

SEAT OF THE MUSES.

FROM THE PORT FOLIO.

THE TOBACCO PIPE; A NEW ODE.

DEAR piece of fascinating clay!
'Tis thine to smooth life's rugged way,
To give a happiness unknown
To those who let a Pipe alone;
Thy tube can best the vapours chase,
By raising others in their place;
Can give the face staid Wisdom's air,
And teach the lips to ope—with care,
'Tis hence thou art the truest friend,
Where least is said, there's least to mend,
And he, who ventures many a joke,
Had better oft be still, and smoke.

Whatever giddy foplings think,
Thou giv'st the highest zest to drink,
When fragrant clouds thy fumes exhale,
And hover round the nut-brown ale,
Who thinks of claret or champagne,
Even Burgundy were pour'd in vain.

'Tis not in city smoke alone,
'Midst fogs and glooms, thy charms are known.
With thee, at morn, the rustic swain
Tracks o'er the snow besprinkled plain,
To seek some neighbouring copse's side,
And rob the woodlands of their pride.
With thee, companion of his toil,
His active spirits ne'er recoil,
Though hard his daily task assign'd
He bears it with an equal mind.

The fisher, board some little bark,
When all around is drear and dark,
With shorten'd pipe beguiles the hour,
Though bleak the wind, and cold the shower,
Nor think's the morn's approach too slow,
Regardless of what tempests blow.

Mid hills of sand, mid ditches, dykes,
Mid cannons, muskets, halberts, pikes;
With thee, as still Mynheer can flay,
As Neddy 'twixt two whips of hay;
Careless of Britain or of France,
Smokes on—and looks to the main chance.

And sure the solace thou can'st give,
Must make thy fame univall'd live,
So long as men can temper clay,
(For as thou art e'en to be they,)
The fun mature the Indian weed,
Or rolling years fresh sorrows breed.

SINGULAR SUICIDE.

Some time ago, a person went to an insurance office in England, where lives are insured against all accidents, and even suicide. Having secured to his heirs the price set upon his life, he invited the insurers to dine at a tavern, where they met several other persons. After dinner, he said to the life and death brokers, "Gentlemen, it is fit that you should be acquainted with the company: These honest men are tradesmen, to whom I was in debt, without any means of paying but by your assistance, and now I am your humble servant," and immediately pulled out a pistol and shot himself.

THE MONITOR.

IF it were possible for an observer to stand on an eminence, and take a scrutinizing view of the busy multitude, and hear their different complaints, it would no doubt appear, that idleness is the oftensible cause of much misery to mortals. Industry is an appendix to human happiness; this the laws of nature speak in the most intelligible language! Inactivity is productive of sickness and death. The stagnant pool, whose confinement precludes motion, becomes vapourous and unhealthy; but the running rivulet, the ebbing river, and the flowing sea, ever retain their original purity by their incessant motion. Ponderous as are the globes of our planetary system, yet, no less active are they in performing their respective revolutions, than the little bee in gathering honey. The comparison is simple, but nevertheless just. For, to any thing else, we could not with purity compare the unremitting motion of the planets. Man only appears to be naturally indolent: His invention is continually on the rack to contrive methods by which he may push through life with the most ease and convenience. Necessity and ambition are his only stimulatives to industry; without those, arts, sciences, and mechanism would never have arrived to the length of their present perfection. Every animal is, by instinct, impressed with a certain knowledge of the necessity of a due degree of activity; and in whatever course nature designed them to act, they perform their parts without the smallest deviation. Ambition; in a man, is certainly a natural principle, and we might, with some degree of plausibility, suppose it to be *instinct refined upon*, but it does not sway alike in every breast. Necessity is a common substitute for ambition; this urges to industry, and industry produces happiness. Every end of nature is promoted by this excellent auxiliary: Through its means the body enjoys health, and the mind refreshing vigour. The conscience is also left unpolled with the accusation, of having omitted the incumbent duties that, as mortals, we owe to ourselves, and society. Industry, likewise, confers dignity on the character, and peace to the soul, it precludes the necessity of unjust complaints against the wise dispensations of heaven, for smiling plenty is its natural attendant. It is atrociously sinful, and wicked in man, impiously to assert, that his destiny in life is full of misery and wretchedness. It is the basest ingratitude, he can possibly make himself guilty of, towards his heavenly benefactor. The cause of wretchedness may be traced, either in the misappli-

cation of the properties of our nature, or in sinful indolence; and how dare man, to arraign the wisdom of God, when, with every various blessing that is so abundantly poured out to him he enjoys a free will to use them, as reason, or inclination may urge. Nor can he with impunity complain of the comparative weakness of reason, to the turbulent sway of contradictory inclinations. The passions by which we are actuated, are as necessary to our existence, as food to the prolongation of life; but reason is given to meliorate their temper, and restrain their petulant sway. Reason cannot be defined more explicitly plain, than in the simple term of FREE WILL. In every thing, nature has her undeviating laws; use your WILL consistently with your ideas of permanent happiness, happiness will be the consequence, if it consists in nothing but the consciousness of having acted with the propriety of reason. To endeavour, to make life as pleasant as possible, is one among our first duties; for a grateful heart is all our Creator wishes, in return for his beneficence; and, to murmur at our destiny, betrays a want of gratitude in a superlative degree. Activity, in mind and body, is generally followed with pleasing sensations: The performance of duty is virtue, and happiness is inseparably connected with virtue.

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