



BLUE PILL.

The liver seems of late years to be regarded by our Practitioners as placed in the body solely for the purpose of *annoyance*—and, in every description of disease, the different preparations of Mercury are administered, on the ground that the liver is the primary source of complaint. The following extract from an intercepted letter of advice, shews the extensive prevalence of this practice: it is from Dr. —, to a younger Practitioner:—

All medical learning, professional skill,
Depend on the knack of prescribing *Blue pill*.

For in whatever part of the frame is the ill,
The liver's in fault—you must order *Blue pill*.

You may join it with fox-glove, or join it with squill,
The only effective ingredient's *Blue pill*.

The liver is torpid, the bile is bad, till
You change the secretion by dose of *Blue pill*.

BILE—white, brown, or black—no difference!—still
It must all be set right by the famous *Blue pill*.

Whether raging with fever, or shivering with chill,
Your chilo-pneitics must fight with *Blue pill*.

From your eyes, from your nose, should water distill,
'Tis all bile!—that's defective!—so down goes *Blue pill*.

If you sneeze, if you cough, if you do what you will,
You are bilious pronounced, and are worked with *Blue pill*.

No peppermint water, no water of dill,
For wind can gain credit against *Blue pill*.

Thyme, marjoram, rue, you need not distill,
Their virtues concentrate and fix in *Blue pill*.

To line their own pockets, the Doctors must fill
Their Patients' intestines with nightly *Blue pill*.

'Gainst your reason, your judgment, and e'en 'gainst
your will,
Your Doctor persuades you to take the *Blue pill*.

He swears that your cure he thus will fulfil—
Open-mouthed you believe him, and down goes *Blue pill*.

Oh! it gladdens my heart, and makes my nerves thrill,
To think of the cures that are made with *Blue pill*.

I should weary myself, and wear out my quill,
To describe half the charms of the nightly *Blue pill*.

By experience, by study, by whatever you will,
You'll be reckon'd a fool if you give not *Blue pill*.

By it though your patients you afterwards kill,
You've the present advantage!—so stick to *Blue pill*.

Should your patient survive: well pleased with your
skill,
He will trumpet your fame, and the fame of *Blue pill*.

For those Doctors will bring the best grist to the mill,
Who prescribe with least mercy the nightly *BLUE PILL*.

DR. CASTAING.

[See *W. Chron.*, Feb. 27.]

PARIS,

Dec. 6.

EXECUTION OF DR. CASTAING.

Dr. Castaing was executed to day at 2 o'clock, in the Place de Greve. A prodigious crowd had assembled to witness the execution. The prisoner was brought at five o'clock this morning from the Bicetre to the Conciergerie, the prison of the Palace of Justice. About half past one, he was brought out to be transported to the place of execution before the Hotel de Ville. He seemed extremely dejected, his mental resolution appeared overpowered, and his bodily strength entirely prostrate, apparently unable to support himself.—He leaned his head on the shoulder of the Priest who accompanied him to administer the consolations of religion. Though the whole of the immense area of the Place de Greve was filled with spectators, and the interest of the public in the demeanor of the unhappy man was excited to the highest degree of intensity, no accident happened, and no other feeling but that of curiosity was manifested. On arriving at the foot of the scaffold he remained several minutes in deep and earnest prayer with his Confessor. On mounting the scaffold, which he did with faltering footsteps, he looked round upon the assembled multitudes with a dejected countenance, and then casting his eyes to heaven, he remained some moments in deep meditation, and resigned himself to the executioner. On the latter placing his hand behind his neck, to assist in adjusting his head upon the block, Castaing turned suddenly round and addressed a few words to him, but from the low tone in which he spoke we could not understand their purport. After a few moments passed in suspense, the fatal axe rapidly descended, and the unhappy sufferer was thus hurried into the presence of Him, who alone knows his real guilt or innocence. Castaing protested his innocence to the last, though with less vehemence than on the delivery of his sentence. The faculty speak in very harsh and unmeasured terms of Dr. Pelletan, who neither described with care and accuracy, what he himself observed on opening the body of Pelletan, nor the means of forming an opinion themselves, by bringing to Paris the intestines of the deceased. The physicians join the rest of the world in ascribing Pelletan's death to substances administered by Castaing, but they regret that criminal justice could not, owing to the negligence or ignorance of Pelletan, obtain more satisfactory proofs of the crime. Beyond his own confessions, contradictions, and admissions, there was confessedly no ground to convict him. Castaing's father

has resigned his place under the Government. His brother had previously given in his commission as Captain in the Guards. So this man's crimes have ruined as well as disgraced his whole family.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE REIGNS OF GEORGE THE THIRD AND FOURTH.

A very neat little pocket volume has recently been published under this title, which contains, in a very compressed form, much curious and amusing information. We select a few specimens:—

JUNE 16, 1760.—At Glen, in the county of Leicester, the mob threw two old women into the water, to ascertain by their sinking or swimming whether they be witches.

DEC. 11, 1760.—The season so mild that many pear trees about town were in blossom, and primroses and daisies appeared in the fields.

MARCH 2, 1761.—The flow of the tide at London Bridge so little that the stearings were not covered at high water; a thing not known in the memory of man.—[An event of the same kind has been mentioned within a day or two as occurring in the Solway Firth.]

1763.—A man under sentence of death was pardoned, on condition of his permitting his leg to be cut off; and a new stytic tried upon it; but he died before a trial could be made.

NOV. 2, 1763.—The affair between the master tailors and journeymen settled at Hicks's Hall when it was agreed that the men should have 2s. 6d. and three halfpence for porter per day, from Lady-day to Midsummer; and 2s. 2d. and three halfpence for porter for the rest of the year.

APRIL, 1764.—At Monmouth, a girl was burnt for the murder of her mistress.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1764.—Cork jacket, air jacket, marine collar and belt, tried with success at London Bridge as preservatives against drowning.

FEB. 11, 1765.—The peruke makers being in great distress for want of employment, owing to many people wearing their own hair, petition the King for relief. Several of the peruke makers who attended on this occasion, gave such offence by their inconsistency in wearing their own hair, that they had it cut off by the mob.

JUNE 4.—The Crown Inn, at Ware, the oldest in the county of Hertford, pulled down. In this inn was the famous large bed, in which twenty six butchers and their wives slept, on the night King William the Third was crowned.

NOV. 1769.—The King of Prussia forbids, by a public edict, widows of more than 50 years of age to marry, because they commonly marry young men of no property, who dissipate their fortunes to the prejudice of children and other relatives.

MARCH 21, 1770.—Coals at 20d. a bushel, which is said to be enormous.

INDIA.

CALCUTTA,

July 23, 1823.

SUMERHULPOOR, July 1.—The following is a most remarkable instance of a Sutee which has occurred at this place, the issue of which will be perused with pleasure by all the lovers of humanity, and excite sentiments of sympathy for the unfortunate sufferers, in the bosom of all susceptible of human kindness and fellow feeling.

On the 29th ult. intimation was given by the local authorities that the widow of a Brahmin who died the preceding evening, had voluntarily expressed a desire to perform Sutee at the funeral pile of her departed husband; every possible argument was advanced with a view to dissuade her from thus sacrificing herself, but without effect; seeing her determined, she was of course allowed to follow the bent of her inclinations, and accompanied by her relations and the Brahmins of her sect, she proceeded to the spot where the pile was erected, on the banks of the Mahanuddie, contiguous to the town of Sumerhulpoor; the construction of the pile, which was composed of bamboos, differs very materially from those generally used in other parts of the country; the base was a tetragon of about seven feet, with walls as near as possible five feet in height, these gradually diminished to the top, and assumed a form somewhat spherical; in the centre was placed the wood and other combustible, on which was laid the dead body, folded in a sandom of white cloth; steps, so as to facilitate ascent, were constructed on the western side; on the woman approaching the pile (the wood in which had previously been set on fire), she appeared without the slightest agitation, perfectly cool and collected, and evinced wonderful fortitude and resignation, and entirely free from the influence of intoxicating drugs. She twice walked, unaided, with a firm step, round the funeral pile, ascended the steps, and threw herself spontaneously into the flames. A solemn pause ensued for a few seconds, and every one considered her a martyr to her religion, when, to the astonishment and agreeable surprise of the greater number of the bystanders (but the evident discomfiture of the sedulous Brahmins), she eagerly scrambled over the pile, ran and threw herself into the river, whence, by the prompt and exemplary assistance of the European gentlemen present (Capt. L. of the Madras Establishment, and Mr. Babington, the Deputy Postmaster), she was instantly rescued, and conveyed to the Military Hospital, where she now remains severely scorched, but in a favorable way for recovering. The poor woman is deprived of her caste in consequence of what has happened, and was it not owing to the humane and generous interference of the Political Agents, to whom the circumstance as it took place was immediately communicated, the unfortunate wretch, not even recognized by her family and connexions, would be allowed to wander an outcast, without a single friend to pity or protect her.

MR. BELZONI.

We (Cambridge Chronicle) are happy in being able to communicate to our readers some further account of this enterprising traveller. Letters have just been received from him, by a gentleman of this University, dated Cape Coast, * Oct 20, of which we have been favoured with the following extracts:—

"I write to you, my dear friend, by a transport, which is just sailing for England, and send you a few lines in haste. I cannot enter at present into a detail of all the events which brought me to this coast, but reserve them till I write you more fully. I am only able now to tell you that I am going to take a Northern direction from the kingdom of Benja, a straight up to Haussa. Benja is situated on the east of this coast, and the route I intend to

take is over a tract of land entirely unknown, so that I hope I shall not be deemed an intruder in the path of Northern travellers. I shall endeavour to give you a full account, if possible, from Benin, but I fear it will be a long time before you receive any of my letters from that quarter. If God please I hope to meet the Niger on the east of Haussa previous to my reaching the capital of that kingdom. I shall not fail to write to you by the first opportunity of a caravan to the north. I could not take many notes of what I could observe at this place, and I am surprised so little is known of it in England, or indeed of the settlements on this coast. In my voyage here I fortunately met with an English Gentleman, Captain of a man of war, a native of Plymouth, who, in consequence of the death of Sir R. Mends, has taken the command of the squadron on this coast as senior officer; he is enthusiastic in every thing that relates to discovery, and I feel myself highly indebted to this Gentleman for the kind assistance he has afforded me in the furtherance of my views; and it is grateful to me, and I thank God that I have met with an Englishman, who has in some measure balanced the injuries I have sustained from those I will not name to you at Tan-giers. Remember me most kindly to all friends, I shall write to you again as soon as I am able."

* Cape Coast Castle is a fortress on the coast of Guinea, in latitude 5 deg. north. It is the chief of our settlements in those parts. Benin is seated near the river of the same name in latitude 8 deg. 40 min. north.

ANATOMICAL EXPERIMENTS.

The newspapers have lately given some accounts of an experiment made by Sir Astley Cooper, at Guy's Hospital, with an instrument for evacuating the stomach, the invention of Mr. Redd, of Hors-monger-lane, Kent. It appears that Mr. Ward, of Nottingham, has, for some time, had in his possession a somewhat similar instrument, of the utility of which we are happy to give even a more decided proof than the experiment of Sir A. Cooper, viz. its successful application, on the 19th ult. at the request of Dr. Payne, for the removal of a quantity of laudanum from the stomach of a woman, in whom the relief was complete.—Mr. R. K. Williams, with the assistance of Mr. Wards, found not the least difficulty in its application.—*Stafford Advertiser*

A very novel but interesting operation was last week exhibited in the Anatomical Theatre at Saint Thomas's Hospital. Mr. Jukes, a surgeon, who invented the apparatus for extracting poison from the stomach nearly two years ago, satisfactorily proved, by experiments upon himself, the efficacy of the practice, now attended, at the request of Sir Astley Cooper, to repeat the experiment of emptying the stomach by mechanical means. Mr. Jukes chose to be himself the subject of the experiment, and was so sanguine of the success of the operation, that he would have swallowed a large quantity of laudanum, had not the entreaties of his friends induced him to substitute a solution of liquorice instead. Having swallowed a portion of this solution, and diluted it by drinking two pints of water, Mr. Jukes introduced a long flexible tube into his mouth, and passed it down into the stomach. Mr. Scott, a surgeon, who had formerly performed a similar operation upon this gentleman, immediately fixed a large copper syringe to the extremity of the tube, and in the space of two minutes completely pumped up the whole of the liquid that had been drank into a washhand basin held by an assistant. Sir Astley Cooper expressed the highest satisfaction in witnessing the speedy and successful effect of the operation, and the Theatre, which was excessively crowded by professional spectators, rung loudly with shouts of approbation. This public demonstration of the practicability of emptying the stomach by mechanical means, though the first made upon the human species, satisfactorily assures the medical profession of the easy application of the apparatus to cases of poisoning, and it is to be hoped, that by the timely use of this invaluable instrument, our public records of accidental and suicidal deaths from poison, will happily now be but few.

I. MANSFIELD & SON,

HAVE received from LONDON, LIVERPOOL, and GREENOCK, their usual supply of FALL GOODS; consisting of superfine, second, and common Cloths; Flannels;—swansdown Vests; rose and point blankets; Flannels; Bombazets; Camblet for gentlemen's Cloaks; painted 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 Hdk's, 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.

The Subscriber,

Has received by the Industry from LONDON, A Supply of Barclay & Co's best BROWN STOUT; which may be had in bottle or wood, at his Wine Cellar.—Also, West India and London Particular Madeira; Old Port; pale old Sherry; Dry Lisbon, and other WINES—Cognac Brandy; High-flavour'd old Rum; Gin, Irish Whiskey, &c. &c.

FROM CANADA,

A large assortment of Single and Double STOVES; with various other Castings, on Consignment.—which, with his usual assortment of Ironmongery Cutlery, &c. are for sale, at moderate prices.

Oct. 17. 1823. GEO. N. RUSSEL.

NEW AUCTION MART, AND COMMISSION STORE.

THE Subscriber begs to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has rented the STORE lately occupied by Joseph Hamilton, head of BAUER'S (late RUDOLPH'S) Wharf, where he intends transacting business in the

GENERAL COMMISSION LINE; And the Sale of Goods by Auction.

Intending to confine himself solely to the Commission Business, he assures his Friends that no exertions shall be wanted to give such satisfaction as may merit a continuance of favours.

A part of the Store is fitted up in a neat manner for Dry Goods, to which every attention will be given to keep them in good order.

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 precisely. B. HACKETT.

Halifax, Sept. 5, 1823.

INDENTURES.

For Sale at this Office.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

A very numerous and respectable Meeting of the Halifax Diocesan Committee of this Society at the National School, on Wednesday the 1st of Dec.

His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of DALHOUSIE in the Chair.

The attention of the Committee was called to the injury which is sustained from the want of some funds which may be applied to the benevolent objects of this Committee within the Diocese of Nova Scotia; as the benefactions of Members of the Society, at their entrance, and their Annual Subscriptions are the exclusive property of the Parent Society.

Whereupon it was unanimously Resolved, That a column be opened in the Subscription Book of this Committee, for the names of such persons (whether Members of the Society or otherwise) as may be pleased to subscribe any sum, not less than half a Guinea, annually, for the benefit of this Committee; with understanding that all persons, so subscribing, although they may not be Members of the Society, shall thereby become Members of this Committee, and be entitled to purchase books at the reduced prices, and to attend and vote at all its Meetings.

JOHN INGLIS, Secretary.

Any Contributions or Subscriptions in pursuance of the above Resolution, will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Secretary.

A new Catalogue of the Books, on sale by the Committee, including the numerous additions which have lately been made to its stock, will soon be ready for distribution.

Those few Members of the Society, whose subscriptions are in arrears, are very respectfully requested to send the amount to Mr. James C. Cochran, Assistant Secretary. June 15

Gentlemen of the Army, Navy, Town, and others, are respectfully informed, that

THE following articles, imported in the late Vessels from London and Glasgow, are for sale at the CHRONICLE PRINTING OFFICE—at the lowest rates, for cash viz:

Imperial Paper	single
Super Royal	Log book Slates
Royal	Common do large and small
Medium	State Pencils
Demy	Sliding Gunter Scales
Folio Post	Common ditto
foolscap, very best gilt	Office Files with Laces
Do black edged	Best and com, Lead Pencils
Do plain	do
Very best Pot	Hudson Bay Quills
2d quality do	Dutch Quills and Pens
Com. low priced do	Inferior low priced Quills
Extra fine 4to Post, wove	do
yellow'd and gilt.	do
Common do	Best Dutch Wax
Note Paper, gilt & plain	Com. do, for bottles
Very fine Cartridge—on	Crown Office Waters
log book paper finest	Coloured Wafers in boxes
Common do	Office Tape, broad and narrow
Blossom Blotting Paper	Green Silk Taste
Blue do	Plated and common Tapers
Muslin Paper	par, Stands
Bristol Boards	Green Wax Tapers
Coarse Paper for Sketches	Black Ink Powder
Paste Boards	Red ditto
Large—Message Cards—	Japan Ink, black red
wove and hotpressed	in small phials
Small do	Durable Ink for marking
Ditto gilt do	on linen or cotton cloth
Sketch Books—neat	with a pen
Ruled Music do	Pewter Ink Chests
Account Books	Do Ink holders
Receipt do	Packet ditto
Best foolscap quire Books	Lead Paper Pressers
marble covers	Small Bones
Do Pot do do	Revers' Water Colors, 1
Copy Books, with picture	box large and complete
covers—per gross, dozen, or single	Ditto in small boxes
Copper Plate Slips—by	Ditto squares
the gross, dozen, or	Pounce & Pounce boxes

CHARTS.

British Channel	Chesapeake Bay
Irish do	Halifax to Philadelphia
Bay of Biscay	Cape Cod to Havana
Mediterranean	Nova Scotia
Atlantic Ocean	Newfoundland and
Azores	Gulf of St. Lawrence
Rio Janeiro	Labrador,
Coast of Brazil	One large Map of the
West Indies	World—four quarters
St. Domingo	on rollers

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Willich's Encyclopedia	& France
Walkers pron. Dictionary	Essay on Gothic Archi.
Cesar Delph.	ecture
Ovid do	Elegant Prayer Books
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Tutor's Assistant,	ons
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Goldsmith's Geography	Faulkner's Shipwreck
Life and adventures of	Mason's Collection
Robinson Crusoe	Charles's Emblems
Complete Letter writer	Pliny's Letters
Vicar of Wakefield	Entick's Dictionary
She thinks for herself	Shakespeare's Plays
Destination	Homer's Iliad
Cowan's Anthrapoidea	Milton's Works
Young Man's best Com-	Thompson Seasons
panion	Holy Bible, 2 vols
Dakin's Greek Testa-	Stevens Harmonica
ment	Kirkwood's improved
Art of preserving the	method of Writing.
sight	Bibles, Testaments, and
Psalters	
Lavender in 3 pint bottles	sundry Essences
Windsor Soap; London Mould	
very best Hyson Tea &c. &c.	
Halifax, March 22.	