As idle ripple on the vacant breast? But thy shafts may yield a venomed death, What need, to speed them, but a little breath.

We toy with hearts, as if the thousand chords That vibrate to the touch of hasty words, Could jar our discords all the live-long day, Nor any tension cause them to give away.

Oh, strike them gently ! every human breast Is by a secret load of grief opprest; Forbear to add a note of timeless wee,

Where discords ever are so prone to flow. Appearance of Washington. race Binney Wallace, I am permitted, (says steps, handed him a paper-probably a Dr. Griswold) to transcribe a record of copy of the speech he was to deliver some conversations with his mother, Mrs. when both entered the building. Then it Susan Wallace, in which that lady-so was, and not till then, that the crowd sent eminent for whatever is beautiful and noble up huzzas, loud, long, earnest, enthusiastic."
in her sex—disclosed her recollections of Of the simple manners of Washington Washington's habits, personal appearance and his family, we have an interesting acand manners. On the removal of the gov- count in the travels of Mr. Henry Wensey, ernment to Philadelphia, Mrs. Mary Binney, F. S. A., an English manfacturer, who mother of Mrs Wallace, resided in Mar- breakfasted with them on the morning of ket street, opposite to General Washing the Sth of June, 1794. "I confess," he DRY-GOODS, GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, ton's-the door of her house a few paces says, "I was struck with awe and venerafurther east. It was the General's custom, tion, when I recollected that I was now in frequently, when the day was fine, to come the presence of the great Washington; the out to walk, attended by his secretaries, noble and wise benefactor of the world, as Mr. Lear and Major William Jackson- Mirabeau styles him. When we look down one on each side. He always crossed di- from this truly illustrious character on othrecuy over from his own door to the sunny side of the street, and walked down. He trast; nor can we fix our attention on any dize, adapted to the wants of Farmers, Miners rectly over from his own door to the sunny er public servants, we find a glowing conwas dressed in black, and all three wore other great men, without discovering in and others. cocked hats. She never observed them them a vast and mortifying dissimilarity .conversing; she often wondered and watch. The President seemed thoughtful, and was ed, as a child, to see if any other party slow in delivering himself, which spoke, but never could perceive that any induced some to believe him reserved; but thing was said. It was understood that it was rather, I apprehended, the result of the aids were kept at regal distance. Gen- much reflection, for he had to me an aperal Washington had a large family coach, pearance of affability and accommodation. A light carriage, and a chariot, all alike— He was at this time in his sixty-third year, cream-colored, painted with three enamel- but had very little the appearance of age, led figures on each panel, and very hand- having been all his life so exceedingly temsome. He drove in the coach to Christ perate. There was a certain anxiety visi-Church every Sunday morning, with two ble in his countenance, with marks of exhorses; drove the carriage and four into treme sensibility. the country, to Landsdowne, the Hills, and "Mrs. Washington herself made tea and rates." other places. In going to the Senate he coffee for us. On the table were two small used the chariot and six horses. All his plates of sliced tongue, and dry toast, bread servants were white, and wore liveries of and butter, but no broiled fish, as is the white cloth, trimmed with scarlet or orange. general custom. Miss Eleanor Custis, her Mrs. Wallace saw General Washington grand-daughter, a very pleasing young lafrequently at public balls. His manners dy of about sixteen, sat next to her, and there were very gracious and pleasant .- next, her grandson, George Washington She went with Mrs. Oliver Wolcott to one of Mrs. Washington's drawing-rooms. The were but slight indications of form, one General was present, and came up and servant only attending, who had no livery bowed to every lady after she was seated. and a silver urn for hot water was the only Mrs. Binney visited Mrs. Washington fre- expensive article on the table. Mrs. Washquently. It was Mrs. Washington's cus- ington struck me as something older than tom to return visits on the third day; and the President, though I understand they she thus always returned Mrs. Binney's A were both dorn the same year; she was footman would run over, knock loudly, and short in stature, rather robust, extremely announce Mrs. Washington, who would simple in her dress, and wore a very plain then come with Mr. Lear. Mrs. Wallace cap, with her gray hair turned up under it." met Mrs. Washington in her mother's par- This description of Mr. Washington corlor; her manners were very easy, pleasant responds perfectly with that in her portrait and unceremonious, with characteristics of by Trumbull, painted the previous year, other Virginia ladies. When Washington and now in the Trumbull Gallery at New retired from public life, Mrs. Wallace was Haven. about nineteen years of age. The recollections of Mr. Richard Rush on the subject are in agreement with those of Mrs. Nor FRIGHTENED.—Among the visitors Wallace. That accomplished and distinate Washington is Judge Williamson, of

assembled in the chamber of the House of Representatives. The crowd was immense. It filled the whole area in Chestnut street before the State House, extended along the line of Chestnut street above Sixth street. and spread north and south some distance along the latter. A way was kept open for carriages in the middle of the street, was people. I had a stand on the steps of one of the houses in Chestnut street, which, raising me above the mass of human heads, enabled me to see to advantage. After waiting long hours as it seemed to a boy's how they sometimes confound us. impatience, the carriage of the President at length slowly drove up, drawn by four beautiful bay horses. It was white, with medallion ornaments on the panels, and the livery of the servants, as well as I remember, was white, turned up with red, at any rate a glowing livery—the entire dis-play of equipage at that era, in our country generally,, and in Philadelphia in par-ticular, while the seat of government, be-ing more rich and varied than now, though fewer in number. Washington got out of his carriage, and slowly crossing the pavement, ascended the steps of the edifice, upon the upper platform of which he paused, and turning half round, looked in the direction of a carriage which had followed the lead of his own. Thus he stood for a minute, distinctly seen by everybody. He stood in all his civic dignity and moral grandeur-erect, serene, majestic. His costum was a full suit of black velvet, his

esting scenes, of which he was an observer.

hair, itself blanched by time, powdered to BUSINESS CARDS. BUSINESS CARDS. snowy whiteness, a dress sword by his side, and his hat held in his hand. Thus he stood in silence, and what moments those were! Throughout the dense crowd pro-found stillness reigned. Not a word was heard, not a breath. Palpitations took the place of sounds. It was a feeling infinitely beyond that which vents itself in shouts. Eve y heart was full. In vain would any tongue bave spoken.

All were gazing, in mute, unutterable admiration. Every eye was rivited on that form, the greatest, purest, most exalted of mortals. It might have seemed that he stood in that position to gratity the assembled multitude with a full view of the father of his country. Not so. He had paused for his secretary, then, I believe, Mr. Dandridge, or Col. Lear, who got out of the other carriage, a chariot, decorated like From the note-book of the late Mr. Ho- his own. The secretary, ascending the

Nor FRIGHTENED .- Among the visitors guished gentleman has communicated to Texas, commonly known as "Judge Wilme a very graphic account of some inter- ly."

He was once presiding in St. Augustine about the close of Washington's first ad. county when a great bully attempted to inministration. Looking upon the old Con- timidate him.

gress Hall, at the corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets, a few years ago, he says, "I recalled a scene never, no never to be for-

recalled a scene never, no never to be for-"If your Honor please, here is the law gotten. It was I think, in 1794 or 1795, which governs this case," at the same time that, as a boy, I was among the spectators congregated at this corner, and parts drawing a bowie-knife of unusual size, and laying it across an open book before him. close by, to witness a great public specta-

Forewarned-forewaned, was Judge Wil-"Washington was to open the session of ly—and drawing from beneath his hunting congress by going in person, as was his custom, to deliver a speech to both houses, calmly rejoined:

"This, sir, is the constitution, and is paramount to the law."

Mr. Thompson acquiesced in the judgment of the court, and the case proceeded

without any further interruption. THE TYPES.-The Salem Journal, the other day, sentenced a poor fellow to six the only space not closely packed with months in the house of correction, for "flagrancy," and the Boston Telegraph, the other evening, gathered all the particulars

of the loss of a packet ship, up to the hour of going to "dress." Confound the types CARLYLE says:-"Make yourself a good

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