# EASTON GAZETTE.

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## NOTICE.

All persons indebted to Talbot county for taxes for the present year 1838 are requested to make immediate payment to me or my Deputies who are legally authorised to receive them. I am determined to close the business ba the time allowed by law it is therefore unnecessary to ask indulgence—persons holding property in the county and residing elsewhere will pay attention to this notice. The subscriber will hold his office adjoining the Whig office.

SAMUEL S. SATTERFIELD.
Collector of Talbot County.

Sept 22, 1838.

## THE STEAM BOAT



## MARYLAND

HAS commenced her usual routes, leaving Baltimore every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7 o'clock for Annapolis, Cambridge and Easton—returns the next day. She likewise leaves Baltimore every Sunday at 8 o'clock for Annapolis, St. Michaels and Wye Landing and returns next day.

All baggage at the risk of its owners.

March 31.

## EASTON AND BALTIMORE PACKET SCHOONER



## PERRY HALL,

**ROBSON LEONARD,**
MASTER

THE Subscriber wishes to inform the public that the Schooner PERRY HALL, has commenced her regular trips beween Easton Point and Baltimore, and will leave Easton Point on every Wednsday morning at nine o'clock for Baltimore; and returning will leave Baltimore on Saturday morning at nine o'clock for Easton; and continue to sale on the above named days during the season.

## THE PERRY HALL,

New Boat well fitted and is in compleat orders for the reception of Freight and Passengers.

N. B. Freight for a Hogshead one dollar and all Barrells Twenty five cents, and all other freight in proportion; passage and fare two dollars, passengers will be expected to pay the cash, all orders left at the Drug Store of Dr. T. H. Dawson & Sons in Easton, or handed Samuel H. Benny, on or before Tuesday evening accompanied with the cash will meet with prompt attention.

The public's ob't. servant.
J. E. LEONARD.

March 31, 1838

The Subscriber also informs the public that the Schooner,



## EMILY JANE,

***JAMES R. LEONARD***
MASTER.

WILL leave Easton Point, on Sunday morning the first of April at nine o'clock for Baltimore, and continue to leave Easton, on every other Sunday at nine o'clock in the morning until further orders; and returning, will leave Baltimore on the following Wednesday. All orders for the Emily Jane, will be received on the Saturday evening previous toher starting.

N. B. Freights, Passengers, &c. as above.
J. E. LEONARD.

March 31, 1838.

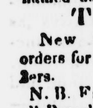
## NEGROES WANTED

The subscriber wishes to purchase from 20 to 25 young negroes of both sexes for which he will give the highest prices. He will be in Easton, at Mr Curtis' Hotel, during the ensuing Court; and at Centreville during the sitting of the Court in Q. Ann's, at Mr. Gales' Hotel; and may be found all other times at Mr. Griffith's Hotel, in Denton Caroline County.

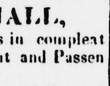
G. WALLACE.

May 5, 1838.

## MULBERRY TREES.



The subscriber has several thousand prime MULBERRY TREES, FOR SALE;



warranted genuine, and of good growth, will be sold by the foot or single tree, to be delivered this fall.

Letters post paid, enquiring price, &c. wil be addressed to the subscriber, at Centreville Queen Ann's county, Eastern Shore of Maryland.

J. B. SPENCER.

Oct. 27

## COMMISSIONERS NOTICE.

The new road in the upper part of the county as laid down by Jos. Turner & William Rose, Esqs. Commissioners appointed by Talbot County Court, will be sold out to the lowest bidder on Saturday the 12th January next, at the Chappel under the direction of Richard Arringdale, Esq.—The road will be laid off in sections, to suit the convenience of those persons who may be desirous of undertaking the work, sale to take place at 12 o'clock.

pr. order
THO'S C. NICOLS, Clk.
to Commissioners for Talbot county.

Dec. 15th, 1838.—5t—(W)

## New Goods.

WILLIAM POWELL through this medium, tenders his sincere thanks to his friends and customers, respectively for the liberal encouragement received in his business at Wye Landing. And having sold to Henry B. Fiddeman (his former partner) an equal interest, the business in future will be done in the name and firm of

POWELL AND FIDDEMAN.

Who respectfully solicit a continuance of their generous patronage. Having just returned from the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and are now opening a very large and extensive assortment of

## GOODS,

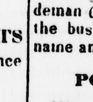
which have been selected with the greatest care, from the latest importations, consisting in part of black, blue, invisible green, brown, adalaide, drab, and mixt cloths, victoria, black, drab mix'd fancy, ribbed, and strip'd cassimeres, cassinetts, of all colours, plain, plaid and strip'd, black, blue and drab, beaver and pilot cloths, flushings, heavy ker-sey's, plaid, strip'd and plain linseys, kentucky and glass-cow jeans, a full assortment of vestings, French and English merinoes, circassians, mousdelains, new and latest style, superior french bombazeenes, bombazetts, sattinetts plain and fig'd gro de naps, of the latest style of various colours, gro de berlin, superior black italian lustrings, silks, sattins and florences of various colours, irish linen, linen cambries, plain and fig'd bobanetts, mull swiss and jackonett muslins, cambries, insertings, quillings, laces, edgings, thread and bobanett laces, ribbons braids, a variety of trimmings, bindings, &c. Silk worsted and cotton hosiery, woollen, buck, beaver, silk and hoskin gloves, suspenders, red, white and green flannells, baizes, bannockburn and french plaid shawls, blanket, do sheneal, do. merino, do, of different colours and sizes variety of other shawls, hdkfs, &c. british, victoria and french prints, latest style, domestic prints, rose, whitney, macinaw, duffitt and cradle blankets, tickings, apron and furniture, checks, domestic, plaid and stripes, 3-4 4-4 5-4 6-4 bleached and brown sheetings and shirtings heavy osnaburgs, stocking yarn, cotton yarn, no. 4 to 15 seine twine, wicking, linens, ready made clothing, &c. &c.

*A large and general assortment of*

## BOOTS & SHOES,

Of various shapes, and for Ladies, Gentlemen, Misses and Boys, 300 pair extra heavy brogans for labourers, plain and fashionable.

FUR, RUSSIA, AND SILK



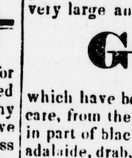
## HATS,

Fur, Seal, and Otter Caps,

For gentlemen and boys.

*A large assortment of*

SADDLES AND BRIDLES,



part superior bridles, sursingles, collars, halters, bridle leathers, martingales, harness, trunks o leather and seal skin, carriage drivers cart and riding whips, a large lot of upper and under leather, prime quality

*A general assortment of*

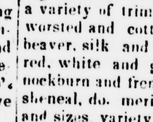
Hardware and Cuttlery,

Two dozen double and single barrell duck and BIRD GUNS,

part superior fine wire, twist, patent, britch china, glass and queens ware, earthen, stone and tin and wooden ware, a large and general assortment of

## GROCERIES.

consisting in part of Java, Rio and St. Domingo coffee. N. Orleans and Santa Cruz sugars, loaf and lump do.




Gunpowder, Imperial, and **Hyson Teas.**

Old maderia wine in bottles, draught, best port Lisbon and dry malaga wines, champaign of the choicest brands by the case, superior champaign brandy Holland gin, old rye and common whiskey, W. I. & N. E. rum, peach and apple brandy, N. O & W. I. molasses, superior cheese by the single one or cask, all kinds of crackers, cegars, snuff, tobacco, raisins, St, Ubes and sack salt, herrings, &c

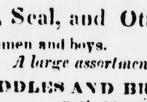


Dye Stuffs, paints and oils, mineral and botanic



MEDICINES,

PLOUGHS, AND



Plough- Castings,

a quantity of lumber, 3 4 4-4 5-4 6-4 and 8-4 yellow and white pine, cypress shingles, laths, lime &c. &c. The whole of which will be offered on the most pleasing terms, the subscribers respectfully solicit a call for examination from those who may want cheap goods.

POWELL & FIDDEMAN,
Wye Landing.

Talbot Co. Md. Oct. 27, 1838.

The subscribers having at considerable trouble and expense completed a new and substantial SLOOP, to run as a regular



packet, to and from Baltimore, will commence her regular trips from this place on Saturday the 27th inst., leaving regularly every Saturday at 9 A. M. and Baltimore every Wednesday in succession at the same hour. H. Morling master, passage and fare $2.

Having two other vessels in good order, they will be pleased to take in grain at any of the landings on Wye and elsewhere, if desirable, at the lowest rates of freight, and hope by a strict attention to the business to receive a share of the public's custom.

POWELL & FIDDEMAN.

## A CARD.

F. H. CLARK, *Dentist*

Of No. 67 Lombard Street Baltimore, (formerly associated with Dr. Parmly of New York,) will visit Easton on professional business and for the purpose of extending his acquaintance on the Eastern Shore, about the 18th inst. He will exhibit testimonials in his favour from the most distinguished members of the profession to those who may require his professional aid. He will remain in Easton but one week.

Baltimore, Dec. 15th 1838. (W)

WAS COMMITTED to the Jail of Baltimore City and County, on the 1st of Dec., 1838, by Jacob Walsh Esq, a justice of the peace in and for the City of Baltimore, a negro man, as a runaway named CHARLEY, who says he belongs to capt Sisson, of the brig Exit, of Charleston, S. C. He is of dark complexion, about 38 years of age, five feet in height, has a scar on the right leg, just below the knee. Had on when committed a drab coloured warmus dark vest, dark satinet pantaloons, check shirt, old slippers and old fur hat.

The owner (if any) of the above described negro man is requested to come forward, prove property pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be discharged according to law.

D. HERRING, Warden,
Balt. City and County Jail.

Dec. 15. 3w

WAS COMMITTED to the Jail of Baltimore City and County, on the 27th day of November, 1838, by D. Bryarly, Esq. a Justice of the Peace, in and for the City of Baltimore, a negro boy, as a runaway named Jas. H. Anderson, who says he was born free, and was bound to Mr. McDonald of Fell's Point, Baltimore. He is of light complexion, 4 feet 9 inches in height, and about 15 years of age; and has a scar over his right eye.—Had on when committed, a gray cassinet roundabout, black vest, and dark striped pantaloons

The owner (if any) of the above described negro boy is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away otherwise he will be discharged as required by the act of assembly.

D. HERRING, Warden.
Baltimore City and County Jail.

Dec. 15 —3w.

## Grand Lotteries soon to be Drawn

Virginia State Lottery for the benefit of the town of Wheeling, class 1 for 1839 to be drawn at Alexandria, Va. Jan. 5th, 1839, *all blanks entitled* to $3 nett, 75 No. Lottery—10 drawn ballots

### SCHEME.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 prize of | $30,000 | 2 prizes of | | | 1,600 |
| 1 " " | 8,000 | 2 " " | | | 1,500 |
| 1 " " | 4,000 | 10 " " | | | 1,000 |
| 1 " " | 3,000 | 20 " " | | | 500 |
| 1 " " | 2,209 | 20 " " | | | 250 |
| 1 " " | 2,000 | 30 " " | | | 200 |

Tickets $10. Halves $5. Quarters $2 50 Eighths $1;

A certificate of a package of 25 whole tickets will be sent for $110. Packages of halves quarters and eighths in proportion.

## Virginia State Lottery,

For the benefit of the Richmond Academy. Class No. 1 for 1839. to be drawn at Alexandria, Va. Jan. 12th 1839. 75 No. Lottery

12 drawn ballots,

### GRAND SCHEME.

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| 1 prize of | $40,000 | 1 prize of | | | $3,270 |
| 1 " " | 10,000 | 25 " " | | | 1,000 |
| 1 " " | 7,000 | 25 " " | | | 500 |
| 1 " " | 6,000 | 50 " " | | | 250 |
| 1 " " | 5,000 | 50 " " | | | 200 |
| 1 " " | 4,000 | 63 " " | | | 150 |

Tickets $10. Halves $5. Quarters $2 50, Eighths $1 25

A certificate of a package of 25 whole tickets in this splendid Lottery will be sent for $130. Packages of halves quarters and eighths in proportion. Packages, single tickets or shares for sale by

P. McPHERSON & Co
19 Pratt St., Baltimore.

All orders enclosing the cash or prize tickets promptly supplied by return mail and the drawing forwarded immediately after it is completed if addressed to

P. McPHERSON & Co.
Baltimore.

Dec. 15

## TO RENT.

My Father's Farm near Easton, called "Poverty," will be rented out for the next year to a good Tenant—apply to

JOS. R. PRICE.

Easton, Dec. 15th, 1838.

## For Rent.

*A SMALL FARM IN MILES RIVER NECK,*

On very reasonable terms, to a WORKING MAN with a small family. The situation is healthy, being located on the river with all the advantages thereof; possessing an abundant source of improving matter, lying convenient to every portion of the arrable land, and one condition I will at once make known to prevent trouble, and that is, that the tenant must bind himself to manure all his cultivation, it may be advantageously divided into three fields to contain from 60 to 75 thousand cornhills. There is some shell bank and seaooze in addition to marsh mud and swamp earth. There is a small comfortable dwelling, on the land to which an addition will probably be made as well as other necessary improvements—Possession given the first of January 1839. For further particulars enquire at this office.

Dec. 15th, 1838.—3t.

EXTRACT FROM ROB OF THE BOWL.

BY THE AUTHOR OF 'HORSE SHOE ROBINSON.'

The shore of the Chesapeake between Cape St. Michael as the northern headland at the mouth of Potomac was denominated by the early settlers—and the Patuxent, is generally flat and distinguished by a clear pebbey beach or strand. The shore, comprising about twenty miles, is intersected by a single Creek, that of St. Jerome, which enters the bay some five or six miles north of the Potomac. The line of beach, which I have referred to, is here and there relieved by small elevations which in any other region would scarce deserve the name, but which are sufficiently prominent in this locality to attract remark.—From the general level of the country they rise high enough to afford a clear prospect over the wide waters, and no less to distinguish the landward prospective to the mariner whose eye eagerly seeks the varieties of landscape as he holds his course up the bay. At a few points these small hills terminate immediately upon the tide in the abrupt form of a cliff, and at others, take the shape of a knoll sinking away by a rapid, but grass-covered declivity to the strand.—This latter feature is observable in the vicinity of St. Jerome's, where the slope falls somewhat abruptly to the level of the tide, leaving something above fifty paces in width of low ground between its base and the ordinary water mark. It was upon this flat that, in ancient times, stood the dwelling house of Paul Kelpy the fisherman a long, low building of deal boards, constructed somewhat in the shape of a warehouse or magazine. Some quarter of a mile along the beach, so sheltered under the brow of the slope as scarcely to be seen amongst the natural shrubbery that shaded it, stood a cottage or hut of but humble pretensions. It was so low that a man of ordinary height, while standing at the door, might lay his hand upon the eaves of the roof, and correspondent to its elevation it was so scanty in space as to afford but two apartments, of which the largest was not above ten feet square. It was strongly built of hewn logs, and the door, strengthened by nails thickly studded over its surface, was further fortified by a heavy padlock, which rendered it sufficiently impregnable from the sharper assault than might be counted on from such as ordinarily should find motive to molest the proprietor of such a dwelling.

A small enclosure surrounded the hut and furnished ground for some common garden plants which were not neglected in their culture. A few acres on the higher plain above the bank exhibited signs of husbandry; and the small nets and other fishing tackle disposed about the curtilage, together with a skiff drawn up on the sand, gave evidence of the ostensible thrift by which the occupant of the hut obtained a livelihood.

To this spot I propose to introduce my reader, the day preceding that at which my story has been opened. It was about an hour before sunset, and a light drizzling rain, with a steady wind from the north-east infused chilly gloom into the air, and heightened the tone of solitude which prevailed over the scene. A thin curl of smoke which rose from the clumsy chimney of the hut gave a sign of habitation to the premises and this was further confirmed by the presence of a large & cross visaged mastiff-bitch, whose heavy head might be discerned thrust forth from beneath the sull of the gable,—a sullen warder of this sullen place of strength. The waves now propelled upon a flood tide, rolled in upon the shore, and broke almost at the door of the hut, with a hoarse and harsh and ceasless plash. Far out over the bay, the white caps of the wind driven surge floated like changing snow drifts upon the surface of the waters. The water fowl rose in squadrous above this musky waste and struggled to windward, in a flight as low and frequently to shield them from the sight in the spray. An old bald eagle perched on the loftiest branch of a lightning-riven tree, immediately upon the bank above the hut, kept anxious watch upon her nest which built in the highest fork, rocked to and fro in the breeze whilst her screams of warning to her young seemed to answer to the din of the waters.

In the large apartment of the hut a few faggots blazed upon the hearth, supplying heat to a pot that simmered above them, the care of which together with other culinary operations engaged the attention of a brow haggard and weather-beaten woman, who plied this household duty with a silent and mechanical thrift. She was not the only tenant of the dwelling. Remote from the hearth, and immediately below a small window, sat, apparently upon the floor a figure eminently calculated to challenge observation. His features were those of a man of seventy, sharp, shrewd and imprinted with a deep trace of care. His frame indicated the possession, at an earlier period of his life, of the highest degree of strength; it was broad in the shoulders, ample in chest, and still muscular, although deprived of its roundness by age. His dress, of course green serge, made into a doublet with skirts that fell both front and rear, secured by a leathern belt, was so contrived as to conceal, in his present posture, his lower extremities. A broad ruff received his locks of iron gray, which fell over his back in crisp wiry curls; a thick grizzly beard of the same hue, gave an elongation to his countenance which imparted to the observer the unpleasant impression of a head disproportionably large for the body at least as seen in its present aspect. His eyes dark & unusually clear, were sunk deep in their sockets whilst a shaggy and matted brow, overhanging them like a porch, gave sometimes an almost preternatural brilliancy to their quick and changeful glances—like the sparkling of water when agitated in a well. It was observable from the dropping in of the upper jaw that he had lost his teeth and this perhaps had given a tendency of the strong furrowed lines and seams with which his features were marked, to converge towards the mouth.

His girdle sustained a long knife or dagger, which apparently constituted a part of his daily equipment; and the oblique flash of his eye and tremulous motion of his thin lip, betrayed a temperament, from which one might infer that this weapon of offence was not worn merely as an ornament of the person.

The individual described in this summary was familiar to report, throughout the province, as The Cripple. His true name was supposed to be Robert Swale, but this was almost lost in the pervading popular designation of Rob of the Bowl, or Trencher Rob—an appellative which he had borne ever since his arrival in the province, now some fifteen years gone by. Of his history but little was known and that little was duly mystified, in the public repute, by the common tendency in the vulgar mind to make the most of any circumstance of suspicion. The story went on that he had been shipwrecked on a winter voyage, upon this coast, and, after suffering incredible hardships, had saved his life only at the expense of the loss of both legs by frost.—In this maimed condition he had reached the shore of the province, and some time afterwards built the hut in which he now dwelt, near the mouth of St. Jerome's. Here he had passed many years, without attracting other notice than such as the stinted charity of the world affords, when it is exercised upon the fate or fortunes of an obscure recluse. This observation began to find a broader scope as soon as it became obvious that the hermit was not altogether an object of almsgiving and the little world of this part of the province discovering in process of time that he was not absolutely penniless: were fain to take offence at the mystery of his means of earning his frugal subsistence. Before many years some few of the traders and country people round had found out that Rob was occasionally possessed of good merchantable commodities much in request by the inhabitants of the port, and dark whispers were sometimes circulated touching the manner in which he came by them. These surmises were not made topics of public discussion for two reasons;—first, because it was not inconvenient or unprofitable to the traders in the secret to deal with Rob;—and secondly, Rob was not a man to allow this indulgence of idle speculation; he was of an irascible temper free to strike when crossed, and, what was still more to be feared, had friends who were not unwilling to take up his quarrel. The loss of his legs was supplied by a wooden bowl or trencher, of an elliptical shape to which his thighs were attached by a strap, and this rude contrivance was swayed forward, when the owner chose, by the aid of two short crutches, which enabled him to hit himself from the ground and assume a progressive motion. It was to the exercise which this mode of locomotion imposed upon his upper limbs, that the unusual breadth and squareness of his figure about the shoulders, as well as the visible manifestations of strength of arm for which he was remarkable, were in part, perhaps, to be attributed. Use had made him expert in the management of his bowl, and he could keep pace pretty fairly with an ordinary walker. The Cripple was a man of unsocial habits and ascetic life, although there were times in which his severe temper relaxed into an approach to companionable enjoyment, and then his intercourse with the few who had access to him was marked by a sarcastic humour and keen ridicule of human action which showed some grudge against the world, and, at the same time denoted, conversancy with mankind, and by no deficiency of education. But, in general, his vein was peevish, and apt to vent itself in indiscriminate petulence or stern reproof.

A small painting of St. Romuald at his devotions, by the hand of Salvator himself, hung over a dressing table, in the back room of the hut in which the bed of the Cripple was placed; and this excellent gem of art, which the possessor seemed duly to appreciate, was surmounted by a crucifix, indicating the religious faith in which he worshipped. This might be gathered also from a curious, antique pix, of heavy gilded metals a ponderous missal, with silver clasps a few old volumes of the lives of the saints and other furniture of the like natur all of which denoted that the ingredient of a religious devotee formed an element in his singular compound of character.

The superiority of his mind and attainments of those of the mass of the inhabitants of the province had contribnted to render the Cripple an object of some interest as well as of distrust amongst them, and this sentiment was heightened into one approaching to vulgar awe, by the reputation of the person who had always been somewhat in his confidence, and now attended him as his servitress and only domestic. This person was the ungainly and repulsive beldam whom I have already noticed as ministering in the household concerns of the hut. She was a woman who had long maintained a most unenviable fame as "The Woman of Warrington,' in the small hamlet of that name on the cliffs of Patuxent, from whence she had been recently transplanted to perform the domestic drudgery in which we have found her. Her habitation was a rude hovel some few hundred paces distant from the hut of the Cripple, on the margin of St. Jerome's creek, and within gunshot of the rear of the Black Chapel. To this hovel, after her daily work was done, she retired to pass the night, leaving her master or patron to that solitude which he seemed to prefer to any society. The surly mastiff bitch, we have noticed, alternately kept guard at the hut of the master and domestic—roving between the two in nightly patrol, with a gruff and unsocial fidelity—no unsuitable go-between to so strange a pair. It will not be wondered at, that, in a superstitious age, such an association as that of the Cripple and the crone, in the vicinity of such a spot, desecrated, as the Fisherman's lodge had been, by the acting of a horrible tragedy, should excite, far and wide amongst the people, a sentiment of terror sufficiently potent to turn the steps of the wayfarer, as the shades of evening fell around him aside from the path that led to St. Jerome's.

The Cripple, at the time when I have chosen to present him to my reader, was seated, as I have said, immediately beneath the window. A pair of spectacles assisted his vision as he perused a packet of papers, several of which lay scattered around him. The dim light for a while perplexed his labor, and he had directed the door to be thrown wide open that he might take advantage of the last moment before the approaching twilight should arrest his occupation.—Whilst thus employed, the deadened sound of a shot boomed across the bay.

'Ha!' he exclaimed as he threw aside the paper in his hand and directed his eye towards the water; 'there is a signal—by my body, a signal gun!—an ill bird is flying homeward. Did you not hear that shot, woman?'

'I had my dream of the brigantine two night's ago,' replied the servitress and of the greedy kite that calls himself her master—the shot must be his.'

'Whose can it be else?' demanded the Cripple sharply, as he swung himself forward to the door sill and shook his locks from his brow in the act of straining his sight across the dim surface of the bay. 'Ay, ay, there it is Hark—another shot—that is the true pass word between us—Dickson, sure enough! The brigintine is in the offing Cockiescratt is coming in with the speed of a gull. He comes full freightened, as is his wont, with the worlds plunder. What dole hath he done this flight?—what more wealthy knave than himself hath he robbed? Mischief, mischief, mischief, good store of it, I'll be sworn—and a keener knave than himself he hath not found in his wide venture. He will be coming ashore to visit the Cripple, ha!—he shall be welcome as he ever hath been. We are comrades—we are cronies, and merry in our divisions—the Skipper and the Cripple!—there is concord in it!—the Skipper and the Cripple merry men both!'

These uprisings of the inner thoughts of the man were uttered in various tones—one moment scarce audible, the next with an emphatic enunciation, as if addressed to his companion in the hut—and sometimes with the semblance of a laugh or rather chuckle, which was wormwood in its accent, and brought the rheum from his eye down his cheek. The beldam accustomed to this habit of self communion in the Cripple, apparently heeded not these mutterings, until he, at length, accosted her with a command—'Mistress Kate, double the contents of your pot—the Skipper and some of his men will be here presently, as keen and trenchant as their own cutlasses. They will be hungry, woman—as these saltwater monsters always are for earthly provender.'

'Such sharp set cattle should bring their provender with them,' replied the domestic as she went about increasing her store of provisions in compliance with her master's directions.

'Or the good red gold or the good red gold, old jade!' interrupted the Cripple. 'The skipper doth not shrink in the girdle from the disease of a lean purse and is therefore worthy of our worshipped entertainment. So goes the world, and we will be thine fashion! Through the world malisons drive him hither as before a tempest, yet comes he rich in its great—he shall have princely reception.

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