ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,
ANNAPOLIS.

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Professor of Grammar.

CHARLES T. FLUSSER,
Professor of Modern Languages

Present number of Students, 63.

COURSE OF STUDIES, EXPENSES, &c.

The following information, by order of the Board, will show the present state and prospects of the Institution.

The Professor of Grammar, will take charge of the English Department, and will have its classes under his inspection, at the College during the hours prescribed by the Board. Besides the ordinary course of instruction in this department, Students will be fitted for admission into College, and they may take standing as Freshmen, whenever they shall sustain an examination on the following

PREPARATORY STUDIES, VIZ.

English Grammar; Geography; Arithmetick; Latin Grammar; Corderius; Æsop's Fables; Erasmus; Cæsar's Commentaries, or Sallust; Eclogues, and first six books of the Æneid of Virgil; Main's Introduction, or Latin Tutor; Greek Grammar; Greek Delectus; and Jacob's Greek Reader; and Prosody.

Pupils not intending to enter College, will also be received into the English Department, and will pursue such branches of Education, embraced in the course, as may suit their particular views. A course of Lectures on Education in Primary Schools, will be delivered, whenever a class of young men shall have been formed, who may wish to qualify themselves to become Teachers.

The course of studies for the classes in College, have been arranged as follows, viz,

FRESHMAN CLASS.

1st Term.
- Felsum's Livy
- Græca Majora—(Xenophon, Herodotus, Thucydides.)
- Greek and Roman Antiquities. History, and Mythology.

2d Term.
- Horace, (Odes.)—Virgil's Georgicks.
- Græca Majora. (Lysias, Demosthenes, Isocrates.)
- Algebra, with Arithmetic revised.

3d Term.
- Horace, (Satires and Epistles.)
- Græca Majora, (Xenophon's Memorabili. Plato.)
- Algebra completed.
- Translations, Themes, and Declamations during the year.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

1st Term.
- Juvenal, (Leverett's.)
- Homer's Iliad, (Robinson's.)
- Plane Geometry, (Legendre's.)

2d Term.
- Terence's Comedies, or Quintilian.
- Græ a Majora, (Ovyssey & Hesiod.)
- Solid Geometry, (Legendre's.)

3d Term.
- Rhetorick and Belles Lettres.—(Blair.
- Græca Majora —(Tragedians.)
- Logarithms; Plane and Spherical Trigonometry.
- Exercises in original Composition, and Elocution, during the year.

JUNIOR CLASS.

1st Term
- Græca Majora. (Minor Poets.)
- Applications of Trigonometry to the Mensuration of Heights and Distances, Navigation, Surveying, Levelling, &c.
- Moral Philosophy.

2d Term.
- Tacitus.—(History.)
- Conick Sections.
- Chemistry, with Lectures.

3d Term.
- Tacitus—(Manners of the Germans and life of Agricola.)
- Natural Philosophy, with Lectures.
- Elements of Criticism, with Lectures on the Fine Arts
- Debates, Compositions, and Declamations during the year

SENIOR CLASS.

1st Term.
- Natural Philosophy, finished, with Lectures.
- Horace' De Arte Poetica, with Lectures on Taste, and a Revision of Latin.
- Logick, and philosophy of the Mind

2d Term.
- Astronomy—with Lectures.
- Political Economy—with Lectures.
- Evidences of Christianity, & Natural Theology.

3d Term.
- Laws of Nations; Constitution, and Civil and Political History of the United States.
- Butler's Analogy.
- Civil Engineering—(construction, of Machines, Bridges, Roads, Canals, &c.)
- Mineralogy and Geology.
- Declamations of Original Pieces, Extemporaneous Debates, and exercises in Criticism, during the year.

The study of the Modern Languages, shall be so arranged, as not materially to interfere with the College course.

The officers of instruction, will endeavour to make the course of study as thorough as possible; and in no case will a Scholar be allowed to pass, to an advanced standing, till he shall have sustained all the previous examinations, to the satisfaction of the Faculty.

In the Departments of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, instruction will be given, and Lectures will be delivered, as heretofore, by the Principal, and the other Professors, until those Chairs shall be permanently supplied.—Particular attention will be given to exercises in Rhetorick and Oratory; and one forenoon of each week, will be spent, drilling the Students, in a thorough course of Reading and Speaking. These exertises will be conducted by the Principal; and the Members of the Senior Class, will always be required to declaim pieces of their own composition. The Classification, which takes place at each general Examination, subjects those who are deficient, to the necessity of remaining in a lower grade; while, on the other hand, the hope of reaching a high standing, in a shorter than ordinary period is held out to all who are ambitious to advance at a more rapid rate, than the usual average of a Class. A permanent record of the relative standing of the Members in each Class, is kept by the Faculty, and serves as a guide, in awarding the honors of the College. The principal test of the Student's proficiency, will be found in the Lecture Room, where he will undergo an Examination of one hour's duration, for each Lesson; and those Members of the higher Classes, who are permitted, under the discretion of the Principal, to have their rooms out of College, will be visited, by the Principal, and the Professors, during the hours appointed, for their encouragement and aid in the prosecution of their studies. They must not be absent themselves from their rooms, during the hours of study, especially in the evening, except by permission from one of the Faculty; and a close attention will be paid to the habits of the Students, that good morals may be cultivated and preserved.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The Students will be required to attend public worship, in this City, both morning and afternoon; and Monitors for the several Churches, will make returns of all absentees, who will give an account of their absence to the Principal. The Roll will be called, also, before the daily devotions at the College. No Student will, at any time, leave the City, without express leave obtained from the Principal. Thus the public may rest assured of the prevalence of no particular sectarian influence at this College, the following clause is extracted from the Charter; with the letter and spirit of which, the Officers of instruction, will rigidly comply. The second section of the thirty-seventh chapter of the laws of Maryland, enacts, that "the said College shall be founded and maintained forever, upon a most liberal plan, for the education of youth of every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to every benefit, privilege and advantage of education, and to all the literary honours of the College, according to their merit, without requiring or exacting any religious or civil test, or urging their attendance upon any particular religious worship or service, other than what they have been educated in, or have the consent and approbation of their parents or guardians to attend."

DISCIPLINE, &c.

A record of all deficiencies at College exercises will be kept, and sent to each parent or guardian, at the close of every term. And, whenever a Student shall be found failing to secure the end for which he will have been placed at the College, he may be sent home privately, except in cases of a misdemeanour, or offence against the laws, when he shall be punished by the ordinary penalties. By the adoption of a kind and parental demeanour, on the part of the Officers, it is hoped that such extreme cases will be avoided; and from the various advantages of location for the College, it is believed, that few places promise this immunity, in a higher degree, than the City of Annapolis. Its population is not large—the situation is central—its healthfulness, is surpassed by that of no place in the Southern States—access to the College, from all parts of the Union, by which parents would wish to hold communication with their sons, is most frequent and easy, and the expenses of living are comparatively small. Annapolis is the Seat of the Government of the State; and the time of the Annual Commencements, which happens during the Session of the Legislature, affords a high incentive to young men, to distinguish themselves, by their literary performances.

ADMISSION.

Candidates for any standing in the College, will be required to bring from their teachers, testimonials of good moral character; and, in no case, will a Student be received from any other College, to the same standing in this, unless he shall bring, from the President, or other authority of such College, a certificate of his honorable dimission.

EXPENSES, &c.

It has not been thought advisable to establish any commons. Board, including bedding, washing, and roomrent, may be had, however, in private families in the city, for 120 dollars per annum. The charges in the regular College bills, will be, as follows: and are payable quarterly, and in advance—

English Department, - -	$24 per annum
Preparatory Classes, - -	$40 do. do.
Freshman and Sophomore Classes, -	$40 do. do.
Senior and Junior Classes, -	$50 do. do.

An abatement of the College bills may be made, to necessitous Students; and provision is secured for the gratuitous instruction of ten Students, who may bring the proper testimonials for that purpose.

COMMENCEMENTS.

The Annual Commencements, take place in February, when all Degrees are to be conferred. The Faculty will assign to the Candidates for the Baccalaureate, and for the Master's Degree, the parts to be performed; and if any one should refuse the part assigned, or neglect to attend, his Degree may be withheld.

VACATIONS.

The regular Vacations, shall be from the last Wednesday in July, till the first Monday in September—from the 23d of December, till the first Monday in January—from Good Friday, till the Monday week following; and the Fourth of July.

The alterations, in the course of studies, which have taken place, on the late appointment of a Principal, seemed to be required, by the general advancement of Education; and it is hoped, that the advantages for a substantial and complete acquaintance with the several branches of knowledge, which the Institution now holds out to the public, will meet the wants and wishes of its numerous friends, and especially of the sons of Maryland.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, was founded and endowed, in the year 1784, under the auspices of men venerable for their patriotism and learning, and has the honour of having educated for the State, some of her most distinguished public men. The Board of VISITORS and GOVERNORS, in their efforts to discharge the duties of the trust devolving upon them, look for the cordial approbation and co operation of the *alumni* of their *alma mater*, and for such a portion of the public favour, as may seem due to an ancient and cherished Seminary of the State, that her existance and usefulness, may be perpetual.

By order of the Board,
A. C. MAGRUDER, President.

March 3.

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Of both sexes, from 12 to 25 years of age, field hands—also, mechanics of every description. Persons wishing to sell, will do well to give us a call, as we are determined to give HIGHER PRICES for SLAVES, than any purchaser who is now or may be hereafter in this market. Any communication in writing will be promptly attended to. We can at all times be found at Williamson's Hotel, Annapolis.

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August 4, 1831.

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from one of the Breweries in Philadelphia, which he will be happy to dispose of on reasonable terms.

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HENRY MATHEWS.

June 2

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Has just received and For Sale at this Office,

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THE CHRISTIAN ALTAR, or Offices of Devotion, for the use of Persons receiving the Lord's Supper; together with a treatise relating to that Sacrament, and Directions for the Communicant's daily walk with God. By the Rev. Dr. Wyatt.

J. T. Has on hand and intends keeping a Supply of

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Folio Post, Quarto Post, Fools Cap, Visiting Cards, and Ink Powder.

NOTICE.

THE District Temperance Societies in Anne-Arundel County, are particularly requested to forward to the subscriber, their reports of the progress of the Temperance cause, in order that the same may be incorporated in the general report, which will be presented to the society at its semi-annual meeting, on the 4th Tuesday in October next.

JOHN B. WELLS.
Sec'y. A. A. C. T. S.

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FROM 20 to 30 able bodied COLOURED MEN are wanted immediately at the Cape Sable Alum and Copper Works. Liberal wages will be paid semi-annually.

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May 5.

REMOVAL.

WILLIAM BRYAN, MERCHANT TAILOR.

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Sept. 29.

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Sept. 29, 1831.

RAGS! RAGS! RAGS!

CASH will be given for clean Linen and Cotton Rags, at this Office.

Jan. 6, 1831.

IN CHANCERY.

Sept. 20, 1831.

Jacob Hoffman and others.
vs.
Jno. Elizabeth Lee, Samuel Philips Lee, John Fitzgerald Lee, Arthur Lee, Frances Lee, and Francis Lightfoot Lee.

THE object of the bill filed in this cause is to obtain a decree for an account and for the sale of the Real Estate of William Lyles, Junior, and that of John Fitzgerald, for the purpose of paying the arrears of rent due the complainants, and all interest due thereon.

The bill states that on the 7th of May 1785, a certain Daniel Roberdeau, and Jane his wife, by indenture of that date conveyed to a certain John Fitzgerald and William Lyles, Jr. and their heirs, a piece or parcel of ground situated in the town of Alexandria, now in the District of Columbia, and which is more particularly described in the said bill, yielding and paying therefor unto said Daniel Roberdeau, his heirs and assigns, on the 27th of August next ensuing the said 7th of May in the year 1785, the rent of one hundred and six pounds five shillings and six pence half penny, Virginia money, in Spanish milled dollars at six shillings each, half Johannes weighing nine penny weight, at forty-eight shillings each, or in English guineas weighing five penny weight six grains at twenty eight shillings each, or in any other gold or silver coins according to those rates and valuations, and upon the 27th of August in the year 1786, and yearly, and every year forever afterwards, upon the said 27th day of August in each year, the rent of one hundred and thirty-one pounds eighteen shillings Virginia money, in Spanish milled dollars at six shillings each, half Johannes weighing nine penny weight at forty eight shillings each or in English guineas weighing five penny weight six grains at twenty eight shillings each—That said Lyles and Fitzgerald, upon said conveyance being made, entered into and enjoyed and died seised and possessed of said piece or parcel of ground—That said Roberdeau having departed this life, upon a partition after that event of his Real Estate, the interest and estate in said rent and Real Estate was allotted to Mary Patten, wife of Thomas Patten, and to a certain Selina Nickolas, as their property and estate, and that about the 26th day of February, in the year 1806, said interest and estate in said rent and Real Estate was by said Mary and Thomas Patten, and by said Selina Nickolds, conveyed to complainant Hoffman—That on the 1st of January, in the year 1823, the complainant Jacob Hoffman, conveyed said interest and estate among other property to the complainant Robert J. Taylor, in trust to sell, to discharge certain liabilities, and that in virtue of said trust the said interest and estate was on the 24th of June 1825, sold and conveyed to complainant, Elizabeth Thacker Hoge, by said Taylor—That said John Fitzgerald departed this life in the year 1800, and the said William Lyles Jun'r. in the year 1816—that said John Fitzgerald departed this life in Virginia, leaving no heirs who were alive, in the year 1819, or who ever had any interest or estate in said piece or parcel of ground, except the following persons, children of the deceased child of said Fitzgerald—Jane, the wife of Francis Lightfoot Lee, which Jane died before the year 1819, namely—Jane Elizabeth Lee, Samuel Poulips Lee, John Fitzgerald Lee, Arthur Lee and Frances Lee.—That said William Lyles Jun'r departed this life in Prince George's county, leaving a last will and testament, and that said testator died without making any disposition of said piece or parcel of ground, except as part of his Real Estate generally, and so for the life of his wife Sarah Lyles, and to her for that period.—That said William Lyles Jun'r. has left as heirs at law the following persons: William H. Lyles, Mary M. Coombs, otherwise called Mecky Coombs, Sarah Harper, wife of Robert Harper, Eliza Clagett, Thomas Clagett Lyles, Emily Hatton wife of Henry D. Hatton, Sidney Edelen wife of Richard Henry Edelen, Sarah M. Lyles, daughter of Dennis M. Lyles, infant under 21 years of age, and Eleanor W. Lowry wife of John Lowry. That Sarah Lyles and William H. Lyles being by said will of William Lyles constituted Executors of said will assumed the burden of the execution of the same, and that letters Testamentary on the estate of said testator were accordingly granted to said Sarah Lyles and William H Lyles. That since the 27th of August 1819, no rent whatever has been paid to complainants for or on account of said piece or parcel of ground, and that there is now due to complainants rent for the premises from the 27th of August 1819, to the 27th August 1831, with interest. That said William Lyles died seized of a large Real Estate, which has descended to his heirs at law aforesaid, in part, and been devised in part to some of said heirs respectively, by said last will and testament of said William, and in part to Sarah and Henry and Enoch and Eliza, infants, children of Mecky Coombs aforesaid. That said William died possessed likewise of a large Personal Estate, which came to the hands of his Executors. That said John Fitzgerald died seised of Real Estate which descended to his heirs at law aforesaid, fully sufficient to satisfy the arrears of rent now charged to be due in the premises. That by reason of the numerousness of the heirs of said Lyles, and his devisees, and of the heirs of said Fitzgerald, and of the other persons bound to pay said arrears of rent and to account in the premises, and also by reason of their various residence, a great impediment exists to the recovery at common law for said rent in arrear, and to render recourse to a court of equity absolutely necessary to the complainants. The bill also states that the defendants Jane Elizabeth Lee, Samuel Philips Lee, John Fitzgerald Lee, Arthur Lee, Frances Lee, and Francis Lightfoot Lee, reside out of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the complainants by causing a copy of this order to be inserted once in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper before the 20th day of October next, give notice to the absent defendants of the substance and object of the bill, that they may be warned to appear in this court in person, or by Solicitor, on or before the 20th day of February next, to shew cause, if any they have, why a decree should not pass as prayed.

Test. Ramsay Waters, Reg. Cur. Can'r.

Sept. 22, 1831.

THE STEAM BOAT

MARYLAND.

HAS commenced the season, and will pursue her Routes in the following manner:—Leave Easton every Wednesday and Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, and proceed to Cambridge, and thence to Annapolis, and thence to Baltimore, where she will arrive in the evening. Leave Baltimore, from the Tobacco Inspection Warehouse wharf, every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7 o'clock, and proceed to Annapolis, thence to Cambridge, if there should be any passengers on board for that place, and thence to Easton; or directly to Easton, if no passengers for Cambridge.

She will leave Baltimore every Monday morning at six o'clock for Chestertown, calling at the Company's wharf on Corsica creek, and returning from Chestertown to Baltimore the same day, calling at the wharf on Corsica creek.

All Baggage and Packages to be at the risk of the owners.

LEMUEL G. TAYLOR, Capt.

March 31, 1831.

Anne-Arundel County, sct.

ON application to the subscriber, one of the justices of the Orphans Court of said county, by petition in writing, of William Ross, praying for the benefit of the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at December session 805, and the several supplements thereto, a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his petition, and the said William Ross having satisfied me by competent testimony that he has resided in the State of Maryland two years next preceding his application, and that he is in actual custody for debt only; and the said William Ross having entered into bond, with security for his appearance in Anne-Arundel county court on the fourth Monday of October next, to answer such allegations as his creditors may propose to him, and having appointed John Hurst trustee for the benefit of the creditors of the said William Ross, and the said trustee having given bond, with approved security, for the faithful discharge of his trust, and the said William Ross, having executed to the said trustee a good and sufficient deed of conveyance for all his estate real, personal and mixed, the necessary wearing apparel and bedding of himself and family excepted, for the benefit of his creditors; and the trustee having certified in writing that he is in possession of all the estate of said William Ross, mentioned in said schedule; I do therefore order and adjudge that the said William Ross be discharged from his confinement, and that he, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Annapolis, once a week for three successive months before the fourth Monday of October next, give notice to his creditors to appear before Anne-Arundel county court on the fourth Monday of October next, to shew cause, if any they have, why the said William Ross should not have the benefit of said act, and the supplements thereto, as prayed.

GIDEON WHITE.

July 28. 3m

Anne-Arundel County, Sc.

ON application to the subscriber one of the Justices of the Orphans court, by petition in writing of Stephen W. Cross now in confinement for debt, praying for the benefit of the act for the relief of Sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November Session, 805, and the several supplements thereto, a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his petition, and the said Stephen W. Cross having satisfied me by competent testimony, that he has resided two years in the State of Maryland, preceding this his application, a trustee being appointed for the benefit of his creditors, and said trustee having given security for the faithful performance of said trust, it is therefore ordered and adjudged by me, that the said Stephen W. Cross, be discharged from confinement and that he by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper, printed in the city of Annapolis, once a week for three successive months, that he appear before Anne-Arundel county Court, on the 4th Monday in October next, to answer the interrogatories that may be made against him by his creditors, or any of them, and to shew cause if any they have why the said Stephen W. Cross should not have the benefit of said acts and the several supplements thereto.

GIDEON WHITE.

July 22, 83 3m

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration on the Personal Estate of Henry D. Mayer, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are requested to produce them properly authenticated, and those indebted are desired to make payment.

JOHN A. GRAMMER, Adm'r.

Sept. 22.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

THAT the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration on the Personal Estate of Evan Gaither, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them, properly authenticated, on or before the 1st day of April next, otherwise they will be excluded from all benefit of said estate; and those indebted are desired to make immediate payment.

BENJAMIN GAITHER, Adm'r.

Sept. 22.

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To those dark eyes of thine,
While thus I press thy throbbing heart,
In fervent love to mine?
What sudden thought of doubt or fear,
O'ercasts thy smiling brow?
If memory wakes the silent tear,
Oh! bid it slumber now!—
No thorns shall I strew the rosy chain
That links us fine in bliss;
The world has hours enough for pain
We will not yield it this.
Then nine those falling gems away,
And dream no more of sorrow,
We'll give to joy this fleeting day,
Though storms may cloud the morrow.
Then wreath your forehead with care
This thoughtless lass be one of mine—
I'll wave silvered o'er my flowing hair,
And paled that cheek of thine—
If endless age, in pain or joy—
Thy cup of life should steep—
When every hope has fled below,
I will then be time to weep.

From the New York Mirror.

HASCHBASCH, THE PEARL DIVER.

BY J. K. PAULDING.

Haschbasch was held by general consent the best diver in all the gulf of Ormuz. He would plunge deeper, stay longer, and come up drier than any half-horse-half-alligator of the whole western hemisphere. But, somehow or other, he was always unsuccessful. He brought up both hands full of oysters, but to one they did not contain a pearl; so that at last he got to be a by-word among his fellows who used to call an oyster without a pearl "one of Haschbasch's oysters."

One day, after frequent disappointments in diving, he, in a fit of despair, threw an oyster, which he knew was too plump and healthy to have any pearls in it, so violently against a rock hard by, that he broke the shell, and was not only astonished but alarmed to see a volume of smoke ascending from the fragments. As it gradually cleared away he beheld a little squab genius, with an oyster-knife in his hand, and so fat that he might well pass for the personification of a veritable blue-pointer.

Haschbasch contemplated the droll figure till he recovered from his terror, and fell a laughing with all his might. At length he exclaimed,

"Who art thou, and whence didst thou come?"

"I am the Genius of Oysters," replied the strange little man, "and I came from the bottom of the sea. How daredst thou break my palace in this rude manner?"

Haschbasch apologized very respectfully and explained the cause of his violence, at the same time appealing to his compassion for pardon.

"You look so round and jolly," said he, "I am sure you must be good-natured. I never heard of such a person that was otherwise."

"Well," said the placable Genius, "I will not be an exception. I forgive thee; nay, I will reward thee; for, between ourselves, I was a prisoner when you released me. I was shut up by a tyrannical necromancer of an alderman, for eating oysters in a month that had no r in it. I owe you a good turn there, dive just where I throw this."

So saying he flung a piece of chip into the sea, and Haschbasch obeyed his command. The queer Genius swallowed the contents of the broken oyster at one mouthful, and, wriggling down to the wave, disappeared in its blue bosom.

In a few minutes Haschbasch came up with both hands full of oysters, each of which, on being opened, was found to contain a pearl as big as a pigeon's egg.

At that moment the Genius emerged from the waters, and after puffing like a porpoise exclaimed, "Go to Ispahan;" and again vanished, having only come up to take a mouthful of air.

Haschbasch concealed his prize from every eye, and shut his lips on the subject as close as an oyster. He took leave of little Fleurdam, the black-eyed daughter of the collector of the Schah's tribute, who, if he had dreamed of the large pearls, would have had his head off in less than no time, and proceeding soon to return, departed for the renowned city of Ispahan, where Schah Hussein, who called himself the "King of Kings," then reigned, if not in the affections, at least in the fears of his people.

Haschbasch, after considering a day or two concerning the best manner of disposing of his treasure on his arrival at Ispahan, at length determined upon going to the fountain head at once. We know not where he got his experience, but he had some how found out that it was always best to deal with principals in matters of business.

Accordingly one day, when the great "King of Kings," was amusing his people with a royal face of "pride in the garb of humility," and listening very condescendingly to petitions he forgot the next moment, Ha