

have to this woman, or to the sex in general, with that respect and politeness which have happily distinguished the character of modern times.

The same man who would have encountered giants, or gigantic difficulties, when a lady was in the cafe, had but little idea of adding to her happiness, by supplying her with the comforts and elegancies of life. And, had he asked him to stoop and sacrifice a part of that domestic slavery, which, almost in every country, falls to the lot of women, he would have thought himself quite abreast.

But boldness had nothing else, in those ages, than that kind of romantic gallantry to recommend them. Ignorant of letters, arts, and sciences, and every thing where gallantry was not conceived, rough and unpolished in their manners and behavior. Their time was spent in drinking, war, gallantry, and idleness. In their hours of relaxation, they were but little in company with the women; & when they were the indelicacies of the carnal, or the cruelties of the field, were almost the only subjects they had to talk of.

From the subversion of the Roman empire, to the fourteenth or fifteenth century, women spent most of their time alone. They were almost entire strangers to the joys of social life. They seldom went abroad, but to spectators of such public diversions and amusements, the fashion of the times countenanced. Francis I. was the first monarch who introduced them on public days at court.

Before his time, nothing was to be seen at any of the courts of Europe, but long-bearded politicians, plotting the destruction of the rights and liberties of mankind; & warriors clad in complete armour, ready to put their plots in execution.

In the eighth century, so florid was the condition of women on the one hand, and so much was beauty coveted on the other, that, for about two hundred years, the kings of Alaric were obliged to pay a tribute to the Moors, of one hundred beautiful virgins per annum.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, elegance had scarcely any existence, and even cleanliness, was hardly considered as laudable. The gird of Queen was not known; and the most delicate of the fair sex wore woolen shifts.

In the time of Henry VIII., the peers of the realm carried their wives behind them on horseback, when they went to London; and in the same manner, took them back to their country seats, with hoods of waxed linens over their heads, and wrapped in mantles of cloth, to secure them from the cold.

There was one misfortune of a singular nature, to which women were liable in those days: they were in perpetual danger of being accused of witchcraft, and suffering all the cruelty and indignities of a mob, investigated by superstitious and directed by enthusiasm; or of being condemned by laws, which were at once a disgrace to humanity and to sense. Even the bloom of youth and beauty could not secure them from torture and from death. But when age and wrinkles attacked a woman, if any thing uncommon happened in her neighbourhood, she was almost sure of meeting with her life, for a crime it was impossible for her to commit.

From the NEW-YORK MAGAZINE.

If the phenomena of nature were faithfully registered, besides the satisfaction resulting to the public from novel relations, natural history would receive important additions. On the 18th day of last month, I was surveying in the woods near Hudson's river, and 20 miles north, of New York. At noon, the sky being clear, and the sun shining hot I remarked the whole forest glistered in a manner not less uncommon than beautiful.

I at first imagined it occasioned by either rain or dew, till, upon a moment's reflection, I found it could not be the former, as there was not a cloud to be seen, nor the latter as it must long ago have disappeared in a day so warm and serene. Some of the company declared they had observed similar appearances before, & called it the honey dew. Every green leaf on the trees as well as those that were dry under our feet were covered with a substance perfectly transparent, and so fine, as to dissolve sugar candy. We could not refrain from continually drawing the foliage between our lips to take a syrup thus fresh from heaven.

The preceding night had been clear and still, and a small southern breeze blew all the morning. It is probable that this modern manna would be discernible by the rate in the morning, but was not discernible till the heat of the meridian sun inflated & gave the appearance of an elegant varnish.

I have seen accounts of this phenomenon in the Connecticut news-papers, which determine its extension above an hundred miles—perhaps it has covered a considerable part of North America. When it is considered that every leaf of every tree, an each blade of grass upon the thousand hills and extensive country were perfectly candied over with the purest sugar, palpable to the touch, visible to the eye, and poignant upon the palate, the quantity must have been prodigious.

From a LONDON PAPER. TO THE PAINTER.

SIR.—HAVING read many accounts of the late Mr. Wesley, in various papers, and perceiving that the authors of those accounts knew nothing of the matter, I send you a few particulars to let them and the public right.

Mr. Wesley was his own Printer and Bookeller. His income was therefore what his books produced, which he distributed in charity as soon as he received it. His travelling expences were defrayed by the Societies which he visited. Those who tell us that his income was 10,000£. a year, have fallen into that mis-

take by supposing that the collection in the various churches were for his use, whereas he had not so much as the beholding this money with his eyes; it was all constantly expended where it was collected.

About seven years ago Mr. Wesley caused a deed to be enrolled in Chancery, by which the superintendance of his Chapel and Societies was committed to 100 travelling preachers, now in various parts of these kingdoms. Dr. Coke, who is at present in America, is only one of that hundred, and has no more power thereto than any other of the body.

Mr. Wesley has been gradually declining for about three years past, yet he still rises at four o'clock, and preaches, travelled and wrote, as usual. He preached at Leatherhead on the Wednesday before death. On Friday following the first symptoms of his approaching dissolution appeared. The four following days he spent in praising the GOD of his mercies, & departed on Wednesday morning to receive the award of a life spent in bringing glory to GOD in the highest, peace and good will to men. After so long and so laborious a life, he could say on his death bed, what he had often said while living.

No foot of land do I possess,
No cottage in the wilderness,
A rood wayfaring man;
I ledge awhile in tents below,
Or gladly wander to and fro,
Till my Canaan gain.

AMICUS.

From the AMERICAN MUSEUM OBSERVATIONS on AMERICAN PORTER AND CHEESE.

THE friends to the interests of mankind were lately gratified by a fact communicated in the various periodical publications in this city, viz. that there had been no spirituaries among the sailors on board the ship Brothers, Capt. Josiah, during her late voyage to Canton; and that this circumstance had been so far from injuring the crew, that they enjoyed an uncommon degree of health. It will please the friends of American manufacturers to be informed, that Mr. Hale's porter remained perfectly sound and good the whole passage. Some of that article, indeed, which was taken out in cases, received injury, from not being placed in a favorable situation: but a hundred dozen, originally bottled in this city, not only remained good, but was improved by the voyage.

In another vessel which went to Canton from this city, some English porter was taken out, as well as that made in this city, but not the least superiority could be perceived in the former over the latter, as appears by the candid and unprejudiced testimony of the persons belonging to the vessel.

American manufacturers of every kind, but especially porter, have long labored under the unjust imputation of inferiority when compared with English: but after this fair trial we hope that prejudice will be laid aside, and justice done.

Cheese is another article, which, although it has been made in this country, and especially to the eastward, for a number of years, very good, yet has always been thought greatly inferior to that made in Cheshire in England. However, the Block-Island cheese, which

were carried out, in the same ship Brothers, proven on comparison, to be no ways inferior to the English ones on board; but here the beat of China, and the vivacity of the weather, equally with that imported.

It is with great pleasure that a friend to American manufacturers communicates these facts, which can be readily ascertained by all on board the ship. They will serve to show, that the supposed inferiority of those capital articles of American production, cheese and porter, is a mere deluding pretence.

A Friend to American Manufacturers.

VILLENA, May 15.

The courier which Prince Kamnit sent to Petersburg, with the last conciliatory proposals of the court of Berlin, has returned; but we are ignorant of the answer of the Czars. Another courier was immediately dispatched to the king of Prussia. By the same courier we received the extraordinary news, that the king of Sweden, availing himself of the good understanding at present subsisting between him and Russia, has made a demand on the Empress, which greatly embarrasses her, by soliciting the restitution of those ships of the line which were taken from him during the late war. To this request the Empress has not yet given an answer. It is presumed, that if the contents to reform them, it will be only on conditions favourable to the present situation of affairs.

London, June 3.

Accounts were yesterday received at the Secretary of State's office by way of France, that the plague rages with dreadful havoc in that part of Turkey nearest to the Mediterranean, infomuch, that in a small district, a thousand persons have died in a day.

A letter from Pontefract, dated June 1, says "a most calamitous event has been prevented here by a timely discovery: A plan having been formed, to fire our dock-yards, by means of foreign incendiaries sent to this country for that purpose. An express received by the Commissioner brought intelligence of the plot, with orders to take every precaution for the security of the dock-yards and arsenals."

JUN 14.

Lately as three boys were playing near a heap of rubbish, at Lowestoft, one of them observed something at which appeared like a piece of an old pair of leather breeches; he took it up, and finding it heavily, examined and found it was a bag, containing three other rather curiously made, in which were 120 pieces of gold coin, some of it foreign; likewise some

old nobles of Edward III. The robbery had been taken from an old house repairing in the neighborhood.

DUBLIN, May 19.

Extract from the criminal chart, annexed to the legal annual return of Sir Jerome Fitzpatrick, Inspector General of Prisons.

Arraigned throughout the kingdom, 1663; of which were found guilty, 784: of those found guilty the following are the crimes, and the sentence of the Court thereon. Murder, hang'd 22, fined and confined 2, burned in the hand and confined 19, pleaded pardon 2, Corning, hang'd 1, fined and confined 1, held to bail 2, Forgery, fined and confined 1, pilloried and transported 1, confin'd two. Burglary, hang'd 24, transported 1, confin'd two. Robbery, hang'd 2, transported 4, burn'd in the hand 1. Rapes and running away with women, hang'd 6, confined 4. Felony, hang'd 17, transported 10, whipped and confined 9, confined 30, whipped 3, burn'd in the hand and confined 27, fined and confined 1, pilloried 1. Horse-stealing, hang'd 4, transported 1. Cow-stealing, hang'd 3, transported 3, burn'd in the hand 1. Sheep-stealing, hang'd 1, transported 2, burn'd in the hand and confined 2, confined 1, held to bail 1. Pickpocketing, fine 6d one. —Frauds and swindling, whipped and confined 3, fined and confined 1, pilloried and confined 4, fined 2, whipped 3, transported 1, confined 5. Receiving felon goods, whipped 3, fined 1, fined and confined 2, confined 1, and pilloried 2. Forcible pollution, confined 1, transported 2. Rape, fined 17, fined and confined 15, confined 1. Misdemeanors, fined and whipped 16, whipped 6, fined 13, confined and whipped 10, confined and burned in the hand 4. False imprisonment, fined and confined 1. Vagabonds, transported 2, transported unless half-given 3, held to bail 2. Perjury, pilloried one, pilloried and transported 2, pilloried and confined 3, fined and confined 1, judgement arrested one. Riots, whipped and confined 10, fined and confined 9, whipped 2, fined and held to bail 6. Combustions, whipped and confined 5, fined 5. Assaults, fined and confined 73, confined 51, fined 83, whipped and confined 4.

from the speculation, of a writer upon the subject of governments, that danger is to be apprehended from another quarter. It is this that has drawn nearly all the calls of the United States, from agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and entered it in our cities, to be transferred gradually from steam to the cities of London and Amsterdam. But it is given such a monitory of all the calls in our country, a few men, as to make them an overmatch for the agricultural interest—the only solid basis of the property of any country.—But the greatest evil of a public debt is, that it has thrown immense unnecessary power into the hands of government, for three fourths of all the present officers of the United States are appointed for the sole purpose of collecting taxes to pay the interest of the public debt, all of whom will exert upon government right or wrong, or rather, strong authority, for all right government supports itself. Americans, who write this letter, are not influenced by the particular interest and pains of that city? Whether would greater quantities of foreign rum and spirits be sold in time of peace? Your vacant lands, if they had been exposed properly to sale, would have paid it long ago. They are very ample, sufficient for that purpose. Take them therefore immediately and discharge by the sale of them your public debt; for a public debt is the parent of alienation, extravagance, national poverty, unnatural inequality among citizens, or wars, corrupt influence, aristocracy, tyranny and slavery.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, August 3.

A Mr. Lawrence at Dohob Ferry, who has been encircled in mind for that time past, mistaking the language for the true meaning of that text of Scripture which says, "If the right hand offend thee, cut it off," proceeded, agreeable to said injunction, to the disparted dead wife, penitent, and, in a shocking manner, Lazarus his wife, with the compunction of a sin; but fortunately so as to dislodge all the leaders, and there is yet hope, notwithstanding he rejects every overture of medicinal assistance, that his hand may in some measure be relieved. He appeared to be dedicated to a mere felon, and infuse that it is unlawful for him to take any punishment whatever.

Last Sunday, in the Presbyterian church of this town, was a melancholy scene, which excited sympathy from an anonymous audience. Miss Rachel Barnes, daughter of Mr. Joseph Barnes, in the bloom of youth, that day being only the seventeenth anniversary of her birth, was introduced as a little couple, for the last obsequies to be paid to her memory. The scene was further heightened by its being the day appointed for the celebration of her nuptials, and the Rev. Mr. Austin, who preached her funeral sermon, was to officiate in her marriage bands, to a deserving young man.

NEW YORK, August 10.

Extract of a letter from Newry, Ireland dated May 15.

"I before informed you of a class of men, called themselves Defenders, having been very troublesome. They are getting a large number of arms in their possession, and begin to be very perturbative. A set of the ring-leaders of them met in Canal-street, and had come to the resolution of annihilating the Protestants. This information was given by a man known before two Magistrates, who transmitted the same to government. There has been a great number of these kind of people detected and executed, particularly in the counties of Louis, Armagh and Down.

"The most horridised paper peopled by these people I ever heard of, was at Fort Hill, on a man, his wife and child, whose tongue they cut out, and the fingers of their hands, with other cutlets too shocking to relate.

"Government offered a reward of fifteen hundred pounds to apprehend the persons who committed the above cruelty. The keepers of the jail have been a mass of them, of their being detected, who suffered an ignominious death, at the place where they perpetrated the above outrages."

"We have lately given accounts of the arrival of America, within a few weeks, of several ship loads of emigrants, into different ports of the United States. Since them, viz. on Sunday, arrived here the ship Ann and Susan, Capt. Dixley, in 65 days from London, having on board about 450 passengers. Ten deaths, and twelve births happened on board during the passage. And on Monday, at Bell Gate, in 45 days from Liverpool, the ship Sally, Capt. Cassidy, in 48 days from Ireland, with 345 passengers, all of whom paid their passage.

"How pleasing, how flattering to the free-born sons of Columbia, is the situation—says a correspondent, that Americans held in the highest estimation by Europeans of every class: especially those whose eyes are opened; who view the subject despoiled of its native dignity with horror, and have just ideas of the tyrannical system of taxation, sacrilegiously to murder the rights of man. We need only recur to incessant emigrations from Ireland, Holland, Germany, and France, to demonstrate the European estimation of our country—and that many have assumed spirit, as Dr. Linn emphatically expresses it, to forfeit their birth-right—to refuse to dig an ungrateful soil, which will not yield them bread, and to baffle the fertile plains of America, which can embrace millions, and wait to receive all the industry and virtue with pleasure and happiness."

"It would shock humanity to describe the barbarous and tragic scenes, which crimson that before page, where absolute dominion is lodged, in one person, where are made the whole, and the whole is—no, 12 years old, 4 hands high, and will not speak—Likewise a brown Mare, with white in her face, to 12 years old, 13 hands high, trot chiefly. Whosoever will take up 12 horses, or give information where they may be had, shall receive a handsome reward, and all necessary charges."

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By NOAH WEBSTER, Jun.

Attorney at Law.

Northampton, Aug 12, 1791.

T O Be Sold at Public Auction on Thursday the 22nd day of September next, sundry lots of Land in the town of Colrain, in the County of Hampshire, (Agreeable to the order of the Supreme judicial Court,) belonging to the Estate of Joshua Winiford, of Boston, Esq. deceased, late to be at the house of ROBERT MILLER, Inholder in said Colrain, at 1 o'clock P.M.

HUGH MC CALLLEN, 1 Attorney to the Adm'r of Colrain, Aug 4th, 1791.

STRAVED or Stolen from the Subscriber, the 15th of August, a dark bay Mare, natural trotter, os white about her head, short tail, short tail. Whoever will return said Mare, or give information where she may be found, shall receive a general reward.

DAVID BURT.

Northampton, Aug 13, 1791.

WE the subscribers being appointed Committee of Probate of Wills, &c. for the County of Hampshire to receive and examine the claims of the creditors to the estate of JOSEPH BLANCHARD, late of Belchertown, deceased, and five months, being allowed the creditors to bring in their accounts: Do hereby give notice, that we shall attend the business of our appointment at the House of the deceased, in Belchertown, on the first Mondays of November and December next, from one to five o'clock, P. M. on each day.

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