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THE GARLAND. BY THOMAS HAYLES BAXLEY. WISHES.

Say, what would be thy first wish, if a Fairy said to thee? Now, a woman—Mumant—whatever it may be. The first wish of thy heart, I think, may easily be told; Conclude in me, deny it not, thy wish would be for gold.

MY FATHER'S SWORD! BY THE SAME. My father's sword upon the wall, His chamber door since his death, Oh give it me, for now 'tis mine, To throw away the scabbard, Too long 'twas been content to wear, The handle that he won;

MISCELLANEA. "We endeavor, by variety, to add some things to one reader, some to another, and a few perhaps to every taste."

RESPECTABLE PEOPLE. There is not any term that is odious misapplied, or that is a stronger testimony of the abuse of language than this same word, respectable.

BARBADOS HURRICANES OF 1780.—In that year on the 10th October, the hurricane lasted 48 hours, Barbadoes was levelled. The sea made an entire breach over it; the very site was obliterated; 48,260 persons lost their lives! It is a remarkable fact that the wind and waves were violent enough to remove by their force a 12 pounder, from the south to the north battery, a distance of 450 feet!

REPEATEDLY MEANS A MAN'S SITUATION AND SUCCESS IN LIFE, NOT THE CHARACTER OR QUALITY OF HIS MIND. The justice of the press, and the person of the parish, the landlord, the squire, are allowed by universal usage to be very respectable people, though no one ever thinks of asking why. They are a sort of fixtures this way. To take an example from one of them, the country parson may pass his whole time, when he is not employed in the cure of souls, in fattening his fowls, and in the management of his estate, and his parishioners, in seeing powder, and encouraging inferiority, he may be evading in existing his titles, hush to his servants the deed and his word of the village in which he resides, and yet all this will not hinder his parishioners from thinking him a man to play the party tyrant to, or prevent him from making over to the sexton's in his carriage, and being well received, or from sitting on the bench with justices with due decorum and with clerical dignity.

CELEBRATED ANTHONY'S IDEA OF A PATRIOT KING.—A Patriot King is the most powerful of all Rulers; for he is himself a sort of standing miracle, as rarely seen, and so little understood, that the mere effects of his appearance will be admiration and awe in every heart. He is a sort of miracle, in every public opinion, and submission and resignation in all. A new people will seem to arise with a new King. Immovable mountains, like those which poets feign, will happen in every deed, and while men are conscious that they are the same individuals, the difference of their sentiments will almost persuade them that they are changed into different beings. But that we may not expect more from such a King, than even he can perform, it is necessary to present another general observation, after which I shall here and there mention a few particulars.

THE GREAT STEAMER "John Bull." The Montreal Herald gives the following description of the new steam boat John Bull, which is intended to ply between Quebec and Montreal. The John Bull is 200 feet long, and the finest boat in all America, and we have strong reason to think we might safely have said in the world. She is 187 feet from stem to stern, and the width of her deck is 42 feet 6 inches; the depth of her hold is 16 feet 6 inches; the depth of her hull is 16 feet 6 inches; the depth of her hull is 16 feet 6 inches; the depth of her hull is 16 feet 6 inches.

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COMMUNITY than to invite them to respect this law of nature, that there cannot be perfect health where the air is impure; and that this applies especially to apartments appropriated to sleep. Visiting friends are often put into sleeping apartments which have not been opened for days or weeks; this is far enough from kind treatment, however innocently it be done.

PORTUGUESE QUESTION. The London Courier of the 8th August, contains the following interesting article on this subject. It will be observed, that in the views of the writer, the Emperor (Don Miguel) must sooner or later fall.

MEMORIAL OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—We attended the Roman Catholic Chapel of the city on Sunday and heard Mr. Gillies preach an excellent sermon on the subject of the Reformation. The sermon was a most judicious and able exposition of the principles of the Reformation, and was a most judicious and able exposition of the principles of the Reformation.

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