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#### For the Argue. The Way of Transgressors is Bard.

In the year 1790, in the south-east part of Virginia, in the evening of a beautiful day in June, a student from one of the institutions of the Old Dominion was on his return to his father's. He had chosen the profession of the law, and intended to es- the reader's notice. The demon Avarice and the wages of labor. tablish himself as a lawyer somewhere, had taken possession of the sordid soul of spending in one form or another-and so he shall be his own judge what he shall His age was twenty four, and nature had bestowed upon him her choicest gifts. He was of noble bearing, strong in his attach-• ments, brave and generous—in short, a *true Virginian.* About sunset he arrived at o fine mansion-house, and applied for bestowed upon him her choicest gifts. He at o fine mansion-house, and applied for entertainment. A young woman came to the door and informed him that the over-seer and all the blacks of that form were absent, and none at home except herself were at home but the two young ladies .-and the lady who owned the farm. He Why the student took his two rifle pistols requested to see the mistress, when soon a into his room, he never could tell. The most charming, beautiful, and lovely night was calm and clear, the moon shone young lady made her appearance. He bright, and all nature, dressed in living plague. That responsibility we beg to ART. 8. No member of this Society shall then informed her that he was a stranger. that he humbly solicited entertainment for the night. The lady replied that it would not be expedient for him to remain ; as the the murder of the two young ladies, and. two ladies were alone, and besides that there were no servants present to attend to his horse. His reply was that they had the word and honor of a Virginian for his good deportment, and that, as to servants, he could attend to his own horse. The mistress began to relent, when her com- dreadful plot for murdering the young lapanion urged that he should not be allowed to remain, as he might kill them both. This a horrid groan, expired. she uttered in a whisper, but the lady of the house observed to her that there could be no danger from such a beautiful and The Condition of the Laboring Classes in England. noble-looking beau ! The young lawyer was directed where to stow away his horse, supper was prepared, and soon the parties felt perfectly at home in each other's society.

Agreeable conversation whiled away the time till 11 o'clock at night, when they all retired to rest. But they did not all find sweet repose in balmy sleep. The young woman who was afraid that our studeat would kill them, had become so assured, that she entertained the mistress for some time in praising the lawyer. She soon however fell asleep, but the lady of scribe, that it is astonishing that an Amerthe mansion remained awake till 1 o'clock. when she heard the back door of the house gently opened, and the feet of per. might assume on the slavery question .-sons cautiously approaching. They soon came to a parlor door leading toward the been passing through some ague stricken the mote out of our brothers' eyes, there young lady's bed-chamber. This door was region in the South, at the time he wrote should be no societies formed, no pains talocked, and the assassing had some trouble his letter, or he would not have been re- ken, to induce men first to cast the beam in fitting a key to unlock the door. While they were thus engaged, the mistress dressed and gently fled to the door of the room where the lawyer had retired, and tapped. He was awake, and inquired who wanted him. She told him in a few words, when he sprang from his bed, seized his two rifle pistols, (revolvers were not in use in those days,) directed her to remain in his room, and said that he would protect her at the cost of his own life, and passed quickly to her room. The murderers by this time were trying their keys to the lock of the door of that chamber. He heard one say to the other, "Let us give up this bloody business; the young lady has never harmed us, and why should her wealth cause us to take her life?" The other man observed that he had no such fool qualms, and that he would not suffer that opportunity to pass without clearing every obstacle to his possession of her wealth. They soon opened the door, and also opened a dark lantern toward the bed when the light enabled the student to discern two black men, raggedly dressed, and armed with large butcher knives. He fired at one of them, who uttered a horrid soream, and fell, when the other fled, but instantly received a ball in his back, which brought him down also. Lights were soon had, and the dreadful shricks of the wound. ed man, who had attempted to flee, brought market to make known their want of em-" inmates of the house to his side, for his ployment. Everywhere in the country the name of the Self-Examining Society voice was the mistress of the mans.on! The other man Poor law guardians and country magis- pable of moral improvement. had died in a few moments. this brother-in-law was, and who were his els against their stern reign; the latter and correct our own; to suppress all manintended victims. The justice of an An seeing God had overtaken him. Mr. Weldon, his father-in-law, had married in early mere engine of work-house discipline. As neighbor either of his property or characlife, and had been blessed in the birth of to the want of work it proves no more than ter. two charming girls-Clarissa and Amanda, what everybody knows. Everybody knows ART. 3. This society shall be independ-Ere the girls had attained their twelfth that just now it is min winter, the ent of all other societies; each member year (they were twins), their mother died, or frozen, and that consequently the cm- leges to attend to his own concerns, and leaving no other children. They were player does not get much work done for he shall make it his duty to mind his own placed at boarding-schools, and were taught his money, or the work so well done .- business, and let others' alone; and no all the ornamental branches of a finished Anybody who has under his observation a Presidents, Vice Presidents, committees, education. Their father never married number of private works will notice that or delegates, shall be chosen by this socie- his last public orders, to take his ultimate Matthews had won the affections of the fair fewer railways in progress than for some ings, until such a work of charity shall he has so long had the honor to command, and extended his hand : and lovely Clarissa, and at the age of sev- years past. The army, navy, and dock- have been begun at home. enteen she was married to her lover. Hers yards have been discharging their super. ART. 4. There shall be no public or recommendations to their country, and his fortune equally to his two daughters. In his will he provided that if Amanda died withou image ther estate should descend to withou image ther estate should descend to



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### OREGON CITY, OREGON, JULY 4, 1857.

Matthews and his wife. The homestead our children and glory for ourselves, but from time to time, for funds to support this tion, the Commander-in Chief is about to was left to Amanda, and she, with the as-sistance of a faithful overseer, managed well the affairs of the form. She were sorry capital for re-invest. the one of the year well the affairs of the form. She were sorry capital for re-invest. the one of the year of the form will be closed forever." well the affairs of the farm. She pre- it affords a very sorry capital for re-invest- ing addresses to convince us how much vailed on a young woman of her acquain-gible result of the war is that we are pay-tance to live with her as a companion, and ing income tax, every sixpense of which is examine ourselves. this lady we have already introduced to abstracted from the funds of enterprise Aur. 6. Every member of this society the reader's notice. The demon Avarice and the wages of labor.

Matthews, and he determined to grasp little satisfaction do most people happily cat or what he shall drink, or wherewiththe wealth of the beautiful and kind find in merely adding pound to pound- al he shall be clothed, while gluttony, come peace, come war, come famine, come secs. green, seemed to utter silent praises to and weary from a hard day's travel, and that God who called all things into exist- es of the prevailing distress, in order that seek to establish his own character and con ence. Mathews had hired his own over. seer, at three thousand dollars, to assist in political economy answers :-" Nothing ; pear whiter, but it shall be the duty if necessary, help to prove an alibi, self out." We are to button up our pock- position, and set a double guard against should Mathews be suspected. dows at the spectacle of poverty running

The wretched man lingered for six through its phrases, and coming to a natuhours in great agony of body, but the tor- ral conclusion. These tender processes do ture of his mind was beyond language to not bear the least interruption. Poverty, depict. He made full confession of the provided the conditions be favorable for it it will become rather excited, argumentadies, with all the circumstances, and, with X. Y.

# (To be continued.)

Mn. EDITOR-In The Argus of last Saturday (June 27th), in the article over the signature of "Justus," there appears an odd-and it shows what paradoxes the most extract from a letter to the London Daily healthy British minds can go through in News, written by an Englishman who was their very gradual and irregular developtraveling through the Southern States of ment-that just now the state is most our Union, descriptive of a certain class of white men in the slaveholding States, at the very time that it will not give one whom he styles " niggerless." The whole farthing to poverty and toil." picture which he gives is so strongly overdrawn, and is so manifestly a gross caricature of the class which he attempts to deican should have referred to such a source for proof to support him in any position he This jaundice-eved Englishman must have

"Such is the general propensity for ing and drinking, and every thing else, but

seer and all the blacks of that farm were when our hero arrived that evening, none bave to explain all this, which, indeed, ex- suits him best, or to chew or smoke tobacplains itself to the common understanding; co, or take snull, when not offensive to the but we are held in some quarters responsi- company he is in, without being excommuble for the perpetual and constant pros-perity of the country, come what will-over to the buffeting of cold water Phari-

disclaim ; and we only mention the caus- ever set himself up above his fellows, or it be better apprehended in connection sequence by blackening his neighbor's with them. What is to be done ? A stern good name, thinking to make his own apwe are to leave the problem to work it. every one to examine Lis or her own disets, shut your doors, and look out of win- the sin that besets him or her.

> VERBUM SAT. Lane County, Oregon, Jane 25, 1857.

Washington's Farewell to his Army. "Can tyrants but by tyrants conquered be, And freedom find no champion and no child Such as Columbia saw arise, when she Spraug forth a Pallas, armed and undefiled ? will undergo first the vinous fermention : it will become in the it will pass through the acetic fermentation, and sour into the acetic fermentation, and sour into crime. It is then ripe for our jails. We hnow how to deal with it in that state; bnow how to deal with it in that state; where are quite of a infant Washington? Has earth no more such such seed within her breast, or Europe no such shore?" Byron.

spend on a criminal twice as much as on The Revolution was over. Eight years a pauper, and thrice as much as on an conflict had censed, and the warriors were honest laborer out of doors. It is rather now to separate forever, turning their weapons into ploughshares and their camps into

workshops. The spectacle, though a subkind, generous, and open-handed towards crime in all its stages and circumstances, For the Argus.

be grateful.

Among the many societies established in The details of the condition of many of Woodhull was barbarously murdered while our country to extend the principles of Christianity, and to improve the morals of the people at large, it is a subject of real regret, that while so laudable a zeal is manment of winter, and hardly fit for any other eccentric Lee was no longer living; and brief paragraph, as follows: "The ne-

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The closing of the "military scenes" we are about to relate.

ington on the 25th of November. A few days afterward, he notified the President of Congress-which body was then in session at Annapolis, in Maryland-that as the

his duty to proceed thence and surrender to that body the commission which he had received from them more than eight years before.

The morning of the 5th of December, 1783, was a sad and heavy one to the remnant of the American army in the city of New York. The noon of that day was to witness the farewell of Washington-be was to bid adieu to his military comrades forever. The officers who had been with him in solemn council, the privates who had fought and bled in the " heady fight," under his orders, were to hear his commands no longer. The manly form and dignified countenance of the "great captain" were henceforth to live only in their memories.

As the hour of noon approached, the whole garrison, at the request of Wash- weapon of war to crush, only that he ington himself, was put in motion, and might rule. What to him were the ories marched down Broad street to 'Francis's of the widows and orphans! He passed tavern, his head-quarters. He wished to to a throne by making the dead bodies of take leave of private soldiers alike with the their protectors his stepping stones. Amofficers, and bid them all adieu. His fa bition-self-were the gods of his idolatry, vorite light infantry were drawn up in a and to them he sacrificed hecatombs of his line facing inwards, through Pearl street, fellow men for the aggrandizement of his to the foot of Whitehall, where a barge personal glary. Enthusiasm points with was in readiness to convey him to Powle's fearful wonder to the name of Napoleon, Hook.

Within the dining-room of the tavera cers to take their farewell.

Assembled there were Knox, Green, Clinton, Steuben, Gates, and others, who lime and glorious one, was yet attended had served with him faithfully and truly with sorrowful feelings; for, alas! in the in the "tented field;" but, alas! where remains of that gallant army of patriot were others that had entered the war with soldiers, now about to disband without pay, him eight years before ? Their bones without support, stalked poverty and dis- crumbled in the soil from Canada to Georease. The country had not the means to gia! Montgomery had yielded up his life at Quebec, Wooster fell at Danbury,

the officers and soldiers at that period, ac- a prisoner at the battle on Long Island, and cording to history and oral tradition, were Mercer fell mortally wounded at Prince. melancholy in the extreme. Possessing no ton ; the brave and chivalrie Laurens, after means of patrimonial inheritance to full displaying the most heroic courage in the of health not permitting her personal atifested and so much pains taken to remove back upon-thrown out of even the peril- trenches at Yorktown, died in a triffing tendance. The only allusion made to afous support of the soldier at the commerce- skirmish in South Carolina; the brave but

the violent sobs and tears of the soldiers told how deeply engraven upon their affections was the love of their commander.

ing material, and will be in the speedy receipt of additions satisf to all the requirements of this lo-cality. HANDBILLS, POSTERS, BLANES, CARDS, CRCULARS, PAMPHLET-WORK

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At length Washington reached the barge at Whitehall, and entered it. At the first stroke of the cars he rose, and turning to the companions of his glory, by waving his hat, bade them a silent adicu. Their answer was only in tears ; and the officers and men, with glistening eyes, watched the recoding boat till the form of their noble commander was lost sight of in the distance.

Contrast the farewell of Washington to his army at Whitehall, in 1783, and the farewell of Napoleon to his army at Fontainbles, in 1814. The one had accouplished every wish of his heart. His noble exertion had achieved the independence of his country, and he longed to retire to the bosom of his home. His ambition was satisfied. He fought for no crown, no sceptre, but for equality and the mutual happiness of his fellow beings. No tint of tyranny, no breath of slander, no whisper of duplicity, marred the fair propertions of his public or private life ; but,

"He was a man-take him all in all, We ne'er shall bok upon his like again." The other great soldier was the discipla

of selfish ambition. He raised the iron whilst justice, benevalence, freedom, and all the concomitants which constitute the were gathered the Generals and field offi- true happiness of man, shed almost a divine halo around the name and character of GEORGE WASHINGTON.

## Great Britain.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT .- The New Parliament of Great Britain, the fifth of Queen Victoria's reign, met on 20th of April, when Mr. Evelyn Denison was elected Speaker of Commons without opposition. There is a large majority of the members in favor of Lord Palmerston .--Parliament was opened formally on May 7th, when the Queen's speech was read by the Lord Chancellor, Her Majesty's state fairs on this continent is contained in a aty than that of the camp-their situation Putnam, like a helpless child, was stretched gotiations in which Her Majest a close." The royal speech, generally, is one of congratulation on the prosperous

# New York had been occupied by Washwar had now closed, he should consider it

duced to the necessity of placing the "poor out of their own, or in other words a sowhites" of the Southern States so far be- ciety whose end and aim should be to exlow the squalid paupers of Ireland (made amine our hearts and lives and see if we so by English tyranoy and misrale), or the ourselves are not guilty of some habits and oppressed rayahs upon the plains of Turkey. vices that need reform, which are equally If his portrait be a correct one, there are as had as those which we are roady to disf w but will admit that it would be a God's cover in our neighbors. This society it blessing to this miserable set to enslave would seem ought to take the lead of all them at once, and thus render their situa- others ; and it should be the first object of tion at least comparable to that of the our exertions to suppress the vices and folhappy Irish peasant, who is overjoyed if lies of mankind. " Physician, heal thy his English master leaves him enough to self," is an admonition coming from the preserve his ragged family from starvation highest authority, and is as applicable to

during the year.

they enjoyed a tolerable existence compared that they do to hunt up and expose the he is a cockney, and, of course, lamentably like Christians would they act ;- how ignorant of the state of things in "merry much more happy and peaceable would be England," His letter is dated Jan. 6th. the condition of every community and 1857, and had he seen the London Times neighborhood. And were a society of selfing classes in England. The Times says :

"Why should we hesitate to confess it i there is a great deal of distress in this coun-

try. Ten thousand men met the other day among the deserted pens of Smithfield with their usual story of penniless hunger. sexes, whose heads and hearts are both ca- lar which he had borrowed. trate are plotting against one another, the We must now inform our readers who former ready to crowd the jails with reb. be, while we may see others' faults, to fee! ispruce re shall not be degraded into a with all that tends to injure or defraud our days at the shortest, the ground either wet shall be vested with full powers and privi- view at the close of his farewell address to been dismissed for the present. There are to make report of their neighbors' misdo. acter, and to bid a final adieu to the armies

can be as well imagined as described.

the conduct of Baron Steuben, may not be Independence. amiss. When the main body of the army

shook hands with the Baron :

the Scribes and Pharisces now, as it was

Self-Examining Society.

One of two things is apparent: Either eighteen-hundred years ago. Did the removing them.' this Englishman wished to do something members of our popular societies, as well toward reconciling his countrymen at home as others, take half the pains to examine "Come, come," said the Baron, "don't to their own condition, by showing that themselves and correct their own faults, give way thus. I will pay my respects to Mrs Conbran and her daughters " with the same class in free America, or else faults and follies of others, how much more their countenances were warm with gratitude-for he left them all he had In one of the Rhode Island regiments were several companies of black troops of a few days later (Jan. 15th), he could examination instituted in this or any other have read the following interesting confes- place, and made as popular as our tempersion in regard to the condition of the labor- ance societies and many others now are, how much less running to and fro, er of members standing on the corners of the

streets, thanking God that they were not like other men.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This society shall be known by

ART. 2. The object of this society shall resolving that her Majesty's prison and ner of deceit, hypocrisy, slander and defa. New York, and, as he reached the dock, the once glorious system of criminal jur. mation, backbiting and evil speaking, took off his hat and said-

fluous men. The nation has just conclu- private meetings of this society, on any prayer to the God of armies. ded, and is paying the bills for, an im- appointed days, to manage their concerns, passion for wealth. Soon after their mar-riage, Mr. Weldon died, leaving his large character-a war; which in the eye of politi-but it shall be the duty of every member both here and hereafter, attend those who,

upon the bed of sickness. Indeed, the engaged with the government of Hondu A single instance, as a sample of the sit- battle-field and time had thinned the ranks ras, with regard to the affairs of Central untion of many of the officers, as related of which entered with him into the conflict of America, have not as yet been brought "

Washington entered the room-the hour was disbanded at Newburgh, and the vet- of separation had come. As he raised his condition of the nation.

eran seldiers were bidding a parting fare- eve and glanced on the faces of those aswell to each other, Lieut.-Col. Cochran, an sembled, a tear coursed down his cheek, of Lord Mansfield, who himself lived to ared soldier of the New Hampshire line, and his voice was tremulous as he saluted the age of eighty-nine, that whenever very remarked, with tears in his eyes, as he them. Nor was he alone. Men, "albeit unused to the melting mood." stood around "For myself, I could stand it; but my him, whose uplifted hands to cover their tom to interrogate them as to their habits wife and daughters are in the garret of that brows, told that the tear, which they in of life ; and with the result that in no ono wretched tavern, and I have no means of vain attempted to conceal, bespoke the anguish they could not hide.

After a moment's conversation, Washington called for a glass of wine. It was brought him. Turning to the officers, he he thus addressed them :--

"With a heart full of love and gratitude, I now take my final leave of you .--I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable." He then raised the glass to his lips, and added : "I cannot come to each of you to take my leave, but shall be obliged to you if each of you will take me mercial transactions (that is, her exports by the hand."

Gen. Knox, who stood nearest, burst into tears, and advanced, incapable of utter- as third ; in the latter, as the second comance. Washington grasped him by the mercial power on the globe; France, hand, and embraced him. The officers came up successively and took an affec- ion, falling far behind her in 1853. tionate leave. No words were spoken, but all was the "silent eloquence of tears." What were mere words at such a scene !--Nothing. It was the feeling of the heart, -thrilling, though unspoken.

When the last officer had embraced him. Washington left the room, followed by his comrades, and passed through the lines of the light infantry. His step was slow and measured, his head uncovered, and tears flowing thick and fast, as he looked from side to side at the veterans to whom he now bid adieu forever. Shortly an event occurred more touching than all the rest. A during a bloody massacre of some 5,000 to gigantic soldier, who had stood by his side 6.000 Imperial troops by the insurgents, at Trenton, stepped forth from the ranks who gained possession of the city.

"Farewell, my beloved General, farewell!"

Washington grasped his hand, in convulsive emotion, in both of his. All diacipline was at an end. The officers could not restrain the men as they rushed for. of solid silver which weighs one tor. "With these wishes and this benedic. ward to take Washington by the hand, and The mint value of it is about 40,000.

Ho, You SLEEPY-HEADS !-- It is related aged witnesses appeared in the court over which he so long presided, it was his cushabit was there any general concurrence, except in that of early rising.

Ar The number of scamen of all nations is estimated at nearly two millions,---The commercial marine throughout the world was stated in the year 1855 to etc. brace about 15,000,000 tons. Of the smount Great Britain bad 5,000,000, the United States 5,200,000, and other nations of the earth-in Asia and Europe-had the residue.

07 From 1850 to 1853, the United States increased the amount of her comand imports) from \$315,000,000 to \$531,-000,000. In the former year she ranked which in 1850 had precedence of the Un-

65 A wrought iron cannon has been manufactured in Liverpool England which weighs twenty-five tons, and sends a pall of three hundred pounds weight, a distance of four miles.

67 The Pacific Railroad through Texas will be 883 miles long and has a grant of 8.017,000 acres of land and a loan of \$6 .-000 per mile from the State.

nor The Chinese Herald confirms the report that the far-famed porcelain tower of Nankin was destroyed in November,

CT There are twenty-six orphan asy. lums in the State of New York, in which nearly 9,000 little ones aro fed, clothed and educated.

65 The Pasha of Egypt has a bedste.

"Why, master Baron, I want a dollar to

The negro received it with joy, hailed a

"God bless you, master Baron !" These are only single illustrations of the

condition of the army at the close of the war. Indeed, Washington had this in the army at Rocky Hill, in November, 1783:

" And being now about to conclude these

May ample justice be done them here,

who had served through the whole war, and their bravery and discipline were unsurpassed. The Baron observed one of these poor negroes on the wharf, at Newburgh, apparently in great distress. "What is the matter, brother soldier ?"

get home with, now the Congress has no further use for me."

When the good old soldier left them,

The Baron was absent for a few moments, and then returned with a silver dol.

"There-it's all I could get. Take it."