

POETRY.

On Catching a Fly.

THOU little insect, live to-day,
Sport thy precious life away;
Thy life like man's is short at best,
A fading flower, a fleeting jest.

Why should I break thy brittle thread
Of feeble life? it must not be;
Live, and around my mansion tread,
The world is large—for you and me.

Go, join thy kindred—gaily fly;
I would not here detain thee long;
Perhaps they for thy safety sigh—
Go, let them hear thy buzzing song.

Perhaps to *flies* as well as *men*
The charms of freedom are most dear;
No longer be a captive then,
No longer will I keep thee here.

Thy life is short, and such is mine,
Alike uncertain mine and thine;
Go, and thy liberty enjoy,
I must not, will not, thee destroy.

From the National Intelligencer.

THE MISTAKE.

A CROPPISH Macaroni—closely shorn,
Went to a barber's shop one Sunday morn;
Mid ranks of wigs he took his seat, to learn
Some barber's news, & wait his shaving turn.
Up came old Gauger, with his flowing wig,
White as a cauliflower, but twice as big;
And peeping round, for he was almost blind,
A vacant block stand for his wig to find,
He chanc'd, sad hap, his perriwig to pop
Upon the nut-brown head of knowing crop.
Up bound'd the blade, & swore and flounc'd
about,

"Od, demme—demme, Sir, I'll call you out."

Quick as light-horseman vaults into the saddle,

Did Gauger's spectacles his nose bestraddle,
For much he star'd to see his old wig walk,
Swear so, and so undutifully talk:
But soon as ever the mistake he spy'd,
The good old man, quite out of breath, replied,

"Your feelings, sir, I did not mean to shock,
"Indeed, indeed, I took you for a block!"

MORALITY.

Christian Duties.

MAN is born for society, and feels in his mind an irresistible propensity to mingle with the company and engagements of his fellow creatures. In the common intercourse of life, and the general business of the world, it is utterly impossible for the most prudent and cautious person to avoid all connection with others whose character perhaps may be suspicious, or whose principles & practices may be highly censurable. Should any man be so unreasonable as to expect strict morals in every individual member of an extensive community; or should any be so morose as to withhold all converse with persons, perhaps more vicious and more imprudent than himself, such a man would shew neither experience in the frailties of human nature, nor Christian charity in bearing with condescension and lenity, the imperfections of others. It is the duty of every individual to look well to himself; to correct what is vicious in his own conduct; to rectify what is erroneous in his own judgment; to watch over himself with unremitting vigilance; and then to keep himself not unconnected with the world, but unfulfilled by it. If by uniform adherence to virtue and piety, he may silently admonish others thro' the force of example; or if, in seasonable opportunities of prudent insinuation, he may instruct by gentle counsels, those who have candour enough to receive advice; such a man by living and mixing with society, will produce in it infinitely more moral good, than if he were in peevishness to desist from taking his share in the common concerns of mankind and the world.

From an Irish paper.

The following is a striking instance of the great benefit mankind has derived from the discovery of the Art of Printing. In the year 1724, the price of a Bible neatly written was 30*l.* an enormous sum in those days. In the same year, the erection of two arches of London Bridge cost but 25*l.* of course 5*l.* less than was paid at that time for a single copy of the Scriptures.

The following extraordinary account of the distribution of the Scriptures in the *ten years* of the existence of the British and Foreign Bible Society, appears in the 10*th* report:

The amount of copies of the Scriptures issued from the commencement of 1813, to March 3, of the present year, 1814, is

Bibles, 167,320
Testaments 185,249

The total issued from the commencement of the Institution to that period—

Bibles 390,323
Testaments 595,002

In all, 985,325 copies, exclusive of about 41,525 circulated at the charge of the Society from depositories abroad, making a total of *one million, twenty-six thousand, eight hundred and fifty copies*, circulated by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

A most singular impostor, as a deaf and dumb person, was detected by Mr. Sicard in 1806. He was ordered to Paris to be examined at the institution for the deaf and dumb. As he could write, his manner of spelling gave Mr. Sicard the first conviction that he was an impostor, but no decisive proof was obtained upon the first examination—the second was not with greater conviction. At the third trial he was threatened to be confronted by those who had taught him, and reminded of his contradictions. He kept his countenance. On the next morning, before a select company, he drew from his pocket a paper, which he read with a loud and distinct voice, "These are the first words which have issued from my mouth during four years." He said he should prefer death to this confession: that Mr. Sicard was the only person who could have obtained it. He added, "in many cities I have been subjected to different & cruel experiments, but never has the smallest symptom of surprise been seen in my countenance. At La Rochelle, the warder was directed to sleep with me, but even my dreams were never expressed in any thing more than guttural sounds. Several times have I been purposely awakened out of a sound sleep; my alarm was, however, marked by nothing more than plaintive croaking. The hundred prisoners who were with me did all which had been ordered them, in order to surprise me. In Switzerland, a young, rich and beautiful woman, offered to marry me, if I would speak. I resisted every thing. Often have I had the intention of roaming into some wood and living like a beast. At first I did so. I passed a whole month living on roots, potatoes and wild fruit, without tasting bread. My true name is Victor Foy." Crowds were assembled as soon as the confession was known. A collection was made for him, and it had great effect upon him. He said he had been so accustomed to his illusions, that he had unlearned his hearing. Among all

the experiments practised upon him in Switzerland, the following he said was most powerful. "I was in a room under interrogation, where had been previously suspended, unknown to me, immediately behind me, a great vase of copper money; suddenly the cord was cut, and the whole came tumbling down with prodigious clatter. Yet not the slightest indication of any emotion was discovered in my countenance"—So ended a deception which had been imposed on Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and France! The history is to be given of this young man.

ANECDOTE.

In an age long past, the little republic of Padua had a dispute with the Pope of Rome, who insisted upon exercising over it temporal as well as spiritual authority. The dispute growing very hot, the Pope fulminated his threats against any of the citizens that should take part with the Senate of Padua; and the Senate, too, threatened with the punishment of death any subjects of the republic that should take side with the Pope. During this dilemma, an officer of the Senate asked a priest of Padua, whether he preferred being hanged for obeying the Pope, or being excommunicated for obeying the Senate? To this the priest replied—"that for his part, he had rather be *excommunicated thirty years*, than be *hanged a quarter of an hour*."

Wanted,

FOR service of the Royal Engineer Department,

A MILLWRIGHT,

Competent to erect a Saw-Mill on Kingston Creek, who will furnish and complete the whole of the Timber work.

ALSO,

A large supply of Stones, which will be received at the Quarry at Point Henry. Sealed Proposals for erecting the Saw-Mill and furnishing the whole or part of the Stone, will be received at this Office on or before the 25th June instant, on which day the lowest tenders will be accepted, on furnishing satisfactory securities.

Commissariat Office,
Kingston, 15th June, 1815. 3tf

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, 81st Rgt. GEORGE WOOD, Sgt. 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

FOR SALE—A full blooded Merino RAM. Enquire of the Printer, O.E. 21, 1814. 37

Notice.

THE subscriber being duly authorized to settle the affairs of the late C. McGEE, Esq. Ordnance Store Keeper at this Post, requests all those who have demands against the said Estate, to produce the same, (properly authenticated,) for payment—and all those who are indebted to the said Estate, are hereby requested to pay the same to Mr. J. T. WILSON, at the Ordnance Office. HAMB. GOWEN.

Kingston, 14th June, 1815. 3 w 3

Take Notice.

THAT whereas DAN E. ALLEN signed a certain Contract with the Deputy Barrack Master General, for building a large Store House and Hospital for the use of Government, for the fulfilment of which the subscribers became security, as also have advanced a large sum of their own private property, with engagements for payment of some Goods in Kingston to forward the above Buildings—

This is therefore to request Government, or any other person, not to make any further payment on the above Buildings, until a settlement is made, and lawful Bills paid off.

ELI EMONS,
ROBERT YOUNG.

Kingston, June 18, 1815. 3tf

THE subscriber has now on hand, and intends keeping ready for sale, an assortment of

Saddles, Bridles, Whips and Spurs,

with other articles usually kept in his line. His present means of obtaining workmen and stock, will enable him to sell much lower than formerly.

Repairing done on short notice.

A. METCALF.

Kingston, June 12, 1815. 2

Land for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale the West half of Lot No. 7, in the fourth and fifth concession of the township of Loughborough, with 50 or 60 acres under good improvement, and a good stand for any public business.

MICHAEL SLOOT.

Loughborough, June 12, 1815. 2

Wanted Immediately,

AS an apprentice to the Printing Business a Lad from 14 to 16 years of age. One of steady habits will meet with good encouragement by applying at this Office. June 17, 1815.

Kingston Packet,

JAMES CHAPMAN, CAPTAIN.

THIS vessel will sail regularly from Kingston to Sackett's Harbor. She will leave Kingston every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Sackett's Harbor every other day in the week.

The price will be *Two Dollars* for each passenger.

Kingston, May 12, 1815. 50tf

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

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. 47tf

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