

A N O T H E R, W O N D E R.

Startling as the following facts may appear, the reader may rely on their perfect authenticity:

The farm of Airdre, parish of Kirkbeau, which contains almost every variety of soil, including a section of the giant Criffel, has been for some time in the natural possession of the proprietor, R. A. Oswald, Esq., of Auchincryve. Since a former tenant emigrated, Airdre has been skilfully managed by our friend, Mr. M'Craken, who among other bestial, has a favorite female slow hound, which was gifted by Mr. Murry of Broughton, to the late Richard Oswald, Esq. of Cavens. The present, as the reader knows, has been a most disastrous lambing season, and although Kirkbeau is a mild coast parish, even there the loss of stock has been very great. For a number of weeks the careful shepherds have been as much exposed as his Majesty's mail guards, when the country is blockaded, feeding weak ewes, picking up deserted lambs, which they carry to their masters' or to their own houses, where they are nursed as carefully as orphan children, who are reared from necessity on the pan and spoon. The slow hound noticed what was going forward, and, though fourteen months have elapsed, since she suckled pups, strange to say, milk returned to her in such quantities, that she has already been the means of succouring and saving more than sixty woolly nurslings, that might otherwise have perished. Night and day she may be seen lying on sheep skins before the kitchen fire, with half a dozen lambs around her, distinguishing the weak from such as are somewhat stronger, and devoting to them the most assiduous attention. Repeatedly, when some of the invalids have got a little round, they have been conveyed to the hill side, with the view of mothering them; nearly as often the bitch, when left free, has not only sought out and distinguished her former nurslings, but carried them home again with the greatest care, although the distance is more than a mile. After the servants have retired to rest, Mr. M'Craken, while reading in the parlor, sometimes lifts his candle, and visits the kitchen, to see how his woolly family, with their hairy nurse, are getting along. The lambs, when they see the light, are painfully affected, bleat piteously, and run about the floor; but their guardian soon puts everything to rights, by poking them gently with her nose, back to their former position. Although a more remarkable circumstance, has rarely, if ever, fallen under our notice, and although some may affect incredulity, there are lots of witnesses, whose testimony proves it to be true to the letter.—*Dumfries Courier*.

**PHRENOLOGY.**—Perhaps there is no subject on which so much difference of opinion exists as on phrenology. Take the votes of a hundred men about it, and, ten to one, fifty shall say it is a valuable science, and fifty that it is a mere humbug. Men of science and genius have written works to prove and to disprove it. There are many authentic anecdotes on record, of astonishing delineations of character given at phrenological examinations, by professors—shining evidences in the eyes of true believers. But the other side are also rich in proof to disprove. It is asserted, on unquestionable authority, that a celebrated professor, with his eyes blindfolded, once discovered the intellectual organs developed in an extraordinary degree—not in a human, but a cabbage head—which some mischievous practical joker had submitted to his digital examination. In like manner the organs of destructiveness, and other unchristian propensities, have been found on the consciences of eminent and pious divines, while benevolence and conscientiousness have been discovered prominent on the most notorious malefactors. Bishop and Williams, two of the most execrable villains the world ever saw, who were executed in London, after confessing the commission of more than twenty murders, for the purpose of selling the bodies of their victims to the surgeons, were declared by a learned and celebrated professor to possess the organs of benevolence and veneration in an extraordinary degree, he being unacquainted with any of the circumstances of their case. In justice, however, to this gentleman, we should say that, in an examination of the murderer Thurtell's head, he gave a most accurate description of his character. "I should say," said the professor, "that this man is entirely destitute of all moral perceptions, and that, save in form, there is no distinction between him and a brute." This opinion, which became celebrated all over Europe, was given without the slightest knowledge of Thurtell's history, or any thing connected with it. This affair may certainly balance that of the cabbage. One of the most enthusiastic disciples of the science, we have ever known was Mr. —, a very amiable and worthy man—a phrenologist and a lawyer. He practised for a short time in this city, and on one occasion having a frail fair one to defend, accused of manifold thefts, he adopted a novel mode of argument. He maintained that it was phrenologically, and therefore morally, impossible that his client could be guilty; every bump she possessed was at variance with such an idea. She had the moral organs remarkably strong. Notwithstanding this, however, the inferior jury, perverted jury convicted the prisoner. He lost his case, and gained the appellation of the "Phrenological

Lawyer. Our friend Gill made a most amusing report of this case, which we presume will appear among the other good things in his forthcoming volume.—*T. H. Huf-land*.

**AN ECCENTRIC CHARACTER.**—Some very curious anecdotes have been collected and published in France, respecting the eccentric Mr. Egerton, who succeeded to the title of Lord Bridgewater. The writer says, "those who have once seen, nay, those who have never seen this meagre personage drag himself along, supported by two huge lackeys, with his sugar-loaf hat slouched down over his eyes, cannot fail to recognise him. An immense fortune enables him to gratify the most extravagant caprices that ever passed through the head of a rich Englishman. If he be lent a book, he carries his politeness so far as to send it back, or rather have it conducted home in a carriage. He gives orders that two of the most stately steeds be caparisoned unto one of his chariots, and the volume, reclining at ease in milord's landau, arrives, attended by four footmen in costly livery, at the door of its astounded owner. His carriage is frequently to be seen with his dogs. He bestows great care on the feet of these dogs, and orders them boots, for which he pays as dearly as for his own. Lord Bridgewater's costume is an excellent one for the bootmaker; for besides the four feet of his dogs, the supply of his own two feet must give constant employment to several operatives. He puts on a new pair of boots every day, carefully preserving those he has once worn, and ranging them in order; he commands that none shall touch them, but takes himself great pleasure in observing how much of the year he has each day passed, by viewing the state of his boots."

**RADICALLY WRONG.**—It is stated in the papers that Mary B. Stone, a little miss, aged eleven years, who has been since the age of four at the academy of Seth Davis, of West-Newton, Massachusetts, can readily abstract the cube-root of twelve figures, by the rule as laid down by Pike, performing the whole operation mentally, without any other aid whatever. "We are surprised," says the Sun, "that notwithstanding the wholesome change which has taken place in public opinion relative to precocity, Mr. Davis can permit the publication of a fact which thus demonstrates his lamentable ignorance of physiology and proper mental culture. The little martyr to system and the pride of a pedagogue, who has been thus tortured with abstractions at an age when she should have been bounded over the lawn, free as air, and unrestrained by confinement, to attain parrot-like proficiency in matters she cannot mentally understand, should be taken forthwith from the imprisonment of an 'academy,' and the evil done her by misjudged and pedantic attention repaired as well as it may be. It is a monstrous perversion of the intentions of nature thus to build up the mind at the expense of the body—to induce a diseased brain by exciting it to overaction, and to run the risk of causing early death in the manufacture of an infant prodigy."

**THE RIGHT USE OF ABUSE.**—If we be dashed and bespattered with reproaches abroad, we must study to be cleaner at home; and the less we find of meekness and charity in the world about us, we are to preserve so much the more of that sweet temper within our own hearts; blessing them that curse us, and praying for them that despitefully use us, so shall we most effectually prove ourselves to be the children of our heavenly Father even to their conviction, who will scarcely allow us, in any sense, to be called his servants.—*Leighton*.

**HOW TO CHOOSE A WIFE.**—Dr. Franklin recommends a young man, in the choice of a wife, to select her from a bunch, giving as his reason, that when there are many daughters they improve each other, and from emulation, acquire more accomplishment, and know more, and do more, than a single child spoiled by paternal fondness. This is a comfort to people with large families.

**THE USE OF BOOKS.**—There never was a wit at the bar so ready as Curran. Upon one occasion, where he had laid down some points which did not find favour in the eyes of the presiding judge—"If that be law," said Lord Clare to Curran, "I may as well burn my books." "Better read them, my lord," replied Curran.

**POLISHING.**—A person in public company accusing the Irish nation with being the most unpolished in the world, was answered mildly by an Irish gentleman, "that it ought to be otherwise, for the Irish met with hard rubs enough to polish any nation upon earth."

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