

It has long been a question among philosophers, whether temperate regions be most favourable to the production of genius, and the solution of so interesting an inquiry has often been attempted by recurring to the illustrious examples of human greatness, reared in such situations.

Many Antiquarians in glancing at this subject, retrace the footsteps of incipient improvement, to the verdant plains of Asia, and assign the consummation of intellectual growth, to the cultivated fields of Greece and Rome. In surveying the progressive advancement of other nations, they saw no attainments which entitled them to a comparison with the enlightened nations of the East; they beheld no monuments of art, no specimens of genius. Immersed in the grossest barbarism, and shrouded by the sable mantle of ignorance, they could boast nothing greater than the heroic deeds of their chieftains, the fertility of their soil, and an excessive attachment to Gothic rudeness. They had no writer to preserve the memory of their achievements, no poet to immortalize their name.

Although bound to yield a reluctant assent, to the gloomy tale of the historian, I cannot subscribe to the opinion which inculcates a belief, that superior genius exists exclusively in latitudes, enlivened by the prolific rays of a mild and vivifying sun. It is true physical causes, have much influence upon our faculties, but although an ardour for the acquisition of knowledge may be partially extinguished, by the chilling influence of a frigid atmosphere, it by no means proves that native genius, does not there exist. Since the introduction of letters into Germany, her sons have displayed as many specimens of native greatness as those, blessed with an attic soil. Sweden whose inhabitants attract but little attention in the literary world, is by no means degraded by penury of talent. She can boast a luminary of first magnitude, which has enlightened the civilized world for no inconsiderable time. Her immortal Linnæus explored the intricate mazes of abstruse science, laid open its doors and poured forth its treasured sweets. Natural his tori and Botany, which anterior to his researches were in chaotic rudeness has been elucidated & systematized. So plain so erudite and luminous was his plan that the world embraced it, as if disclosed by inspiration. On the other hand, nations inhabiting the most favoured regions of the earth, are yet groveling in ignorance and barbarism. Egypt the prolific mother of inventive genius, is scarcely the semblance of what she was. Her soil is polluted by the foul touch of the voluptuous Turk, and the tale of her former greatness is only preserved by the legends of her departed favourites. No resuscitation of genius is observable. Uxoriously devoted to their lordling passions, they riot in indolence, sloth and pusillanimity. The soporific fumes of opium dissipate the cares of life. The votaries of Venus, recline upon the downy bed of unhallowed love. Licentiousness glitters in the majesty of regal ascendancy, and virtue is sacrificed at the altar of libertinism. The God of genius must then commune with some other deity than that of climate. Say ye, who have mounted the world of bliss, on the glittering wings of fame; ye whose works, like the solar sphere in meridian splendour illumine the universe; but the glare of whose light obscures the borrowed lustre of inferior orbs, whence sprang your exalted talents. Did they emanate from your divine original? Were they matured by the fostering hand of attentive culture, or were they the spontaneous production of a favoured soil. Other causes than these conspire to elevate the mind of man, and dignify him by the most exalted intellectual greatness. His Creator endowed him with capacity, his industry furnished a vigorous nutriment, and the first germs were cultivated by the liberality of

publick attention. These are the sources from whence sprang the many displays of fancy, the noble specimens of genius, which adorn the august age. These are the paths which conduct the British youth, to the highest seat in the temple of fame. Wherever wealth gains the ascendancy, and the fire of emulation is extinguished by the humid influence of subserviency, genius is obscured. The declension of Roman greatness was commensurate with the introduction of luxury, and the effeminacy of her sons accelerated the degeneracy of literature.

In South-Carolina, the tide of wealth seems to operate as a barrier to the advancement of general improvement. Mired by the specious glare of fastidious show a desire to shine in the blaze of fashion, usurps the throne of a more noble ambition. The mind is prostituted by an entire devotedness to personal aggrandizement and the rays of genius are extinguished, by an indifference to mental worth. Nor is this the only cause which procrastinates the advancement of learning in our state. Exotic excellence is preferred to indigenuous worth, and candour must bow to the god of dissimulation, before the domestic votaries of Science can become publick favourites. Another cause of mental imbecility, may be found to exist in the precocious attempts, of inexperienced noviciates. Do they embark in the study of a particular profession? Inquietude hurries them through those volumes which are placed in their hands, and a desire to attract publick attention or improve perhaps a small patrimony, urges them to the exercise of a profession with which they are but imperfectly acquainted. A want of discernment, and liberality, in the publick mind is also a powerful auxiliary in repressing emulation. Influenced by the opinions of others, we are too apt to be lead away by misrepresentations, propagated for sinister purposes. Merit is thus depressed, and impositions the most palpable, forced upon deluded followers. Parasites are held up as oracles of perfection, and the golden apple is awarded him, who outrages the majesty of Science by deceptions the most preposterous. Sensible of the necessity of improving every advantage;

"They bend the knee to wealth
And make obeisance to his mighty shrine."
Humiliating indeed must be the state of literature and science when the professional man is reduced to the necessity, of falling before the golden calf, and complying with those idolatrous rites which are enjoined.

Spirit of independence arise, dispel the mist of publick credulity, and resume your empire. Teach your son, the sacred truths which were thundered aloud in the first American Congress. Urge the necessity of cultivating the mind, and guarding against the insidious approaches of aristocratick authority.

"Capacious powers
Lie folded up in man; how far beyond
The praise of mortals may the eternal growth

Of nature to perfection half divine,
Expand the blooming soul: what pity than
Should wealth's unkindly fogs depress to earth
Her tender blossom choke the streams of life,
And blast her spring."

A fire broke out in Frederickburgh, V. on the 31st July, which did considerable damage, having consumed nine front buildings, together with their outbuildings. Most of the goods and furniture in them was saved.

A Steam Boat is about to sail from New York for Russia, via England.

The History of America, by the late Dr. Ramsay, is about to be put to press in Philadelphia. The work is to be published solely for the benefit of his family.

It is said that General Wm. H. HARRISON is a candidate for Congress; he will, if elected, possess

a fine opportunity to explain the operations, military and pecuniary, of his command in the western army. Aurora.

National Bank.
TABULAR ESTIMATE.
[Corrected from subsequent returns.]

Portland, Maine,	\$310,000
Boston,	2,500,000
Portsmouth, N. H.	120,600
Providence, R. I.	750,000
Middletown, Con.	680,000
New-York,	2,300,000
New-Brunswick, N. J.	130,000
Philadelphia,	5,833,600
Wilmington, Del.	470,600
Baltimore,	4,014,000
Washington City,	1,293,000
Richmond,	1,702,200
Raleigh, N. C.	285,000
Charleston,	2,580,000
Augusta, Geo.	826,300
Lexington, Ken. about	1,000,000
Cincinnati, O.	470,000

Burlington, Vt.	} Not heard from	
Nashville, Ten.		
New-Orleans		
Present deficiency		23,165,600
		2,834,700
		28,000,000
Suppose then, as has been estimated,		
Vermont,		150,000
Tennessee,		250,000
Louisiana,		2,000,000
		2,400,000

There will be a deficit of about 434,700 dollars, which will be easily supplied, at Philadelphia, where the books will be re-opened for the residue.

A Village is like that subterraneous cave, called the Ear of Dionysius; nothing passes in it, or near it but it is instantly known.

There is much talk (says Pope in one of his letters) of *fine* sense, *refined* sense, and *exalted* sense, but for common use give me a little *common* sense.

A man may appear learned without talking sentences, as in his ordinary gesture he discovers that he can dance though he does but cut capers.

THE CONTRAST.
Virtue alone has that to give
Which makes it life to die or live;
For if we die, our joys increase,
Or if we live our life is peace—
But vice can only that supply
Which makes it death, to live or die;
For if we live, 'tis pain to-morrow,
And if we die, 'tis endless sorrow!

Wholesale Prices Current.

Domestic Articles.		Charleston, Camden.	
Cotton, Sea Island No	0 50	0 55	
" Upland,	0 29	0 31	0 24
Rice, prime new crop	0 00	4 00	
Flour, Superfine	10	12	9 00
" Fine country	9 00	0 00	50 7 00
Corn, bush	0 00	1 12	7 1
Wheat,		1 25	0 00
Tobacco, leaf	0 15	0 16	0 10
" manufactured		0 20	0 35
Whiskey, gal	0 60	0 65	0 70
Butter,	0 25	0 30	18 0 24
Bacon,	0 14	0 16	12 0 16
Lard,	0 19	0 00	12 0 16
Tallow,	0 18	0 20	0 00
Bees Wax,	0 28	0 30	0 00
Hemp,			
Homespun, cotton yd	0 25	0 28	0 30
" N. Carolina tow		0 25	0 30
Shoe thread,			65
Indigo, prime,	0 75	0 80	0 75
Dear Skins in hair,			18
Foreign Articles.			
Coffee, prime,	0 23	0 24	0 30
" old,	0 20	0 22	
Sugar, Muscovado	0 14	0 16	0 16
Salt,	0 55	0 65	1 00
Iron,	100 lb.	5 00	5 00
Molasses,	gal	0 45	0 48

50 Dollars Reward.

LOST, on the 17th November last, three bundles containing papers, valuable to no one but myself. Persons holding said papers are informed that should the same be left with the Post-Master, no questions shall be asked, and the above reward given, to any person claiming the same, either under a real or fictitious name. ISAAC HINKLE. Camden, 6th July, 1816. 203

MILL SAWS.
THE Subscriber has a few Philadelphia made MILL SAWS, for sale on good terms. HENRY ABBOTT. Camden, August 9, 1815. 201

SHERIFF SALE.

By virtue of Sundry Executions to me directed, will be sold on the first Monday and Tuesday in September next, before the court house in Camden, within the legal hours of sale.

One Lot, bounding on York Street, with a blacksmiths shop thereon, also a lease with the buildings and improvements thereon, on the south east corner of Broad and York-streets; likewise a prime Negro Boy that has worked some time at the blacksmiths trade, levied on as the property of Alexander M'Kae at the separate suits of Seth Tibbits and John Doby. Conditions cash, purchasers to pay for Sheriff titles and bills of sale. FRANCIS S. LEE, Sheriff. K. D. Camden, Aug. 12, 1816.

Notice.
COTTON in the seed will be received and expeditiously picked and packed, on usual toll, at my Cotton Factory in Camden. J. LYON. Aug. 15, 1816. N. B. I wish to hire two first rate packers for 5 or 6 months. if.

NOTICE.
ALL persons having claims against the estate of WM. ARCHER, Esq. deceased, are requested to present them to the subscriber, attested according to law and all those indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment. JAMES ARCHER, Administrator. Kershaw District, Aug. 15. 50-1

NOTICE.
FOR Sale, Two LOTS, one situate on the corner of Broad & Rutledge streets the other adjoining it fronting on Rutledge street having on them a good two story dwelling house, calculated for a store, a kitchen, smoke house, stable and carriage house, and all other necessary buildings for a family and a store.—For terms and further particulars apply to the subscriber. ELISHA BELL. Camden, Aug. 13, 1816. 201

NOTICE.
ALL persons are hereby cautioned against harbouring, or in any manner whatever employing any of the Negroes belonging to the estate of ISAAC DUBOIS, without a written permission for this purpose, from some one of the heirs. August 5, 1816. 193

NOTICE.
SUBSCRIPTION papers issued by the Trustees of the SANTEE STEAM BOAT COMPANY, may be seen at the Store of Messrs BIRMAN & Co. and at Messrs LEX & DELON'S. Persons desirous of becoming Subscribers are invited to come forward. June 6, 1816.

NOTICE.
FOR SALE or to LET, the subscribers premises, on Broad-street, in Camden, nearly opposite the Post-Office, recently occupied by Doctor Carter. Any person disposed to purchase said premises may expect to get a great bargain. A very liberal credit will be given.—For further particulars apply to Mr. JOHN DOB, or to the Subscriber. EVERARD CURETON. July 2, 1816. 141

Patent Medicines.
For Sale at the Store of ALEXANDER YOUNG, Broad-street, Camden.
Dr. Dyer's Stomachic Light of Health,
— Vegetable Nervous cordial,
— Gout & Rheumatic drops,
— Patent Stomachic Wine Bitters,
— Worm Destroying Lozenges,
— Anti Bilious Pills,
— Patent Ick Ointment,
— Infallible Tooth Ache Drops,
— Circassian Eye Water,
— Restorative Dentifrice.
— 1816—
Bateman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, British Oil, Turlington's Balsam of Life, Stear's Opodeldoc, Essence of Peppermint, &c.
— 1816—
Elixir of Panacoric, Laudanum, Spirits of Lavender, Spirits of Hartshorn, Spirits of Nitre, Calomel Jalap, Rhenish Ipecacuanha, Tartar Emetic, Peruvian Bark, &c.
Blank Deeds,
For sale at the Camden-Gazette Office.
BLANK BONDS
For Sale at this Office.