the proper place; the amiable pair were duly married, and I thought my office over. I was never more mistaken in my life. In the midst of the customary conjugal kissing, and wishing joy, and writing and signing registers and certificates,—which form so important and disagreeable a part of that disagreeable and important ceremony—Mr. Evelyn had vanished; and just as the bride was inquiring for him with the intention of leaving the church, he re-appeared, through the very same side door which had admitted the first happy couple, leading Lucy Hervey, and followed by Edward Morris. The father evidently expected them; the new step-mother as evidently did not. Never did a thief, taken in the market, seem more astonished than that sage gentleman! Lucy, on her part, blushed and lung back, and looked shyer and prettier than ever; the old man grinned—the clergyman, who had shown some symptoms of astonishment, at the first wedding, now smiled to Mr. Evelyn, as if this account and made amends for it, whilst the dear godpapa himself chuckled and nodded, and rubbed his hands, and chuckled both bride and bride's maid under the chin, and seemed ready to cut capers for joy. Again the book was opened at the page of destiny, again I held the milk white glove, and after nine years of unsuccessful mangovering, my cousin Lucy was married.—It was, undoubtedly, the most triumphant event of the good old man's life; and I don't believe that either couple ever saw cause to regret the dexterity in the art of match making which produced their double union. They have been as happy as people usually are in this work-a-day world; especially the young mathematician and his pretty wife; and their wedding day is still remembered in W. for besides his munificence to singer, ringier, sexton, and clerk—Mr. Evelyn wasted two sheep on the occasion, gave away ten "bride-cakes," and made the whole town tipsey."

**S. CAROLINA & GEORGIA.**  
At a meeting of the members of the Legislature of South Carolina, held at Columbia on the 19th Decr. 1826, the following resolution was adopted—135 for it, 2 against it.  
Resolved, That the State of South Carolina will support General ANDREW JACKSON, for the Presidency of the United States.  
The Legislature of Georgia have adopted a similar resolution.  
**LAWYERS.**—Peter the Great once saw in England a crowd of gentlemen with green bags, and on enquiry learned to his astonishment that they were all lawyers. Lawyers said he, why I have but two in my whole empire, and I mean to hang one of them as soon as I get home.  
The Utica Sentinel states, that there is now living in Western Oneida county, a farmer who is between four lockes and three-fourths in height!

**ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND. HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Wednesday, Jan. 5. BILLS PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE.**  
To extend to Thomas St. Clair, the benefit of an act passed 1825, ch. 152; and a bill for the relief of Mary Hall.  
**PETITIONS PRESENTED.**  
By Mr. Crabb, from Mary Johnson, to be placed on the pension list.  
Mr. Tyson, from Samuel Sherwood, and others, of Baltimore, for a lottery to build a Methodist church.  
Mr. Thomas, from Mary Snowden, to record a deed.  
Mr. Barnes, a memorial from the Westminster; Tancy-Town and Emmitsburg turnpike company, for relief.  
Mr. Done, from the levy court of Somerset, to confirm their proceedings.  
Mr. Linthicum, from William Hood & Moses Deaver, for support.  
**LEAVES GRANTED.**  
Mr. Lansdale, to report a supplement to the act authorizing commissioners to lay out a road.  
Mr. Tyson, to incorporate the Maryland Savings Institution.  
Mr. Du Val, to provide for the removal of all bonds given by certain officers of this state.  
**BILLS REPORTED.**  
By Mr. Turner, a further supplement to an act for the recovery of small debts out of court.  
Mr. Hope, a bill relating to the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Harford.  
Mr. Du Val, a supplement to an act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools, throughout this state.  
On motion of Mr. Crabb, Ordered, That the committee on the militia inquire into the expediency of allowing compensation to Brigade Inspectors, and report thereon to this house.  
Mr. Sappington, chairman of the committee on elections and privileges, delivered a report, including the following communication from two of the delegates from Dorchester county.  
December 29th, 1826.  
To the Chairman of the Committee of Elections.  
The undersigned delegates to the general assembly from Dorchester county, beg leave most respectfully to represent—that their colleague, Samuel L. Rauleigh, esq. a delegate elected and returned to this house, comes here under a constitutional disability to take a seat, by reason of having, previous to and since his election, exercised the functions of a regularly ordained and licensed minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church. For the purpose of having a definite decision on the subject, whereby it may be finally put to rest in this & similar cases, we merely suggest the propriety of the committee of elections inquiring into and reporting on his case.  
With due consideration,  
We have the honour to be, &c.  
Brice I. Goldborough,  
Martin L. Wright.  
Adjourned. Thursday, Jan. 4. **PETITIONS PRESENTED.**  
Mr. Price, from Nathan Fitzpatrick, a revolutionary soldier, also a petition from Elizabeth Blakely, of Baltimore county, for a divorce.  
Mr. Hope, from sundry inhabitants of Harford, praying that the trustees of the poor of said county may be elected annually by the levy court.  
Mr. Stricker, from Jacob Atkinson, of the city of Baltimore, for a divorce.  
Mr. Tyson, from Francis M. Mahon, Chas. McGirr, Matthew Hughes, James Kerr, John M. Mahon, and others, of Baltimore, to be incorporated by the name of "St. Patrick's Society."  
Mr. E. Hughes, from Thomas Davis and Richard H. Griffith, commissioners on the part of Montgomery county, for the passage of a law to authorise them to return a plot of said road so soon as the same shall be opened to the Anne Arundel line; also a petition from Esther, a coloured woman, of Montgomery, for relief. Mr. Speed,

from Anne Merriken, of Anne Arundel, for pecuniary relief.  
On motion by Mr. Crabb, the committee to whom was referred the communication of the Hon. John C. Weems, respecting the establishment of a naval academy at the city of Annapolis, was enlarged by the addition of Messrs. B. Thomas, Peach, E. Hughes, Barnes, Tyson, Dunning and Done.  
**LEAVES GRANTED.**  
Mr. Peter, to report a bill to alter and amend the 3d section of the act to reduce into one the acts of assembly respecting elections.  
Mr. Peach, to report a bill for the relief of Sarah Russell, of Prince-George's.  
Mr. J. W. Thomas, to report a bill authorising the governor and council to appoint inspectors of salted fish in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes.  
Mr. Linthicum, to report a bill to close up part of an old road, and to make public the new road there- in mentioned.  
Mr. Turner, to report a bill to regulate the gauging of casks, and the inspection of domestic distilled liquors in this state.  
Mr. Brooke, to report a bill to empower the several county courts in this state, to enter up judgments in favour of defendants, whose claims may be of greater amount than those of plaintiffs, and for other purposes.  
Mr. Ridgeway, to report a bill supplementary to the supplement to an act relative to licenses; passed Decr. session, 1824, ch. 148.  
Mr. Sappington, to report a bill supplementary to the act to tax certain offices.  
**BILLS REPORTED.**  
Mr. Tyson reported a bill to incorporate a mutual beneficial society in Baltimore, by the name of the Saint-Patrick's Society.  
Mr. Thomas, a bill to abolish all such parts of the constitution, as relate to the time & manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so that each county, and the city of Baltimore, may have a senator to be elected immediately by the people.  
The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of St. Mary's county court, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court.  
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lanislaie.  
The clerk of the senate delivers a bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Frederick county, and for other purposes; originated in, and passed by that body. Read.  
**METEOROLOGICAL JOURNAL.**  
Kept by a gentleman residing near South River Bridge, 1826.  
December. Winds.  
1 Clear, fine weather for the season.  
2 Clear and cold.  
3 Clear and cold.  
4 Clear, cloudy, cool, snow 2 inches deep.  
5 Clear, cool.  
6 Cloudy, moderate.  
7 Foggy morning, moderate.  
8 Cloudy, moderate, rain at night.  
9 Cloudy.  
10 Clear, cool, smart blow, snow squall.  
11 Clear, cool, hard frost, cloudy.  
12 Cloudy, cool, little ice at bridge.  
13 Cloudy, white frost.  
14 Clear, cool, white frost.  
15 Clear, white frost.  
16 Cloudy, very mild.  
17 Cloudy, mild, like for rain.  
18 Rain, hail and snow.  
19 Clear, cool, smart blow.  
20 Clear, pleasant.  
21 Cloudy, moderate.  
22 Clear, moderate.  
23 Cloudy, cool, heavy blow at night, very cold.  
24 Clear, cold, heavy blow.  
25 Flying clouds, snow in the night.  
26 Snow, hail and rain.  
27 Cloudy, heavy blow and cold.  
28 Cloudy, baldest day.  
29 Clear, moderate, South river frozen over to the mouth.  
30 Cloudy, mild, a little snow.  
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