



Composed for the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, 27th Dec. 5823—A. D. 1823.

Come strike the tune that e'er imparts
 Such thrilling charms divine!
 That warms with love Freemason's hearts
 For Auld Lang Syne.
 For Auld Lang Syne my dear,
 For Auld Lang Syne,
 That warms with love Freemason's hearts
 For Auld Lang Syne.

Our Master next we proudly cheer,
And mark, his jewels shine!
Oh! may we often meet him here,
For Auld Lang Syne,
For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, &c.

Our Wardens next we cheerful greet,
May peace their brows entwine,
On friendship's level e'er we meet,
For Auld Lang Syne.
For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, &c.

Now to the Craft, where e'er they be,
Working by rule and line,
Long may they live both blest and free,
For Auld Lang Syne.
For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, &c.

And when we quit our brethren here,
The Craft above to join,
May ev'ry act prove just and square,
For Auld Lang Syne.
For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, &c.

I AM MISANTHROPOS, AND HATE MAN-
KIND.

St. Augustine and Rousseau were the first to expose to the world's gaze their most secret thoughts and actions. The unerring and tremendous fidelity of Jean Jacques attracted so much attention to his Memoirs, that imitations of his manner have been attempted by various writers ; but few of them, however, possess any remarkable merit, and none have survived an ephemeral popularity, except the "Confessions of an English Opium Eater." Without claiming any comparison with the author of that deep, eloquent, and masterly composition, on the score of genius, I only vie with him in the melancholy pre-eminence of suffering, and I proceed to imitate him in the sincerity of my disclosures. I will endeavour to depict the series of misfortunes which have torn my heart with unutterable agonies, till at length hope, like Themis of old, has spread her fairy wings and abandoned me forever.

judgment, and spread a cloud like that of an exploded cannon over its energies. When I awoke from this trance, I observed that I had become an object for scorn "to point her slow unmoving finger at"—a subject to amuse the ears of scandal, and gratify the yearnings of malice. My feelings were those of Godwin's Faulkner, when he was publicly insulted by the athletic Tyrell: I wished for annihilation, to lie down in eternal oblivion, in an insensibility which, compared with what I experienced, was scarcely less enviable than beatitude itself.

Soon after this event, I left college, and in order to assuage my sorrows, I travelled into foreign countries; but, neither the charms of nature, nor the ever-changing hues which life exhibits, could dispel that deep and settled melancholy which affects the heart with a dead yet aching heaviness, and makes our existence appear a blank, alike uninteresting in its pleasures and its pains. I was not fitted to enjoy the display of fashion, or to follow the delicate unfoldings of its graceful knot, which is made of frail tho' too glittering materials. I felt as if I was alone in the world—I was a human creature cut off from my fellows, and blighted by some awful visitation, my lonely fate involved no other destiny—and, like the melancholy Childe, I was as a weed,

"Flung from the rock, on ocean's foam, to sail
Where'er the surge might sweep, the tempest's
breath prevail."

In the mean time, years glided on, as they must
and will do, whether winged with pleasure or laden
with affliction. I at length returned to my native
country, and established myself in a charming
retreat in Rhode Island. The spot I selected
appeared to be "a blending of all beauties," an
epitome of the various charms of nature. My
cottage picturesquely crowned the loveliest of rivers,
and looked down proudly from its nest of trees,
as though watching and brooding over its image in
the water, silver bright beneath it. Through a
vista of oaks and elms could be discerned a wild
but pleasant valley, down which wandered a lively
brook, which babbled at every stone that interrupted
its passage. Here, over the midst of a well selected
library, I abandoned myself to that magic of the
mind that waves its wand of enchantment and
creates for itself a poetical paradise. To me,
literature supplied the place of every good; and,
like Orpheus, I found it to suspend my pains. I
saw the atmosphere of wretchedness in which I had
been wrapped up, gradually retreating, and sinking
away like a mist at a distance. But although my
darling studies shed a refreshing dew on a heart
dried up with vexation and sorrow, I soon felt that
utter solitude was not made for man—and, in my
intervals of literary occupation, melancholy would
cower with its depressing and heavy wings on my
couch, or would hang around me in my solitary
walks. Through my transient serenity I could
still discern the stationary weight which oppressed
my heart, as through the fleeting waters of the
stream, you see the rocks that lie motionless below.

It was during this state of alternate cheerfulness and misery, that I became acquainted with Matilda, a lovely girl, who bore meekly with the infirmities and supported the declining age of her mother. The elegant simplicity of her dress, the bloom of health revelling in her cheeks, her carriage graceful as that of the swan gliding on the waters, and the exquisite beauty of her face and person, completely fascinated me. Matilda soon became all the world to me, and nature without her was one universal desert; she was the sun that illumined all—and fierce and gloomy as was my nature, I had only to think of her and I became as cheerful as sea, as sky, and air, when the Halcyon sits brooding on her nest. Instantly, the cloud of profound melancholy which rested upon my brain, like dark vapours that roll away from the summits of mountains, drew off, and left me “in a bright serene.”

But well has the Roman poet said "nimium ne crede colori." The captivating graces of Mailda, so well adapted to ensnare the thoughtless and unwary, veiled a satanic soul. I will not, however, anticipate the horrors which but too soon overtook me with the rapidity and burst of thunder. In the mean time I was so completely dazzled by her charms, that I reposed unlimited confidence in her, and I went on weaving the enchanting web of fairy tissue, unmindful of all consequences. I fell like a person in a rapturous dream, or having his senses overpowered by a delicious inebriation, and reeling about lost in a maze of confused feelings, unable to reflect on the past, the present, or the future. In an evil moment,
' Was mumbled o'er the spell that bound us fast,
Like an envenomed robe, to scorch each other
With mutual ruin.'—

All her former stains were wrapped up in the ample impenetrability of the nuptial veil; and for a time, her whole deportment seemed to breathe the very essence of devoted attachment. I will, for the present, drop the curtain in the midst of the only pleasing scene of my eventful drama; as by exhibiting the consummation of the tragedy, I shall present horrors, unblended with the golden hues of fancy, and scenes of wickedness and misery from which the mind will turn with indignant impatience, as the sun refused to shine on the banquet of Tnyestes.

In this Hospital 2944 infants out of 7050 died in the years 1782, 1783, 1784, and 1785, within the first fortnight after their birth, that is nearly one child out of every six. They almost all died in convulsions, of what nurses call nine days fits, because they came on within nine days after their birth. These children, many of them foamed at their mouths, their thumbs were drawn into the palms of their hands, the jaws were locked, the face was swelled, and looked blue as though they were choked.

This last circumstance led the Physicians to conclude that the rooms in the hospital were too close and crowded, and hence that the infants had not a sufficient quantity of good air to breathe. They contrived, therefore, air-pipes, six inches wide, which were placed in the ceiling of each room.—Three holes, an inch wide, were bored through each window frame; and a number of holes were made in the doors at the bottom.

Thus the rooms were kept sweet and fresh—and the consequence has been, from the Register in that Hospital, that—

Children.		
In 1786, out of	1372	there died 51
1787, ———	1375	59
1788, ———	1496	55
	<u>4243</u>	<u>165</u>

So that since the alteration of the rooms as to airiness, out of 4243, there died 165 children—whereas before, the average amount of deaths from the same number was 1632.—*Dublin Evening Post*, Nov. 3.

HAVE received from LONDON, LIVERPOOL, and GREENOCK, their usual supply of FALL GOODS; consisting of superfine, second, and common Cloths; Flushings;—swandown Vestings; rose and point blankets; Flannels; Bombazetts; Camblet for gentlemen's Clokes; printed Cottons; Homespuns; Checks; Irish linens; Cambric, book and jaconet Muslins; Imitation Cambric; Cotton and Linen Bedtick; Candlewick; Duck, Osnaburgh, Brown Hollands; a variety of Shawls and Hdks, good East India INDIGO, &c

They have also on hand

Boxes Tin, Sheet Iron, Iron and brass Wire; a variety of SLOP CLOTHING; with many other articles which they offer for sale at a small advance.

Oct. 3.

Have received, per RANGER, from LIVER
POOL,
AN assortment of BOOK, CAMBRIC, JACONET, and
other MUSLINS; Ladies' Robes & Dresses—
a variety of NAPS, for cloaks & mantles; Steam
Loom and Striped Shirting Cottons; Checks, Car-
petings, &c.—which will be sold very low for cash.
Sept. 12.

metres, Vestings, Naps, Flushings and Broad
Cloths :
THE Subscriber offers for sale, on the lowest
terms, 15 bales of the above, landing *ex RAN*
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NEW AUCTION MART, AND COMMIS-
SION STORE.

THE Subscriber begs to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has rented the STORE are y occupied by *Joseph Hamilton*, head of **BAU. ER'S** (late **RUDOLF'S**) Wharf, where he intends transacting business in the
GENERAL COMMISSION LINE;

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West India produce, and other heavy Goods stored free.
Regular days of Sale at the Room, will be on

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 11 o'clock
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B. HACKETT

WILLIAM FOSTER.

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Crawley STEEL plough moulds, and plough plate
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grates, cast iron mould boards, without heads
spades and shovels, two Mooring Chains, made of
½ iron, with swivels in each; all of which he will
sell on moderate terms.
Also, VINEGAR—Ploughs and Wheel Barrows,
June 6.

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Sherry				Raisins,			
Lisbon				Currants,			
Teneriffe				Nutmegs			
Fayal				Mace			
Malaga				Cloves			
Claret				Cinnamon			
Jamaica Spirits				Pepper			
Rum,				Alspice			
Cordials, assorted				Fine & Common Scotch			
Bottled Porter;				Barley;			
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Venegar,				Superf. & com Flour,			
Sweet				Rye Flour,			
Seal		O I L,		Indian Meal,			
Hyson				Patent Blacking cake			
Young Hyson		T E A S		Indigo,			
Hyson Skin				Starch,			
Souchong				Fig Blue,			
Green				Old Castile Soap for			
Congo				family use;			
Bohea				Turpentine Soap,			
Double & Single refine				Mould and Dipt Can-			
Sugar;				dles;			
Brown Sugar,				Leaf & Twist Tobacco			
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Mens and boys blue Jackets & Trowsers;	of printed Cottons
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Sewing & Twine;	Blankets;
rich Linen & Sheetting	Dowls;
Linen & Cotton Checks	Bed Ticken;
Bandana and black Silk Handkerchiefs;	Nails & Window Glass
An assortment of Ribbons;	Jack Knives Penknives & Scisars
Threads and Tapes ;	Table Knives & Forks,
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All orders from town and country thankfully
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Feb 14

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others, are respectfully informed, that*

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vessels from London and Glasgow, are for
sale at the **CHRONICLE PRINTING OF-
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Imperial Paper	single
Super Royal	Log book Slates
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Common do	Crown Office Wafers
Note Paper, gilt & plain	Coloured Wafers in boxes
Very fine Cartridge—or	Office Tape, broad and narrow
log book paper Finest	Green Silk Taste
Common do	Plated and common Tape Stands
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Blue do	Black Ink Powder
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Small do	Pocket ditto
Ditto gilt do	Lead Paper Pressers
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Ruled Music do	Reves' Water Colors, 1 box large and complete
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