

The following beautiful lines were written by a young gentleman in Paris, to his mistress, on the night before he suffered under the guillotine.

The hour that calls to death is near,
It brings me to no tomb of fears;
The tyrant's hand, the unfriendly grave;
The master, to whom I gave my heart;
From these forever shall I part,
And leave my morning love to sigh?
Ah, what a cruel task to die!

To morrow, my dearest eyes no more
Shall gaze on beauty I adore:
To-morrow falling every grace,
Unceasing tears shall bathe thy face;
This morn, child by death's cold grasp,
This hand no longer than thy clasp;
From these forever shall I part,
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BOSTON, Feb. 12.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.

A short time since a fatal boy, the son of Mr. Hart, of this town, about three months old, being accidentally left alone by his parents, crawled into the fire, and immediately a fatal grip, which he sustained, was so severe, that his body, child by death's cold grasp, this hand no longer than thy clasp; From these forever shall I part, Ah, what a cruel task to die!

From the FARMER'S WEEKLY MUSEUM.

"My head, my head."

THIS is an exclamation, which Authors may make with as much propriety as the son of the Shunammite.

Bitter complaints have been uttered by saints of yore, against that lawless member, the tongue. But it has fared with the engine of speech, as with any other mere tool, it has frequently suffered for the faults of its principals. The tongue is an active agent, but quite harmless unless set in motion, or instigated to evil by the head.

When David had been maltreated by some Jacobin of Jerusalem, perhaps, who wished for a revolution in favour of Absalom, that intriguing democrat, the wish of the King "O, that my enemy had written a book," though apparently enigmatical, is one of the most pertinent and least absurd wishes recorded in history.

Profound knowledge of the world, taught the son of Jesse not to pray that his foe, by some sudden impulse, or some sanguinary passion might render himself obnoxious to justice. He knew, that in mercy's code there was perpetually a favouring clause in favour of the errors of the *head*, but that for the deliberate evasions of the *head* there was no proviso.

He irritated King therefore, with singular sagacity, implies that he might write a book.

The vanity of Authorship, the King probably argued, will induce him to publish ideas, crude or absurd, and criticizing literati will then ridicule the *field*.

His neglected volume, not even "wayfaring men" shall peruse; and its leaves shall curl the hair, or cool the "crispings," of Queen Bathsheba and her maidens.

From the above history of what probably passed in David's mind it will appear, that it was his decided opinion nothing could be so injurious to his enemy as a *bad head*, if its owner should hazard a publick exposure of its thoughts. So few heads are capable of framing useful books, that the chance was that a foolish one be produced by that author, who, in opposition to all Israel, was pre-emptive and depraved enough to be the avowed "enemy" of a popular prince.

Such an arrogant scribbler would either commit himself by dogmatical assertion, or alarm others by libertine argument, his book would be too trite for the wife, or too obscene for the simple.

Thomas Paine could he survey that numerous herd, transformed from credulous christians to infidels, by his "Age of Reason," and from good subjects to revolters, by his "Common Sense," would figh for the miched, he had wrought, and even at the next blow, before he was broken, would exclaim, "my head, my head."

Levi Shepherd, WANTS to purchase two acres of WOOD, in which he will pay half CASH. Northampton, Feb. 16.

Samuel STILES, Secy.

Chester, Feb. 22, A.D. 1795. Aves Leth. 1795.

Deer Skins,

FOR sale by the subscriber, well dressed, of

peculiar quality, and on reasonable terms.

DANIEL NEWHALL, jun.

Northampton, Feb. 8, 1795.

Conway, Jan. 18, 1795.

Were not the subject almost too serious to allow the sportive style, we might indulge, and hint that some of the Legislators of France, sensible of the many evils of *heads*, invented a summary mode of lopping those excrescences. King, noble and priest have been visited by a malady, similar to that, which vexed the Shunammite's son, and each has attended a sanguinary scaffold, ejaculating "my head, my head."Daring and impudent as it may appear in this levelling age, to avow respect for birth or talents, I confess, as a little of the aristocratical leaven has possibly leavened the whole lump, that my notions on this subject are very old fashioned. My own head is so weak, that I cannot help fancying some difference, in the capacity of those other men, I shall not, therefore, say a word to the prejudice of the ancient and honourable families of *Lengoids* or *Wyldeats*, but shall with them a quiet repose on their ancient foundations, and that neither a Frenchman nor a Virginian should abridge their immunities, nor disturb the possession. For the head of geniuses, whose ancestry can be traced beyond William the Conqueror, and whose talents are so confessedly brilliant, I feel peculiarly solicitous. I at first thought of placing it in the museum of Cambridge, but am apprehensive lest it should sustain rude kick from some of the animals of the place, or have its fine features marred by the fogmills of the atmosphere. I therefore confide it to the charge of PHILADELPHIA, and already behold it crowned with chaplets of immortal verdure.

THE LAY PREACHER.

FROM A LATE LONDON PAPER.

A circumstance lately took place, which ought to be a caution to the female sex not to put pins in their mouths. A young woman about twenty five years of age, a servant to a tradesman in Oxford street, about six weeks ago, having put a pretty large pin in her mouth, accidentally swallowed it. She was in great agony for several days. It was supposed that the pin had lodged, about the middle of her ribs, as the part appeared very black, and was in extreme pain.

MOSES P. HOLT, THE boating boat, with a number of the ensuing crew, and all ignorant duty acknowledged by M. P. HOLT.

Halifax, Jan. 15, 1795.

The co-partnership of SAMUEL COOK and MAFIA P. HOLT, under the sign of COOK and HOLT, being this day dissolved by mutual agreement—all persons indebted to the demands on said company, or the late company of SAMUEL COOK, and Co. are directed to call on the subscriber by the 1st of February next for settlement.

JOSEPH COLTON, THE boating boat, with a number of the crew, and all ignorant duty acknowledged by Joseph COLTON.

Cambridge, Jan. 15, 1795.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of the Connecticut Line of Railroads, that a general meeting is to be held in the City of Hartford, on the 1st instant of April next, at which the mode of making payment of the Western Railroad, and the mode of making compensation, also a proposal for the construction of the Connecticut line of Railroads, will be made and voted upon by the railroads—otherwise their Notes and Accoumts will be put in full with their further notice.

JOHN WHITNEY, Cheshire, Feb. 3, 1795.

To be sold.

A VALUABLE HOME LOT in HANFIELD, half a mile south of the meeting house, upon the main street, and adjoining to Connecticut River. It contains three acres, with a good orchard, upon it is a neat and convenient dwelling house, two stories, a large garl, and other conveniences not wanting; the situation is pleasant, and well accommodated for the reception of an Husbandman, Trader or Merchant. Payment will be given, if desired, the first week in May next.

JOSEPH LYMAN, 100, Hanfield, Dec. 30, 1795.

All Persons indebted to the

Subcriber, by Book or Note, are called upon to make payment by the 1st instant—otherwise their Notes and Accoumts will be put in full with their further notice.

JOHN WHITNEY, Cheshire, Feb. 3, 1795.

To be sold.

A VALUABLE HOME STEAD, lying in LIVING WATER, is called in Northampton, within half a mile from the meeting house, containing four acres of land, with a good orchard, in a convenient dwelling house, and other out-buildings convenient for said Household. Any person willing to purchase the above may know the particulars, by applying to the subscriber, living in the village of A. M. & Francis Wright, at the time of the election of March next.

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By Order of the Worshipful Master,

SAMUEL STILES, Secy.

Chester, Feb. 22, A.D. 1795. Aves Leth. 1795.

Masonic Installation.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Installation of the Officers of the Federal Lodge in Boston, did not take place as heretofore advertised, by reason of Col. Jonathan Resington, (who was deputed to act as Grand Master) being obliged to attend the General Court at said time—Also, that the installation will be attended, on Friday the 13th instant, at the Freemasons Hall, on the Street of March next—a Sermon to be preached at the meeting house, by the Rev. Brother Preferred Master of Rowes—the Proceedings will commence from Federal Hall at eleven o'clock A.M. and service begin at twelve o'clock.—The members of Lodge are directed, and invited to attend at Federal Hall, at Brother Edward Wright's, at the time of the election of A. M. & Francis Wright.

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Henry ARMS.

Conway, Feb. 2, 1795.

Take Notice.

THE FISHERMEN in the county of Hampshire, are hereby requested to attend at Mr. ASAHL POSTERSON's, Innholder in Northampton, on the first Tuesday of March next, at one o'clock P.M.—then and there to ascertain of import- ance, concerning the fishery on this River.

It is expected that one or more of every Fishing Party, will give their attendance without fail.

February 3, 1795.

The Subscribers being duly

appointed Administrators on the estate of ISAAC SMITH, late of Conway, deceased—having secured that test, and given bonds for the faithful performance of his duty, hereby request all persons indebted to his estate, to make immediate payment, to such as have died indented, as far as can be ascertained.

LEBENEZ BARNARD, jun.

ERASTUS BARNARD.

Dressfield, Jan. 6, 1795.

The meeting of the House

Juniors and Cabinet Ministers, in the county of Hampshire, is adjourned to the first Wednesday in March next, at one o'clock in the forenoon, at Landford Building, in Hatfield.

Feb. 10, 1795.

The Subscribers being ap-

pointed executors of the last Will and Testament of SABAS BARNARD, late of Dressfield, Esq; deceased, having accepted the test, and given bonds for the faithful performance of their duty—Hereby request all persons indebted to his estate, to make immediate payment, to such as have died indented, as far as can be ascertained.

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