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They proved too true. The Indians, unexpectedly baffled by the stratagem of the fugitives, had well abandoned pursuit. At this juncture it was fatally proposed to dispatch a runner for the favourite dog of the chief. He was of an illustrious stock, but unfavourably known in the cruel history of the early emigrants to Cabice celebrated for staunchness and indomitable courage, for great vigour of limb, incredible power of scent, and of matchless endurance in the chase. His sagacity upon this occasion had not been too highly appreciated, and his cry, which never deceived, was hailed by the Natchez with a shout of savage exultation. St. Pierre, convinced that flight or resistance would prove equally desperate and unavailing, submitted in silence and with unshaken fortitude; but his disconsolate companion, overcome by the various emotions which had so rapidly agitated her soul, lay helplessly in his arms. They were thus made captives by the triumphant Indians.

The prisoners were reconducted to the village; the good father, who knew well the fate prepared for St. Pierre, saw the party on their return, and accompanied them, in order to afford to the condemned those consolations which Christianity always confers in mortal extremity. In a solemn council of the nation the unfortunate Frenchman was condemned to the stake, amidst the lamentation of women and the heart-rending cries of children, to all of whom he was endeared by a thousand tender recollections. The preliminaries to such an execution are too well known to require description; they are such at least as humanity shrinks from contemplating.

The hour arrived, and the victim, serene and undimmed, was bound to the tree. Over his head hung a gorgeous image of the sun as if the sacrifice, then to be offered, would prove acceptable to that divinity. It might have been affixed there in derision of the holy faith of the sufferer. In many circles of great height, increasing from the centre, were disposed the combustible destined to terminate this awful tragedy.

Etoile, the bride—the wife, was there too; and she viewed the preparations with the calm and steady eye of an indifferent spectator. Not a tear dimmed her dark eye, not an intercession escaped her lips; for tears and prayers, she well knew, could hope for no sympathy among the fierce and relentless spirits of her nation. She was attired in her bridal dress, disposed with the utmost regard to elegance and taste; at her belt, almost concealed by the folds of the tunic, hung a small hatchet, and, pressed to her bosom, she bore a silver cross, presented by her husband in days of peace and happiness.

Through the top was drilled an opening, in which was inserted a strong and sharp bone either of fish or fowl. Little regard was paid to her in the engrossing interest which attached to the pile, nor bursting into a blaze. The smoke and flame wreathed up into wild and fearful eddies. Etoile suddenly sprang forward into the line of fire, which repelled the near approach of the executioners.

"Come, my love," she exclaimed, "come. In life or death I am forever thine. Neither the cruelty of man nor the errors of the grave shall sever us! The emblem under which we die, assures us of another and a happier home!"

At the same instant she struck the image of the sun from the stake, and with a single blow of her hatchet planted the cross in its place; then, embracing her noble spirit, her husband, she yielded up her ashes, raised the mound in which the most lovely trees of the forest. He planted the oak which has been described, and engraved upon it the sign of the cross, a simple memorial of Christian faith and mortal suffering.

LIFE—By J. O. WHITTIER.

Life is a year—a cheerful year
Its blank and spring time hour of youth;
Its early love, in feeling days,
Its passion for the shrine of truth—
At such a time how long steals on
With freshened wing from being's dawn,
Fast down through distant years.

Not high the brightness of that gloom
Is scattered from its own fair plume,
And that all else is tears!—Lockwell.

It is an old and tried subject which we have chosen, but one which awakens within us many and deep reflections. It is a subject too which should be examined in all its bearings—in its sun-light and shadow. Hurrying as we are down the eternal current, it may not be amiss to speak of the perils of the voyager, to point out the rocks upon which his vessel may be driven—the whirlpools in which he may be swallowed up.

There is a little of romance in ordinary life;—the land of enchantment and fairy exists only in the mind of the visionary novelist. It is not well to trust much to the colourings of fancy. Sooner or later they will change and grow dim,—the beautiful creations of the fanciful spirit, will give place to the dull and cold realities of existence.

We may deceive ourselves for a time;—we may picture to our imagination an Elysium of happiness; we may even shut our eyes upon the evil and gloom around us,—and like the Moslem under the influence of his favourite drug, revel in the land of mystery and dreams. The delusion cannot last forever. It is better to lift the veil at once, than to wear it until it is torn off, in rude contact with the substantial things of real life.

The naked truths of existence are not perceptible to the young enthusiast. He lives in an atmosphere of dreams. The future is spread out before him, as in the magic glass of the Astrologer, gorgeous with sunshine that may never be felt—green with insuriance which is never to be trodden; and musical with the fall of fountains which may never be tasted.

And because these things are so, shall we

dream no longer? Shall youth's imagination no longer paint the wild beauty of anticipated joy?—Shall we burthen the free wing of the unfolding spirit, with a knowledge of the evil which is hidden in the thick darkness of the future?

Ay, let the truth be told. Let the youthful nerve himself for the evil day. Let not the dangers of his pilgrimage be hidden, spread out before him the gloomy chart of existence; and let him dream if he can, of an unclouded sky and an eternal blossoming of flowers.

The searcher after fame; the young and ardent of spirit is most of all liable to disappointment.—He enters into the crowded arena of intellect, where mind wrestles with mind for the mastery, with high and glorious anticipations. These are not unfrequently blasted in the outset; at the first effort he is cast down forever—the beautiful light of his glowing intellect extinguished—the pathway to fame closed up; and the fire which should have gone abroad to warm and enlighten the waste places of earth, is sent back to prey upon his heart.

And those who still struggle on,—who sacrifice life, health and the blessed freedom of the sun and air of heaven in the pursuit of literary fame—how exceedingly miserable—how desolate is their being! They cannot pause in their career—they cannot go back to the mind and unambitious hours of childhood—to the quiet of the domestic fireside. The cry of "forward!" is perpetual. They must bear up with a strong and unflinching mind, against the storm of the fierce sunshine. They can hold no dalliance with the beautiful visions which rise up in their early pathway—they must hurry on, until the land of enchantment is left behind—until the fairy forms have vanished; and the Love, which in perspective seemed like an untold Eden, has proved to be a delusion—a false and cheating mirage on the parched desert of existence.

Is this an ideal picture?—Ask him who has borne the burden which Ambition imposes upon its votaries, and he will tell you that its dark lineaments are correctly drawn. Fame—fame—we look upon thy temple with awe and admiration,—but it is a temple of death—of agony, and unutterable woe. It is the channel house of genius—the Ganges of the mind,—a shrine at which is sacrificed the charm and glory of existence, whose idol, like those of the pagan worshippers, is propitiated only by the mortal suffering of its votaries!

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March	Winds.	Winds.
1 Clear, cool, fresh breeze.	w-nw	w-nw
2 Clear, pleasant, fresh breeze.	s-w	s-w
3 Clear, cool, heavy blow.	nw-w	nw-w
4 Cloudy, rain in evening, light breeze.	s-w	s-w
5 Rain half the day, foggy, light breeze.	e-w	e-w
6 Clear, cool, heavy blow.	nw	nw
7 Clear, cool, smart frost, heavy blow.	nw	nw
8 Clear, pleasant, white frost, light breeze.	wnw-w	wnw-w
9 Clear, warm, p. m. cloudy, light breeze.	w-nw	w-nw
10 Rain at times through the day, light breeze.	sw-s	sw-s
11 Rain, heavy before day, moderate breeze.	sw	sw
12 Clear, warm, p. m. cloudy, heavy thunder gust in evening with hail and rain.	sw-w	sw-w
13 Clear, mild, light breeze, heavy blow at night.	w-nw	w-nw
14 Clear, extremely cold, hard frost, heavy blow.	nw	nw
15 Clear, cold, hard frost, moderate breeze.	nw-se	nw-se
16 Flying clouds, appearance of rain, light breeze.	s	s
17 Rail, hail and snow, heavy blow, very cold.	ne-nw	ne-nw
18 Clear, cold, heavy blow, ice along shore equal to January.	sw	sw
19 Clear, cold, hard frost, moderate breeze.	nw	nw
20 Clear, p. m. cloudy, rain at night, w-se	w-se	w-se
21 Clear, cool, heavy blow.	nw-nw	nw-nw
22 Clear, cool, fresh breeze, hard frost.	nw	nw
23 Cloudy, cool, light breeze.	nw	nw
24 Smoky, warm, light breeze.	nw	nw
25 Clear, p. m. cloudy, mild, fresh breeze.	sw	sw
26 Rain half the day, cool, breeze.	sw-nw	sw-nw
27 Clear, mild, light breeze.	nw-se	nw-se
28 Clear, pleasant, moderate breeze, w-se	nw-se	nw-se
29 Clear, p. m. cloudy, cool air, moderate breeze.	w-nw	w-nw
30 Clear, pleasant, moderate breeze, w-se	sw	sw
31 Clear, p. m. cloudy, fresh breeze, w	sw	sw

April	Winds.	Winds.
1 Clear, pleasant, heavy blow.	nw	nw
2 Clear, p. m. cloudy, moderate breeze.	nw-se	nw-se
3 Clear, moderate, heavy blow.	nw	nw
4 Clear, pleasant, fresh breeze.	nw-se	nw-se
5 Clear, cold, moderate breeze.	ne-se	ne-se
6 Clear, frost, light breeze.	ne-se	ne-se
7 Clear, cold, fresh breeze.	ne-se	ne-se
8 Cloudy, cold, fresh breeze.	ne-se	ne-se
9 Clear, cold, hard frost, light breeze.	ne-se	ne-se
10 Clear, cold, frost, moderate breeze, w	sw	sw
11 Cloudy part of the day, light breeze.	sw-se	sw-se
12 Clear, pleasant, light breeze.	se-c	se-c
13 Clear, warm, light breeze.	n-se	n-se
14 Clear, warm, light breeze.	n-se	n-se
15 Cloudy, cool, fresh breeze.	ene	ene
16 Rain nearly all day, thunder and hail, cold, fresh breeze.	ne-c	ne-c
17 Little rain, cool, moderate.	n	n
18 Misty, cool, light breeze.	n-nw	n-nw
19 Cloudy, sprinkles rain, light breeze.	ene	ene

20 Cloudy, cool, light breeze.
21 Clear and warm nearly all day light breeze.
22 Clear, p. m. cloudy, sprinkles rain moderate breeze.
23 Clear, pleasant, light breeze.
24 Clear, cool air, moderate breeze.
25 Foggy, little rain, moderate breeze.
26 Flying clouds, fresh breeze.
27 Clear, warm, moderate breeze.
28 Clear, cool, fresh breeze, fine rain at night.
29 Cloudy, cool, moderate breeze, thunder lightning and rain in the evening, s-nw
30 Cloudy, misty, cool, light breeze, ene

TO RENT.
THE BRICK HOUSE and LOT, fronting on Green Street, former-ly owned by Mr. Brice B. Bremer. To a good Tenant the rent will be low. Also, the OFFICE in West Street, between the offices of Alexander Randall and J. H. Nicholson, Esquires. The rent of the latter property is fixed at \$50 per annum.
I. JONES.
Jan. 26.

IN CHANCERY.
22d May, 1832.
ORDERED, That the sale made and reported by Messrs. Pinkney, Trustee for the sale of Henry Truitt's real estate, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 23d day of July next, provided a copy of this order be published once in each of three successive weeks before the 23d day of July next, in one of the Annapolis newspapers.—The report states the amount of sales to be \$315.
True Copy. Test.
RAMSAY WATERS, Reg. Cur. Can.

IN CHANCERY.
22d May, 1832.
ORDERED, That the creditors of Henry Truitt, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, file their claims, legally authenticated, in the Chancery Office, on or before the 23d day of September next.
True Copy. Test.
RAMSAY WATERS, Reg. Cur. Can.

NOTICE.
CAME to the subscriber's, on or about the 20th of April last, one small Red Cow, with a white face, one ditto Brin-ble, one young Steer Red, one ditto Brin-ble. The owner or owners of the above described property is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away.
RICHARD GARDNER, South side of Severn River, 5 miles above Annapolis.
May 24.

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY COURT,
March Term, 1832.
ORDERED by the Court, that the creditors of Stephen Martin, a petitioner for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws of this state, do appear before the County Court to be held at Leonard Town, in and for Saint Mary's county, on the first Monday of November next, to file allegations, if any they have, and to recommend a permanent trustee for their benefit.
By order, JO. HARRIS, Ck. St. Mary's County Court.
May 31.

A TEACHER WANTED.
IN the thirtieth Primary School district, in A. A. county, who can come approved of according to Law. Apply to Dr. Richd. G. Stockert, John S. Williams, or Anthony Smith, trustee of said district, near Ellicott's Mills.
May 17.

BY-LAW.
FIXING the line of Church st. between the corner of Market space and Church street, and the lane between the property of J. Hughes and F. C. Hyde, on Church street.
Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Annapolis and the authority of the same. That the line of the public street between Joseph Sand's brick house at the corner of Market space and Church street, and the lane running between J. Hughes and F. C. Hyde's property, shall hereafter be, and forever remain a straight line between the south east corner of the brick house about to be erected by Frederick C. Hyde, at the corner of the lane aforesaid, and the south east corner of the house built by Joseph Sand, at the intersection of Market space and Church street, and that the said line be hereafter observed accordingly.
D. CLAUDE, Mayor.
May 10.

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 this market. Any communication in writing, will be promptly attended to. We can at all times be found at Williams' Hotel, Annapolis.
LEGG & WILLIAMS.
May 1, 1832.

G. I. GRAMMIE, 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.
Dec 15.

LAND FOR RENT OR SALE.
I WILL sell a Farm containing about two hundred and seventy acres on accommodation terms, or I will rent it for the balance of the present year. Persons desiring to rent or purchase, will call upon the subscriber or Mr. George Wells at Annapolis.
JOHN S. SELLMAN.
March 22.

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 M. Coney, Esq. This land is exceedingly fertile, and now in a high state of improvement, plastered with great effect, and the land is in every way adapted to the growth of Corn, Wheat and Tobacco, and is also peculiarly adapted to the growth of Clover.

The improvements are a large new BARN, and THREE QUARTERS for servants, in good repair; there is also an excellent TIMOTHY MEADOW in fine order. Any one inclined to purchase, will of course view the premises. THE TERMS will be made ACCOMMODATING. Captain Joseph Owens, who lives near the premises, will show the property to any person inclined to purchase. Application can be made to me in the city of Baltimore, as also to Capt. Owens, who will give information as to terms, &c.
BENJAMIN M. CENEY
Feb 23.

\$100 REWARD.
RAN away from the subscriber, on the 13th instant, Negro man **BEN,** He is about 35 years of age, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, tolerable bright mulatto, rather slender built, slow of speech, speaks low, and has a down look when spoken to, he has a small grey hair, about the size of a dollar, which is conspicuous.

He was purchased of the estate of the late Chancellor Johnson, in 1825, and as he was his carriage driver, and has also been mine, has travelled pretty generally throughout the State, and has a very general acquaintance in and about Annapolis and Baltimore. He will no doubt make his best way through one of those places out of the State; his object we believe to be Pennsylvania. It is probable that he has been furnished with a false pass, as several have obtained them from an individual in this neighbourhood within the last year. His clothing being various, cannot be correctly described, but will be found in part to be a drab roundabout, a mixed roundabout, and pantaloons to match, also possibly a Cassin coat, with a half worn black hat. The above reward will be given if taken 40 miles or more from my residence, and 50 dollars elsewhere, so that I get him again.
BASIL MULLIKIN, Near Queen-Anne's, P. George's Co. Md.
May 17.

Anne Arundel County, &c.
ON application to the Judges of Anne Arundel County Court by petition, in writing, of Beale Gaither of Anne Arundel county, stating that he is in actual confinement for debt only, and praying for the benefit of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled, "An act for the relief of solvent debtors, passed at November session, 1805, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms therein mentioned, a schedule of his property, and a list of his creditors, on oath, so far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his said petition, and said Beale Gaither having satisfied the Court by competent testimony that he has resided two years within the State of Maryland, immediately preceding the time of his application, and the said Beale Gaither, having taken the oath by the said Act prescribed, for the delivering up his property, and given sufficient security for his personal appearance at the County Court of Anne Arundel county, to answer such interrogatories and allegations as may be made against him, and having appointed Joshua Warfield, of Benjamin, his trustee, who has given bond as such, and received from said Beale Gaither, a conveyance and possession of all his property real, personal and mixed, as he has ordered and adjudged, that the said Beale Gaither be discharged from his confinement, and that he give notice to his creditors, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in the city of Annapolis, once a week for three months, before the fourth Monday of October next, to appear before the said County Court, at the court house of said county, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to show cause, if any they have, why the said Beale Gaither should not have the benefit of the said act, and the supplements as prayed.
Test—WILLIAM S. GREEN, Jr.
May 17.

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 \$2 50 to Annapolis \$1.
N. B. All baggage at the risk of the owner or owners.
LEML. G. TAYLOR, Capt.
March 24.

BANK OF MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Dec. 24th 1831.

BY a resolution of the Board of Directors of this Institution, the following scale and rates have been adopted for the government of the officers thereof in receiving deposits of money subject to interest, viz:
For deposits payable in thirty days after demand, certificates shall be issued bearing interest at the rate per annum of 5 per cent.
For deposits payable thirty days after demand, certificates shall be issued bearing interest at the rate per annum of 4 per cent.
On current accounts, or deposits subject to be checked for at the pleasure of the depositor, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 3 per cent.
By order, R. WILSON, Cashier.
May 17.

STATE OF MARYLAND, 60.

Anne Arundel County Orphans' Court.

April 18th 1832.
ON application by petition of Aaron Hawkins and Mary Hawkins, Executors of Joshua Hawkins, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered, that they give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in the City of Annapolis.
THOMAS T. SIMMONS, Reg. Wills, A. A. County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

THAT the subscribers of Anne Arundel County, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Anne Arundel county in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Joshua Hawkins, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers therefor, to the subscribers, at or before the 14th day of October next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 18th day of April 1832.
AARON HAWKINS, Exrs.
and MARY HAWKINS, Exrs.
April 26.

STATE OF MARYLAND, 60.

Anne Arundel County Orphans' Court.

April 18th 1832.
ON application by petition of Elizabeth Collinson, Administratrix of William Collinson, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in one of the newspapers published in the city of Annapolis.
THOMAS T. SIMMONS, Reg. Wills, A. A. County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

THAT the subscriber of Anne Arundel County, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of William Collinson, late of Anne Arundel County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, to the subscribers, at or before the 14th day of October next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 19th day of April 1832.
ELIZABETH COLLINSON, Adm'x.
April 26.

A BY-LAW.

TO provide for a new assessment of the real and personal property in the City of Annapolis and the precincts thereof.
Be it established and ordained, by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the city of Annapolis, and the authorities of the same, that James Glehart, James Allison and George McNeil, be and they are hereby appointed assessors, to assess and value the real and personal property in this city and the precincts thereof.
And be it further established and ordained, by the authorities aforesaid, that the said assessors shall, in all cases, proceed and be governed by the provisions of the by-law passed April 15, 1819, entitled, "A by-law imposing a tax on the real and personal property within the city of Annapolis and the precincts thereof, and to assess and value the same."
And be it further established and ordained, by the aforesaid authorities, that if any person or persons shall offend against the provisions of the by-law as aforesaid, such person or persons shall be subject to the fines and penalties therein directed.
D. CLAUDE, Mayor.
May 10.

PASSAGE TO BROAD CREEK.

MAJOR JONES' Sloop leaves Annapolis and Broad Creek, on Mondays and Fridays, at 7 o'clock, A. M. the passengers will be taken in the mail stage of Easton, Wye Mills, and Easton to leave at 7 o'clock, A. M. returning evening by 9 o'clock, A. M. Return will leave Easton at 7 o'clock, A. M. on Sundays and Wednesdays arrive at Broad Creek in time for dinner at 1 o'clock, P. M. same evening.
Fare from Annapolis to Broad Creek \$1 50, from Broad Creek to Queen's town 75, from Broad Creek to Easton 50.
For passage apply at the Bar of Williamson and Swann's Hotel.
All baggage at the risk of the owners.
FERRY ROBINSON.
Feb. 16.

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THE EYE.

The Eye—the Eye—can volumes speak—
(The soul is seated there.)
Whether it beams with wit and sense,
Or starts the feeling tear.

Each other feature can deceive,
The heart may feign a sigh,
The strongest oath may prove a cheat,
But never can the eye.

The Eye—the Eye—what passion reigns
In that bright lovely gem,
It fills the world with every fear,
But brings sweet hope again.

Oh! have I seen it tell a tale,
When lips were closely sealed;
Oh! has its sparkling rays spoke words
The maiden thought concealed.

Painters may boast their heavenly art,
Prepare their finest dyes,
Their skill is vain—an empty boast—
They never can paint the Eye.

Reason and Instinct both agree,
If we the heart would try,
Nothing can show the inmost thoughts,
Unless we see the eye.

* The dog always looks into the eye of his master to learn how he feels affected towards him—and all nations, however rude and unpolished, have alluded to the eye in their poetical effusions.

A FRENCH COURTSHIP.

Madame Junot, in her recently published memoirs, gives a very amusing account of Junot's courtsHIP of her. This fortunate soldier, the son of a petty shopkeeper in the south of France, had attracted Napoleon's notice at the siege of Toulon, when in the rank of a sergeant; and having attended him in Italy and in Egypt, was now, that is, within about six years, a general officer, filling what was virtually one of the most important places of the government of a great country.

It occurred to him that he ought to have a wife to complete the furniture of his hotel, and Loulou was the happy person on whom his choice fell. Buonaparte, at St. Helena, seems to have quizzed Junot unmercifully for this marriage. According to him, the ex-sergeant addressed Mademoiselle Parmon merely in consequence of his absurd belief that she was a princess of the house of the Comneni; the Duchess of Abrantes herself treats this suggestion with warm indignation, and gives us to understand, that her personal attractions, at the age of sixteen, would have been quite enough to account for the preference, even of a more distinguished character than Junot. The commandant thus opens his

"Ten days passed from the 21st of September, when Junot first presented himself at my mother's, and regularly every night he repeated his visit. He never spoke to me, but placed himself beside my mother's sofa, chatted with her or any of his acquaintances who happened to be present, but never approached the troop to which I belonged; and if, at this epoch, he had ceased to come to our house, I might have affirmed that I scarcely knew him.

But however undistinguished I had been by any attention, on his part, the society in which we moved had already decided that was his destined bride. The report was brought to me by my friend Laura de Caseux, and with great indignation, I repeated it to my mother and brothers; they partook of my feelings on the subject, and, having received summons to attend my drawing-master, I left them in my mother's best room, still discussing the steps to be pursued; for it was yet but noon, and, on account of the weak state of her health, she did not rise before that time. Such was the situation of the parties in our interior, when a carriage drove up to the door, and a waiting maid came in to inquire if General Junot could be admitted.

"Yes, yes, let him come up," said my mother. "Oh, good God! what can bring him here at this hour?" Junot had scarcely entered the chamber before he asked permission to close the door, and seating himself by the bed-side said to my mother, as he took her hand, that he was come to present a request, adding with a smile, "that it must be granted."

"It is possible, it is done," said my mother. "That depends on you and him," replied the general, turning to Albert. He stopped for a moment, and then continued, in the tone of person recovering from a violent embarrassment, "I am come to ask the hand of your daughter;—will you grant it me?—I give you my word, and he proceeded in a tone of most assurance, "and it is that of a man of honour that I will make her happy. I can offer her an establishment worthy of her and her family.—Come Madame, answer me with the frankness with which I put my request, yes or no."

"What says the landlady whose indignation has just been described?"

"My dear general," said my mother, "I shall answer with all the frankness you have claimed, and which you know to belong to my character; and I will tell you that a few minutes before your arrival, I was saying to Albert, that you were the man, whom of others, I should choose for my son-in-law."

"Indeed!" exclaimed Junot, joyfully. "Yes"