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From the Albany Daily Advertiser.
In tone, style and sentiment, the following lines are indeed of rare and surpassing beauty.

"Who can separate hearts that have united, or divide waters that have met and mingled into one?"
"Love never dies: where it does not exist, there it never has existed."

Think not, beloved, time can break
The spell around us cast;
Or absence from my bosom take
The memory of the past;
My love is not that silvery mist,
From summer blooms by sunbeams kiss'd
Too fugitive to last.
A fadèd flower, it still retains
The brightness of its early stains.
Nor burns it like the raging fire,
In tainted breast which glows;
All wild and thorny as the briar
Without its opening rose;
A gentler, holier love is mine,
Unchangeable and firm, while thine
Is pure as mountain snows,
Nor yet has passion dared to breathe
A spell o'er Love's immortal wreath.

And now when grief has dimm'd thine eye,
And sickness made these pale,
Thinkst thou I could the mourner fly,
And leave thee to the pale?
O no!—may all those dreams depart,
Hope sheds upon a youthful heart,
If now my bosom fail,
Or leave thee, when the storm comes on,
To bear its turbulence alone.
The Ivy round some lofty pile
Its twining tendrils flings
Though fed from these its pleasures smile,
It yet the fondle clings.
At loneliness still becomes the place,
The warmer is its fond embrace;
More firm its verdant rings
As if it lov'd its mate to rear
O'er one devoted to repair.
Thus shall my bosom cling to thine,
Unchang'd by gliding years,
Though Fortune's rise, or her decline,
In sunshine, or in tears;
And though between us oceans roll,
And rocks divide us, still my soul
Can feel no jealous fears,
Confiding in a heart like thine,
Love's uncontaminatèd shrine!
To me, though bathed in sorrow's dew,
The dearest far art thou;
I lov'd thee when thy woes were few,
And can I alter now?
That face, in joy's bright hour, was fair—
More beautiful since grief is there,
Though somewhat pale thy brow.

THE HOLY CHILD.

From Blackwood's Magazine.

There is a charm in the sudden and total disappearance even of the grassy green. All the old "familiar faces" of nature are for a while out of sight, and out of mind. That white silence shed by heaven over earth carries with it, far and wide, the pure peace of another region—almost another life. No image is there to tell of this restless and noisy world. The cheerfulness of reality kindles up our reverie ere it becomes a dream; and we are glad to feel our whole being complexed by the passionate repose. If we think of all of human life, it is only of the young, the fair, and the innocent. "Pure as snow," are the words then felt to be most holy as the image of some beautiful and beloved being comes and goes before our eyes, brought from a far distance in this our living world, or from a distance—far, far further still—in the world beyond the grave—the image of a virgin growing up sinless to womanhood among her parent's prayers, or of some spiritual creature who expired long ago, and carried with her native innocence unstained to heaven.

Such Spiritual Creature—too spiritual long to sojourn below the skies—wert Thou—whose rising and whose setting—both most starlike—brightened at once all thy native vale, and at once left it in darkness. Thy name has long slept in our heart—and there let it sleep unbreathed—even as when we were dreaming our way through some solitary place without speaking we bless the beauty of some sweet wild flower, pensively smiling to us through the snow!

The sabbath returns on which, in the little kirk among the hills, we saw thee baptised. Then comes a wavering glimmer of seven sweet years that to thee, in all their varieties, were but as one delightful season, one blessed life—and finally, that other Sabbath, on which, at thy own dying request—between services thou wert buried!

How mysterious are all thy ways and workings! O gracious nature! Thou who art but a name given by our souls, seeing and hearing through the senses, to the Being in whom all things are and have life! Ere two years old, she, whose dream is now with us, all over the small sylvan world, that beheld the revelation, how earnestly of her pure existence—was called the "Holy Child!" The faint of sin—inherited from those who disobeyed in Paradise—seeded from her fair clay to have been washed out at the baptismal font, and by her first infantine tears. So pious people all most believed, looking on her so unlike all other children, in the serenity of that baby smile that clothed the creature's countenance with a radiant beauty, at an age when on other infants it but faintly seen the dawn of reason; and their eyes look happy, just like the thoughtless flowers. So unlike all

other children—but unlike only because sooner than they—she seemed to have been given to her—even in the communion of the cradle—an intimation of the being and the providence of God. Sooner, surely, than through any other clay that ever enshrouded the immortal spirit, dawned the light of reason and religion on the face of the "Holy Child."

Her lisping language was sprinkled with words alien from common childhood's uncertain speech, that murmurs only when indigent nature prompts; and her own parents wondered whence they came in her simplicity, when first they looked upon her kneeling in an unbidden prayer. As one mild week of vernal sunshine covers the braes with promise, so shone with fair and fragrant feelings, unfolded ere they knew, before her parents' eyes—the divine nature of her, who, for a season, was lent to them from the skies. She learned to read out of the bible—almost without any teaching—they knew not how—just by looking gladly on the words, even as she looked on the pretty daisies on the green—till their meanings stole insensibly into her soul, and the sweet syllables, succeeding each other on the blessed page, were all united by the memories her heart had been treasuring every hour that her father or mother had read aloud in her hearing from the Book of Life. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven"—how wept her parents, as these the most affecting of our Saviour's words dropped silver sweet from her lips, and continued in her upward eyes which were filled with swimming tears!

Be not incredulous of this dawn of reason, wonderful as it may seem to you, so soon becoming morn—almost perfect, day-light—with the "Holy Child." Many such miracles are set before us—but we recognize them not, or pass them by with a smile of short surprise. How leaps the baby in its mother's arms, when the mysterious charm of music thrills through its little brain! And how learns it to modulate its feeble voice, unable yet to articulate, to the melodies that bring forth all around its eyes a delightful smile!

Who knows what then may be the thoughts and feelings of the infant awakened to the sense of a new world, alive thro' all its being to sounds that happily glide past our ears unmeaning as the breath of the common air! Thus have mere infants sometimes been seen inspired by music, till, like small geni, their warbled spell strains of their own powerful to sadden and subdue our hearts. So too, have infant eyes been so charmed by the rainbow irradiating the earth, that almost infant hands have been taunt, as if by inspiration, the power to paint in finest colours, and to imitate, with a wondrous art, the skies, so beautiful to the quick awakened spirit of delight. What knowledge have not children acquired, and gone down scholars to their small untimely graves! Knowing that such things have been—are—and will be—why art thou incredulous of the divine expansion of the soul—so soon understanding the things that are divine—in the "Holy Child?"

Thus grew she in the eyes of God, day by day waxing wiser and wiser in the knowledge that tends towards the skies, and as if some angelic spirit were nightly with her in her dreams, awakening every morn with a new dream of thought that brought with it a gift of more comprehensive speech. Yet merry she was at times with her companions among the woods and braes, though while they all were laughing, she only smiled; and the passing traveller who might pause a moment to bless the sweet creatures in their play, could not but single out one face among the many fair, so pensive in its paleness, a face to be remembered, coming from afar, like a mournful thought upon the hour of joy!

Sister or brother of her own had she none—and often both her parents—who lived in a hut by itself up among the mossy stumps of the old decayed forest—had to leave her alone—sometimes even all day long, from morning till night. But she no more wearied in her solitariness than does the wren in the wood. All the flowers were her friends; all the birds. The linnæus ceased not his song for her, though her footsteps wandered into the green glade among the yellow broom, almost within reach of the spray from which he poured his melody—the quiet eyes of his mate feared her not when her garments almost touched the bush where she brooded on her young. Sheyst of the winged sylvans, the cuckoo, clapped not her wings away on the soft approach of her harmless footsteps to the pine that concealed her slender nest. As if blown from heaven, descended round her path the showers of the painted butterflies, to feed, sleep, or die—undisturbed by her—upon the wild flowers—with wings, when motionless, undistinguishable from the blossoms. And well she loved the brown, busy, blameless bee, come thither for the honey dew from a hundred combs sprinkled all over the parish, and all high over head sailing away at evening, laden and weary, to their straw-roofed skeps in many a hamlet garden. The last of every tree, shrub and plant, she knew familiarly and lovingly, in its own characteristic beauty; and was loth to shake one dew drop from the sweet birch rose. And well she knew that all nature loved her in return—that they were dear to each other in their innocence—and that the very sunshine, in motion or at rest, was ready to come at the bidding of her smiles: Skiffles were those small white hands of hers among the reeds and rushes and oars

—and many a pretty flower basket grew beneath their touch, her parents wondering, on their return home to see the handiwork of one who was never idle in her happiness. Thus early, ere yet but five years old, did she earn her mite for the sustenance of her own beautiful life! the russet garb she wore, she herself had won—and thus poverty at the door of that hut became even like a guardian angel, with the linaments of heaven on her brow, and the quietude of heaven beneath her feet.

But these were but her lonely pastime, or gentle task-work self-imposed among her pastimes; and itself, the sweetest of them all, inspired by a sense of duty, that brings with it its own delight—and hallowed by religion, that even in the most adverse lot changes slavery into freedom—till the heart, insensible to the bonds of necessity, sings aloud for joy. The life within the life of the "Holy Child," apart from even such innocent employments as these; and from such recreations as innocent among the shadows and the sunshine of those sylvan haunts, was passed, let us fear not to say the truth, wondrous as such worship was, in one so very young, was passed to the worship of God; and her parents, though sometimes even saddened to see such piety in a small creature like her, and afraid, in her exceeding love, that it betokened an early removal from this world to one too perfectly pure ever to be touched by its sins and sorrows, forbore in an awful pity, ever to remind her of the bible from her knees, as she would sing only or all the Sabbath long, as soon as they returned from the kirk, but often through all the hours of the longest and sunniest week-days, when there was nothing to hinder her from going up to the hill side, or down to the little village, to play with the other children, always too happy when she appeared, nothing to hinder her but the voice she heard speaking in that book, and the hallelujahs, that, at the turning over of each blessed page, came upon the ear of the "Holy Child" from white-robed saints, all kneeling before his throne in heaven!

Her life seemed to be the same in sleep. Often at midnight, by the light of the moon shining upon her little bed beside their parents' leaned over her face, diviner in dreams, and wept as she wept, her lips all prayer, the name of him who died for us all. But pious as were her penitential tears, stainless in the holy humbleness of her saintly spirit, over thoughts that had never sent a dimming breath on its purity, yet that ing her in those strange visitings, to be haunting her as the shadows of sins, soon were they dried up in the lustre of her returning smiles. Waking, her voice in the kirk was the sweetest among many sweet, as all far, sat together by themselves, and within the congregational music of the psalm, uplifted a silvery strain that sounded like the very spirit of the whole, even like angelic harmonies, blent with a mortal song. But sleeping, still more sweetly sang the "Holy Child"; and then too, in some diviner inspiration than ever was granted to it while awake, her soul composed its own hymns, and set the simple scriptural words to its own mystical music, the tunes she loved best gliding into one another, without once ever marring the melody with pathetic touches interposed, never heard before, and never more to be renewed; for each dream had its own breathing, and many a vision did then seem to be the sinless creature's sleep.

The love that was borne for her, all over the hill-region, and beyond its circling clouds, was almost such as mortal creatures might be thought to feel for some existence that had visibly come from heaven! Yet all who looked on her, saw that she, like themselves, was mortal, and many an eye was wet, the heart wist not why, to hear such wisdom falling from her lips; to hear such did it prognosticate, that as short as bright would be her walk from the cradle to the grave. And thus, for the "Holy Child" was her love, elevated by awe, and saddened by pity, and as by herself she passed pensively by their dwellings, the same eyes that smiled on her presence, on her disappearance wept.

Not in vain for others, and for herself, oh! what great gain! for these few years on earth, did that pure spirit ponder on the word of God! Other children became pious from their delight in her piety—far she was simple among the simplest of them all and walked with them hand in hand, nor spurned companionship with any one that was good. But all grew good by being with her, and parents had but to whisper her name, and in a moment the passionate sob was hushed, the lowering brow lighted, and the household in peace. Older hearts owned the power of her piety, so far surpassing their thoughts; and time hardened sinners, it is said, when looking and listening to the "Holy Child" knew the errors of their ways, and returned to their path, as at a voice from heaven!

Bright was her seventh summer, the brightest, so the aged said, that had ever, in man's memory, shone over Scotland. One long, sunny day, followed another, and in the sunniest weather, though the dew kept green the hills, the song of the streams was low. But paler and paler, in the sunlight and moonlight, became the sweet face that had always been paler; and the voice that had always been softer, became lower and sadder still, from the too perfect whiteness of her breast,

No need, no fear, to tell her she was about to die! Sweet whispers had sung it to her in her sleep, and waking, she knew it in the look of the piteous skies. But she spoke not to her parents of death more than she had often done, and never of her own. Only she seemed to love them with a more exceeding love, and was readier, even sometimes when no one was speaking, with a few drops of tears. Sometimes she disappeared, nor, when sought for, was found in the woods about the hut. And one day the mystery was cleared, for a shepherd saw her sitting by herself on a grassy mound in the nook of the small solitary kirk yard, miles off, among the hills, so lost in reading the bible, that the shadow or sound of his feet awoke her not; and ignorant of his presence, she knelt down and prayed—for awhile weeping bitterly—but soon comforted by a heavy calm—that her sins might be forgiven her!

One Sabbath evening, soon after, as she was sitting beside her parents at the door of her hut, looking first for a while on their faces, and then for a long while on the sky, though it was not yet the stated hour of worship, she suddenly knelt down, and leaning on their knees, with hands clasped more fervently than her wont, she broke forth into a tremendous singing of that hymn, which from her lips they had never heard without unendurable tears:

"The hour of my departure's come,
I hear the voice that calls me home;
At last, oh! Lord, let trouble cease,
And let thy servant die in peace!"

They carried her fainting to her little bed, and uttered not a word to one another till she revived. The shock was sudden, but not unexpected, and they knew now that the hand of death was upon her, although her eyes soon became brighter and brighter, they thought they had ever been before. But forehead, cheeks, lips, neck and breast, were all as white, and to the quivering hands that touched them, almost as cold as snow.—Ineffable was the bliss of those radiant eyes; but the breath of words was frozen, and that hymn was almost her last farewell. Some few words she spoke and named the hour and day she wished to be buried. Her lips could then faintly return the kiss and no more, a film came over the now dim blue of her eyes, the father listened for her breath—and then the mother took his place and leaned her ear to the unbreathing mouth, long deluding herself with its life-like smile; but a sudden darkness in the room and a sudden stillness, most dreadful both, convinced their unbelieving hearts at last, that it was dead.

All the parish, it may be said, attended her funeral, for none staid away from the kirk that Sabbath, though many a voice was unable to join in the psalm. The little grave was soon filled up—and you hardly knew that the turf had been disturbed beneath which she lay. The afternoon service consisted but of a prayer—for he who ministered had loved her with love unspeakable, and though an old gray haired man, all the time he prayed he wept. In the sobbing kirk her parents were sitting, but no one looked at them, and when the congregation rose to go, there they remained sitting, and an hour afterwards came out again into the open air, and parting with their pastor at the gate, walked away to their hut overshadowed with the blessing of a thousand prayers!

And did her parents, soon after she was buried, die of broken hearts, or pine away disconsolately to their graves? Think not that they, who were Christians, indeed, could be guilty of such ingratitude. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord; were the first words they had spoke by that bedside; during many, many long years of the weal or woe, duly every morning and night, these same blessed words did they utter when on their knees together, in prayer, and many a thousand times besides, when they were apart, she in her silent hut, and he on the hill, neither of them unhappy in their solitude, though never again, perhaps, was his countenance so cheerful as of yore, and though often amidst mirth or sunshine her eyes were seen to overflow. Happy had they been, as we mortal beings ever can be happy, during many pleasant years of wedded life, before she had been born.—And happy were they, on the verge of old age, after she had her ceased to be. Their Bible had, indeed, been an idle book—the Bible that belonged to the "Holy Child," through the Sabbath-calm—had those intermediate seven years not left a power of bliss behind them, triumphant over death and grave.

THE DOLPHIN AND FLYING FISH.
While we were steading along under the genial influence of this newly-found air, which was yet confined to the upper sails, and every one was looking open-mouthed to the eastward to catch a gulp of cool air, about a dozen flying-fish rose out of the water, just under the fore-chains, and skimming away to windward at the height of 10 or 12 feet above the surface. A large dolphin which had been keeping company with us abreast of the weather gangway, at the depth of two or three fathoms, and as usual, glistening most beautifully in the sun, no sooner detected our poor dear little friends take wing, than he turned his head towards them; and, darting to the surface, leaped from the water with a velocity little short; as it seemed, of a cannon ball. But although the impetus with which he shot himself into the air gave him an "ideal" velocity greatly exceeding that of the flying-fish, the start which his fated prey had got, enabled them to keep ahead of him for a considerable time. The length of the dolphin's first spring could not be less than ten yards; and after he fell we could see him gliding like lightning through the water for a moment, when he again rose and shot forward with considerably greater velocity than at first, and, of course, to still greater distance. In this manner the merciless pursuer seemed to stride along the sea with fearful rapidity, while his brilliant coat sparkled and flashed in the sun quite splendidly.

As he fell headlong on the water at the end of each huge leap, a series of circles were sent far over the still surface, which lay as smooth as a mirror for the breeze, although enough to set the royals and top-gallant studding-sails, was hardly as yet felt below. The group of wretched flying-fish, thus hotly pursued, at length dropped into the sea; but we were rejoiced to observe that they merely touched the top of the swell, and scarcely again in a fresh and even more vigorous flight. It was particularly interesting to observe that the direction of the one in which they had set out, implying but too obviously that they had detected their fierce enemy, who was following them with giant steps along the waves. His terrific pace, indeed, was two or three times as swift as theirs—poor little things; and whenever they varied their flight in the slightest degree, he lost not the tenth part of a second in shaping a new course, so as to cut off the chase, while they, in a manner really not unlike that of the hare, doubled more than once upon their pursuer. But it was plainly to be seen that their strength and confidence was fast ebbing.

Their flights became shorter and shorter and their course more fluttering and uncertain, while the enormous leaps of the dolphin appeared to grow only more vigorous at each bound. Eventually, indeed, we could see, or fancied we would see, that this skilful sportsman arranged all his springs with such an assurance of success, that he contrived to fall at the end of each, just under the very spot on which the exhausted flying-fish were about to drop! Sometimes this cat-springs took place at too great a distance for us to see from the deck exactly what happened; but on our mounting high into the rigging we may be said to have been in at the death; for the woe could discover that the unfortunate little creatures, one after another, either popped right into the dolphin's jaws as they lighted on the water or were snapped up immediately afterwards. It was impossible not to take an active part with our pretty little friends of the weaker side, and accordingly we speedily had our revenge. The middles and the sailors, delighted with the chance, rigged out a dozen or twenty lines from the jib-boom end and spritsail yard-arms with hooks, baited merely with bits of tin, the glitter of which resembles so much that of the body and wings of the flying-fish, that many a proud dolphin, making sure of a delicious morsel, leaped in rapture at the deceitful prize.

THE SHARK.
There always follows, however, the most lively curiosity on the part of the sailors to learn what the shark has stowed away in its inside: but they are often disappointed, for the stomach is generally empty. I remembered one famous exception, indeed, when a very large fellow was caught on board the Alceste, in Aneur Roads, at Java, when we were proceeding to China with the embassy under Lord Amherst. A number of ducks and hens which had died in the night, were, as usual, thrown overboard in the morning, besides several baskets, and many other minor things, such as bundles of shavings and bits of cordage, all which things were found in this huge sea-monster's inside. But what excited most surprise and admiration was the hide of a buffalo, killed on board that day for the ship's company's dinner. The old sailor who had cut open the shark stood with a foot on each side, and drew up the articles one by one from the huge cavern into which they had been indiscriminately drawn. When the operator came at last to the buffalo's hide, he held it up before him like a curtain, and exclaimed, "There, my lad, dy'e see that! He has swallowed a buffalo, but he could not digest the hide."

A SLEEPY HAT.
"Isn't your hat sleepy?" inquired a little urchin of a gentleman with a "shocking bad un' on." "No—why?" inquired the gentleman. "Why because I think it's a long time since it had a nap," was the answer.

A CARAVAN.
Speaking of a menagerie of living animals, now in Hartford, (Conn.) the Editor of the Connecticut Mirror observes:—No one, who looks at all these creatures, we may presume, will prefer such a request as we once heard addressed to the keeper of a menagerie:—"Wall, now, Squire, I've seen your elephant, your lion, and your monkeys, and so forth; now where's your caravan?" "The caravan," (Kazatchi, yes—I want to take a caravan, him!

The Corporation of New York have appointed a committee to inquire into the causes which occasioned the falling of the steeple of Messrs. Phelps and Peck.

LAND FOR SALE.
I WILL sell a farm containing about 10000 acres of land, situated on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay, and is a very fertile soil, and is well adapted for raising of wheat, corn, &c. For further particulars apply to Mr. George Wells at Annapolis.
JOHN B. SILLMAN.
March 22.

G. I. GRAMMER, JR.
RESPECTFULLY notifies his friends and the public, that he has just opened, at the residence of his father, newly opened, at 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.
Dec 15.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned hereby gives notice to his friends and the public, that he will write and execute
DEEDS, MORTGAGES, BILLS OF SALE, MANUMISSION INDENTURES, and make out INSOLVENT PAPERS, &c.
at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.
GIDEON WHITE.
P. O.—He will collect debts with all possible speed.
March 29.

FOR ANNAPOLIS.
CAMBRIDGE AND EASTON.
The Steam Boat "MARYLAND," will commence her regular route for Annapolis, Cambridge (by Castle Haven), and Easton, on FRIDAY MORNING NEXT, the 30th March, at 7 o'clock, from her usual place of starting, lower end Dugan's wharf, and continue to leave Baltimore on every Tuesday and Friday Morning, at 7 o'clock, for the above places throughout the season.
Passage to Castle Haven or Easton \$3 50; to Annapolis \$1.
N. B. All baggage at the risk of the owner or owners.
LEML. G. TAYLOR, Capt.
March 24.

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
CASSIMERE AND VESTINGS
of the latest style, suitable for the present and approaching seasons.
He requests his friends and the public to call and examine. All of which he will make up at the shortest notice, and in the most reasonable style, for cash, or to punctual merchants.
Sept. 29, 1831.

TORRENT.
THE BRICK HOUSE and LOT, fronting on Green Street, formerly owned by Mr. Bruce B. Brewer.
To a good Tenant the rent will be low. Also, the OFFICE in West Street between the offices of Alexander Randall and H. Nicholson, 6-quires. The rent of the latter property is fixed at \$50 per annum.
R. I. JONES.
Jan. 26.

PASSAGE TO BROAD CREEK.
MAJOR JONES' Sloop leaves Annapolis for Broad Creek, on Monday and Fridays, at 7 o'clock, A. M., the passengers will be taken in the mail stage to Queenstown Mills, and Easton; to arrive at Easton same evening by 6 o'clock, P. M. Return, will leave Easton at 7 o'clock, A. M. on Sundays and Wednesdays, arrive at Broad Creek in time for dinner; at Annapolis, by 3 o'clock, P. M. same evenings.
Fare from Annapolis to Broad Creek \$1 50, from Broad Creek to Queenstown Mills 75, from Broad Creek to Easton 1 50.
For passage apply at the Bar of Williamson and Swann's Hotel.
All baggage at the risk of the owners.
PERRY ROBINSON, ft.
Feb. 16.

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. 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 the market. Any communication in writing, will be promptly attended to. We can at all times be found at Williamson's Hotel, Annapolis.
LEGG & WILLIAMS.
December 15, 1831.

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