

For a few minutes the flush of excitement destroyed the calm, balanced state of young Graham's mind. But he perceived this, and confined his moves to important and safe ones, until his pulse beat more quietly. And now came the severest struggle yet. "Now or never!" thought Graham, who readily acknowledged that it was a happy accident rather than skill to which he was indebted for his present decidedly advantageous position.

For nearly a half an hour both parties continued to play with such caution that but a single piece was taken; but now each seemed determined to bring the game to an issue, and soon the board had on it nothing but four kings—two for each. Just at this time Anna came to the window and seeing the position of affairs, turned pale, and felt a sensation of faintness, but she was riveted to the spot. The mother's interest, too, had become excited, and she came to the door and stood also looking upon the board. The old man sat with his hand on his mouth, fingering his lips, his usual position when deeply interested in his favorite game; and Graham leaned his head upon his hand, his countenance, though abstracted, indicating sadness of feeling mingled with hope. The four kings were near together, and each was evidently intent on reducing the number of the other to one, and then blocking that.

After studying and calculating moves for about five minutes, the old man cautiously passed one of his kings to another square. Quick as thought his antagonist made a move, and then with a long aspiration awaited the result. "Jupiter!" again ejaculated the old man, closing his fingers tight upon his under lip. A long pause ensued, and at last the move was made. "Hurrah!" exclaimed Graham, in a loud voice, lifting his head suddenly from his hand. He gave a king for a king, and having the last jump, so alighted as completely to hem him in, or "block" the old man's only remaining king—thus winning the game at the last extremity. "Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah!" he cried, and leaned back in an ecstasy of delight.

For a moment or two the old man seemed chagrined at his defeat, but he recovered himself quickly, and grasping the hand of Graham said—

"Now, my boy, you have fairly won her and she is yours. Come here, pet," he said to Anna, who appeared at the door pressing in by her mother, "and name your wedding day."

It is needless to tell how Anna, blushed, or how her little heart leaped for joy in her bosom. It is of more moment to say, that in one month the 'twain were made one flesh."

After the knot had been tied, and the young folks were full of noisy merriment, Mr. Woodruff said to his new made son— "And now, can you tell, John, why I made you beat me at draughts before I would let you have my little pet there, who looks happier, and I hope is happier than I ever have seen her before?"

"Indeed I do not," said the young man seriously. "I always felt it to be a piece of uncalled for cruelty to us both."

"There you were mistaken, my boy, replied the old man, smiling. 'You have one defect of character, and I saw it. You distrust your own powers. It was but one week before you asked me for Anna's hand, that in a conversation, you could not do a certain thing. It involved difficulty and application, but still it was necessary that you should do it, or trust some one to do it for you.—I determined then, that as soon as you asked me for my child, I would put your love and your powers both to a test, and prove to you that you could do anything in the range of human capacity, if you tried. Have I not succeeded in showing to you that "I can't" are words not to be used in your dictionary?"

"And now, my dear boy, I trust that you will never again doubt your natural ability when brought in comparison with the natural powers of another.—Make these your companions, and you will fast rise in intelligence, influence and usefulness, above the crowd who are content to be ignorant."

Progress of improvement.

"Mother," asked a tall gawky, "what did you and dad use to do when he came courting you?"

"Good air and sea! what put that into the boys' head? What do you mean Jedediah?"

"Well, I went over to see Peggy Haskins' tother night, and she told me I didn't know how to court, I asked her to show me, and sez she, 'ax your marm! What did you do, mother?"

"La! sur! Why, Jeb, we used to sit in the corner and eat roast turkey!"

"Good gracious! times aint as they used to be, mother, sartin—the only thing Peggy gin me was a raw cold pickle!"

Wholesome advice.

Hear, and learn to be silent.
Be silent, and learn to understand.
Understand, and learn to remember.
Remember, and learn to act accordingly.

All that you see, judge not.
All that you know, tell not.
All that you can do, do not—(except what's good.)

By praying, you lose not.
By giving alms, you impoverish not.
By being unjust, you enrich not.
By lying, you profit not.
By profane swearing, you get disgrace.

Wealth lost, some lost.
Health lost, much lost.
Virtue lost, more lost.
Soul lost, all lost.

Whenever you speak, think well, and look narrowly

What you speak,
Where you speak,
When you speak,
Of whom you speak,
And to whom you speak,

lest you bring yourself into great trouble.—*Ex. pap.*

From the Philadelphia Saturday Museum.

How to Reclaim a drunkard.

A wight there lived, whom much it grieved,

Because his wife got groggy,
Ungodly dame whose huge-grown frame
With gin was always soggy.

How had he tried from her to hide,
Or break the tempting bottle;
But soon the sot, a now one got,
And wetted still her throttle.

With care-worn brow, he sat down now,
To give her solemn warning.
But she returned—with nose upturned,
For all his counsel scorning.

At length, more bold, his dame he told,
Such conduct was unchristian,
Her jaw began, and hushed the man,
As Sampson the Philistian.

Your fate, says he, will surely be
Spontaneous combustion;
Oh! hush, she spoke, your raven-croak
Go, hussy, with your fustian!

In sore despair, he tore his hair,
Not knowing how to stay her;
"Is I'm a map, I'll try a plan,
To cure her,—or to slay her!"

Pleased with the thought, forthwith he bought
A hog'shead of the "crittur."
"Now go it wife, since short is life!"
The idea makes him twitter,

Soon the sad dame, gin scenting came,
Then, first the thought did strike her,
"I see you plan, you murtherer man,
Go! kill me with your liquor!"

What magic power! for from that hour,
She never more was mellow,
And strange to tell the hog'shead's still
Unopened in the cellar!

Wheeler, Tennessee. M. D.

Love is a Parthian.
By J. K. MITCHELL.

When love is advancing
To capture the heart,
With soft wiles entrancing,
He shows not a dart;

His bow slung behind him,
Unstrung, seems to show
The heart will not find him—
The sweet one—a foe.

In his eye hope is swimming,
Bliss laughs on his lip,
The bow! that he's brimming,
'Tis transport to sip;

And while he remains there,
Mid sunshine or shower,
The urchin maintains there
The bloom of his bow.

But guard 'gainst his flying,
When whetting his dart,
And playfully trying
His wings for a start;

For Love wounds, no never,
The heart where he lies,
A Parthian over,
He shoots when he flies.

Arrivals extraordinary.

The New Commercial of the 12th inst. says: "The brig Sea Flower arrived this morning from Trinidad, Cuba, has on board one royal Bengal tiger, a black tiger, an African leopard, a Poonah bear, an African gazelle, a Rocky mountain bear, and four considerable serpents, &c., belonging to the menagerie of June, Titus & Angevine."

Arrival of Troops.

The schr Stephen & Francis, Rose, arrived at Charleston on Saturday evening last, from St. Augustine, having on board Company E. U. S. Artillery, destined for Fort Moultrie, in that harbor, under the command of Lieut. J. F. Reynolds.

COMMERCIAL.

Ponola Prices Current.

(CORRECTED WEEKLY.)

ARTICLES.	FROM	TO
APPLES, Green, per bbl.	\$150	00
Dried, per bushel.	150	00
Boiled Cider, per bbl.	600	00
BAGGING, Kentucky, per yard.	20	00
BALE ROPE, Kentucky, per lb.	0	10
BUTTER, fresh, per lb.	12 1/2	20
BACON, hog round, per lb.	5	7
COTTON, per lb.	4	6
CANDLES, Sperm, per lb.	37 1/2	50
Composition.	37 1/2	50
MOULD.	00	00
CHOCOLATE, per lb.	00	00
COFFEE, Havana Green and Rio.	11	12
Java.	9	10
CASTINGS, per lb.	7	8
CHEESE, per lb.	00	00
CORN, per bushel.	37	50
FLOUR, per barrel.	5	00
FISH, Mackerel No. 3, per bbl.	3	00
Glass, 8 by 10, per box.	5	00
do 10 by 12.	8	10
IRON, Bar, per lb.	12	00
" Slab.	12	00
MOLASSES, per gallon.	37	00
MEAL, per bushel.	12	12
NAILS, per lb.	00	00
OILS Sperm, per gallon.	00	00
" Linseed.	00	00
POWDER, per lb.	37 1/2	50
RICE, per lb.	5	10
SUGARS, Brown, per lb.	8	10
do Loaf.	20	25
SOAP, Bar, per lb.	10	12
Starch, per lb.	25	00
SALT, Coarse, per sack.	0	75
do Fine, do.	3	25
WHISKEY, per gallon.	30	50
MESS PORK, per bbl.	00	00
PRIME.	0	61
LARD.	00	00
LIME per bbl.	12 1/2	50
TOBACCO.	12 1/2	50

Memphis Prices Current.

(CORRECTED WEEKLY.)

ARTICLES.	PER	QTS	S	CTS
BAGGING, Kentucky.	yard	14	16	
Missouri.		14	16	
German.		12	13	
India.		6	7	
BALE ROPE, Kentucky.		15	15	
Manilla.		15	25	
BUTTER, fresh, country.	lb	16	25	
Goshen.		20	25	
BACON, hog round.		3	2	
Haus.		6	7	
COTTON.		3	5	
CANDLES, Sperm.		25	37	
MOULD.		10	12	
CHOCOLATE.		20	25 1/2	
COFFEE, Havanna, Green & Rio.		9	11	
Java.		11	12 1/2	
CORN MEAL.	bushel	25	37	
CORN.		10	20	
CASTINGS.	lb	3	4	
FISH—Mackerel No. 1.	bbl	10	12	00
Do. "		7	10	00
Do. "		—	00	00
Do. " 3		—	00	00
Dried Herring.	box	1	00	25
"Wirt's.	bbl	3	00	4
"Wirt's.	3	50	10	00
GUNPOWDER.	keg	7	50	10
HAY.	100lbs.	40	50	
IRON—Bar.	lb.	2	9	
Hoop.		8 1/2	12 1/2	
LEAD.		6	7	
LIME.	62 1/2	75		
LARD.	lb.	5	5	
MOLASSES.	gal.	19	33	
NAILS—Northern.	lb.	6	7	
Pittsburg.		6	7	
OILS—Linseed.	gal.	1 1/2	1 25	25
Sperm, winter.	bbl	20	00	22
"Summer's.	bbl	20	00	22
PORK—Pickled.	bbl.	6	03	8
Bulk.		31	3	
POTATOES, Irish.	bbl.	50	75	
PORTER—London.	doz.	4	50	00
Pittsburg.	bbl.	8	00	10
RICE.	lb.	1 1/2	00	00
SALT—Ground Alum.	sack	2	00	25
Liverpool bl'w'n.		2	00	25
Kanawha.	bushel	40	45	
SEGARS—Spanish.	1000	10	00	50
SUGAR—Brown.	lb.	5	6	
Clarified.		12 1/2	16	
Loaf.		12 1/2	16	
TOBACCO—Kentucky.		6	10	
Virginia.		35	45	
Tennessee.	hd.	2	3	
WHISKY—Rectified.	gal.	0	0	
"Wirt's.		25	30	
WHITE LEAD—Northern.	keg.	1	75	2
Cincinnati & Pittsburg.		1	25	50
GRASS SEEDS—Clover.	bushel	8	00	10
Timothy.		4	00	5
Herds.		1	50	2
Orchard.		3	00	00
Blue Grass.		2	09	2
STEEL—Cast.	lb			37
German.				20
Shear.				37
American Blister.		10		12 1/2

NEW ORLEANS MONEY MARKET.

Specie	par	a prem.
United States Notes	50	55 dis.
United States Treasury Notes	1/2	pr. ct. dis.
American Gold	80	8 1/2 prem.
Mississippi Union Post Notes	80	a 5 per cent.
Agricultural, Natchez	50	a 55 on the dol.
Arkansas State Bank	50	a 60 do
Arkansas Real Estate Bank	50	a 60 do
Alabama	17 1/2	a 21 do
Tennessee	14	a 2 do
Cincinnati	1 1/3	dis.
South Carolina.	5	do
North Carolina.	do	do
Georgia	do	do
Kentucky	1	a 2 do
Indiana State Bank	3	a 5 dis.
Illinois State Bank	60	a 65 dis.
Bank of Louisiana	par	a 30 do
Citizens Bank	38	a 30 do
Consolidated.	30	a 32 do
Canal	par	do
Commercial	24	a 26 dis.
City	par	do
Municipality Nos 1 & 2.	12	a 15, 22 a 24 do
" No 3.	70	a 75 do.
Athafalaya	do	80 a 85 dis
Improvement Bank	do	65 a 70 do
Bank of Orleans	55	a 60 do

CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce JAMES C. ARMSTRONG as a candidate for the office of Probate Court Clerk, for Ponola county, at the ensuing November election.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. W. ARMSTRONG has for sale the following articles, at the prices annexed:

Coffee 11 cts	Sugar 5 to 8 cts
Loaf Sugar 20 to 25	Spice 25
Pepper 25	Fine salt 3, 25 a 3, 50
Whiskey 30 to 50	Turpentine 1, 25 gal
Glass 8x10 3, 50a4, 50	Molasses 27 to 38
Ginger 15 to 25 lb.	Starch 15 to 25
Lead 10 to 12 lb.	Potatoes 50 cts bush
Domestics 7 to 12 cts pr yd.	

FLOUR, Corn-meal and Oats, just received and for sale by U. TYSON.

J. & A. K. ERWIN, Commission, Receiving & Forwarding MERCHANTS.

Ponola, Mi.

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SPANISH SEGARS, a fine article, just received and for sale at \$15 per 1,000, by A. W. ARMSTRONG.

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Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned at the November Term, 1843, of the Probate Court of Ponola county, on the estate of David Miles, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to exhibit the same, duly authenticated, within the time limited by law; or they will be forever barred.

ALEXANDER MILES, Adm'or.

May 6, 1843. 8-6w.

Warehouse & Cotton Shed.

THE undersigned respectfully inform their friends and the public generally that they have a commodious WAREHOUSE & COTTON SHED at the Steam-boat Landing, and are prepared to attend to business entrusted to their care on the lowest terms.

J. & A. K. ERWIN.

may 1 8-1f

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TALLAHATCHEE COUNTY.

Probate Court, April 10th A. D. 1843.

To all persons interested in the lands tenements and hereditaments of Guy R. Pinching, deceased, and more especially in the north-east quarter of Section twenty-four of Township twenty-five, Range two, East:

YOU are hereby cited to be and personally appear before the Probate court of Tallahatchie county, to be holden at the court house in the town of Charleston on the 2d Monday of June next, then and there to show cause, if any you can, why an order shall not be made to sell the above described land, in pursuance to the petition of Alexander Laughlin, Administrator of the estate of Guy R. Pinching, deceased.

Witness the Hon. Hudson Allen, Judge of said court on 2d Monday of April, A. D. 1842, and seal thereof. Issued 11th April, A. D. 1843, at Charleston.

E. E. ARMSTRONG Clerk. 8-4w-pf 6d

WESTERN PRODUCE—a general supply, constantly on hand & for sale by

J. & A. K. ERWIN.

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100 GALLONS STONE WARE, assorted articles, just received and for sale by

A. W. ARMSTRONG.

April 29. 7-1f

Administrator's Notice.

PROBATE COURT, April Term, 1843.

FRANCIS M. WHITE, administrator of the estate of John H. White, deceased, has filed his accounts at the present term of this court, for final settlement of said estate at the June Term, 1843.

Notice is hereby given to all interested to attend and show cause, if any they can, why final settlement and allowance of said accounts should not then be made.

FRANCIS M. WHITE, Adm'nr.

April 17th 1843. 6-3w

7,000 POUNDS CHOICE BACON, just received per steamboat Shakespeare and for sale low for cash by

J. & A. K. ERWIN.

april 29 7-1f

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of administration having been granted to the undersigned at the November Term, 1842, of the Probate Court of Ponola county, on the estate of Sarah Harrison, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and make immediate payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to exhibit the same, duly authenticated, within the time limited by law, or they will be forever barred.

DANIEL B. HARRISON, Adm'nr of the estate of Sarah Harrison, dec'd.

April 17, 1843. 6-6w

SUPERFINE FLOUR, a lot just received and for sale by

J. & A. K. ERWIN.

april 29 7-1f

NOTICE.

AGREEABLY to an order of the Honorable the Probate Court of Tallahatchie county, made at the April term thereof; I shall proceed to sell, on the fifth day of June next, in the town of Charleston in said county, on a credit of twelve months, with bond and approved security, the following lands, belonging to the estate of Cade Alford, deceased, late of said county, to wit; the South-east quarter of Section twelve, in Township twenty-four, Range 2, East. Sale to take place within the hours prescribed by law.

HAMILTON DOGAN, Executor of Cade Alford, dec'd. Charleston, Miss., April 11th, A. D. 1843. 6-3w-pf 4d

Notice.

Persons who have taken up strays are notified not to deliver them up without a certificate from me of the payment of all costs. DAVID DUKE.

FRESH LARD; a few hundred lbs. in 50 lb. kegs just received and for sale at 64 cts. per lb. by

J. & A. K. ERWIN.

april 29 7-1f

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, TALLAHATCHEE COUNTY.

Probate Court, April 10th, A. D. 1843.

To all persons interested in the lands, tenements and hereditaments of Josiah Robinson, deceased, and more especially in the North East quarter of Section thirty-four, in Township twenty-three, of Range one, West:

YOU are hereby cited to be and personally appear before the Probate Court of Tallahatchie county, to be holden at the Court house in the town of Charleston, on the 2d Monday of June next, then and there to show cause, if any you can, why an order should not be made to sell the above described land, in pursuance to the petition of Albert G. Harrison, administrator of Josiah Robinson, deceased.

Witness, the Honorable Hudson Allen, Judge of said court, the second Monday of April, A. D. 1843, and seal thereof.

E. E. ARMSTRONG, Clerk. 6-4w-pf 7d

RANGERS NOTICE.

Taken up by John McGarity, one bay filly, all her feet white, blazed face, and her right ear cut or bit off. Appraised to \$40. DAVID DUKE, Ranger, Ponola county.

April 3. 4-3 t p f \$2

RANGERS NOTICE.