

of high and low, of rich and poor, every blessing that can be the lot of mortals. We wish that all the monarchs and sovereigns of the earth might like ours, possess the affection of their subjects and the respect even of their enemies, and that their subjects under their paternal care, might enjoy true liberty: We wish that those in authority might derive true happiness from their exertion to promote that of others: We wish to the ambitious, undisturbed nights; to the intriguer, the just reward of his toils; to the flatterer, a gracious smile. May that modest and beautiful virgin, who after having caught a sly look from the object of her love, try to hyle under her fan the suffusion on her fair cheek occasioned by it if there be yet such ones, soon plight her faith on the Hymeneal altar to that very object: May all the married experience all the days of their lives, the same felicity that was their lot on the day that they became one: May the old bachelors, renouncing that unnatural state, feel the inexpressible happiness of relieving the distress of old maids by converting that horrible qualification into that of respectable matrons: May, at last, for we are afraid to have already tired the patience of our readers by the multiplicity of our most disinterested wishes; may, at last, poor widowers be taken in pity by amiable widows, and give and receive mutual consolation for past losses.—Disinterested? Mr. Editor hold your peace you babbler.

But enough of generals, and let us drop to particulars; and after having obeyed the dictates of universal charity, let us listen to the voice of gratitude. Gratitude is the utmost possible equivalent for favors received. It is a debt which must be returned with a certain additional interest, which however, must be calculated not so much after the real benefit derived from the favor conferred than after the manner it is conferred. So that a gracious smile from a great man, a slight notice in public from the man in power, a squeeze of the hand accompanied with an "*how fare ye my dear fellow*" from a fashionable, certainly deserve our gratitude, as being great altho' not very substantial favors, and as such we beg to rate our more useful friends as full an equivalent, the compliment of the season; to wit, many happy returns of the now past days. But a little more is due to our subscribers, who, how-