

time published, there is every reason to believe, few if any of the readers of this work are acquainted with them. The curl has been attributed by some to the same principle, which causes the decay of grafted fruit trees, and who therefore assert that potatoes require to be renewed from actual seed at certain intervals, as fruit trees do: but this opinion seems to be erroneous, because the most of those we now use have been propagated from the bulbs successively since the year 1586, when they were first introduced here, without any apparent deterioration, few having been raised: from the seed but for experiment, besides this there is nothing similar in the two cases; grafting is altogether an artificial process, and only concerns the stem of the plant; the propagation by the bulb is on the contrary the work of nature, and the plant produced seems in every respect of the same kind as that from the seed, the bulb appearing to be nothing more than a seed on a large scale, produced in a different manner, being furnished like the seed, with a farinaceous nidus for the nourishment

of the young plant, of which the rudiments are equally found in both.

It might seem to be rather premature to give directions about seed potatoes at this season of the year, but it is during the winter that the appropriation of the present crop must be made to its different uses, and those best for seed be selected: and by beginning to do this from the first, each sort will be applied most beneficially, the very large potatoes will be used as food, being totally unfit for sets, from the foregoing statement, the mealy potatoes will also be applied to the same use, and the smaller sort of a waxy and soft substance be alone reserved for seed. It is also of use to impress as soon as possible on the minds of cultivators, the advantage of preparing the ground in time for the early planting of those intended to be raised for seed next year in the manner above directed by Mr Hollins, as well as the beneficial effect so strongly shown by him of cultivating the potatoes intended for seed in that totally different manner from those intended for food, to communicate which is the design of this paper.

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Abhor each other, Mountains interposed
Make enemies of nations, who had else
Like kindred drops been mingled into
one.

Sure there is need of social intercourse,
Benevolence and peace, and mutual aid,
Between the nations.”

“There should be peace,
And brethren in calamity should love.”

COWPER.

IN an association for literary purposes the writer who for the time holds the pen, and acts as the minister of the political department, does not necessarily sink his own individuality, or merge into the mere scribe: he has a right to express opinions, which may differ from those of some of his colleagues, and is not bound to suppress his own in condescension to the opinions of others. He in such a case, however, should express his sentiments, so as to show they rest on his own authority; and to exonerate the *corps* he must lay aside the royal style, and let *we* and *our* appear less frequently in his composition. The rights of free discussion are thus preserved, and it is open to his colleagues and others to express opposite sentiments, for it is hoped that the pages of the Belfast Magazine will ever generally be open to both sides of every important question.

The writer of the present retrospect feels the foregoing explanation

necessary in submitting his opinions on the subject of the repeal of the Union, which now rouses so many in Dublin from their torpid apathy, and causes an appearance of local patriotism in those who looked with indifference on the barefaced corruption exposed to open day in all its deformity, in the memorable investigation in the session of 1809. Duolin, whence this meteor of patriotism has suddenly broke forth, was then silent. Sir Francis Burdett's struggles for *liberty and reform* did not produce one sympathetic movement in that city. These repealing patriots do not venture to go deep enough to explore the causes of the state of unexampled distress under which Ireland suffers, not exclusively, but in common with the rest of the empire. If they really aim to deserve the title of true patriots, let them add to the list of grievances in their petition, the mighty source of all the evils, the destructive war, in which, without motive, we are engaged. Let them rise to the assertion of this bold truth, and then they would discover the causes which paralyse the trade of Britain, as well as of Ireland. We have not an exclusive right to complaint. We suffer only a portion of the general calamity. The union has not caused the stoppage of the West country banks, did not force