### GENERAL MISCELLANY.

#### The Midnight Clock.

How solemn sounds the midnight clock, When half the earth is hushed in sleep! Like distant thunder's sudden shock, It breaks the silence, still and deep, And wakens, with its fearful knell, Strange feelings in the hearer's heart. As if it were the tolling bell, Proclaiming endly-dust thou art: Even thus from its otherial tower, It knells by night the dying hour.

The strokes have ceased, but their deep sound Still lingers in the listener's ear. Then, floating slowly, spreads around Upon the dewy atmosphere: But now no sound the ear can mark, In silence hath expired the strain A silence death-like, deep and dark The silence of night's slumb'rous reign.

Another hour hath joined the past; Another wave of Time, that bore Our barks which never rest, is cast Upon that unreturning shore, Where Memory wanders oft to seek The relics which that tide has strown-Lost gems and faded flowers which speak Of brighter Springs, when they were sown

And thus we muse, till slumber kind, That nightly death of daily life, Enthrals and leads the captive mind Through halls with dreamy shadows rife Yet while we rest through awful night, While earth is dark, and heaven sublime, Nor heed the moment's rapid flight, That sleepless sentinel of time Preclaims aloud, from that lone tower, The flight of every passing hour.

SHTERA. - In entering the harbour of Smyrne, we ran close to Mytilene, the ancient Lo-

"Where burning Suppho lived and sung,"

The devoted island of Scin was also in dight, where, in a few hours, Turkish crueled barbarism converted a land of flowers civilization to a barren and desolate

Smyrna lies at the bottom of a deep gulf, at the foot of a hill, upon which an ancient eastle dominates the town. The luxurious capital of lone has sunk to a small truding town. Smyrna is better beift than most of the eastern cities. The Frank quarter lies principally near the sea. The consulates are neat edifices of stone, and are ranged upon the quay fronting the barbour. Smyrna is a place of considerable trade, and there are maof Frank merchants resident in it. Almost aibthe products and manufactures of the east may be found bere -silks, Turkey carpets, wool, raising, the Greek wines, pentl, diamonde, figs, oranges, &c. The population is not used profane language and swore."chiefly composed of Turks, Greeks, Franks, and Jews. The Greek women of Smyrns are famous for their charms. Their dress is aingularly picturesque, being the same costume as the better class of the Turkish women. It consists of loose, large trowsers, falling to the ankle, and vests of velvet, bound round the waist by rich embreidered zones, confined with cla-ps of gold or silver. Their black tres es wave unconfined over their head, or are bound round the head intertwined with roses. The stature of the Greek women of camer," replied the ductor. Smyrna is cather below than above the ordinary beight. Their benuty lies in the Grecian face, the coal black eyes, that sparkle like diamonds set in a field of vermilion, and the combined expression of classically moulded features, fresh colours, and the soft, languid air, which the climate gives to the form and countenance .- Morris's Travels.

THE CLIMATE OF EGYPT .- We arrived at Alexandria in December, yet the sun was oppressively hot, and vegetation was as green and flourishing as with us in the month of May. We were dressed in summer apparel, and so strong was the heat at noon, that we followed the custom of the country, and took a sieste (a sleep taken about the middle of the day, or after dinner,) until the waning of the sun's force. The perennial vegetation and cloudless skies of Egypt, where nature never slambers, nor the sun is shorn of his glory, where the night, with a cope illuminated with shining stars, and a brilliant moon, seem but great pleasure with the denizen of less favour-

ent Egyptians were evel prest astronomers when the heavens present such a magnificent speciacle of planets and stars, and the arch of night is so brilliantly illuminated, from the

Joys and Sorrows. - As we have a fainter ecollection of the greatness of our sorrows than of our joys, so with them we also forget the fruits their stormy palms bore us .-The sorrows of a sensitive soul are May fro-te which precede the warmer season of the year. But the affections of a hardened withered heart, are autumn frosts which announce nothing but the dreary winter. Every heavy load of sorrow seems like a perpetual submersion, un impending grave-stone, to press the doomed one down into the grave. But we forget that these bordens are oftentimes only the stones attached to the diver. that he may sink down to fi-h up pearls, and when he is enriched he will be drawn up again. - Great souls attract adversity as mountuins thunder-storms; but the storm breaks on them, and they let in the glorious sunlight upon the plains below.

SAYINGS OF THALES .- Nothing is more ancient than God, for he was not created; nothing is more beautiful than the world, and is in the work of God; nothing is more active than thought, for it traverses the whole universe; nothing is wiser than time, for to it we owe every discovery. - Which is the hap-plent of governments? That in which the sovereign can without danger take the most repose. - Hope is the only good which is common to all men; those who have lost all still poscess it. - Do not do yourself what offends you in others.

Thales was of Phenician extraction, and born at Miletus, in Ionis, 640 years before the Christian era. He was the founder of the louis school of philosophy. He lived to the advanced age of 90, dying about 545

NATURAL COMPASS. - In the vast prairies of the Texas, a little plant is always to be found, which, under all circumstances of climate change of weather, rain, frost, or sunshine invariably turns its leaves and flowers to the north. If a solitary traveller were making his way across these !rackless wilds, without a star to guide, or compass to direct bim, he finds an unerring monitor in an humble plant, and be follows its guidance, certain that it will not mislead bim.

DISCOVERIES OF THE MICROSCOPE.- The mite takes 500 steps in a recond. Each drop of stagnant water contains a world of animated beings, swimming with as much liberty as whales in the sea. Each leaf is a colony of meects grazing on it like oxen in a mea-

sweetness which flowers yield when trampled upou.'

A HINT FROM LIFE .- "Your father would not have punished you, my child, if you had Well, fither swears." I know he has been in the babit of it, but he leaves off now."-"h's a pity he hadn't done it before he taught Bill and me to swear, and then we should have been saved many lickins."

CAUSE OF DISEASE. - A lady with a flushed face and a carbunched nose, consulting Dr Cheyne, exclaimed : "Where in the name of wonder, doctor, did I get such a nose as this?" Out of the decenter, Madam, out of the de-

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