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POETRY.

THE MONKEY BARBER.

A MAN who own'd a barber's shop  
At York, and shav'd full many a fop,  
A monkey kept for their amusement;  
He made no other kind of use on't—  
This monkey took great observation,  
Was wonderful at imitation,  
And all he saw the barber do,  
He mimick'd frait, and did it too.

It chanc'd, in shop the dog and cat,  
While friseur din'd, demurely fat;  
Jacko found nought to play the knave in;  
So thought he'd try his hand at shaving.  
Around the shop in haste he rushes,  
And gets the razors, soap and brushes;  
Now puffs he fix'd (no muscle miss flirs)  
And lather'd well her beard and whiskers,  
Then gave a gasp, as he began—  
The cat cried, waugh! and off she ran.

Next towser's beard he tried his skill in,  
Though towser seem'd somewhat unwilling:  
As baaly here again succeeding,  
The dog runs howling round and bleeding.

Nor yet was tir'd our roguish elf:  
He'd seen the barber shave himself;  
So by the glass, upon the table,  
He rubs with soap his visage fable;  
Then with left hand holds smooth his jaw;  
The razor, in his dexter paw,  
Around he flourishes, and flashes,  
Till all his face is seam'd with gashes:  
His cheeks dispatch'd—his visage thin  
He cock'd, to shave beneath his chin;  
Drew razor swift as he could pull it,  
And cut, from ear to ear, his gullet.

MORAL.

Who cannot write, yet handle pens,  
Are apt to hurt themselves and friends.  
Tho' others use them well, yet fools  
Should never meddle with edge-tools.

DIVERSITY.

MORAL.

TO bid farewell to all below the sun—to dissolve connection with all that now gives pleasure or pain—to launch away to a world unknown, are ideas included in the dissolution of that mysterious tie, which unites the immortal tenant to a house of clay. What scenes of wonder and amazement will unfold, when once the curtain drops, is known only to those who have made the experiment. Depending, in our present state, on bodily organs for the exercise of all our mental powers, we are incapable of forming any idea of the mode of the existence of disembodied spirits. This is a secret, which, for wife ends, the Divine Author of our being sees fit to conceal from the ken of mortals.

Leaving curious speculations concerning the materiality or the immateriality of the soul, to be debated in schools of philosophy, let us attend to those reflections, which the certain prospect of a dying hour is calculated to inspire. Must we shortly close our eyes on all terrestrial scenes? Why then should we distract our minds with anxiety in the various pursuits of life? Why harbor envy in our breasts at those who are high fed in the lap of fortune; when we know that a few revolving suns will bring the period, when Death shall demolish all distinctions but those of virtue and vice? Why cherish resentment, even against our most inveterate enemies? A few moments, and the lamp is extinguished, and with it both their love and their hatred. Why value ourselves on the advantages of birth, the attainments of learning, or the blandishments of beauty? The grave knows none of these. The rich and the poor, the prince and the cottager, the learned and illiterate, here mingle in one common mass; and beauty, though once a rival of Venus, is here a repast for worms. One consideration more applies itself with peculiar force, because it involves eternal consequences. Do we believe that we are beings designed for an endless existence, and that this life is a state of probation? shall we then suffer the objects of a day to engross our whole attention? Shall we spend our lives in pursuit of a bubble, while we acknowledge, that, short as is the race of life, we run for an eternal prize? Forbid it Heaven! Nor let it ever be said that rational beings act a part so absurd.

The following Essay is copied from an old Magazine, and the reader will attach to it what credit he pleases. We give as we find it, under the head of

AUTHENTIC ETYMOLOGIES.

WHEN the seamen on board the ship of Christopher Columbus, after a series of fatigues, came in sight of St. Salvador, they burst out into exuberant mirth and jollity. "The lads are

in A MERRY KEY," cried the com-  
modore—AMERICA is now the  
name of half the globe.

Antiquarians say, that an old negro  
at Cape Cod, whenever his master re-  
quired any thing of him, would ex-  
claim MASSACHUSE IT. Hence  
the name of MASSACHUSETTS.

The girls of Palmyra, when romping  
with the fellows, often cried out,  
"The boys tear us." This gave rise  
to the word BOISTEROUS.

The city of Albany was originally  
settled by Scotch people. When stran-  
gers on their arrival there asked how  
the new comers did? the answer uni-  
formly was "ALL BONNI." The  
spelling we find a little altered, but  
not the sound.

When Julius Caesar's army lay en-  
camped at Ticonderoga, near 2000  
years ago, the deserters were commonly  
tied upon a battery ram and flogged:  
when any culprit was bro't out, the  
commanding centurion would exclaim,  
TIE ON THE ROGUE! The name  
we see has worn well.

A fat landlady, who, about the time  
of the flight of Mahomet from Mecca,  
lived between New Orleans and the  
Chicafaw cliffs, was scarcely ever un-  
furnished with pigeon sea-pye; and  
thence got the name of Mrs. Sea-pye.  
The enormous river MISSISSIPPI  
owes its name to this fat landlady.

When Nebuchadnezzar took the  
tour of Asia, coming to the eastern part  
of it, he was one day asked by the cook  
"if his imperial majesty could relish a  
chine of pork?" With a brow frown-  
ing dark as Erebus, and in a voice of  
thunder, the monarch cried, CHINE!  
HA! The affrighted cook fled, and  
the exclamation became the name of  
the first kingdom upon earth.

The term HURRICANE is supposed  
to take its rise from one Harry  
Kane, a turbulent Irishman who lived  
at Antigua. Indeed the very name  
Antigua is now well known to be de-  
rived from an avaricious old female  
planter, who once lived on the island,  
and was always called by the sailors,  
AUNT EAGER.

When the French first settled on the  
banks of the river St. Lawrence, they  
were stinted by the intendant to a can  
of spruce beer a day. That people  
thought this measure very scant, and  
every moment articulated 'can a day.'  
It would be ungenerous in our readers  
to desire a more rational derivation of  
the word CANADA.

A jolly Westindian, whenever the  
neighboring girls came to his planta-  
tion insisted on their sipping his choicest  
syrops, and reiterated the terms MY  
LASSES; thence the name of that  
syrup. Few words have aberrated  
from their primaries less than this.

A tippling buffey of Grand Cairo,  
in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus,  
was forever frequenting public houses  
and sipping gin and brandy without  
paying a single farthing; and by this  
prudent management obtained the name  
of POLLY TICK. The elder Scaliger,  
Duns Scotus, and Erasmus, all  
declare that the well known word,  
POLITICK or POLITICKS is deri-  
ved from this artful trollop.

GRAVEL.

A philanthropist begs leave to communi-  
cate to the world the following simple reme-  
dy for the Gravel:

Dissolve three drachms of pre-  
pared Natron in a quart of cold  
water, and take this quantity in  
the course of the day. Continue  
this medicine for a few days, and  
that painful complaint will be dis-  
lodged. It may be taken any hour,  
but is best after a meal. The great-  
est martyrs to this disorder have  
been perfectly relieved by this sim-

ple remedy. There is no quackery  
in the preceding prescription, which  
is offered to mankind from a feel-  
ing of humanity.

An article from Kingston, Ja-  
maica, of the 24th April, says—  
"A most curious occurrence has  
taken place in Port Royal Moun-  
tains; the dwelling-house, &c. and  
from 25 to 30 acres of full bearing  
coffee, on the plantation of Mr.  
R. Dalhousie, sunk down and dis-  
appeared, on Tuesday, fe'nnight,  
and nothing but the ridge of the  
house is now discernible. Some  
days previous, the earth was ob-  
served to crack and sink in a tri-  
fling degree, and the house to be  
affected by it, when Mr. Dalhousie  
was advised to remove with his  
furniture, which he fortunately  
did. The cause is not well ascer-  
tained, but is supposed to have been  
occasioned by a hollow or subter-  
raneous passage in the earth, there  
not being the smallest symptom of  
an earthquake at the time."

A shocking accident lately occurred at  
Ruyd's Foundry, near Leeds; the iron metal  
in a state of fusion unexpectedly burst from  
the furnace, and carried away a young man  
who was unfortunately standing near it, and  
who actually floated upon the liquid iron several  
yards before he could be extricated from his  
horrible situation. He was dreadfully burnt,  
but survived until morning, when death re-  
leased him from his sufferings.

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Of all the diversions of life, there is none  
so proper to fill up its empty spaces, as the  
reading of useful and entertaining authors;  
and with that, the conversation of a well cho-  
sen friend.

By reading we enjoy the dead, by conver-  
sation the living, and by contemplation our-  
selves. Reading enriches the memory, conver-  
sation polishes the wit, and contemplation  
improves the judgment. Of these, reading is  
the most important, which furnishes both the  
others.

NEW GOODS.

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THE SUBSCRIBER HAS JUST RECEIVED  
A FRESH SUPPLY OF GOODS,  
AMONGST WHICH ARE  
FURNITURE and printed Calicoes, Silk  
Shawls, Cotton do. Ladies' plain and  
figur'd Silk Sleeves, Leno ditto, Kid Gloves,  
black worsted Hose, Carpeting, Vettings,  
Brown Hollands, Checks, &c. &c.  
All of which will be sold very  
low for Cash or Country Produce.  
B. WHITNEY.  
Kingston, 11th March, 1811. 25

DOCT. ROBERTS, Army Sur-  
geon, and Member of the Royal Col-  
lege, London, may be consulted free of ex-  
pense every Saturday from eleven o'clock in  
the morning until four in the afternoon, by  
such persons whose situation renders them  
unable to defray the charge of medical advice.

JOSEPH T. BARRETT,  
INFORMS the Public, that he has  
formed an establishment in the City of  
Montreal, Lower Canada, for the importation  
of India & European Piece Goods—Ironmon-  
gery & Hardware. He will constantly keep  
for sale an assortment, comprising every arti-  
cle in the above branches of business. As he  
shall import directly from the Manufacturers;  
he will engage to sell on the most favorable  
terms, either for Cash, or approved Credit.  
A liberal discount will be made to Cash pur-  
chasers. e3p6m 20  
St. Francois Xavier Street No 27.  
MONTREAL, JUL. 10, 1811.

Notice.  
THE Lessees of the Crown and  
Clergy Reserves, and those who have  
Licenses of occupation in the Midland Dis-  
trict, are once more requested to make imme-  
diate payment of their arrears of rent to the  
subscriber, who is authorized to receive the  
same and grant receipts.  
Those who do not attend to this  
notice shall be returned as defaulters.  
CHARLES STUART, Sheriff.  
Sheriff's Office, 3d June, 1811. 24

JOHN TROTHINGHAM & Co.  
No. 65 St. Paul Street, MONTREAL.  
HAVE received per the *Thetis*,  
a general and complete assortment of  
HARDWARE GOODS,  
in the different branches of CUTLERY, SADDLERY and CABINET Wares.  
Also—A quantity of Nails—Tin-plate & Wire—Shot & Lead—Sheet Iron—Anvils & Vices—Steel—Shovels & Spades—Fryingpans—Saddlions—Brass Kettles—Glass—Cart & Waggon Boxes—improved Mill & Crosscut Saws—Sickles and Scythes.  
A few Money Chests—large and small Scale-beams & Weights—Watch Glasses—Clock Faces & Furniture—a few pieces Hair Seating for Chair Bottoms—and a few dozen herring net Twine. May 13.

Earthen & Glass Ware.  
THE Subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have received by the late arrivals from Liverpool, a general assortment of EARTHEN & GLASS WARE, which they offer for sale wholesale and retail, at their Store, No. 50 St. Paul Street, lately occupied by James Dunlop, Esq. on as good terms as can be had at any store in this city.—Ware packed in the best manner, and a liberal discount made for cash. Country Merchants and others are requested to call.  
GREEN & EATON.  
Montreal, July 1810. 26f

SHERIFF'S SALE.  
Midland District, } BY virtue of a Writ of *Fieri Facias*, issued out of his Majesty's Court of King's Bench, at the suit of James Robins, of the town of Kingston, Esquire, against the lands and tenements of Amos Anley, of the township of Kingston, yeoman, to me directed; I have seized and taken in execution, as belonging to the said Amos Anley, the north half of lot No. 15 in the second concession of the township of Kingston, containing by admeasurement one hundred acres, be the same more or less; together with a log house & framed barn thereon erected. I do hereby give notice, that the above mentioned lot of land, with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, will be sold and adjudged to the highest bidder, at my office in the town of Kingston, on Tuesday the third day of March next, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon—at which time and place the condition of sale will be made known.  
CHARLES STUART, Sheriff.  
And every person or persons having claims on the above described lot of land, by mortgage or other right or incumbrance, are hereby advertised to give notice to the said Sheriff, at his office in the town of Kingston, previous to the sale thereof.  
Sheriff's Office, 2d March, 1811. 28

SHERIFF'S SALE.  
Midland District, } BY virtue of a writ of *Fieri Facias*, issued out of his Majesty's Court of King's Bench, at the suit of Doctor ASA F. REID, of the town of Kingston, against the lands and tenements of ANDREW JOHNSON, of Ernest-Town, inn-keeper, to me directed; I have seized and taken in execution, as belonging to the said Andrew Johnson, the east half of lot No. 9 in the first concession of the township of Ernest Town, containing by admeasurement, one hundred acres, be the same more or less; together with a framed house and barn thereon erected. I do hereby give notice, that the abovementioned lot of land, with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, will be sold and adjudged to the highest bidder, at my office in the town of Kingston, on Tuesday the third day of March next, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon.—At which time and place the conditions of sale will be made known.  
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SUCH persons as may be disposed to contract for building a BRIDGE over the LITTLE CATARAQUI River, on the Second Concession Road, are requested to send their proposals in writing to the subscriber.  
RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.  
Kingston, May 21, 1811.  
Writing and Wrapping Paper for sale at this Office.  
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