

A NOCTURNAL SKETCH.

The following specimen of that very curious invention blank verse in rhyme, is taken from Hood's Comic Annual:

THE HERMITAGE OF CANDU, AN ORIENTAL FAIRY.

The following tale forms, in its original shape, an episode in the ancient Hinduos Poem, called the Ramayana. The entire work has never been translated into any European language.

The following poem is taken from an unpublished Sanscrit manuscript in the Royal Library at Paris. The graceful and sportive humour which distinguishes it, will recommend it to our readers of taste.

It may be proper to remark by way of introduction, and in explanation of the fable, that although Indra, the ruler of the Gods in the Hindu Mythology, has many traits of character in common with the Greek Jupiter, he does not possess his power by quite so certain a tenure.

But Indra is so situated, that he would be compelled, by invincible destiny, and the decree of the unchangeable Brahma, to surrender his celestial sceptre to any devout person, who could make out a title to it, by performing more severe acts of penance than those by which he himself originally acquired it.

On the consecrated banks of the river Gomati, in a solitary wood producing fruits and flowers of every kind, where nothing was heard but the melody of singing birds, and no animal indeed except a timid stray deer or a timid antelope, remote from the bustle of the world, was found the quiet Hermitage of Candu.

In this delicious retreat the holy man gave himself up without intermission to exercises of the severest penance. The methods which are commonly employed to mortify the flesh, such as frequent fasts, abstinences, prayers and privations, appeared to him little better than actual indulgences, and he resorted habitually to others of a much more painful kind.

In the heat of summer he was wont to kindle four enormous fires, and to place himself in the central point between them, with his bare head exposed to the sun. In the rainy season, he would stretch himself upon the wet ground, and in winter when his limbs were shivering with cold, he would cover them with nothing but damp clothes.

These, and a thousand other acts of penance, severe enough to obtain for him the dominion of the three worlds, were witnessed with wonder by the Devas, the Gandhavas, and the other sublunary divinities of the court of Indra. What astonishing fortitude! What patience in supporting pain! said these admiring spectators to each other.

Several months had now elapsed in the midst of these amusements, when Pramnocha expressed the wish of returning to her celestial home.

At length, one evening, as they were sitting together, she saw him with surprise suddenly rise from his seat, and turn his steps towards a consecrated grove.

"What mean you," said the anchorite, "by hundreds of days and many months?" "Was it not, O fairest of women, this very morning that I first saw you by the river's side, and brought you to my hermitage?"

"Alas! alas!" exclaimed the luckless Bramin, who now began to see through the stratagem; "alas, and woe is me, for I have lost forever the fruits of my long course of penance!"

The proposals will state the price of materials and workmanship separately. The materials and fence must be of the following description: Least Part, 7 1/2 feet long, to be planted 2 feet in the ground, and worked round with a cone top—diameter 6 in. from the surface of the ground to the top rail. Rails to measure 5 by 4 inches, of the best heart yellow pine scantling.

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Alured by the music, and already so inflamed with desire, that he is hardly conscious of what he does, he hurries to the spot from which the sounds proceed. He sees the nymph, and stands fixed in astonishment at the charms which she displays.

"You see in me," replied Pramnocha, "the humblest of your handmaids. I came here only to gather a few of these flowers. Reverend father, let me hear your orders, and tell me in what I can serve you."

Candu, by means of the severe penance he had already undergone, had obtained the miraculous power of changing his appearance at pleasure. He now put on the shape of a young man of superior beauty, arrayed in robes and garlands of the most graceful fashion, and his person and manner were so prepossessing under this transformation, that the nymph, who only intended to captivate him, was in turn smitten herself in good earnest.

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G. I. GRAMMER, JR. RESPECTFULLY notifies his friends and the public, that he has just opened, at the residence of his father, nearly opposite the large brick building formerly occupied as a Boarding House by Mrs. Robinson.

A choice and well selected assortment of GROCERIES, which he will be happy to dispose of on reasonable terms, for Cash.

NOTICE. THE Commissioners for Anne Arundel county, will meet at the Court house, on Monday the fifth day of March next, for the purpose of ascertaining the expenses of the county, and laying the levy.

MILITARY BOUNTY LAND AGENCY. The subscriber wishes to purchase military bounty lands, for which a liberal price will be paid. The necessary form to obtain the warrants from government will be furnished.

FRESH FALL & WINTER GOODS. GEORGE M'NEIR. MERCHANT TAILOR. HAS just received a large and handsome assortment of FALL and WINTER GOODS, all of the latest importations, among which are

Patent Finished Cloths of various qualities and colours, with CASSIMERES and VESTINGS, of the latest style, suitable for the present and approaching seasons.

REMOVAL. WILLIAM BRYAN. MERCHANT TAILOR. HAS recently taken the Shop that he formerly occupied, nearly opposite Messrs William & Swan's Hotel; where he intends keeping a very Superior Assortment of

Cloths Cassimeres, & VESTINGS, All of which he will sell very low, and make up at the shortest notice and in the BEST MANNER.

LAND FOR SALE. THE subscriber offers for sale a TRACT OF LAND called GREEN'S PURCHASE,

containing ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT AND A HALF ACRES, situated in Anne Arundel county, near to, and adjoining the lands of the late Joseph McConey Esq.

ANNE-ARUNDEL COUNTY, SCT. WHEREAS Abner Lintihicum, Jr. late Collector of the Tax for Anne-Arundel county, hath returned to the Commissioners for said county, the following list of LANDS on which TAXES are due for the year 1829,

Table with 2 columns: Names of persons, Names of Lands. Includes entries for Rebecca Dulany's heirs, James Dunn, Thomas Morgan, etc.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS GIVEN. That unless the county charges aforesaid, are paid on or before the 24th day of March next, that the said lands, and such parts thereof as will be sufficient to pay the tax, and costs thereon, will be sold to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the city of Annapolis, at 12 o'clock, on the day aforesaid, agreeable to the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this State.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS GIVEN. THAT the subscriber has obtained from the Orphan's Court of Anne-Arundel County, letters of administration on the Personal Estate of Charles M. Lincoln, late of said county deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are desired to present them, legally authenticated, and those indebted are desired to make immediate payment.

PASSAGE TO BROAD CREEK. MAJOR JONES'S Shop leaves Annapolis for Broad Creek, on Mondays, and Wednesdays, at 7 o'clock, A. M.

THE BRICK HOUSE and LOT, fronting on Green Street, formerly owned by Mr. Eliza B. Brewer.

A TEACHER WANTED. THE board of trustees of Primary School District, No. 1, in Anne Arundel county, wish to employ a TEACHER for the present year, under the requisites of the several acts of assembly governing Primary Schools.

THE STEAMBOAT MARYLAND. WILL, upon further notice, leave Baltimore on Monday next, and every succeeding Monday, at 7 o'clock, A. M.

Red Cow. I HEREBY certify that Richard Cowan, Esq. of the city of Annapolis, brought before me, as a stray, a small

Horse Colt. with a white blaze on his face, the white running down on his upper lip, and his right eye foot white, appearing as if he would be two years old next spring, with a long tail.

CASH FOR NEGROES. WE WISH TO PURCHASE 100 LIKELY NEGROES. Of both sexes, from 12 to 25 years of age, field hands, also, mechanics of every description.

Maryland, Anne-Arundel County, I HEREBY certify, that Thomas H. Master, of said county, brought before me, as a stray, a bright bay

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THE RE-CAPTORS OF THE FRIGATE PHILADELPHIA. It will be seen from our abstract of congressional proceedings, that the bill appropriating \$100,000 to the widow of Commodore Decatur, commander of the U. States Schooner Intrepid, and to the officers and crew of the same, for the capture and destruction of the frigate Philadelphia, in the harbour of Tripoli, has been taken up by the House in a manner which indicates its speedy passage.

Among the names of the little band on board the Intrepid, will be recognized those of four captains in our Navy, either living or dead: viz. Decatur, the captor of the Macedonian; Lawrence, who in the hour of death bequeathed to his country the motto "Don't give up the ship"; McDonough, the hero of Lake Champlain; Morris, distinguished by various acts of bravery and skill, and not least by "the escape of the Constitution," when under his command, from several heavy ships of the enemy which had marked her for their prey.

At length did cross an Albatross, Through the fog it came; As it had been a Christian soul, We hailed it in God's name.

Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner. On the 5th of May, 1831, in lat. 39, 10 South, lon. 54, 3, West, an Albatross was taken by some of the crew of the ship John, Capt. Aims, lately arrived at this port, having attached to its neck a circular piece of pine shingle, about five inches in diameter, with the following inscription, neatly cut and linearly arranged:

"Lat. 31, 10 Ferrier 1830, Mariland du Havre, 2,000 Barils, long. 0 12."

If the obvious supposition be correct that this singular chronicle was attached at a distance not less than 5000 miles. But perhaps in Kamchatka or Bering's straits as it is said to be the custom of the birds to do annually in the month of June. It is variously known among seafaring men, as the "frigate bird," the "man of war bird," and the "Cape sheep." It is able to fly over a vast space but it usually flies near the surface of the sea, as it has a particular love for the inhabitants of the marine regions. In the pursuit of its prey it goes to a great distance from land, and at night, settles down upon the waves and sleeps. It thus passes most of its life at sea, and perhaps hardly knows more of the shore than our most indefatigable whale men. It is described as the very emblem of gluttony, and where food is found abundantly, gorges itself so as to be unable to fly or swim. It is sometimes seen in this surfeited condition with a fish partly swallowed and partly hanging out of its mouth. The Albatross is the playmate of the sailors and they look upon it with a superstitious respect, though would seem with less awe of the consequences of its destruction than might be inferred from a perusal of the incomprehensible paragraph which has furnished the motto prefixed to the paragraph.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE. HOUSE OF DELEGATES. WEDNESDAY, February 29th, 1829. The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Mr. Brewster presented the petition of Edward L. Jones and others, praying that stockholders in the tobacco warehouse in the city of Annapolis, may be permitted to use the said warehouse for other purposes.

December 15, 1831.