

POETRY.

THE BRIDE.

(Translated from the Italian of Metastasio.)

WHAT form celestial greets my sight,
In such a panoply of light,
Whose robes of air so brightly flow,
Like sun-tinted showers of feathered snow?
Ah! 'tis the lovely queen of smiles,
Of melting sighs and tender kisses!
She hither bends to shed her roses
Over the couch where Love reposes,
Softly lulled on Hymen's breast,
His sufferings hushed, his cares at rest.
And whence that group, that elin bevy,
That crowd the Hymeneal levy?
With antick sport and frolick leer,
What brings the archin rabble here?
Ah? these are Venus' rosy boys,
Her tiny sports, and roguish joys;
These cunning lovers and laughing wiles
Are thy fly brood, arch queen of smiles!
See how their shafts they idly fliver,
And empty every golden quiver,
And break their bows in idle play,
And fling their pointleß darts away;
For every dart has done its duty.
And conquered in the cause of beauty,
But whose soft sigh now meets my ear?
Whence is the melting plaint I hear?
Who comes, so like a drooping flower,
Whose fair head bends beneath the shower
That sheds its tear from zephyr's wing,
And weeps amidst the smiles of spring?
It is the Bride! but say why flow
From the eyes of bliss the dews of woe?
And art thou then so wondrous simple?
And feest thou not the roguish simple
That lurks in either cheek so fair,
And mocks the tear that glitters there?
And knowest thou not the wiles but prove
The policy of timid love?

Versification of the Second Song of Solomon.

"Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away," &c.

WHAT music was it to my ear,
When thus did my beloved say,
Awake, arise, my charming fair!
Arise, my love, and come away!

For, lo! the win'try clouds are past,
The tempests all away are flown,
The chilling winds no longer last,
The rain is over, too, and gone.

All nature now invites to love;
The flowers display their gayest hue,
The songsters warble in the grove—
Hark, how the am'rous turtles coo!

Now, while the budding figs appear,
And round the grape, rich perfumes play,
O haste, arise, my charming fair!
Arise, my love, and come away!

MISCELLANEOUS.

COURAGE.

ALL true courage is derived from virtue, and honor from integrity.

If you desire to be magnanimous, undertake nothing rashly, & fear nothing you undertake: fear nothing but infamy; dare any thing but injury. The measure of magnanimity is to be neither rash nor timorous; for magnanimity or true courage, which is an essential character in a soldier, is not a savage, ferocious violence—not a fool-hardy insensibility of danger, or head-strong rashness to run into it; nor the fury of inflamed passions, broke loose from the government of reason—but a calm, deliberate, rational courage; a steady, judicious, thoughtful fortitude; the courage of a man, and not that of a tiger.

Let us appear, nor rash, nor indifferent,
Immoderate valor swells into a fault;
And fear admitted into public councils,
Betrays like treason. Shun them both.

Courage certainly is of no sex, but a faculty of the soul; and however custom may depress, or discourage it in females, it certainly being, to human nature in general. If men possess a more determined courage in perils, which they foresee, women are allowed to be blessed with a superior preference of mind in sudden dangers; and, perhaps, the latter is one of

the most distinguishing characteristics of true courage.

Presence of mind, and courage in distress,
Are more than armies to procure success.
True courage but from opposition grows,
But what are fifty, what a thousand slaves,
Match'd to the sinew of a single arm,
That strikes for liberty?

From a French paper.

FEMALE DESPERATION.

We have had an instance of female frenzy not to be equalled by either ancient or modern history. Mr. H— near Rouen, who paid his addresses to Miss T—, for a considerable time, suddenly withdrew himself, and took several indecent liberties with the lady's character. A third person, enemy to both parties, counterfeited the gentleman's hand and sent her an obscene and scurrilous letter. The injured and enraged fair, fully satisfied that her apostate lover was the author, sent for him; & on his coming, took him into her dressing room, and locked the door. "I have sent for you, sir," said Miss T. "To punish your insolence and cruelty; the world no doubt will censure me, and call my conduct madness; you will be acquitted; I shall be condemned; but you, sir, have wantonly robbed me of my reputation, and I hold life without it insupportable." Upon this she presented him with the letter, and opening a drawer, took out a brace of pistols, and insisted on his taking one. In vain Mr. H. protested his innocence; he swore he was an entire stranger to the letter till that very moment, and wished to discover the author. All this was considered as hypocrisy, as cowardice added to the blackest villany, and she continued in her resolution; accordingly he accepted of a pistol, and retired to the opposite corner, she fired and missed him, and he discharged his pistol through the ceiling. He again protested his innocence. "Hold! sir," said she, & immediately produced another brace, and as before insisted upon his taking one; it was in vain to refuse, and once more they retreated. She fired and shot him thro' the elbow, and he again discharged his pistol through the ceiling. "Now, sir, you are at liberty to retire; I have redeemed my character only in part; I seriously advise you never to injure the reputation of a woman, for the loss of it must, if she has any sense of shame, be followed with the loss of life," on which she retired and shot herself.

A foreign journal contains the following laughable anecdote of a French fiddler of the name of Boucher, who lately came to push his fortune in London. On his arrival at Dover, across the channel, he had the mortification to see his fiddles seized by the officers of the custom. It was in vain he persisted that they were not articles of commerce but instruments for his own use, and if he meant to make money by them, it was at least not by their sale. The fiscal agents were deaf; the fiddles must pay duty. To fix the amount, their value must be estimated; and Mr. Boucher was desired to set his own value on the fiddles; he fell into the snare, and fixed a very moderate price. Then in virtue of custom house regulations unknown to our travelling musician, they offered him fifteen per cent. more than the valuation, and declared they would keep the instruments. Our artist

was in despair; he complained, he prayed, he threatened, but all in vain; there was only one resource,—that of going to London to claim the interference of the French ambassador; but to do this he must part with his fiddles, the instruments of his glory and his fortune. He wished at least to bid them a last adieu, and taking up one of them, he brought from it such melodious but doleful sounds as corresponded with his feelings. The custom house officers attracted by the notes, formed a group around him, which gradually increased, so that the office could no longer contain the collected auditors. They begged the musician to pass into a large lobby, to which he willingly assented. There, mounted on a step of the staircase, he performed several pieces which charmed even fiscal ears. Animated by his success, the artist surpassed even himself, and the enthusiasm of the audience was at its height, when they heard *God save the King* executed with the most brilliant variations. How repay so much talent and complaisance? Every thing was forgotten; even the regulations of the custom-house: "Sir," said the chief of the customs to the French virtuoso, "take back your fiddles; you may boast of a finer, because a more difficult triumph than that of Orpheus. He melted only the infernal deities, but you have made the douaniers of Dover relent."

ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the firm of PHILIP & MATTHIAS SMITH, is this day dissolved by mutual consent: All those indebted to the late firm, are requested to make immediate payment; and those having demands, are desired to bring in their accounts to Philip Smith, who will settle the same.

PHILIP SMITH.

MATTHIAS SMITH.

Fredericksburgh, May 15, 1815. 52 4w

TAKEN out of the Government House last Evening, a pair of Russia Duck SHEETS. If any such have been offered for sale, it is requested that information may be given to Sir FREDERICK ROBINSON, who will reward the informer.

Kingston, May 24, 1815. 52

One Hundred Dollars Reward.

BROKE out of the Goal at Kingston, on the night of the 9th inst. four Criminals, viz. Dr. CALVIN WOOD, THOMAS EDWARDS, 8th Rgt. GEORGE WOOD, Sergt in the U. S. service, & FREDERICK HULMAN, an American Sailor. Whoever will bring them back shall receive the above reward, or twenty five dollars for each, on their being delivered to the Subscriber.

for CHARLES STUART, Sheriff.

JAMES ADAMS, Deputy Sheriff.

Kingston, Midland District, } 2 3w.

10th June, 1815.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice, and forbids any person or persons to cut down any tree or trees on Lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of Kingston, or to carry or convey any wood lying or cut down on the aforesaid Lot therefrom, on peril of being prosecuted according to law.

George Okill Stuart.

Kingston, September 22d, 1814. 33

TO BE SOLD,

AND possession given immediately, the east half of Lot No. 26, in the 7th Concession of the Township of Fredericksburgh—about seventy acres under good improvement, with a proportionate quantity of meadow land, and the whole well watered. For particulars apply to the subscriber, on the premises.

JEHIEL HAWLEY.

Fredericksburgh, March 23, 1815. 43

TO Rent, for one or more years, and possession given the 8th of June next, a BAKE HOUSE. Inquire of the subscriber. OLIVER THIBODO.

Kingston, May 16, 1815. 51

5 Pounds Reward.

Stolen or Strayed,

ON the 4th June, the property of Capt. RAINFORD, a Black HORSE, from Cataroque, with a star on his forehead, and white spot on the right shoulder. Whoever will deliver the said Horse to the owner, or any Officer 104th Regiment, shall receive the above reward.

Cataroque, 9th June, 1815. 2w3

BROKE into the enclosure of the subscriber on Saturday night last, two Horses. The owner or owners are requested to prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

S. McCREA.

Kingston, June 6, 1815. 2w3

Wanted Immediately,

A COOK, Chamber Maid and Kitchen Maid—None need apply unless well recommended.—Inquire at R. WALKER'S Kingston Hotel.

Kingston, April 29, 1815. 48

THE subscriber has for sale a valuable tract of Land, situated in the first concession of the township of Fredericksburgh, additional, (being part of the Hamstead)—For further information enquire of

B. C. SPENCER, Administrator.

Fredericksburgh, Oct. 31, 1814. 39

NOTICE.

THE Bouchette's Topographical and Geographical Maps, which were originally fixed at Five Guineas, are now advanced to the London price of Seven Guineas, and will continue to be received by his agents.

April 22, 1815. 47

One Dollar Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Sunday, the 28th May, an indentured apprentice boy, named FRANCIS ADAMS—He is about 17 years of age, light hair, light eyes, and fair complexion.—Whoever will return said runaway to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, but no charges paid. All persons are forbidden harboring or trusting him on my account on pain of being prosecuted.

JOHN ELLERBECK.

Kingston, June 2, 1815. 1w3

BROKE into the enclosure of the subscriber on Wednesday, the 31st May, a dark bay Horse a star in his forehead.—The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

EBIN BENNET.

Ernest Town, June 3, 1815. 1w

TAKE NOTICE.

THE subscriber, being about to close his business, requests all those indebted to him either by note or book account, to make immediate payment, or their Note and Accounts will be left in the hands of an Attorney for collection without further notice—and all those to whom he is indebted, are requested to bring in their demands without delay.

He avails himself of this opportunity to return his thanks to his friends and the public for their liberal encouragement, and informs them that he has still on hand an extensive assortment of goods, which he wishes to dispose of on the most reasonable terms, by wholesale or retail for cash down, as he is determined not to give any credit hereafter.

S BARTLET.

Kingston, March 24, 1815. 43

Broke away

FROM the House of Dr. A. F. REID, in the town of Kingston, on the 22d of May last, a dark brown Horse, about 8 years old, hind feet white.—Whoever will give information where said Horse may be found, shall be handsomely rewarded by the subscriber, living in Loberough.

LUKE BARRET.

Loborough, June 5, 1815. 1w3

Rags! Rags!

Cash and the highest price paid for CLEAN

COTTON AND LINEN

RAGS,

AT THIS OFFICE.

A QUANTITY OF WRITING PAPER,

Of Quality No. 1 and No. 2,

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

Kingston, April 22, 1815. 47w

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