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THE LAWYER'S FAREWELL TO HIS MUSE.

Sir W. Blackstone, whose name has become, perhaps, more familiar than any other in the mouths of Englishmen...

As by some tyrant's stern command, A wretch forsakes his native land, In foreign climes condemned to roam...

There, in a winding, close retreat, In Justice doomed to fix her seat; There, forced by bulwarks of the law, She keeps the wondering world in awe!

MISCELLANEA.

FRIENDS. Every thing that Cicero has said in his treatise De Amicitia is very fine, and very good, and very true; but he does not seem to have been altogether aware of the fulness of meaning contained in the word friend.

acquired wealth. And he that, before his prosperity, secretly knew that he had a friend in the world, is now informed how delighted his countless friends are to hear of his success.

A man grows poor and sinks in the world. Forthwith he hears, or he may hear, if he have patience to listen to them, sage lectures upon prudence, and many edifying discourses on discretion.

INVASION OF ENGLAND!!!—This is no longer a bugbear! The days of a coast guard, signal stations, batteries, and volunteers, the nights of sudden alarm and hasty muster, are now upon us.

THE CHURCH. The curates employed in the several dioceses are—in St. Asaph, 30; Bangor, 58; Bath and Wells, 190; Bristol, 163; Canterbury, 135; Carlisle, 44; Chester, 158; Clifton, 110; St. David's, 194; Durham, 78; Ely, 71; Exeter, 256; Gloucester, 128; Hereford, 163; Llandaff, 94; Lichfield and Coventry, 268; Lincoln, 550; London, 234; Norwich, 473; Oxford, 69; Peterborough, 116; Rochester, 47; Salisbury, 174; Winchester, 177; Worcester, 83; York, 261; Total, 4,254. Of this number, 1,393 reside in the parishes, and 805 in the parochial houses, 3,800 are licensed curates.

Wool.—The foreign Quarterly Review has an article on the German Wool Trade, from which we gather the following facts: From 1814 to 1819, the annual amount of wool imported into England from Germany increased from 3,555,145 lbs. to 4,557,938 lbs.

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THE SOUTHERN PART OF BELGIUM.—No country in all Europe has been the theatre of so many revolutions as that part of ancient Gaul, called Belgium. We shall recapitulate here the principal traits of its history, dating it from the middle age.

It was in the year 1106, that Godfrey Count of Louvain, having received from the Emperor Henry V. the investiture of the Duchy of Lower Lorraine, assumed for the first time the title of Duke of Brabant, and from that period the country began to be considered as a separate State.

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gen-op-Zoom and Maestricht, when by a condescendence more generous than political, he restored those provinces to Austria, in 1745 by the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. Belgium remained subject to Austria under the reign of the Empress Maria Theresa, but revolted, in 1789, against her son Joseph II. The brother and successor of this Emperor, Leopold II., succeeded in restoring his authority in these Provinces by the influence of concessions rather than by the force of arms, although he had made a disadvantageous peace with the Turks, giving up Belgrade and other important fortresses, for the purpose of turning his whole force against Flanders; but they were shortly afterwards conquered by the French armies from his son Francis II, the present Emperor of Austria. From the year 1794 they constituted part of the French Republic and Empire till 1814—that is to say, for 20 years.—London Morn. Herald.

INCENTIVES TO INDUSTRY.—As animal power is exhausted exactly in proportion to the time during which it is acting, as well as in proportion to the intensity of force exerted, there may often be a great saving of it by doing work quickly, although with a little more exertion during the time. Suppose two men of equal weight to ascend the same stairs, one of whom takes only a minute to reach the top, and the other takes four minutes; it will cause the first little more than a fourth part of the fatigue which it costs the second, because the exhaustion is in proportion to the time during which the muscles are acting. The quick over-erter may have exerted, perhaps, one-twentieth more force in the first instance, to give his body the greater velocity, which was afterwards continued, but the sloth supported his load four times as long. A healthy man will run rapidly up a long stair, and his breathing will scarcely be quickened at the top; but if he walk up slowly, his legs will feel fatigued, and he will have to wait some time before he can speak calmly. The rapid waste of muscular strength which arises from continued action, is shown by keeping the arm extended horizontally for some time; few can continue the exertion beyond a minute or two. In animals which have long horizontal necks, there is a provision of nature in a strong elastic substance on the back or upper part of the neck which nearly supports the head without muscular exertion at all.—Arnott's Elements of Physics.

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CONTEMPORARIES is the greatest of monsters, as well as the root of all evil. I have once seen the man that tried to save Charles I.—What I have seen is a doctor, and have an opportunity to be his witness; that man came to know not what I do; not he; valuing life less than twenty shillings. But, indeed, such a man could not, well, set too low a price upon himself; who though he lived up to the chin in bags, had rather die, than find in his heart to open one of them, to help to save his life. Such a man is a "fido de se," and deserves not a Christian burial. In some sense he may be compared to Parol's lean kine; for all he has do's him no good. He commonly wears his clothes till they leave him, or that nobody else can wear them. He affects to be thought poor, to escape robbery and taxes; and by looking as if he wanted an alms, excites himself from giving any. He ever goes late to markets, to cover buying the worst; but does it because it is the cheapest. He lives on the pill. His life were an unexpiring punishment to any ten per but his own; and no greater torment to him on earth, than to live as other men do. But the misery of his pleasure is, that he is never satisfied when getting, and always in fear of losing what he cannot use. How vile he has lost himself, that becomes a slave to his servants, and exalts him to the dignity of his Maker! Gold is the god—the wife—the friend, of the money-mongers of the world.—William Penn.