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Oct. 3. L. G TAYLOR.

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For Coughs, Colds, Consumptions and Pulmonary affections of any kind.
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The following certificates just received from a highly respectable gentleman will show its value.

GENTLEMEN—I feel it my duty to acknowledge the great benefit I have derived from the use of De La Monterat's Columbian Vegetable Specific. I do not like to speak of the Medicine in the exalted terms in which I estimate it, I will therefore briefly as possible, give a history of my own situation, with the effects produced by this valuable medicine. I have been for the last five or six years labouring under a pulmonary Consumption, pronounced to be such by the attending Physician, during which time I have consulted many Physicians. Taken much medicine, but all to but little purpose. The 12th of March, 1828, I puked blood for the first time, and continued so to do for several days in succession, and on the 14th of the same month, was confined to my bed, where I lay for two months until I was reduced to such a state of debility, that my friends began to despair of my recovery. I had made use also of all the popular remedies without benefit, and having accidentally heard of this Specific I determined to give it a trial, anticipating from the use of it, no better result than had attended the use of all the remedies I had taken; but in this I was happily disappointed. At my very lowest state I commenced the use of this specific, I took the first dose at night in a little herb-tea sweatened, which threw me in a gentle perspiration & procured for me a good nights rest. I continued to take the medicine, as directed, and in about five days my cough was completely stopped and have not had any return since. I am now perfectly satisfied of the superior quality of this specific over every other medicine offered for the cure of the above disease. You are at liberty to use this letter in any way you may think proper. Yours respectfully,

Signed JOHN R. ELLICOTT.
Lancaster County, Pa. March 5th, 1829.
Messrs Boyd & Higgings,

COPY.—The following certificate is received from an agent in N. York, which is from a respectable lady of that city.

SIR—To withhold from public knowledge a manifest fact of the utility and perfect cure affected by the use of De La Monterat's Columbian Vegetable Specific, would be ungrateful, as long as it is a duty incumbent upon every one to facilitate the comfort of the afflicted. I caught a most violent cold which affected my breast and lungs so much, I could scarcely speak for nearly three months at the same time accompanied with frequent discharges from my lungs. I had recourse to many medicines without the least effect, when upon hearing of the above specific I was induced to obtain some of it, and procured one bottle which afforded me considerable relief. I purchased the second, and before using the two-thirds of the bottle, I was restored to perfect health. I am fully persuaded it has not its parallel in the world, for the cure of those afflicted with asthma coughs, or other consumptive affections.

(Signed) SARAH A. PEALE.
New York, September 2d 1829.

DR. CHAPMAN'S ANTI DYSPEPTIC OR SOUR STOMACH PILL.—The following certificate is from Dr. Walter C. Cohen, late member of the American Philosophical Society, &c.

I cheerfully add my testimony in favor of Dr. Chapman's Anti Dyspeptic Pill, as a remedy for Dyspeptia, and the experience I have had from using them in my practice for several months past, fully convinces me that they are equal and in many cases superior to any preparation I have ever known. And in all cases where the stomach and bowels require evacuation by the intervention of a cathartic, they are in my opinion the most convenient and efficacious pill of any in use. At the same time being safe and easy in their operation

WALTER C. COHEN, M. D.
Philad. Sept. 14, 1829.

N. B. To prevent imposition, the signature of James Chapman, Jr. will accompany each bill of direction. Price $1.00.

PEPERINE & the oil of Black Pepper remedies for the Ague and Fever, also for sale by
Oct. 10 S. W. SPENCER.

Overseer and Matron Wanted for the Poor.

THE Office of Overseer being Vacant by the death of Mr. Willis, the Trustees of the Poor for Talbot County wishes to employ an Overseer and Matron for the next year, applications made in Writing, and left at the Store of the Subscriber, on or before the first day of NOVEMBER next, will be attended to.

By order of the Trustees of the Poor of Talbot County.

LAMBERT REARDON.
Easton, Oct. 3 3w

$20 REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, living near Easton, Talbot county, (Md.) about the middle of MAY last, a negro Boy who calls himself

HENRY WILLSON,

about 17 or 18 years of age, of rather a dark complexion, 5 feet, 4 or 5 inches high, had on when he runaway, a kersey jacket and Trowsers, Tow Linnen shirt and wool hat, all nearly new—it is supposed that he has made his way to Baltimore, as his Father & Mother both resides there, whosoever will take up the said negro, and return him to me, or lodge him in any Jail in this state so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward.

WM. BENNY, Jr.
Talbot Co. aug. 15

MARYLAND:
Talbot County Orphans' Court,
AUGUST TERM, A. D. 1829.

On application of Josiah Botfield, Executor of Abednego Botfield, late of Talbot county, deceased,—It is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in the town of Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of Talbot county Orphans' Court, I have hereunto set my hand, and the seal of my office affixed, this 18th day of September, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty nine

Test JAS. PRICE, Reg'r.
of wills for Talbot County

In compliance to the above order,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the subscriber of Talbot county hath obtained from the Orphans' court of Talbot county in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Abednego Botfield late of Talbot county deceased, all persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof to the subscriber on or before the 1st of April next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.—Given under my hand this 18th day of September A. D. 1829.

JOSIAH BOTFIELD, Ex'r.
of Abednego Botfield dceased.
Sept. 26

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY Virtue of two writs of venditioni exponas, one issued out of Talbot county court, the other from the Court of Appeals to me directed against Joseph Haskins. The Former at the suit of Govert Haskins use of John Helier Trustee for the Creditors of Govert Haskins.—The latter at the suit of Govert Haskins use of Leonard Kemball use of Hall Harrison use of Robert Gilmore—will be offered at Public Sale on SATURDAY the 24th day of October inst at the Court House door in Easton, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock of said day, a tract or part of a tract of Land called "Kingston" containing 104½ acres, one other Tract or parcel of Land called "Haskins' Discovery" adjoining or near the Lands of William Mackey, containing 94 acres more or less, one Lot on Washington st. 37 feet front and running back 160 feet; one Lot on South street 40 feet front running back 100 feet, adjoining the Lot of Mr. Hammond, 1 other lot on Goldsborough & Harrison streets containing about 1 acre adjoining Bartons lot, 1 other Lot containing 6¾ acres near Easton, it being part of a tract of Land called Londonderry, will be sold to pay the above writs of venditioni exponas and the interest an costs due and become due thereon, attendance given by

EDW'D. N. HAMBLETON.
Oct. 3 former Shff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot County Court and to me directed, at the suit of Benjamin Kemp, against Levin Blades, garnishee of Joseph Kemp will be sold at public sale at the Court House door, in the town of Easton, on TUESDAY the 20th day of October next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 5 o'clock. P.M. the following property, viz. All the right, title, interest and claim of him, the said Levin Blades, of, in and to one house and lot, in the town of St. Michaels, where he at present resides; also one other house and lot, in said town, where William Plummer at present resides; also two head of cattle; taken and will be sold to pay and satisfy the above named venditioni, interest and costs due and to become due thereon.

Attendance by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.
Sept. 26.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas issued out of Talbot county court and to me directed at the suit of Henry D. Sellers, against Benjamin Benny, will be sold at public Vendue, to the highest bidder, for Cash, at the front door of the Court House, in the Town of Easton, on TUESDAY the 3d day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. & 4 o'clock P. M. of the same day, the plantation with all the improvements, situate in Talbot County aforesaid, whereon the said Benjamin Benny lately resided, Seized and taken as the lands and tenements of the said Benjamin Benny, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the said writ of venditioni exponas, and the interest and costs due & to become due thereon. Attendance given by THOS. HENRIX, late Shff.
Oct.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY Virtue of eight several writs of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot County court, & to me directed, to wit; one at the suit of Edward N. Hambleton, use J. Loockerman, use Levin Millis, Sen. and William Ferguson—and Eusebius Leonard, Mills and Ferguson's part use of William Jenkins, use Jesse Scott, against James Chambers, one at the suit of George W. Nabb, against the same; one at the suit of William Jenkins, Survivor of Peter Stevens deceased, against the same; one at the suit of the State of Maryland, use of Joshua Dixon and Rebecca his Wife, formerly Rebecca Gregory, against James Chambers, Alice Gregory and William Pearson, one at the suit of William Jenkins, against James Chambers; one at the suit of John W. Gollohon, use James McDonough, use Crawford and Mackey, use Samuel Crawford, against the same; one at the suit of Thomas Coward, against Levin Millis and James Chambers, and one other at the suit of Richard Spencer, administrator of William Farlow, against William Ferguson, James Chambers and Levin Millis; also by virtue of three several writs of fieri facias, issued and directed as aforesaid, to wit: one at the suit of Charles Nicols, against James Chambers, administrator of Arthur Holt, one at the suit of the State of Maryland for the use of John Arringdale, Administrator D. B. N. with the will annexed of John Garey, a ainst Isaac Chambers, James Chambers and John D. Green, and one other at the suit of Thomas Worrell against William Ferguson and James Chambers, Survivors of John Turner deceased, will be exposed to public sale and sold to the highest bidder, for Cash, at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Easton, on TUESDAY the 3d day of November next, between the Hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. of the same day, all the estate, right, title and interest of him the said James Chambers of, in and to the following tracts or parts of tracts of land that is to say, part of Orems Delight, and Turners Resurvey containing the quantity of 102 acres of land, more or less, part of Beaverdam Neck, Forrest and Dyke, containing 113 acres of land, more or less; part of Chambers's Adventure, and part of the Adventure, Containing 21¼ acres; part of Locust Grove containing 36½ acres; part of Dunmore Heath, in King's Creek, containing 273¼ acres, more or less and part of Banning and Harwood and Austins Tryal, containing 75 acres of land, more or less—also, the following negroes, to wit: Tom, Jim, Greenbury, one Woman called Patience, one called Annice, girl Charlotte, one called Mary, one called Maria, one Boy called George and one called Theodore, all for a term of years, Ten beds and furniture, two side-Boards, four Tables and twelve chairs; seized and taken as the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, of the said James Chambers, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid writs of venditioni exponas and fi. fa. and the interest and costs due, and to become due thereon—attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.
Oct. 3

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of two several writs of the State of Maryland, of venditioni exponas issued out of the court of Appeals, for the Eastern Shore of the said state, and to me directed, to wit: one at the suit of Matthew Hardcastle, against Edward Roberts, and the other at the suit of Wm. W, Moore. against the same: also by virtue of sundry writs of said State, of venditioni exponas and fieri facias issued out of Talbot County Court, and to me directed, to wit: one writ of venditioni exponas, at the suit of Zaccheus Kelly, use Samuel Harden and John L. Kerr, against Edward Roberts; one at the suit of Isaac Atkinson, against Edward Roberts, William A. Leonard, Samuel Roberts and Solomon Lowe, one at the suit of William Clark, against Edward Roberts, Samuel Roberts, and Wm. A. Leonard; one at the suit of Reuben P. Emmons, administrator of Elizabeth Martin, against Edward Roberts and Samuel Roberts, and one other at the suit of Rachel Wilson, against Edward Roberts, Eusebius Leonard and John Leonard; one writ of fieri facias, at the suit of Daniel Martin, against Edward Roberts, one at the suit of Samuel Roberts, against Edward Roberts, and William A Leonard, one at the suit of Matthew Hardcastle, against Edward Roberts; one at the suit of William Wirt; and one other at the suit of the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, against the said Edward Roberts, will be exposed to public sale to the highest bidder for Cash, at the front door of the Court House in the Town of Easton on TUESDAY, the 3d day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 5 o'clock, P. M. of the same day, all that tract of land, lying and being in Tuckahoe, in Talbot County, called Farmers Delight containing the quantity of 537½ acres of land more or less which was devised by the said Edward Roberts, the father of the defendant Edward Roberts, to the defendant Edward Roberts, as may more fully appear by reference to the will of Edward Roberts, the father, seized and taken as the lands and tenements of the said Edward Roberts, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the above mentioned writs of venditioni exponas and fi. fa. and the interest and cost due and to become due thereon—Attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.
Oct. 10

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of Talbot County Court, and to me directed, at the suit of John Arringdale, use of Nicholas Hammond, against Levin Millis, will be sold at public sale, at the Court house door, in the Town of Easton, on TUESDAY the 20th day of October next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M and 5 o'clock, P. M. the following property, viz:—all that Farm or plantation of him the said Levin Millis, situate in the Chappel District in Talbot County, on which Levin Millis, Jun. now resides, consisting of the following Tracts or part of tracts of land, to wit.—Part of a tract of land called Fork, Part of a tract of land called Hesley, and part of other tracts containing the quantity of 190 acres of land, more or less, also an adjoining tract of land, called Part of Forrest and Dike, containing the quanity of 113 acres of land, more or less, taken and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid fi. fa. and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.
Sept. 26

Magistrate's Blanks
FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri facias issued out of the Court of Appeals for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and to me directed, at the suit of Thomas Auld and Andrew Anthony, admininistrators of Aaron Anthony, against Wm. A. Leonard; also, by virtue of three several writs of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot county Court, and to me directed, to wit: one at the suit of Edward Lloyd, against William Ferguson and William A. Leonard; one at the suit of William Clark, against Edward Roberts, Samuel Roberts and William A. Leonard, and one other at the suit of Rachel Wilson against William A. Leonard, Esebius Leonard and John Leonard; also by virtue of three several writs of fieri facias, issued and directed as aforesaid, to wit: one at the suit of Thomas Auld and Andrew Anthony, administrator of Aaron Anthony against William A. Leonard, one at the suit of Samuel Roberts, against Edward Roberts and William A. Leonard, and the other at the suit of Samuel B. Hardcastle and Edward C. Harper, against William A. Leonard, will be exposed to public sale and sold to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Court House in the town of Easton, on TUESDAY, the 3d day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. of the same day, all the right, title, interest and estate of him, the said Wm. A. Leonard, of, in and to part of a tract of land called Smith's Clift, part of a tract of land called Chesnut Bay, part of a tract of land called Burrows discovery containing the quantity of 400 acres of land, more or less, also part of a tract of land called Dudley's Chance, and part of other tracts, containing the quantity of two hundred and seventy acres of land more or less, all situate, lying and being in the County of Talbot aforesaid, in district No. 4 or the Chapel district; also, will be sold on WEDNESDAY the 4th day of November, between the hours aforesaid, at the dwelling plantation of the said William A. Leonard, five head of horses, two colts, two young mules, eighteen head of cattle, twenty head of sheep, forty head of hogs, one yoke of oxen, two ox carts, one horse ditto. two wheat fans, six ploughs, eight harrows, three spades, six hoes, all the crop of corn standing on the ground, one grey Horse and one gig and harness, seized and taken as the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said William A. Leonard, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid writs of venditioni exponas and fieri facias and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND, Shff.
Oct 10.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of five several writs of venditioni exponas, issued out of Talbot county Court and to me directed, to wit. one at the suit of Philemon Thomas & Wm. H. Groome, use of Philemon Thomas, one at the suit of Edward Lloyd, one at the suit of John Welsh, alias John J. Welsh, one at the suit of Francis D. McHenry, and one other at the suit of James Tilton, executor of James Tilton, against Fayette Gibson, will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Court House, in the Town of Easton on TUESDAY the 3d day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. of the same day, a tract of land called Marengo, situate, lying and being in the county of Talbot aforesaid, and containing the quantity of five hundred and fifty acres of land more or less; also, will be sold on WEDNESDAY the 4th day of Nov. next, on the premises of the said Fayette Gibson, between the hours aforesaid, for Cash, to the highest bidder, thirteen head of horses, forty head of cattle and fifty two head of sheep, seized and taken as the goods & chattels, lands and tenements of the said Fayette Gibson; and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid writs of venditioni exponas and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon. Attendance given by THOS. HENRIX, late Shff.
Oct. 10.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of two Several writs of fieri facias issued out of Talbot County court, & to me directed, the one at the suit of William Rose and the other at the suit of Jesse Scott, against Joshua Dixon, will be sold at public Vendue, to the highest bidder, for Cash, on the premises of the said Joshua Dixon on THURSDAY the 5th day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 5 o'clock, P. M. the same day, all the right, title, interest and estate of him, the said Joshua Dixon, of, in & to the Dwelling plantation whereon he now resides, known by the name of part of "Republican," situate in Tuckahoe hundred, in the County aforesaid containing the quantity of 287½ acres of land, more or less, with all the improvements thereon, also the life estate of the said Joshua Dixon, of in & to the real estate of John Gregory, late of Talbot County deceased; also 4 head of horses twelve head of Cattle, twenty head of hogs, four feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, one negro boy named Isaac a slave for life, one ditto named Ennals slave for a term of years, two tables twelve windsor Chairs, one walnut desk and all his Kitchen furniture, two stills, twenty cider casks, one Cider Mill and apparatus two Scythes and cradles, all his Farming utensils—seized and taken as the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, of the said Joshua Dixon, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforesaid writs of fi. fa. and the interest and costs due and to become due thereon—Attendance given by WM. TOWSEND, Shff.
Oct 10

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a Writ of fieri facias, issued out of Talbot County court, and to me directed, at the suit of Ann Goldsborough, Survivor of Juliana Goldsborough, against Wm. P. Kerr and Stephen T. Johnson, will be sold at public Vendue, at the front door of the Court House in the town of Easton, on TUESDAY the 3d day of November next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 P. M. of the same day to the highest bidder for cash, a tract or part of a tract of land, situate in Kings Creek hundred, in the county of Talbot aforesaid, called part of White Marsh, and part of a tract of land called Rich Farm, containing the quantity of 392 acres of land more or less; also one horse seized and taken as the goods and chattels lands and tenements of Stephen T. Johnson, and will be sold to pay and satisfy the said writ of venditioni exponas, and the interest and cost due and to become due thereon—attendance given by WM. TOWNSEND Shff.
Oct. 10

From the Token for 1830.
THE CAPTAIN'S LADY.
[BY JAMES HALL.]

After an absence of several years from my native city, I had lately the pleasure of paying it a visit; and having spent a few days with my friends, was about to bid adieu, once more, to the goodly and quiet streets of Philadelphia.—The day had not yet dawned, and I stood trembling at the door of the stage office, muffled in a great coat, while the driver was securing my baggage. Every body slept, gentle and simple, for sleep, is a gentle and simple thing. The watchmen slumbered, and the very lamps seemed to have caught the infectious drowsiness. I felt that I possessed at that moment a lordly pre-eminence among my fellow-citizens? for they were all torpid, as dead to consciousness as swallows in the winter, or mummies in a catecomb. I alone had sense, knowledge, power, energy. The rest were all perdu—shut up like the imprisoned genii, who were bottled away by Solomon, and cast into the sea. I could release them from durance in an instant; I could discharge either of them from imprisonment, or could suffer the whole to remain spell bound until the appointed time for their enlargement. Every thing slept; mayor, aldermen and councils, the civil and the military, learning, and beauty, and eloquence porters, dogs, and drays, steam engines and patent machines, even the elements reposed.

If it had not been so cold, I could have moralized upon the death like torper that reigned over the city. As it was, I could not help admiring that wonderful regulation of nature, which thus periodically suspends the vital powers of a whole people. There is nothing so cheering as the bustle of a crowd, nothing more awful than its repose. When we behold the first, when we notice the vast aggregate of human life so variously occupied, so widely diffused so powerful, and so buoyant, a sensation is produced like that with which we gaze at the ocean when agitated by a storm; a sense of the utter inadequateness of human power to still such a mass of troubled particles; but when sleep strews her poppies, it is like the pouring of oil upon the waves.

I had barely time to make this remark, when two figures rapidly approached—two of Solomon's genii escaped from duresse. Had not their outward form been peaceable and worldly I could have fancied them a pair of malignant spirits, coming to invite me to a meeting of conspirators, or a dance of witches. It was a gentleman, with a lady hanging on one arm, and a lantern on the other, so that, although he carried double, his burthens were both light.—As soon as they reached the spot where I stood the pedestrian raised his lantern to my face, and inspected it earnestly for a moment. I began to fear that he was a police officer, who, having picked up one candidate for the tread mill, was seeking to find her a companion. It was an unjust suspicion; for the worthy man was only taking a lecture on physiognomy, and being satisfied with the honesty of my lineaments, he said—'Pray friend would it suit you to take charge of a lady?

What a question! Seldom have my nerves received so great a shock Not that there was any thing alarming or disagreeable in the proposition; but the address was so sudden, the interrogatory so direct, the subject matter so unexpected! 'Take charge of a lady,' quoth he? I had been for years a candidate for this very honour. Never was there a more willing soul on the round world. I had always been ready to take charge of a lady,' but had never been happy enough to find one who was willing to place herself under my protection; and now, when I least expected it, came a fair volunteer, with the sanction of a parent, to throw herself, as it were, into my arms! I thought of the country where the pigs run about ready roasted, crying, 'Who'll eat me?' I thought too of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp, and almost doubted whether I had not touched some talisman, whose virtues had called into my presence a substantial personification of one of my day dreams. But there was the man, of whose mortality there could be no mistake, and there was the lady's trunk—not an imaginary trunk, but a most copious and ponderous receptacle, ready to take its station socially beside my own. What a prize for a travelling bachelor! a lady ready booked and bundled up, with her trunk packed and her passage paid?—Alas! it is but for a season—after that, some happier wight will 'take charge of the lady,' and I may jog on in single loneliness.

These thoughts passed rapidly through my mind, during a pause in the man's speech, and before I could frame a reply, he continued—'My daughter has just heard of the illness of her husband, Capt. Johnson, of the riflemen, & wishes to get to Baltimore to day to join him.' The ice has stopped the steamboats, and she is obliged to go by land.'

I had the grace to recover from my fit of abstraction so far as to say, in good time, that 'It would afford me pleasure to render any service in my power to Mrs. Johnson,' and I did so with great sincerity, for every chivalrous feeling of my bosom was enlisted in favour of a lady, young sensitive, and no doubt beautiful, who was flying on the wings of love to the chamber of an afflicted husband. I felt proud of extending my protection to such a pattern of connubial tenderness: and offering my hand to the worthy personage, I added, I am obliged to you sir, for this mark of your confidence and will endeavour to render Mrs. Johnson's journey safe if not agreeable.'

A hearty 'thank you, I judged as much from your appearance,' was all the reply, and the stage being now ready, we stepped in, and drove off.

As the carriage rattled over the pavement, my thoughts naturally reverted to their charge. Ah! thought I what a happy fellow is Capt. Johnson of the Rifle! What a prize has he drawn in the lottery of life. How charming it must be to have such a devoted wife. Here was I, a solitary bachelor, doomed perhaps to eternal celibacy. Cheerless indeed was my fate compared with his. Should I fall sick, there was no delicate female to fly to my bedside? no, I might die, before a ministering angel would come to me in such a shape. But, fortunate Capt. Johnson, no sooner is he placed on the sick list, by the regimental surgeon, than his amiable partner quits her paternal mansion, accepts the protection of a stranger, risks her neck in a stage coach, and her health in the night air, and flies to the relief of the invalid.

I wonder what is the matter with Captain Johnson, continued I Got the dengue perhaps, or perhaps the dyspepsia; they are both very fashionable complaints. Sickness is generally an unwelcome, and often an alarming visiter. It always brings the doctor with his long bill and loathsome drugs, and it sometimes

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