

men of his family, and Mr. Sampson were also on the beach, with several other respectable inhabitants, who could only evince their humanity by deploring a misfortune which it was not in their power to alleviate. From the account of the person preserved, the brig proved to be the Comet of Mary-port, J. Nicholson, master, bound from Nova Scotia to Belfast, with oak-staves and deal planks.

Since commencing the above, two of the bodies have been washed on shore, to whom Captain Boyd had the rites of burial decently administered.

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POPICOLA TO THE INHABITANTS OF IRELAND, ON THE EDUCATION OF HIS COUNTRYMEN.

FEELING the sensations of a Patriot, the island that gave me birth appears peculiarly beautiful in my eyes. Her fields green, her climate salubrious, her ports hospitable, inviting the commerce of the ocean; her daughters fair, and her sons rudely brave and generous; but liable to imposition from her more polished and intriguing neighbours. I see the culture of a more improved education necessary to refine her children, and render them capable of enjoying the advantages of her situation, her climate, and her soil.

This necessity has been seen, lamented, and by patriotic men, urged on the attention of the English Government in this country from time to time, and plans of education yet in embryo, are said to have occupied the attention of several of the former, as well as the present administration. If ever such a plan shall see the light, breathing a universal spirit, few of Ireland's sons will hail its birth, and bid it welcome with more unfeigned joy than Poplicola.

Waiting with moderated expectation the appearance of such a plan, permit me in the mean time to excite that *national spirit*, which, if aroused to its genuine height, can alone give effect to such a plan, and communicate energy to its execution.

With this view, I call first upon my fair country-women to lend their

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gentle hands in modelling the young mind. Infantine days, by a judicious allotment, are committed to female care. It is your pleasing task to excite their first smiles....to make the first impressions on their hearts, and teach them to prattle forth their first words; remember they will blaspheme or praise by imitation. To you it belongs, to administer equal laws amidst the nursery groupe....to detect the growing inclination to knavish tricks....to quell the rising passion in the little tyrant breast....to inculcate equal *rigids*, regard to *honour*, and a love of *truth*. Early lessons impressed with steady moderation, will prevent parental solicitude in advancing years; act as an antidote to female *pertness*, *prudery*, and *coquetry*, and prevent in young men, the sneer, the taunt sarcastic, and invective rudely uncontrouled.

But in the realization of a hoped-for reform in youthful education, my countrymen must not be idle spectators; your manly avocations admit of less frequent, though occasional intercourse with the growing youth. With them you join in the domestic circle; with them you mingle in the social throng: for their sakes let no word drop from your lips, let no action be performed in their presence that may lead them astray. The nearer they approach you in the line of affinity, the greater will be their proneness to imitate your example. They lisp forth paternal words; they imitate paternal actions. If parents indulge in the cup of drunkenness, or in licentiousness; if they profane God's name, or his sabbaths; if they quarrel, lie, or are unjust, their children will plead their example after they have mouldered in the dust. Irishmen, let your conversation be pure, and your example spotless, that the rising generation may be edified, and your memories unblamed.

Impelled by the purest and most patriotic sentiments, let both sexes emulate each other, in forming the young mind, in leading youth into virtue's pleasing path. This is equally your duty, whether you move in the sphere of a private family, disinterestedly engage in a Sunday School, or hold an office in a place

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of local or national education. Let the emulation of my Country be displayed, not in words only, but in deeds. In deeds, substantially exemplified, in pouring in their patriotic gifts in aid of those whose aim is national improvement. I am yours &c.
Templemoile. POPPLICOLA.

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THE FOLLOWING RECEIPT FOR MAKING INK, PUBLISHED BY PROFESSOR ROBINSON, HAS BEEN USED WITH SUCCESS.

IN making ink, if the iron be in excess, the black particles gradually fall, and the ink becomes brown. If a plate of iron be kept in ink, the whole of the inky particles precipitates in a short time: several other metals produce the same effect. Hence the reason why ink becomes bad if kept in metallic vessels.

Rasped Logwood 1 ounce.
 Best Nutgalls 3 ditto.
 Gum Arabic 2 ditto.
 Green Vitriol 1 ditto.
 Rain Water 2 quarts.
 Cloves 1 drachm.

Boil the water with the logwood and gum to one half, strain the hot decoction into a glazed vessel, add the green vitriol, and stir it repeatedly. After some days, decant and strain it into a bottle, to be kept close corked, in a dark place. The use of the cloves is

to prevent mouldiness. The same thing is done completely by the addition of corrosive sublimate. D. C.

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TO MEDICAL MEN.

SINGULAR CASE OF SPASM.

IN the month of October last, a seaman, afflicted with spasm, was sent on shore at Carrickfergus, from his Majesty's Ship, Argus, and placed under the care of Surgeon Aiken of that town. This spasm was a most singular one; on the slightest motion of any part of his body, the diaphragm and ribs were so drawn up as to press on the lungs, and put a stop to respiration for a few seconds. He was sick and faintish, his pulse from 90 to 100, and intermitting, particularly when seized with the spasm; the pain in the diaphragm, abdominal and intercostal muscles was excruciating; the anti-spasmodics appeared to produce little or no effect, opium excepted, and that medicine merely relieved the pain. It required a triple proportion of cathartic medicine to produce any effect on his bowels. The disease continued for ten days, and he was cured by bleeding and blistering.

Quere... From what cause could this spasm originate? could it be from an injury done to the phrenic nerve or diaphragm, as the man was seized with it immediately after over-reaching himself. S.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON.

THE history of the admirable Crichton is doubtless familiar to our readers, and the perusal of it, while it may have been entertaining, has only left on their minds the impression, that the extravagance of the narration gave just ground to doubt even the ground work, and almost lead them to deny the existence of the real character. Such seems to have been the idea of Dr. Kippis, who, while he gives his life, gives it with much appearance of qualms of conscience in doing so. To those

who may have read the account of this wonderful man, and in the midst of incredulity, have indulged a wish that human nature did possess such a gem, it may give satisfaction to find some traces of evidence, by which the reality of his existence is established; and the list of his works which were printed, confirms the general credit of the narration given of his disputations, as the subjects in the list are nearly the same with those on which he maintained his public thesis. His works were,

1. Odes to Laurentius Massa.