POETRY.

THE TIMES.

How oft I've thought, and mourned to think,
Times aint as they was uster.
When people went to bed at dark,
And got up with the rooster.

Those days of old were glorious days,
For fashion didn't rule us;
And when the fellers sparked the gals,
We had no fear they'd fool us.

And in those plain, old fashioned times,
The boys worked for their daddies—
The girls assisted their mammas,
And never put on paddies.

The boys tried then by work to learn,
And gain some useful knowledge;
While now, as soon as they are grown,
They must be sent to college.

And then, when you would see the gals,
At work you'd surely find 'em—
Their dress was plain—a linsey coat,
And aprons tied behind 'em

But now the gals have sadly changed
From what they were of yore;
A bustle now they stick behind;
They ne'er used them *before*.

Brick houses then were seldom built,
And log ones seldom painted;
The girls they didn't dress so fine,
And lace up till they fainted.

And when the girls got married then,
They married not for riches;
They loved their husbands as they should,
And never wore the breeches.

The parents they no matches made,
The girls did their own choosin';
And when they went to church at night,
They always put thick shoes on.

A cradle then was never used—
The woman wouldn't ask it;
The baby, when it wished to sleep,
Was laid down in a basket.

VALUABLE RECEIPTS.

A FARMER'S INDIAN PUDDING.

Three small pints of sifted Indian meal, the yellow sort.

A quart of rich milk.

A pint of West India molasses.

A tablespoonful of ground cinnamon, or ginger.

Before you begin, set over the fire a large pot filled with water, which must boil hard by the time the pudding is mixed. Put the milk by itself, into another pot or saucepan, and give it a boil. When it has come to a boil, pour it into a deep pan, and stir into it a pint of the best West India molasses. Then add by degrees, the Indian meal, a handful at a time; and lastly the spice. Stir the whole very hard. Have ready a square pudding cloth; dip it in boiling water; shake it out; dredge it with flour, and spread it open in a broad pan. Then pour the pudding-batter into the cloth; and, leaving near one-third vacant, as room for it to swell, tie it firmly with tape. Make a morsel of stiff dough with flour and a little water, and with it stop closely the little aperture at the tying-place, to prevent water, from getting in there. Plaster it on well.—Put the pudding into the large pot of boiling water; cover it closely with the lid; and let it boil steadily for at least three hours; four will not be too long. While boiling, turn it frequently.—As the water boils away, replenish it with some more water, kept boiling hard for this purpose, in a kettle. On no account pour in *cold* water, as that will render the pudding heavy. Turn it out of the cloth immediately before it goes to table, and eat it with butter and molasses. It will be found excellent. The West India molasses will make it as light as if it had eggs.

You may add with the spice, the yellow rind of a large lemon or orange, finly grated.

INDIAN MUSH.

Have ready on the fire a pot of boiling water Stir into it by degrees (a handful at a time) sufficient Indian meal to make it very thick, and then add a very small portion of salt. You must keep the pot boiling on the fire all the time you are throwing in the meal; and between every handful, stir very hard with the mush-stick, (a round stick flattened at one end,) that the mush may not be lumpy. After it is sufficiently thick, keep it boiling for an hour longer stirring it occasionally. Then cover the pot, and hang it higher up the chimney, so as to simmer slowly or keep hot for another hour. The goodness of mush depends greatly on its being long and thoroughly boiled. If sufficiently cooked, it is wholesome and nutritious, but exactly the reverse if made in haste. It is not too long to have it altogether three or four hours over the fire; on the contrary it will be much the better for it.

Eat it warm; either with milk, or cover your plate with mush, make a hole in the middle, put some butter in the hole and fill it up with molasses.

Cold mush that has been left, may be cut into slices and fried in butter.

Burgoo is made precisely in the same manner as mush, but with oatmeal instead of Indian.

COCOA-NUT PUDDING.

Having opened a cocoa-nut, pare off the brown skin from the pieces, and wash them all in cold water. Then weigh three quarters of a pound, and grate it into a dish. Cut up half a pound of butter into half a pound of powdered loaf-sugar, and stir them together to a cream; add to them a glass of wine and rose water mixed. Beat the whites only, of twelve eggs, till they stand alone on the rods; and then stir the grated cocoa-nut and the beaten white of egg alternately into the butter and sugar; giving the whole a hard stirring at the last. Put the mixture into a buttered dish, lay puff paste round the flat edge, and bake it half an hour in a moderate oven. When cold, grate powdered sugar over it.

TO PICKLE CUCUMBERS.

Wash the cucumbers in cold water, being careful not to bruise or break them. Make a brine of rock or blown salt (rock is the best) strong enough to bear up an egg or a potato, and of sufficient quantity to cover the cucumbers.

ROUTES RESUMED.

Steamer Cambridge,

CAPT. JNO. R. GRIFFITH.

FOR ANNAPOLIS, WEST RIVER, CAMBRIDGE AND EASTON, CHESTERTOWN & CORSICA.

The Steamer CAMBRIDGE will leave Baltimore on Monday morning, 19th inst., at 7 o'clock, for Chestertown and Corsica, and return same day.

The Steamer CAMBRIDGE will leave Baltimore on TUESDAY morning 20th inst., at 7 o'clock, for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge and Easton, & return on Wednesday, leaving Easton at 7 A. M.

The CAMBRIDGE will leave Baltimore every THURSDAY morning, at 7 o'clock, for Chestertown and Corsica, and return same day.

The CAMBRIDGE will leave Baltimore every FRIDAY morning, at 7 o'clock, for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge and Easton, and return on SATURDAY, leaving Easton at 7 A. M., for Baltimore. The above routes will be continued throughout the season.

Freight for the above places taken at low rates. HENRY TRAVERS, Agent,

July 25, 1849. Light street wharf.

ON HER OLD ROUTE.

The popular and favorite Steamer **OSIRIS**, Capt. James Tilghman, now in complete order. Having within the last three months had a new Boiler and a thorough overhauling, she is better calculated for accommodation of passengers than she has ever been before.

She has recently been purchased for the route here advertised. Her owners ask a fair share of the public patronage, and promise that no pains shall be spared on their part to accommodate those who may be disposed to travel with them.

The Osiris will leave Commerce St. Wharf, every Wednesday and Saturday Morning, for *CORSICA* and *CHESTERTOWN*, returning the same day. She will stop at *KENT ISLAND*, on Wednesday Afternoons and Saturday Mornings.

The Osiris will leave Commerce St. Wharf, every Monday morning, at 6 o'clock, for *ANNAPOLIS, CAMBRIDGE*, and *EASTON*, and return by the same route, on Tuesday, leaving Easton at 7 o'clock.

The Osiris will leave Commerce St. Wharf, every Thursday Morning, at 7 o'clock, for *ANNAPOLIS, WEST RIVER, WYE LANDING, ST. MICHAEL'S* and *MILES RIVER FERRY*, returning by the same route, on Friday, leaving Miles' River Ferry at 7 o'clock.

EXCURSION PASSENGERS taken on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at $1 for the round trip.

July 18, 1849. tf

Saddle and Harness Maker.

THE subscriber returns his thanks to his friends and the public generally, for their liberal patronage heretofore extended to him and hopes by strict attention to business to receive a continuance of the same. All persons wanting to buy *SADDLES, BRIDLES, and HARNESS* of all kinds, will do well to call on him at the old stand a few doors below the Messrs. Straughn's store, before purchasing elsewhere, as I intend to sell as low as they can be bought in the city of Baltimore or elsewhere.—All kinds of Repairing done at the shortest notice and on accommodating terms.

ISAAC J. T. HARRIS,

May 30th, 1849. Cambridge, Md.

Insolvent Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors of Valentine Insley, Jr., that a personal discharge hath been granted to said debtor, and that the 22d day of October being the first day of our county court next succeeding this date, hath been set apart for the final hearing in his case where his creditors may attend, and shew cause if any they have, why a final discharge shall not be granted said debtor.

Test— WM. JACKSON, Cl'k.

July 11, 1849.—3m* DOR. CO. COURT.

NOTICE.

THREE months have now elapsed since the firm of White & Anderson was discontinued, and but few of their accounts have been settled. I now most earnestly and respectfully call on each and every person indebted for an immediate settlement. This is absolutely necessary to enable me to pay their liabilities and close up their business.

THOS. W. ANDERSON,

Surviving partner of White & Anderson.

June 6th, 1849.—(3w c)

CABINET MAKING.

NOAH ABBOTT,

RETURNS his grateful acknowledgements to his friends and the public, for the liberal patronage he has received at their hands, and informs them, that he still continues to carry on the CABINET MAKING at the old stand formerly occupied by his father; where he is always ready to make up FURNITURE: such as *Sideboards, Bureaux, Bedsteads, Tables, Wash-stands, Work-stands, Wardrobes, &c., re-varnishing* and *re-upholstering*, all of which will be done at reasonable prices.

He is prepared at all times to attend to the burial of the dead, as well as all other matters connected with undertaking. Orders entrusted to him will receive prompt attention. His prices shall be moderate.

CAMBRIDGE, MD.—April 18th 1849—tf.

1849.

Latest New York Styles.

THE undersigned takes pleasure in notifying the public, that he has received his Spring and Summer styles of GOODS, which he has selected with care. And therefore hopes to be able to suit the different tastes of his customers, and all who may give him a call—in any of the following articles, viz: Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Ginghams, Lawns, Fancy Prints, Mouslings, and Domestic goods generally. Also, a full assortment of Queens Ware, Hard Ware & GROCERIES. All of which, together with a variety of other articles too tedious to mention, he is prepared to sell on very moderate terms. FRANCIS A. STEWART,

April 25, 1849—tf Cambridge, Md.

Carriage and Harness

MANUFACTORY.

CAREY & SCHLEIGH gratefully return their thanks for the patronage received of their friends and the public, and hope by renewed exertions to merit a continuance of the same. They still manufacture at their old stand in CAMBRIDGE, *CARRIAGES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION*; and are prepared to do all kinds of *REPAIRING*, at the shortest notice and in the very best manner.

They have in theire mploy excellent workmen and the best *MATERIALS*, and will make Carriages to order, and on accommodating terms.

They are determined to sell as good and cheap carriages, as can be made on this Shore or elsewhere. The public are respectfully invited to give them a call.

May 9th, 1849. 1y

INDUCEMENTS

Greater than Ever.

THOSE who are in want of CLOTHING cannot do better than to call on the subscriber, as he is determined to offer such inducements in the sale of MENS' and BOYS' CLOTHING as will defy competition.

On hand, a fine assortment of *Cloths, Cassimeres*, and *Vestings*, which he will make up to order, in the neatest manner and latest styles at lower prices than ever.

He is now receiving and making up his Spring and Summer stock, and would request a call from citizens and strangers who buy to sell again, as he can offer them such bargains as cannot fail to realize a handsome profit.

L. JARRETT,

100 Baltimore street, corner Holliday

Feb. 28, 1849.—6m Baltimore, Md.

James Grey's

Thomsonian Botanic Medicine Depot,

No. 2 Water St., one door west of South St.,

BALTIMORE, MD.

THE subscriber has constantly on hand a general assortment of genuine Thomsonian Botanic Medicine, which are warranted to be equal if not superior to any in the United States, in point of quality. His establishment being the oldest in the city, and having an experience of many years, he assures those persons who may favor him with their orders that all the compounds which pass through his hands are prepared of the choicest articles and in strict conformity to the prescriptions of the most distinguished authors, and will be sold on terms which cannot fail to please. Dealers are invited to call and examine for themselves as a liberal discount will be given.

N. B.—Also constantly on hand Shoemakers Heel-balls, Black Varnish, and Ink, of superior quality. [April 18, 1849.—1y

COSTUME HALL.

Spring and Summer Clothing!

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

ON hand and for sale, the largest and best assortment of *Spring & Summer Clothing*, at prices very much reduced.

COATS.—Coats of every variety, embracing all the latest styles, and of an improved cut and make, from 75 cts. to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, $10, and upwards.

PANTALOONS.—Pantaloons of all kinds, from 75 cts. to 1, 1.50, 1.75, 2, 2.50, and also a very fashionable style, the Lamartine stripe, as low as 3, 3.50, $4, and upwards.

VESTS.—Vests of every variety, comprising Silk, Satin, Cashmere, Marseilles, Valencia, from 50 cts. to 75 cts., $1, $2, $2.50, $3 and upwards.

BOY'S CLOTHING.—Always on hand the largest and best assortment of Boy's clothing ever offered in this city.

A splendid assortment of *CLOTHS* and *CASSIMERES* of the best make, together with a large and handsome variety of *SILK & MARSEILLES VESTINGS*, which will be made up to order in the best manner, 20 per cent. less than the accustomed prices, and in all cases a neat and beautiful fit guaranteed,

AT COSTUME HALL,

Corner of Pratt street & Centre Market Space.

H. H. COLE.

☞Attached to the above, is one of the largest and most extensive SHIRT FACTORIES in the country, embracing every variety and make, at prices which cannot fail to please any one wishing to purchase.

☞*ONE PRICE ONLY.*☜

Baltimore—April 4, 1849. 1y

New and Beautiful Spring GOODS.

WILLIAM C. LITTLETON,

MERCHANT TAILOR.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has just returned from Baltimore, with a beautiful assortment of new and *fashionable Spring Goods*, which will be kept up throughout the season, and which will be made up low for the cash, or on a reasonable credit to suit his customers, and the public generally—he has just commenced the above business.

His stock consist in part as follows:

CLOTHS: of the various colors, of French and English fabrics.

CASSIMERES: French Doeskin, and superior plain black, stripe and fancy, for spring and summer wear.

VESTINGS: Silks, plain and fancy Satins, Cashmere, Marseilles, Duck, &c.; Summer cloth; Tweeds; cashmeretts; Alpacas; Linen drillings; Linen Duck, &c. &c.

From his long experience in the cutting line, enables him confidently to challenge a comparison with any other cutter on the Eastern Shore.

All garments entrusted to his establishment, will be cut and trimmed in a style that cannot be surpassed by any other establishment in town.

WM. C. LITTLETON, respectfully tenders his thanks to the public for their liberal patronage heretofore. He now invites a call as he is determined to sell low, and warrants every thing to be made up in the latest and most fashionable manner, equal in *fit & finish* to any other house in town, as he is an experienced cutter, *calculated to please the most fastidious.* All orders promptly attended to.

Cambridge—May 2, 1849.—c.

A CARD.

THE undersigned gives notice to the public generally, that he is now prepared to draw DEEDS, BONDS, BILLS OF SALE, &c., with *correctness*, neatness and despatch, on the most reasonable terms. He can always be found at the Clerk's office in Cambridge.

JOSIAH JUMP.

June 13, 4849. c 3m

1849.

SPRING AND SUMMER FASHIONS!

EDWARD STREET,

RESPECTFULLY begs leave to inform his numerous customers that he has received the latest Philadelphia SPRING FASHIONS, and would invite the public generally to call and see him, should they want anything in his line of business, as he is prepared to make work in a manner and style that cannot be surpassed on the Eastern Shore, and he warrants all work made in his shop to fit, and to be made in good style, and done according to promise.

Garments of all kinds cut with the same care as if he was to make them. [mh 28 '49

J. M. OREM. W. S. HOPKINS.

OREM & HOPKINS,

MERCHANT TAILORS, & WHOLESALE DEALERS in Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings and Tailors' Trimmings.

No. 230 Baltimore st., N.W. Corner of Charles, BALTIMORE.

A large assortment of READY MADE CLOTHING, of superior quality.

☞*ONE PRICE ONLY.*☜

☞Cloth rooms up stairs—Entrance, south end of the Store on Charles street.☜

February 28, 1849. 1y

Summer Fashions for 1849.

JNO. B. SPEDDEN. JAS. B. MILLS.

SPEDDEN & MILLS,

HAVING just received the Summer Fashions for 1849, would respectfully inform their friends and the public generally, that they are prepared to *cut* and *make* all garments in their line, in the most fashionable, and improved workmanship of the age. Therefore with the determination to spare no pains, either to please or accommodate, they respectfully solicit a liberal share of the peoples patronage.

☞Their shop can be found in the house at present occupied by Mr. Jno. T. Wilson, three doors above the Hotel of Mr. John Bradshaw

CAMBRIDGE—March 21st, 1849.——tf

THE MOST EXTENSIVE

Shirt Establishment

IN THE UNITED STATES IS AT

No. 179, Baltimore St., near Light,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

Where 500 persons are employed, and a stock of 1000 dozen Shirts always on hand.

MERCHANTS AND OTHERS visiting Baltimore are invited to call and examine the largest and best stock of SHIRTS that has ever been offered, consisting of all sizes and qualities, for MEN AND BOYS, which for style and workmanship cannot be surpassed. More than usual efforts have been made to render the assortment complete and desirable in every respect.

Mh. 14, 1849.—y T. W. BETTON.

Spring and Summer Fashions, Just Received.

THE undersigned most respectfully informs his friends and patrons, that he still continues to conduct the **Tailoring Business** at his old stand on main street, nearly opposite the store of O. P. HOOPER esq.

Thankful for past favours, he hopes by punctuality and strict attention to business to merit a continuance of the same.

He flatters himself that his long and unrivalled experience in his profession, will enable him to consult the taste of his patrons in regard to the style of their garments, avoiding the extreme of fashion when they desire it, as he is well aware that there are many who wish, that in their dress they may not attract attention by being either in the heighth of fashion, nor yet very far behind it.

The undersigned deems it hardly necessary to re-assure his friends and the public, that the utmost confidence may be had in the accuracy of fit, and superiority in manufacture in his establishment.

He would also inform them that he has reduced his prices; having determined to manufacture garments on the following terms for cash or to punctual customers on short credit. Dress and frock coats $5.00, pants and vests from 1 to $1.25, sack coats from $2 to 3.50, and all other garments in his line in the same proportion.

A. WASHINGTON HINES.

ap. 11, 1849—6m East New Market.

CABINET MAKING.

THE subscriber being thankful for past favors, respectfully solicits a continuance of the same. He still continues to carry on the above business at his old stand just below the POST OFFICE, where he is always ready to make *Sideboards, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Tables, Wash-stands, Wardrobes, &c.*, together with all kinds of Furniture.

COFFIN MAKING.

He will make of the best materials, Mahogony coffins, (hinge-led, lined and wadded) for $16; plain do. $15; Walnut do. $9; Poplar do. $6; common flat top pine do. $3; Childrens do., in proportion. He will send a HEARSE to any part of the county. Wheat FANS made to order, or repaired on accommodating terms.

Work will be done cheap for *Cash*, or country produce.

WM. WHERRETT,

Jan. 31, 1849.—6m Cambridge, Md.

LAST NOTICE.

THE undersigned having left the county, has placed his accounts into the hands of THOMAS J. DAIL & BRO., for speedy collection. He hopes those indebted to him will call on the Messrs. Dail, and settle the same without delay as longer indulgence will not be given.

WM. LUTTMAN.

May 9, 1849. c3m

TAKE NOTICE.

I HEREBY forwarn any person or persons from harboring my negro boy BILL BRADLEY, who ran away from me on the 30th day of June last. Those that disregard this notice will have the law put in full force against them, with respect to persons.

HARRISON D. BARNETT.

July 18, 1849. 3w

TAKE NOTICE.

I HEREBY forwarn all persons from hunting or gunning on my farm near Cambridge, called "Sandy Point," or trespassing on it in any way, by crossing or otherwise, as I intend to put the law in full force against all such offenders. I also intend to pound cattle and other stock that may be found trespassing on said premises.

JNO. E. STEVENS.

July 25, 1849. 3m

Removal.

LABORATORY OF THOMSONIAN BOTANIC MEDICINES.

EPH'M. LARRABEE, No. 20 South Calvert street, Baltimore, has removed his Laboratory to his new building No. 24, and has always on hand the largest and most complete assortment of pure Botanic remedies in the United States, prepared under his special care at his Laboratory—being the first erected in the United States for the special purpose of preparing THOMSONIAN BOTANIC MEDICINES.—All of the pulverized and compounded articles are put upin quarter and half pound packages, and neatly labelled, with directions suitable for retailing, and upon better terms than the same article can be had for in the U.S. Every article in his line is warranted genuine—the public can rely upon this.

A liberal discount made to country merchants, who are particularly requested to call and examine quality, &c. before purchasing.

The various Treatises, embracing the most reputed authors, upon the Thomsonian or Botanic System of Medicine, may also be had at his establishment, by the quantity or single copy.

aug. 30, 1848—1y

Agricultural Impliments, &c.

E. WHITMAN will offer for sale this season, the largest Stock of AGRICULTURAL IMPLIMENTS AND SEEDS ever found in an Agricultural Warehouse in the city of Baltimore; consisting in part of

100 Whitman's Premium Wrought Iron Railway Horse powers. Price of the Double Power, $100, single ditto $75.

100 various kinds of Sweep Horse-powers, viz: Fitz's, Allen's, Kirkpatrick's and others, from $65 to $120.

200 Whitman's Improved Threshers. The cylinder of this machine will last 100 years, in constant use.—Price, $45 to $50. If the Straw Carrier is attached, $15 will be added: and if made to thresh and clean at one operation, price $100.

50 common Threshers, as low as can be purchased in any part of the country.

6,000 PLOUGHS,

Consisting of every kind sold in Maryland, New York and Massachusetts. The first Premium on Ploughs in the Ploughing Match of the State Fair, holden at Baltimore, last November, was looked upon as a matter of great importance to every one engaged in agriculture; and this made the contest a spirited one, and brought in ploughs from all parts of the country, among which was the Wiley, Moor and Chamberlain, "Maryland Self-sharpener," and a host of others. The Committee, *after trial*, had no hesitation in awarding the *first* premium to E. Whitman, Jr., for the work done with his Pouty & Mears' Centre Draught Plough.

300 Cultivators, which also received the first premium at the State Fair and various other Fairs.—Price, $4 to $6.

50 Corn and cob crushers, which received the first Premium at the State Fair, and also at the Fair of the Maryland Institute, & at various other Fairs. Price $50.

200 *Wheat Fans*, of various kinds and patterns, among which is I. T. Grant's, which is now used in this country and in Europe with great success; and we consider it the best Fan in use. Price, from $26 to $40.

500 *Whitman's Premium Corn Shellers.*—Price, $15, $16, $30.

200 *Straw Cutters*, from $7 to $45.

500 Premium churns, from $2.50 to $7.

50 Corn Planters. One boy and horse with this drill will plant 10 acres per day. Price $20.

50 *Cider Mills.* These mills grind the apple to a pulp, and are warranted to produce more cider, and of better quality, than any other mill. Price $20 and $25.

A large stock of Wheat Drills; Hay Presses, Gold Washers, and all kinds of Plough Castings, Grain Cradles, Shovels, Hoes, Spades, &c., &c.

E. WHITMAN, Jr.,

corner of Light & Pratt sts. Baltimore, Md.

March 28, 1849. 1y

THE BEST COUNTRY PAPER PUBLISHED IN MARYLAND!

FOURTH YEAR OF THE

CAMBRIDGE DEMOCRAT!

TERMS:—Single subscriptions $2 a year—$1 50 in advance. To CLUBS: 6 copies (one year) for $6—12 copies for $10—20 copies for $15—payable in advance. Any person sending us *SIX new subscribers*, shall receive one copy of the paper *gratis*, for one year. Those who wish to subscribe have only to enclose the amount in a letter, aderessed to

WM. H. BOWDLE,

Publisher of the Cambridge (Md.) Democrat,

All letters must be *post paid.*

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ADVERTISEMENTS inserted at $1 per square for the three first insertions, and 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. (12 lines or less make a square.) Where the number of insertions are not marked on an advertisement, it will be continued until forbid, & charged accordingly.

By the year, TEN DOLLARS per square; and larger ones in proportion. Yearly advertisements must be paid for within 3 months after first insertion. ☞In no case will the above TERMS be deviated FROM.☜

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WM. H. BOWDLE, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Poetry.

[For the Democrat.]

MR. EDITOR:—The following poem is not presented to the public, because of any poetical merit, but because of the peculiarity of the circumstances under which it was composed. It was written upon the wall, while lying in bed in a very high stage of fever, succeeding a severe ague, and its character was not known until the subsiding of the mental excitement. As it appeared on the wall, I transcribed it, and now give it to you. If you think it proper you can give it, with this observation to your readers.

THE MID-NIGHT SCENE.

BY A NEW CONTRIBUTOR.

The midnight hour had pass'd—the cloudless sky,
Arrayed in richest tapestry of blue—
Suspended, as it seemed, to each the poles;
While, in the o'er-head canopy, the stars,
Commanded by their great Director, seem'd
To watch earth's slumb'ring millions. All around
Was quietness, except the rivulet,
Which, sparkling in the moon's pale light, o'er fell
Their tiny cataract, and, smiling, onward leapt.
The wind seemed weary, and reposed beneath
The mountain shadow, or, far within their
Untracked solitudes did sleep.

Fatigued, I sat me on a cliff,
O'er hanging far a silver lake, which not
A ripple stirr'd. No eye that rolled within
The human socket saw me there; and yet
Strange beings crowded all around; and sounds—
Quick—shrill—slow—such as ne'er were heard before
By human ears, in whispering accents, fell
Upon my brain. The hum of moving spirits fill'd
The air: and then, a rust'ling, as
Of silken tresses, as if hosts, in haste,
On midnight wings did fly. I tried to speak—
But, ere my tongue obeyed, a cont'rence in
The air, 'mong some Invisibles, did bid
All heaven listen, and earth stand still and hear.
I sat and heard;
And with forebodings dread did tremble.
The word was given:
"All ready?"—asked a deep unearthly voice.
"Ay ready!"
The hollow tones of him that spake, did seem
Sepulchral, and sent the blood throughout
My frame, all quiv'ring with excitement.
"THEN BIND!"
I felt, as death dew gather'd on my brow,
The cold and bony hands of beings bind
Me hand and feet.
Bound! bound!!
This answer, half suppressed, did chuckle in
The speaker's throat.
Away! away!!
Up leaping on a cloud, with lightning speed
Away we fled: suns, systems, worlds, were far
Below—until, upon the glittering
Hill-top of an unknown world we stood. Around,
The light'ning, leaping from its darkened throne,—
The trembling thunder, breaking from its cell
Of dreadful strugglings, made the mountain burn,
And from its deep laid basis quake, as tho'
An hundred earth-quakes struggled in its breast
For freedom.
All around was fire! above beneath!
And it, communicating with the base
Below, ignited all! when, in a twink,
Up rushed a rock enormous the yielding
Centre through, which carried on its heated breast,
My broiling body, till in a whirlwind caught,
And, in a thousand atoms—scattered here
And there—I flew, and fell—mysterious—
And stood a skeleton, in the midst
Of skeletons aghast!
By one, as fleshless as
Myself, by hand was taken, through a dark,
Deep subteraneous cavern, where, ere this,
The human foot had never trod.
There millions lay:
And skulls, and bones, and reptiles—creatures all
Ill shapen lay—scattered and crawling.
I passed them by.
With sudden jirk was thrice turned round; when, lo!
The sound of rat'ling bones was heard. Then in
A slimy corner, lit by brimstone fire,
I saw them all stand up, and heard a new—
Drawn parchment read, while grating sounds
Of assert to its import chuckled in
Their throats.

It was of me they read.
A pall of deepest blackness was o'er head hung,
And curtains all around us drawn, alone
I stood. A giant skeleton approached,
With parchment writ in blood; and as he trod,
His bony feet did sound upon the pavement of
His cave. We were alone. With pen within
His fleshless fingers, nip'd and dip'd in blood,
To write the answers to his questions. "Friend?"
And, as he spoke, deep hollow sounds without,
Retorted "Friend!" "You're one of us! and this,
Your home!" Your business * * * * *
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"I will," said I.
"Amen!"
A thousand voices cried. "Then follow me."
A door of massive granite oped, Down—down
The winding staircase, built of human bones,
We trod: and sights—horrific sights—were seen
Unmentionable here. Appalled, I shook—
And groaned—and screamed, and opening my eyes,
I found it all a feverish Dream.

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