

## MISCELLANY.

*The Press.*—There are in Europe, with a population of 227,700,000, two thousand one hundred and forty two periodical journals. In America, with a population of 40,000,000, upwards of a thousand. In Asia, with a population of 190,000,000, only twenty-seven. In Africa, with a population of 60,000,000, but twelve. In Oceania, with a population of 20,000,000, nine. "Thus it appears," says a French journal, "that in Asia there is one paper for every 14,000,000; in Africa, one for every 5,000,000; in Europe, one for every 100,000; in America, one for every 30,000; and precisely in the same manner is the comparative progress of civilization in these divisions of the earth."

*A Crier Extraordinary.*—A gentleman informs us, that while sojourning at one of the towns in Virginia, he encountered in the street a double-lunged negro, who was ringing a hand-bell most manfully; after laboring at it some time, the fellow made a dead halt, and belled out something to the following effect:

"Sale dis night—fryin' pans, gridirons, books, oyster knives, and odder kinds of medicines; Joe Will hab some fresh oysters at his 'tablissement—by ticlar desire, Mr. Howlet will give limitations ober a gain—two or three dozen damaged discussion gun locks—and Rev. Mr. P. Q. will deliver a sarumont on temperance, at half past six o'clock, precise; dat's not all! dare will be a perlitte and select colored ball at Mrs. John's just arter dis is been done."  
—Hagerstown Mail.

*Temperance.*—Dyonysius, the philosopher, addressing his audience on the virtues of moderation in pursuit of pleasure, used to say,—that a person should taste honey only with the tip of his finger.

## ECONOMY AND GOOD LIVING IN HIGH LIFE.

*Decision.*—Passing through Billingsgate one day, a turbot, the only one in the market, in all the glory of glossy temptation, glanced invitingly on the longing eyes of L—d E—n. He hesitated;—price five guineas—hesitated again;—felt for his purse—hesitated;—counted the money—hesitated;—wriggled for abatement—hesitated;—touched with eager finger the rich fat plumpness of the turbot, while his mouth filled with the whetting fluid—decided, and paid the gold.

*Re-hesitation.*—What would Lady E—n say? How could her scruples of rigid economy be lulled? A turbot!—too expensive!—ruinous!—But stop!—aye—a good hit,—send it to her Ladyship as a present from Mr. Bull;—capital devise—decided.

*Decision revised.*—Turbot arrived with

Mr. Bull's compliments. Lady E—n infinitely obliged;—likes turbot very well—but likes money better;—what could be done?—sell it?—aye—decides;—sends it to the fishermen in exchange for a cut of salt cod, with balance in cash.

*Replication.*—L—d E—d returned from Billingsgate;—Lady E—n eagerly tells her feat of economy;—his Lordship looks glum; bites his lip;—"curse" in his inner man the economy that interferes with stomach enjoyments;—hesitates whether to dine at home on the salt cod;—decides in the negative;—drives to Long—dines à la solitaire—and in pure spite on—Turtle!!!—Her Ladyship's salt cod proved delicious with thrift-sauce; and so endeth our eventful history.

A German journalist, presents an unhappy specimen of animal obstinacy united with intellectual depravity: "A person called one day of last month on the Editor of a Gern paper, and requested to speak with him. He was introduced, and the following conversation ensued: "You have lately published a very false statement in your journal, Sir." "Sir, that is impossible; but go on, Sir, what is it?" "Sir, you have published that M. N— has been tried!" "Very true." "Condemned!" "And that is also true—Go on." "And executed!" "All perfectly true, Sir." "Sir, I am M. N—." "That is not possible." "It is true; I have the honor to repeat that I am M. N—, and I expect that you will contradict the false report." "No, Sir." "Parble! that is very curious, Sir!" "However that may be, I shall do nothing of the sort." "Then, Sir, I shall prosecute."—"Just as you please, Sir, but I never retract. All that I can possibly do for you is to announce, that at the moment the cord broke, and that you have recovered the effect of the operation, and are now very well. I have principles, Sir; and every body knows that I never tell a lie."

*Satire upon Family Pride.*—An Italian Painter, in drawing the picture of a Gentleman who pestered all companies with continual boastings of his being descended from the most illustrious families of ancient Rome, invented the following mode of mortifying the vanity of his subject:—He gave him a large nose, as an indication of his being issued from the *Nasones*, and further upon this nose was represented a grey pea to show him he descended from the *Cicrones*; a frightful pair of blubber lips were the hereditary marks of the *Labeones*; long teeth represented those of *Curius Dentatus*; and squinting eyes denoted that he was

\* According to the best commentators on Job ii. 9, the word rendered by some *curse*, may be equally translated *bleas*. See Dr. Mason Godd's Translation: Caryl, on Job. &c. &c.—So here, his Lordship hesitated, as usual, whether to curse or bless; but hankeringly decided for the first.

of the blood of the *Strabones*: a large prominent forehead was the distinction of the *Frontones*; his hair of a flaming red, declared him of kin to the *Rullis*; and its entangled bushiness, that he had in him some of the blood of the brave *Cincinnatius*; an eye put out, bespoke him to have had the *Colites* for relations; and the bandy legs showed him of the posterity of the celebrated *Foigo*; his broad flat feet entitled him to reckon *Planti* among his ancestors: his crooked fingers were the distinction of the *Falcones*; and his having six fingers on one hand, was an undeniable sign of his extraction, without any of those virtues by which they had acquired their opulence and honor.

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Halifax, April 16, 1833.

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