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Miscellaneous. The Self-Deceived.

OR, PORTRAITS FROM THE CROWD.

There are few members of the human family who are not more or less self-deceived. In many cases it is well that it is so. It is well to imagine the experience of a condition of contentment, comfort, and happiness even if it should not exist.

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Family Secrets. The foundry bell rang and Matthews hastened home to his breakfast. The first sound that met his ears on opening the door of his house, was the squalling children, while his other senses were regaled with a bad smell of ashes and steam, and the sight of his wife in the act of mopping up a puddle of brown and white soap, which was spreading itself over the floor.

to your own heart, gentle reader; investigate your motives, analyze your character, and lay bare your thoughts to the searching eye of conscience, and then admit, atone, amend and reform.

UP. "Up in the morning ruddy light, Up in the morning early."

Yes! up sing-a-beds—up drowsy ones; let your souls drink in the glories of sunrise. Do you know what pictures are being painted upon the lofty blue ceiling overhead! How the great shepherd lets down the golden bars that the sun may enter his mighty field of azure?

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On this morning, as usual, she brought down the baby, which, uncomfortable in its night clothes, lay screaming in its cradle. A little boy, tired of being left alone, had crawled to the top of the stairs, and there sat crying in turn.

The man that undertook to wrestle with a grail of rum met with a most signal defeat.—He was grinded in less time than you could throw a summer-set.

Silver Spring.

The following interesting letter appears in the Apalachicola Commercial Advertiser: Ocala (Fla.) Sept. 1853.

In Marion county, East Florida, there is a very extraordinary spring, called by the people, and not inappropriately, 'the Silver Spring.' It is not only one of the greatest curiosities in nature, but as a source of profound, sublime, and pleasing impressions, has probably no equal.

The depth of the spring is variously estimated, from one to two hundred feet at one place. I do not fear to hazard the statement that the depth cannot be less than one hundred, yet such is the transparency of the water, that you might discern a pin upon the bottom.

How to Educate a Man of Business.—In the education of a business man, it must never be forgotten that his future life will be a life of action and not of study. Great care must, therefore, be taken that the health be not impaired in a strife for useless honors, that the feelings be not suffered to grow over-sensitive to refuse contemplation, nor the mind lose its spring and elasticity under a load of unproductive and unpractical learning.

THE LOVED ONES AT HOME.—Go ask the inebriate where are the loved ones at home; and how often will he tell you that they are gone, and that he has no home! The fire once burnt brightly upon his hearth-stone, and the smiles of a young and an affectionate wife swelled his noble heart with joy and he was truly happy.

He commenced his downward career as a fashionable, moderate drinker—planting himself upon the weak idea that he never would become a drunkard. Such has been the fate of many a noble spirit; they have been deceived from home—entirely unconscious that Rum is winning them away from their families.

EARLY MARRIAGES.—She stood beside the altar when she was but sixteen. She was in love; her destiny rested on a creature in fashionable clothes, with an empty pocket. He 'came of a good family,' however, and blood, you know is something.

DANGER OF TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED.—It was objected to the system of Copernicus when first brought forward, that if the earth turned on its axis, as he represented, a stone dropped from the summit of a tower would not fall at the foot of it, but a great distance to the west; in the same manner that a stone dropped from the mast-head of a ship in full sail does not fall at the foot of the mast, but at the stern of the ship.

AN IRISH SCHEME.—The following paragraph is said to have appeared in an Irish newspaper:—'Dennis McCarthy accidentally committed suicide this morning by taking a dose of laudanum, which he purchased for that purpose at Mr. Elanagan's grocery.' Dennis had been heard to threaten that he would hang himself with a razor, or drown himself with a dose of arsenic, the first opportunity.

A BLENDER.—The best blender we have heard for a long time was committed very recently in Richmond, by a negro servant, who had been sent by his mistress to borrow the last Blackwood from a neighbor. He delivered his message as follows:—'Missis compliments, and says, will you please to send her the July number of the black boom-bozer.'

THE LONDON TIMES OF THE 14th ult. intimates that notwithstanding the threats of the Turkish commander-in-chief, against the Russian army in the Danubian Principalities, amounting to a conditional declaration of war, so far as that warrior is concerned, his instructions forbid him from crossing the Danube. The Times adds:—'Those of our contemporaries who exultingly announced more than a fortnight ago that the combined fleets had entered the Dardanelles, and that war had positively commenced, must of course be distressed at ascertaining that hostilities even now are likely to be avoided, and that the 'combined fleets,' with the exception of the steamers detached at the Divan's request, were still, on the 7th of this month, at anchor in Bejika Bay.'

General News.

Grand Lodge of Georgia.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia convened in Mason on the 25th ultimo, the Hon. Wm. C. Dawson, Grand Master, presided. The Representation from the Subordinate Lodges was very large, and the reports indicated the highest degree of prosperity of the Fraternity throughout the State.

W. C. Dawson, W. G. Master. Holt, D. G. M., 1st District. A. A. Gaudin, D. G. M., 2d District. John H. Rice, D. G. M., 3d District. W. S. Rockwell, D. G. M., 4th District. D. E. Butler, Sr. G. Warden. L. C. Simpson, Jr. G. Warden. Jos. E. Wells, Grand Treasurer. Simi Rose, G. Secretary. J. A. Fannin, Sr. Deacon. R. T. Turner, Jr. Deacon. S. A. Borders, Arthur Hood, G. Stewards. R. M. Smith, Luther S. Glenn, G. Pursuivant. T. A. Harris, G. Tyler.

WILL THERE BE WAR.—The Editor of the New York Courier and Enquirer thinks that war between Russia and Turkey is inevitable. He says:—'The Four Powers may side with Turkey if they may desert her—it matters not, the war will speedily come.—Russia may muster an overwhelming force, may make a demonstration which it would seem madness to resist—it matters not, the Turks will fight and fight desperately.'

FIRST USE OF MARIJUANA IN ENGLAND.—Dr. Gibbons, an eminent physician, in the latter end of the last, and beginning of the present century, had a brother, a West India Captain, who brought over some planks of this wood as ballast. As the Doctor was then building him a house in King-street, Covent Garden, his brother thought they might be of service to him.

Near the close of the session of 1847, I returned with my seat in the Senate from a most painful and distressing domestic affliction, and found the three million bill under discussion, during which the Wilmot proviso, (so called) was offered, and my colleague, Gen. Dix, presented resolutions from the Legislature, passed with great unanimity instructing us to vote for the proviso.

After some further inquiry into the rumors concerning the interference of the British Government in the affairs of Cuba, I am convinced that the Administration have been led to place reliance upon them. They have indeed, some additional evidence of the truth of the rumors, within a day or two.

Correspondence of the Charleston Courier.

WASHINGTON, OCT. 30.

The President is determined not to submit to subordination in the ranks of the office holders. He has put his administration on the strong ground of Executive patronage, and we shall see that, under present circumstances, it must work wonders. To-day, the President having understood that some of the office-holders in Boston were adamantines, and disposed to be rebellious, directed their decapitation.

The account of the recent address of Col. Orr to his constituents in South Carolina, has been favorably noticed by the friends of the Administration, and it is believed that he fairly represents their policy on the subjects which he treated.

The administration will recommend the payment of the public debt, and a reduction of the tariff. It is not known what plan of reduction they will propose, but it is believed that they will propose a large addition to the list of free articles, and thus diminish the amount of labor and expense in the different offices of the revenue department.

There are many articles now dutiable, that enter into the manufactures of this country, as material, that may be added to the free list. The Secretary of the Treasury is now engaged in collecting and comparing materials for a new Tariff of duties. As to the Pacific Railroad the Administration will leave it, as they have done other measures of the Government, to the judgment of Congress; and they will not hesitate, probably, to approve any measure that goes not beyond those that have every year been passed, in aid of the construction of Western rail roads.

Col. Orr seems, in fact, to have struck, in his address, upon the chief traits of the domestic policy of the administration. The amount of U. S. stock redeemed by the Treasury this week, has been \$573,850. All that is advertised for will be brought in and cancelled before the 1st of Dec., and the premium offered will then be reduced. Ex-Senator Dickinson. The Washington Union and the Free-soil or gains, have charged Ex Senator Dickinson, of New-York, with entertaining or having entertained Free-soil sentiments, that gentleman has published a letter from which we make the following extract:—'I was honored with a seat in the Senate of a State four years, and there introduced resolutions on the subject of slavery, and spoke and voted thereon; was President of the same body two years; and was seven years a Senator in Congress—from the annexation of Texas until after the passage of the compromise measures. I have, too, for the last twenty years, often been a member of conventions—county, State and national; have presented resolutions, made speeches, and prop'd addresses; and in my whole political course, a speech, vote or resolution can be found favoring free-soil sentiments. I will consent to occupy a position in the public judgement as degraded as the most malevolent of that faction or the most convenient accomplice. 'Near the close of the session of 1847, I returned with my seat in the Senate from a most painful and distressing domestic affliction, and found the three million bill under discussion, during which the Wilmot proviso, (so called) was offered, and my colleague, Gen. Dix, presented resolutions from the Legislature, passed with great unanimity instructing us to vote for the proviso. General Dix advocated the adoption of the proviso, and voted for it. I spoke against its adoption, and voted against it, and in so doing aroused against me free-soil and abolition malignity throughout the country.'