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Travelling.

TO THE
TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the public that he has leased the Brick Hotel in Easton, known as the "Easton Hotel," and opened the same for the accommodation of the public, on the 1st of January inst.

This Hotel is fitted up in all respects for the comfort and convenience of travellers. The strictest attention will be paid to cleanliness in all departments of the establishment.—The House will be served by honest and attentive servants, and the table supplied with the best products of the market. The bar will be supplied with the choicest Liquors and Cigars, &c. The Stables will be particularly attended. Attentive hostlers and ample horse feed and fodder, &c. Travellers will be forwarded promptly to any point on the Shore desired by them.

J. Q. A. HADDAWAY,
jan 12 Proprietor.

☞ Centreville, Denton and Cambridge papers copy (tf)

UNION HOTEL.

THE subscriber informs the public that he has taken the above hotel in Easton, for the present year, and has thoroughly renovated and re-furnished it, and is prepared to accommodate the Travelling public as well as they can be accommodated at any house on the Shore.

The TABLE will be supplied with the best the market can afford, and the BAR constantly furnished with the most *choice LIQUORS.*

Particular attention will be paid to the STABLES, and those stopping at the hotel may depend on having their horses regularly fed, and well attended.

☞ Boarders accommodated by the day, week or month.

The long experience of my Mother, who has charge of the house, in catering, to the travelling public affords an assurance that those who patronize the TABLE cannot fail to be pleased.

A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

jan 5—tf T. B. MERRETT.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS of the EASTERN SHORE STEAMBOAT COMPANY'S BOATS: HUGH JENKINS, Capt. J. Tilghman. CHAMPION, Capt. J. R. Griffith.

On and after Monday, the 28th Dec, one of the Company's boats will run as follows:

One of the boats will leave every Monday and Thursday morning, at 7 o'clock, for Kent Island, Corsica, Spencer's, Harrison's Landing and Chestertown, returning the same day.

One of the boats will leave every Tuesday morning, at the same hour, for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge, Oxford and Easton, and return the following day, leaving Easton at 7 o'clock.

One of the boats will leave every Friday morning, at the same hour, for Annapolis, West River; St. Michaels and Miles' River Ferry, returning the following day by the same route, leaving Miles River, at 8 o'clock.

All freights by this line must be prepaid.

No freight received before 9 o'clock in the morning.

Passage to Annapolis, 75 cents. Chester River and West River, 1.00. St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry, 1.50. Cambridge, Oxford and Easton, 2.00. Meals, 50 cents.

G. CHESNUT,
jan 5—tf Agent.

THE MINNESOTA.

THE Schooner MINNESOTA, Capt. Stichburry, will run regularly the present Year—1858, from Miles River to Baltimore, as a grain and freight boat. Freight on all kinds of grain, *four cents* per bushel—back freight, on barrels 20 cents; coal $1.50 per ton; lumber $1.50 per thousand; bricks do. All other freights in proportion. A share of the public patronage is respectfully requested.

☞ All orders for goods must be accompanied with the cash.

STEPHEN STICHBURRY,
Miles River, near Myrtle Grove.
jan 25—6m

Notice to Travellers

U. S. MAIL ROUTE from Easton, via Hillsborough, Greensborough, Templeville and Renton, to Smyrna, to connect with the morning train of cars on the Delaware Rail Road, from Seaford to Wilmington, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The stage will leave Easton daily (Sundays excepted) at 7 o'clock, P. M., and arrive at Smyrna in time for the morning train from Seaford, and will leave Smyrna station daily (Sundays excepted) on the arrival of the evening train from Wilmington at 7 o'clock, P. M., and arrive at Easton next day, by 10 o'clk A. M. Passengers by this line can leave Easton in the evening and be in Philadelphia in time for business the next morning.

Stage agent at Easton, Wm. T. Hardesty.

JNO. R. WOODWORTH,
mar 24, '57 Contractor.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
Attention Travellers

THE traveling public are respectfully informed that the undersigned is running a line of stages daily (Sunday excepted) from Easton, Md., via Denton, to Felton station at which latter Point a proper connection is always made with the cars on the Delaware Rail Road.

The stage leaves Easton at 7 o'clock A. M., and Denton at about 9½ A. M. Through tickets form Easton to Philadelph.a $4.00; from Hillsborough and Denton, $3.50.

By this route passengeas from any point on the line: may leave home in the morning and arrive in Philad'a at 8 oclock, P. M. same day.

apr 16 JESSE SHARPE, Jr.

TO FARMERS.

THE subscriber has just returned from the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia with a large supply of

Boots and Shoes

some *very heavy*, particularly adapted to Servants and field laborers, which having been bought for cash, will be sold at a small advance. Farmers may save money by calling and making their purchases.

sep 29 G. C. MACKEY.

ROUSSEL'S ELIXER, for the mouth and teeth, Aromatic Quintessence of Myrrh. Hall's Tooth Ache Drops, the very best remedy in use for the Tooth Ache.

dec 22 L. H. CAMPBELL.

NOTICE.

FEELING sensibly the scarcity of money we have waited patiently until after harvest, hoping those that are indebted to us will appreciate our indulgence, and call and settle their accounts as early as possible, as we are anxious to close upour old business.

ju 28—tf CHEEZUM & EMORY.

Now is the Time.
CARRIAGES, CAERIAGES!

A LARGE lot of second hand CARRIAGES, all in good order, of nearly all kinds, sizes and prices, on hand, and will be sold cheap for Cash or good Paper. Persons wishing to purchase will do well to give me a call.

Also several new *Rockaways and Buggy Wagons.*

ju 21 S. B. HOPKINS.

BARGAIN IN LIME.

L COULTER, Annapelis, has on hand a large quantity of very superior LIME, which he will sell and deliver at 7 cents per bushel, between the 1st October. After the 1st of October he will sell at the Baltimore prices. aug 18—tf

HEAVY BOOTS AND ARMY BROGANS—A large stock of the above just received and will be sold at an extremely small advance for cash. G. C. MACKEY.

HATS AND CAPS—The subscriber has just received his Fall stock of Men's and Boy's Cassimere and Wool Hats, for servant's; also, cloth, velvet and glazed caps, for men and boys. G. C. MACKEY.

Carpets, Carpets.

THE largest and handsomest stock of CARPETS ever brought to this town are now open for exhibition and sale at the Carpet Ware Room of

Thompton & Kersey.

In our stock of the above goods will be found

Tapestry ingrain,	Fine Ingrain,
Three Ply,	Union Ingrain,
Super Fine Ingrain,	Venitian do.,
Druggets, List and Rag Carpets.	

We earnestly solicit any who may be in want of Carpets to call and examine them.—We will guarantee to sell them as low as they can be bought from any establishment in the city. THOMPSON & KERSEY.

oct 6

TOBACCO.—I have juet received a full stock of all the grades of chewing Tobacco—some of them very fine—which I am selling at the very lowest rates.

sep 22 JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.

GENTLEMEN:—Our stock of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, HOSIERY, UNDER SHIRTS, CRAVATS, HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., is now full and complete. Call early and make your selections. Resp'y.

sep 29 THOMPSON & KERSEY.

Notice to the Farmers.

I HAVE on hand a large lot of Double Thrible and single PLOWS. Also a large lot of CASTINGS, which will be sold at the Farmer's Foundry. Call early and get your supply. CHAS. KEILHOLTZ.

NEW GOODS,

WE have just returned from the city, and are now opening at our old stand in the town of St. Michaels, a very large and beautiful stock of

Fall and Winter Goods,

embracing every variety of Ladies', Gents', Boy's and Misses Dress Goods; also servants' wear, of every description, together with a stock of

Groceries Hardware,
China, Queensware,
Tin and Woodware,

To an examination of which we invite our friends and the public generally.

The public's ob't serv'ts.
MANSFIELD & HARRISON,
oct 27 St. Michaels, Md.

READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

THE subscriber has just returned from the city of Baltimore with a large and well selected stock of goods suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. He has a fine stock of

WATCHES AND JEWELRY,
FANCY GOODS, FINE CUTLERY,
BOOKS & STATIONARY,
TOYS, FRUITS and CONFECTIONARY, Fine CHEWING TOBACCO and CIGARS,

and a large stock of goods too numerous to mention.

He solicits a call from his customers and the public generally, as he thinks he can suit them in everything in his line. He returns his sincere thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal patronage they have bestowed on him for the last twenty years, and hopes by strict attention to business, still to merit a continuance of the same.

The public's ob't. serv't.,
dec 8 CHARLES ROBINSON.

NEW FALL AND
Winter Goods.

WE would most respectfully announce to our friends and the public that we have just returned from the city with a large and varied stock of goods, such as

Fancy Prints, Debege, Plain and Plaid Ginghams, Bleached and Brown Muslins, Sattinetts, Kerseys, Cloths and Fancy Cassimeres, Plaid Domestics, Bed Ticking, Stripe Cotton and Slurting stripes, Red and White Flannel, Silk and Satin Vestings. Also a large stock of Notions and Fancy Goods. A large stock of Family

GROCERIES,
QUEENSWARE, TINWARE, WOODWARE, CORDAGE, &c.

The above goods have been selected with care, and will be sold on the best terms. We feel thankful for past favors, and ask a continu-ance of the same. All orders promptly attended to.

nov 3 PATCHETT & WRIGHT.

CORN STARCH—One case Kingsfords superior Corn Starch in packages, for sale at a reduced price by DAWSON & BRO.

CURRANTS, Citron, Figs, Prunes, in large and small packages, and of superior quality at DAWSON & BRO'.

WANTED.—1,000 green hides—1,000 dry—500 calf skins—500 sheep skins, for which the highest market price will be allowed in trade or cash.

jan 5 G. C. MACKEY.

NEW GOODS.

THE subscriber has just returned from the city, with a general supply of all kinds of goods suited to the present and approaching season, which he will sell as low as they can be bought elsewhere.

My friends and the public are respectfully invited to examine the same before purchasing elsewhere.

All kinds of country produce such as Wheat, Corn, Oats, Feathers, Rags, &c., will be taken in exchange for goods or accounts.

I will sell goods as low as they can be bought in the town of Easton, and as cash is scarce, I will take off 5 per cent. on all purchases over $5, with the exception of sugar and coffee, when the ready money is paid at the time purchases are made.

oct 27 JNO. TALBOTT.

NEW FALL AND WINTER
GOODS.
Thompson & Kersey

HAVE just returned from the city, and are now opening at their Newly Refitted Store Room in Easton, a very large and beautiful stock of

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

embracing almost every variety of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS;
GENTLEMEN'S " "
BOYS and MISSES' "
SERVANTS' WEAR;

also a large stock of

Groceies, Hardware, Queensware, TIN WARE, WOOD WARE, &c;

to an examination of which they earnestly invite their friends and the public generally.

sep 29

FALL TRADE 1857.

HAZLET C. MACKEY,

HAS just opened a large stock of Woolen and Cotton Goods, suited to the season, such as Fulled Cloths and Kerseys, Satinets, Flannels, Muslins and Sheeting, Ticking, Wool and Cotton Plaid for Servants, stripe Osnaburg, &c., also a large lot of fresh

GROCERIES

Coffees—Rio, Laguyra, and Java.
Sugars—Crushed, Pulverized, Granulated, Brown.
Candles, Soap, Starch, Spices of all kinds, water and soda Crackers, always fresh.

Liquors of all kinds; fine Brandy and Wines for sickness; Hardware in great variety; Queensware and Woodware; Ropes and Cordage, all of which I will sell very cheap.—My friend, customers and the public are respectfully invited to give me a call, I will endeavor to please all who may favor me with their patronage. sep 8

FALL AND WINTER
GOODS, 1857.

J. H. GRACE has just returned from the city with a very large stock of

FALL AND WINTER GOODS,

embracing every variety of Ladies' Dress Goods, viz:—Silks, colo'd. and black; plain and fig'd. DeLaines; Cashmeres; Debaze, &c.

Also, a large assortment of Embroidered Collars, Ruffling, &c.; Linen Cambric and hem-stitch Handk'fs. Gloves, hosiery, &c.

Also, a beautiful supply of Stella Shawls, for Gentlemen and boys. My assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres, Vesting and Coating Cassimeres is large and complete. Also, a large supply of Tweeds, Cassinetts, Jeans, &c., together with a very large and generally assorted stock of

Hardware, Queensware,
Glass, Stone-Ware, Tin-Ware,
GROCERIES &C.

To an examination of which the public are most respectfully invited—feeling sure that from the pains taken in the selection of these Goods that in QUANTITY, QUALITY, and PRICES, they cannot have a better stock to select from. J. H. GRACE.

sep 22

IMPROVED
DYSPEPSIA BITTERS.

THIS truly valuable preparation will cure Dyspepsia, Bronchitis, Ague, Sick head ache, cholic, sour eructations of the stomach, costiveness or constipation of the bowels, nervousness and general debility of the system. This medicine is entirely free from all poisonous ingrediants, is pleasant and easily taken. To convice the public that this is no humbug, I invite any one afflicted to purchase a bottle and take it according to directions, and if not benefitted, return the bottle and take back your money. Competent and responsible agents are wanted in every section of the country, to bring this medicine before the public. Orders from a distance must be accompanied with the cash or such other guaranty as will be satisfactory in order to receive prompt attention. Ministers of the gospel who are afflicted will find it to their interest to correspond with the proprietor. A liberal percentage is allowed to all who buy to sell again. Price fifty cents per bottle.

Address Thomas Bean, Uniontown, Carroll county, Md. For sale by

LEVIS H. CAMPBELL, Druggist,
nov 24 tf Easton, Md.

ANDIRONS, shovels, tongs, coal hods and shovels, for sale by

dec 1 JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.

TO THE FARMERS OF TALBOT CO:

WE would beg leave to announce to the Farmers and all others interested, that our stock of heavy

Full'd Cloths; Cassinetts;
Tweeds; Linseys, Strip'd and Plaid;
Sharlings, Strip'd and Plain;
Blankets, &c., &c.,

is now full and complete, and will be offered at prices that cannot fail to please. Call and examine for yourselves.

sep 29 THOMPSON & KERSEY.

Easton Carpet Emporium

I BEG leave to announce to the citizens of Talbot and the adjoining counties, that my stock of CARPETS is now full and complete, and open for exhibition and sale at the

CARPET WARE ROOM

of J. RASIN, comprising the largest, handsomest and cheapest stock to be found on this Shore, such as

Three Ply,	Venitian,
Fine Ingrain,	Druggets, Ottomans,

Super Fine Ingrain, List,
Hemp and Rag Carpets.

I respectfully invite those who may be in want of Carpets to call and examine them; as I will sell them at Baltimore prices.

nov 24 JOSEPH RASIN.

Poetry.

BOAT SONG.
BY G. P. MORRIS.

Pull away merrily—over the waters.
Tug to your oars for the wood tangled shore;
We're off and afloat with earth's lovely daughters,
Worth all the argosies wave ever bore.
Pull away gallantly—pull away valiantly—
Pull with a swoop, boys; and pull for the shore:
Merrily, merrily, bend to the oar!

Pull away cherrily!—land is before us—
Green groves are flinging their balm to the spray:
The sky, like the spirit of love bending o'er us,
Lights her bright torches to show us the way.
Pull away charily—pull away warily—
Pull with a nerve, boys; together give way;
Merrily, merrily, pull to the bay!

Pull away heartily—light winds are blowing,
Crisping the ripples that dance at our side;
The moon bathes in silver the path we are going,
And Night is arrayed in her robes like a bride.
Pull with a will, boys, and sing as we glide
Merrily, merrily, over the tide!

From the Home Journal.
THE PROUD LOVER.
BY RICHARD H STODDARD.

I never yet could understand
How men could love in vain;
I hold it weak and wrong to love,
And not be loved again.
For me, I must have heart for heart,
Deny me this and we must part.

There be who love, or think they love,
Without return for years:
They wast their days in fruitless sighs,
Their nights in hopeless tears.
Not such am I: my heart is free,
I love not her who loves not me!

From the Exchange.
BIOGRAPHY OF ELISHA KENT KANE, by William Elder, and the Report of his Obsequies, solemnized in the Cities of the Union, from New Orleans to Philadelphia, as prepared by Hon. Joseph R. Chandler. Philadelphia, Childs & Peterson, 692 Arch street; London, Trubner & Co., 60 Pater Noster Row, 1858.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Cushings & Bailey, Baltimore street, for a copy of this interesting work. Does it not make the blood stir to think of what has been done by the gifted subject of this memoir—and that, too, within the narrow space of thirty-seven years? Dr. Kane was born on the 2d of February, 1820, in Walnut st., between Seventh and Eighth, Philadelphia. He died at Havana, 16th of February, 1857. The volume will be found equally attractive to youth, with its enthusiasm, and to age, with its calm philosophy; and while upon the feverish and restless spirit of the one it may act like tonic of bark and steel, its teachings of a "Divinity that shapes our ends," will prove to the better poised mind of the other something purer than the mere self-reliance of "manifest destiny," with fiery-footed haste, under any or all its vague and impious form. In fact, the religious element must have entered largely into the moral constituents of Dr. Kane's character.

The life is replete with proofs, that in the darkest hours of Arctic difficulties and danger, he seemed never for a moment to despair, or doubt the outstretched arm from on High. Surely there *was* heroism in his yearning to crowd his life with activities; but, even in the absence of an open and regular profession of faith, it was, indeed, a *Christian* heroism. With this groundwork of character, it is further evident, that no little of his ultimate success may be traced to a mind early stored with knowledge in the prosecution of the profession of his choice. He must have been awakened by a just appreciation of boyish waywardness, as his certain stumbling block, and this self-knowledge enabled him to retrieve lost hours of idleness in earlier life. It is a mistake to invest his life, thus early, with a special halo by giving point and pith to characteristics, common to every boy, and on which the biographer would fain have the Scientific Explorer of Artic regions pre-figured in the boy. He was continued at school and his education perfected when his temper, very fortunately for him, was subjected to the discipline of the Naval service. The zeal of the biographer seems to get the better of his discretion, when he indulges in a fling at the discipline of the service, to which so much of good and ennobling influence upon his subsequent career may justly be ascribed. There may be entire sympathy for his family in their anxiety for him, on his return, wounded, from Mexico, and a full appreciation of their disappointments in not having him at home under such circumstances. But ought the rule of seniority in the service to have been infringed to place an Asaistant Surgeon in charge of the Philadelphia Navy Yard? It is better to look to some higher motive of action in the appointing officer when reviewing the decision of the Head of the Bureau, than the biographer appears to do, when he sits down to an apprehension of "Dr. Kane's dislocating the honors of the service by illustrating it above his degree." His reputation for chivalry, as a soldier, and generous bearing, as a man had been too well illustrated during the bold march from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico to make disparaging words of peers and associates in the service in any degree necessary for his true position, and these had as well have been spared. It was this very subjection to superiors in service that gave him tact and skill in command of others, when his day and time came for making himself felt at the head of an expedition, which will ever remain an enduring monument to national characteter, associted with his personal fame. With so much of stern and inflexible resolution there was mingled in the character of Dr. Kane a mild and tender heart, and his romantic fancy, set upon brave and adventurous achievements, finds few parallels in modern days. He gave full sway to a generous impulse by devoting his life to the single purpose of restoring the lost Sir John Franklin and his comrades to home and country.

A circum-polar sea,—clear and open—seen by William Morton and Hans Christian, the half-breed Esquimaux, sent forward by Dr. Kane, above the 81st degree of north latitude—"a mysterious fluidity in the midst of a vast plain of solid ice," had been declared to exist more than a century and a half ago. An honest-hearted sailor, of whose whereabouts nothing could afterwards be traced had volunteered the wonderful statement in a beer shop in Amsterdam, and the account has place in the valuable collection of voyages by Harris. To have wrung the heart out of this mystery, and to have established beyond dispute a northwest passage, would have been glory enough for any man and even personal vanity would have been a virtue in earnest efforts at such daring results. It was the kindness of heart to which we have alluded, that gave the cue and passion to Dr. Kane. It was a kindred feeling to that which made life valueless, when weighed against the honorable impulse of rescuing his prisoners on the battle-field from attempted butchery. Such was his generosity, that he was willing to join Lt De Haven, and endure the most frightful perils for the crews of the Erubus and Terror, moored to an iceberg, on the 26th of July, 1845. It was the appeal of a noble-souled wife that had awakened the sympathies of Mr. Grinnell and Mr. Peabody. It secured the co operation of the United States' Government, and it called into action the chivalrous sentiment of Dr Kane.

Sir John Franklin had 136 picked men, Northern Orkney men, Greenland whalers, thoroughly inured to the hardships of the climate, and why not yet think with hope of the lost, as found? They are said to have perished of hunger, opposite Montreal Island, in latitude 68°, and while various articles have been brought by an agent of Hudson's Bay Company to the United States and England, no bodies or traces of bodies have been found. This hope, that renewed the life of Dr Kane over and again, under circumstances the most appalling, may still be realized, Sir John Franklin and his companions saved Should the announcement be made, it will thrill through every heart, and it is pleasing to venture the belief, that in no part of the civilized world will it be received with more of exultant joy than by the Spanish American father and son who, acknowledging the powers of Dr. Kane, in the battle-field, confessed themselves doubly vanquished by his noble generosity in risking his life to save theirs.

The episode in the life of Dr. Kane, pictures the knightly courtesy and eloquent gratitude of Gen. Gaona and his son, so distinctive of Mexican high tone, must be suggestive of better thoughts and feelings towards neighbor governments and people, and the moral commends itself to all in our National Councils who cannot consent to any form of political or social progress outside the limits of the United States and the reach of actual protection. We have in Dr. Kane a person of enthusiastic temperament, proudly conscious of his American birthright; but, under the shadow of the Temple of Sesostris, and in the remoter points of the Anglo-Indian Empire, capable of a truly catholic sentiment in regard to his fellow-man everywhere.

Could Dr Kane have been spared to put on record his general experiences in some form pleasingly instrustive to children, whom "he loved with a woman's tenderness and a man's forethought," the book would have mutually involved scientific research with the narative style of Stevens, a brother traveller of world-wide name and note.

This biography will prove a grateful offering here in Baltimore, where he had always sympathy and support, and where he was familiarly known as a member of the Maryland Institute.

[From the New York Evening Post.]
PRIVATE LIFE OF AARON BURR.*

HIS EIRST MARRIAGE.

Mr. Parton, the author of this life of Burr, is in some prospects unusually qualified for his task. He has displayed great industry in the collection of his materials, great skill and spirit in his narration, and in spite of his manifest bias in favor of the subject of his memior, a candor hardly to be expected in presenting the facts which militate against the theory he so warmly espouses.

Burr's early associations, his puritanical training as the refractory son of pious parents, (his father being a New Jersey Presbyterian divine and his mother the daughter of the famous Calvinist theologian, Johnathan Edwards,) his military services in the Revolution; his successful early career as a lawyer and a politician; his rivalry with Hamilton, ending with the fatal duel from which is dated his downfall in the public mind, his magnificent filibustering scheme of empire in the southwest, his exile and his return to so many years of bootless toil and finally his death, a dishonored yet still unconquerable old man, in his narrative land, are told with an effective and graphic power, which makes the book extremely readable, and proves the author's undersanding of the popular taste.

We observe in the third edition, just issued, Mr. Parton has corrected an error respecting the circumstances of Rufus King. Speaking of the New York bar, he said that even its successful members were often in pecuniary straits, resulting from carelessness in the management of their money affairs, and in proof cites the case of Rufus King. The example was not happily selected, as our Minister to England was a man of fortune, and during his whole life was exempt from such embarrassments. One of his maxims was, that a political man could never be independent who was poor

With the general facts of Burr's biography, our readers are familiar, but they will find a certain pleasing freshness in the details which Mr. Parton gives of his domestic life It appears that at the age of twenty-three, while commanding the lines in Westchester county, he fell in love with Mrs. Prevost, who, three years after, became his first wife. This lady, who was the widow of a British officer, lived at Paramus, N J., some fifteen miles west of the Hudson, and a romantic story is related of Burr's midnight visit to her dwelling, across a wide river, blockaded with the British gun-boats, and, the interview being ended, of his return before light to his troops, who were as ignorant as the enemy of his clandestine exploits. The most enviable period of his life is described in the account of

HIS FIRST MARRIAGE AT TWENTY-SIX—MRS. PROVOST

That Colonel Burr, the most rising young man in the State of New York, handsome fascinating, well born, famous, whose addresses few maidens in the country would have been inclined to repulse, should have chosen to marry a widow ten years older than himself, with two rollicking boys (one of them eleven years old,) with precarious health and no great estate, was a circumstance which seems to have been incomprehensible to his friends at the time as it has since proved a puzzle to the writers of biographical gossip Upon the theory that Burr *was* the artful devil he has been said to be, all whose ends and aims were his own advancement no man can explain such a marriage. Before the Revolution he had refused point-blank to address a young lady of fortune, whom his uncle, Thaddeus Burr, incessantly urged upon his attention. During the Revolution he was on terms of intimacy with all the great families of the State—the Clintons, the Livingstons, the Schuylers, the Van Renssellears, and the rest—alliance with either of whom gave a young man of only average abilities immense advantages in a State which was to a singular extent under the domination of great families. But no considerations of this kind could break the spell which drew him with mysterious power to the cottage of remote and rural Paramus.

The lady was not beautiful. Besides being past her prime, she was slightly disfigured by a scar on her forehead. It was the graceful and winning manners of Mrs. Prevost that first captivated the mind of Col. Burr. She was, indeed, in all respects, an estimable lady—affectionate, accomplished, well versed in literature, and as much given to the practice as averse to the profession of piety. But it was in character as lady and woman of the world that she proved so irresistibly pleasing to him on their first acquaintance. He used in after years to say that in style and manners she was without a peer among all the women he had ever known, and that if his own manners were in any respect superior to those of men in general, it was owing to the insensible influence of hers. The reader may perhaps have observed that young men of spirit and intelligence, who had been brought up in the severe, ungracious way of the strictest Puritans, are sometimes too keenly susceptible of the charm of manner, and are apt to attach to it an excessive importance.

But a more lasting charm of this lady was her cultivated mind. Burr was a lover of books, a lover of pictures, a lover of everything that distinguishes men from the Puritan, and it was rare, indeed in those days, to find a lady in America who had the kind of culture which sympathizes with such tastes. In Europe, women were only beginning to emerge from the gross ignorance which was thought to be their proper condition, and in America, if they were not ignorant, few had the knowledge interesting to a man like Burr. Among his own female relatives, there was penetrating and brilliant intellect enough; but how perverted, how expressed Some of the most renowned ladies of the time, with a thousand virtues, scarcely ever looked into a book.—Mrs. Putnam was mighty at the spinning wheel; Mrs. Washington (as we lately learn from Mrs. Kirkland's pleasant pages), was a devotee of the knitting needle, and the wife of another famous general was not a little proud of her patchwork quilts. Burr had met few ladies in his earlier life who, like Mrs. Prevost, were familiar with the most recent expressions of European intellect, who could talk intelligently with him about Voltarie, Rousseau, and Chesterfield, and could appreciate those authors without becoming their disciples. It was not mere compliment when Burr told Mrs. Prevost that it was from knowing her that he had first learned to believe in the understanding of woman.

The two sons of Mrs Prevost, so far from being regarded by Colonel Burr as an obstacle to his marriage, were really an incident to it. He inherited his father's passion for training the young.

He was not merely fond of children, but took the liveliest possible interest in their education. There was no period in all his long life when he had not a protege under training. His system of education was indeed, with all the pains he bestowed in applying it fatally deceptive, as was his own system of life. But that he took a real and ardent interest and delight in the development of the youthful character, and spared no pains in promoting what he thought to be the right education of his proteges, there can be no doubt whatever. With a Saxon moral character, Aron Burr might have been a schoolmaster of unheard of excellence—such as the world waits for. Nothing, indeed, was more natural to him than the tone of the instructor. Some month before he was married he concludes one of his letters to Mrs. Prevost in language which illustrates what I mean.

'You wrote me too much by Doni. I hope it was not from a fear that I should be dissatisfied with less. It is I confess rather singular to find fault with the quantity, when matter and manner are so delightful. You must, however, deal less in sentiments, and more in ideas.—Indeed the letter in answer to my last, you will need be particularly attentive to this injunction. I think constantly of the approaching change in our affairs and what it demands. Do not let us like children, be so taken with the prospect as to lose sight of the means. Remember to write me facts and ideas, and don't torment me with facts and compliments, or yourself with sentiments to which I am already no stranger. Write but little but very little at once.'

In another letter he recommends her to buy one of the new Franklin Stoves and suggest the room in which it should be placed. After enlarging, in an style not common to love letters, upon the various good qualities of the stoves, and telling her that, as her little boy would be sure of burning himself at least once with it, it might best to teach him the danger by slightly burning him, he concludes as follows:

'I confess I have still some transient distrusts that you set too little value on your own comfort. Remember, it is not yours alone; but your letters shall convince me. I waive the subject. I am not certain. I shall be regularly punctual to you in writing you in this manner every day when I get at business; but I shall if possible, devote one quarter of an hour a day to you. I return, I demand one-half an hour every day from you; more I forbid, unless on special occasions.—This half hour is to be *mine*, to be invariably at the same time, and, for that purpose, fixed at an hour least liable to interrupption, and as you shall find it most convenient. Mine cannot be so regular as I only indulge myself in it when I am fatigued with busines. The children will each have their sheet, and, at the given hour, write, if but a single word. *Burr*, at this half hour, is to be a kind of watch-word.'

While he was preparing for his examination, his slave Carlos was going very frequently between Paramus and Albany bearing letters and gifts, his letters were mostly in the decisive, commanding manner of the extracts just given, though sufficiently tender and considerate. A notorious calumniator has recently been, in a work of great pretensions, insinuating that Colonel Burr during the winter in Albany, lived on terms of scandalous intimacy with his landlady. The statement is false. Soon after his arrival in Albany, Burr was called upon by Mr. Van Rensselear, the head of the distinguished family of that name. The two young men soon became intimate. Van Rensalear was dissatisfied with Burr's lodgings, and in a spirit of friendliness and hospitality offered to find him better. Burr soon wrote to Mrs. Prevost, that Van Rensalear had succeeded perfectly to his wish. 'I am with two maiden aunts of his,' he said, 'obliging and (incredible!) good-natured the very paragons of neatness. Not an article of furniture, even to a tea-kettle that would not soil a muslin handkerchief. I have two upper rooms,' In these apartments it was that he daily wrote such words as the following to a lady with whom he was anticipating a speedy marriage. 'Though I write very little, it is still half my business, for whenever I find myself either at a loss what to do, or anyhow discomposed or dull, I fly to these sheets, and even if I do not write, I ponder upon it, and in this way sacrifice many hours without reflecting that time passes away.'

On the 2d of July, 1782, by the Rev. David Bogart, of the Reformed Dutch Church, Aaron Burr and Theodosia Prevost were married. They were forthwith established in an ample residence at Albany, where Colonel Burr relieved the monotony of business by assisting in the education of two boys. One the first uses he made of his new dignity of house holder was to give a temporary home to a friend who was in love, and had a project of marriage which it was necessary for some reason to conceal. That friend was the well-known Major Popham, who was married at Col. Col. Burr's house, and who, fifty-four years after, held the pall which covered Burr's remains as they were borne to the grave.

Carlos made no more journeys to Paramus. The charm of the "Hermitage" had departed from it. It may interest some readers to learn that the traditions of the old house, and of the family who inherited it, still exist in the vicinity. Some of the walls of the house are standing, and serve as part of a modern structure. Some relics of its elegant contents—a picture among other things—adorn a neighbouring tavern.—Stories of the grand company that used to assemble at the Hermitage are vaguely told by some of the older inhabitants, and descendants of Mrs. Prevort resided a few miles from the old estate, in an elegant abode, which contains interesting memorial of the olden time.

At Albany, in the first year of his marriage, was born Colonel Burr's only legitimate child, a daughter, whom he named Theodosi. She had a joyful welcome into the world, the beautiful child who was to have so terrible exit from it. A father fond, if not ever wise, received to his arms the infant who was to be to him so much more than a daughter when her indomitable fidelity was all that linked him to the family of man.

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REMARKABLE GIRLS.—A correspondent of the Oswego *Times*, speaks of a family living on "John Brown's Tract," in New York, two girls, twins, of sixteen years, who have never been out of the woods—have never seen any house but their own, and never say any females but their mother and sisters. They have been taught to read by their mother, and although they do not appear "fashionable," they are by no means as awkward as one would suppose. What a world of wonders yet lies before them! What a sight to them would be a steamboat, a railroad car, a city, a thousand things we see every day.

Some funny fellow says that happiness is a pig with a slippery tail, which everybody runs after but nobody can hold.