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For the Argus. Verses. Written for an undated Album styled "The Messenger Bird," and accompanied by a colored sketch of tiny flowers.

By the side of a cool flowing stream, An elderly gentleman sat, On the top of his head was his wig, On the top of his wig was his hat.

A Defeated Candidate. I spent two of the hottest summer months in the highlands—almost the highest lands—of New York.

Peterboro, a little village of three or four hundred inhabitants—celebrated only as the residence of Gerrit Smith, late Abolition candidate for the Presidency—was the center of my rambles.

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Official Vote of Oregon. Counties. Lincoln. Brock. Doug. Bell. Clackamas..... 409 324 173 2

Dryer, 5,329; Pengra, 5,345; Watkins, 5,343; BRECKINRIDGE, Smith, 5,075; Douthitt, 5,071; O'Meara, 5,069; DOUGLAS, Farrar, 4,131; Hayden, 4,131; Bruce, 4,131; BELL, Ellsworth, 213; Greer, 211; Ross, 210.

want of tangibility, of firmness, in his reasoning, which corresponds well with this infirmity of character. His logic is always suggestive, but never demonstrative—it seldom deals in statistics and facts.

For several years he has owned a house in which he and his friends meet on the Sabbath. Originally a pastor was employed, but as Mr. Smith stepped further into infidelity the Sabbath exercises took a more disorderly and irregular aspect—the pastor was dismissed, and Unitarians, Universalists, Spiritualists, Free Lovers, Abolitionists, or, when they could not be had, Mr. Smith himself, filled the pulpit.

At its conclusion, a resolution of co-operation with the society was presented, and Bro. P., ringleader of the church, responded, violently abusing Christianity for not having long ago abolished slavery.

Such a succession of novelties as have been brought thus before the people of Peterboro could not fail to attract the floating church-goers, and too often church-members. They have created a taste for new things, even the most vulgar.

Mr. Smith's fanatical opposition to all religion seems only to increase with years. After his nomination for the Presidency, he published a politico-religious sermon of such a crazy character that Goodell, candidate for the Vice Presidency on the Abolition ticket, openly opposed him.

Hamilton, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1860. F. J.

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ONE OF NAPOLEON'S SOLDIERS.—In the town of Ludlow (Mass.) there is living a soldier of Napoleon, past eighty years of age, named Geo. Hynes.

RIATA MADE OF WOMEN'S HAIR.—The Stockton Republican learns that Mr. Connelly, who has just arrived from Fort Smith, Arkansas, via Salt Lake, reports having seen a Texian purchase a riata one hundred feet in length, from an Indian, for which he paid \$20.

MISSOURI.—As the Tribune properly says, we beg leave to assure the Express that Missouri is not going out of the Union at all; she is staying, and will stay.

A good anecdote is told of Mrs. Patterson, of Baltimore, the lady connected with the Bonaparte family by marriage.

The New Orleans Delta thinks "the great danger in Mr. Lincoln's election is that he will administer the government honestly, and therefore insure the continued strength of the Republican party."

On the 16th of August last a flash of lightning struck a wind mill at Lappion, in France, in which there was a female, who was killed by the electric fluid, and on whose body there was left a picture of a neighboring tree, with all its branches and leaves complete.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, who cast his first vote for Washington, was taken by his son on Tuesday to the polls in Brooklyn, that he might cast his last vote for Lincoln.

Garibaldi had all the police agents of the King of Naples sent to the island of Tremiti. He could not set them at liberty, nor did they even wish to be set at liberty, for the people would at once tear them in pieces.

From the Baltimore Patriot, Oct. 27th. The fast approaching consummation (the election of Lincoln), which is now admitted by even the New York Herald, will have one effect, at least, which, both sides will agree, is desirable.

It is to be—any minority, can thus, at their pleasure, and because a majority, according to law, does not choose to submit to the minority's partisan citation, renounce their allegiance, refuse to permit, within their borders, the execution of the United States laws, and rise in rebellion, which cannot be put down at once among themselves or prevented by the sensible and patriotic men of the South; then we say, this Union is not worth having.

FACTS AND FIGURES.—In an article upon the census, the New Orleans Picayune makes the following estimate. The figures are startling: "Taking the estimated increase of slaves into calculation, the numerical power in the south will be enlarged, but the rate of increase will still be found to be very decidedly with the North.

With this increase in the same ratio, the number within the United States in 1870 will be 5,360,000, and digressing fractions, will be as follows, at successive enumerations: In 1880, 7,000,000; 1890, 9,100,000; 1900, 11,800,000; 1910, 15,000,000, and having nearly quadrupled itself in fifty years, and in the lifetime of those who are now born, it may reach to 50,000,000."

A GREAT BATTLE.—At length we have details of the bloody battle of Voltorno, where the wonderful Garibaldi secured a victory along his whole line. After a desperate fight of eight hours, the Liberator, leading his forces with revolver in hand, completely routed his greatly superior Neapolitan assailants, and pursued them close under the walls of Capua.

COAL AND PEARLS IN KANSAS.—A gentleman writes from Clinton, Douglas county, to his brother in Erie county, Ohio, that the drying up of the bed of a creek discovered a valuable coal bank on his farm, and that his family had gathered four hundred pearls, and had clams enough on the bank for three hundred more.

Rev. Howard Malcom, D. D., late President of the University of Louisville, Pa., and formerly a missionary in Burmah, in a recent communication, states that the Burmese Retrotrician wells are about two and a half miles from Irrawady, and about three hundred miles from its mouth.

De Bow's mortality statistics, compiled from the last census, show that the people of the United States are the healthiest on the globe. The deaths are 320,000 per year, or one and a half per cent. of the population. In England the ratio is nearly two per cent. Virginia and North Carolina are the healthiest of the States, and have 638 inhabitants over 100 years.

From Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln.—Though descriptions of Mr. Lincoln's features, his family and dwelling, have abounded since his nomination to the position to which he has just been elected, our readers will not be displeased with the following sketches by a Springfield correspondent of a New York paper:

The visitor is ushered into a moderately wide hall, either side of which doors lead to the rooms of the mansion. The one in which visitors are usually received contains a library of law and miscellaneous books, and upon the opposite side is the drawing room, simply yet elegantly furnished, and commanding an outlook upon the garden, which, though bleak enough at this season of the year, must, in the summer, be extremely beautiful.

Lincoln himself has been so often described, so often crayoned, painted, pencilled and photographed, that his personal ought, by this time, to be tolerably familiar to that many-headed monster, the general public. One cannot lay his hand upon his bosom and say that Old Abe is a handsome man; but there be those, and judicious observers, too, who would hesitate before pronouncing him ugly.

Legends of his prowess, in the days when he adorned the pursuits of flatboat navigation, are yet current among his early companions. Probably to his physical courage and daring he was indebted for his accession to leadership during the early Indian troubles on the frontier.

The future lady of the White House is, perforce, a personage to whom just now the liveliest interest attaches. That she will adorn and grace even the exalted position to which she bids fair to succeed, none who have had the fortune to see her can doubt.

It is said that the Prince of Wales had his pocket picked twice while in New York; a fact that will favorably impress him with the freedom of our institutions.

Sheridan beautifully said: "Women govern us, let us render them perfect; the more they are enlightened, so much the more shall we be."

It is said that a watch-dog is not so large in the morning as at night, because he is let out at night and taken in in the morning.

Me Died Poor. 'It was a sad funeral to me,' said the speaker, 'the saddest I have attended for many years.'

'I was with him in his last moments,' said another, 'and thought he died rich.'

'Lessons of patience in suffering, of hope in adversity, of heavenly confidence when no sunbeams fell upon his bewildering path,' was the testimony of another.

The trustees of the monument in Independence Square, Philadelphia, in honor of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, report that they have not yet decided upon any particular plan, but that their general design "embraces a structure of granite of thirteen sides, resting on a base of sixty feet; the thirteen sides to be united by an entablature, on which will be graven the Declaration of Independence, the whole to be surmounted by a tower or shaft of thirteen sides; each side containing a niche, or space for the insertion of panels or tablets of marble or other stone from the several States."

The Bulletin's New York correspondent says a meeting of those favorable to the construction of a Pacific Railroad was called at the Cooper Institute, for 15th of Nov. The movement originated in New England and is backed by many Boston capitalists.

A TEXT.—"My breathing," said an old Harshbush preacher, "I'm gwine to preach you a plain sermon, that even winnowin' kin understand. You will find my text in the five verse of the two-eyed chapter of the one-eyed John." It was some time before it was perceived that he meant John I., chapter 1.

HEELS AND HEADS.—If a girl thinks more of her heels than of her head depend upon it she will never amount to much.—Brains which settle in the shoes never get much above them. This will apply as well to the masculine as the feminine gender.

The ladies of Washington, D. C., have gathered together large quantities of clothing, old and new, and dry goods, to be sent to Boston, and thence to Syria, in aid of the suffering Christians.