DOCTOR SHERMAN'S
MEDICATED LOZENGES.

THIS is the most pleasant and agreeable way of taking medicine, particularly for children, as all the nauseousness is obviated and the active properties of the medicine highly concentrated. Care should be taken to keep all idea of medicine from the patient, particularly children, and to impress upon them the idea of their taking some delicate confection. All of Dr. Sherman's articles will have a fac-simile of his name accompanying them, without which none can be genuine—observe that it is on the bill of directions, around each box of Lozenges, pot of Tooth Paste, and on the back of every Poor Man's Plaster

Shermans' Cough Lozenges

are the safest, most sure and effective remedy for *Coughs, Colds, Consumption, whooping cough, Asthma, Tightness of the lungs or chest, &c. &c.*

Jonathan Howarth, Esq., the well known temperance lecturer, took a severe cold last January, by sleeping in damp sheets, that seemed to have settled in a consumption — He raised a great deal of bloody matter, and his cough was so incessant and harrassing that he could get no rest by day or night.— After trying various remedies without relief, he thought that death alone would relieve him from his misery. But, by the advice of a lady, he purchased a box of Sherman's Cough Lozenges; they gave him great relief, and to his surprise, allayed his cough, made him raise easy, and enabled him to sleep sound all night; three day's use of them made a new man of him, and he is recommending Sherman's Lozenges to all his acquaintances.

Sherman's Worm Lozenges

Are the only infallible *worm*-destroying medicine ever discovered. 1,500,000 BOXES have been sold and not a failure has ever been known. They destroy all kinds of worms and cannot injure where there are none.

Symptoms of Worms.—Pain in the joints or limbs, offensive breath, picking at the nose, grinding of the teeth during sleep, and at times a paleness about the lips with flushed cheeks; bleeding at the nose, a gnawing sensation at the stomach, flashes of heat over the surface of the body, slight chills or shivings, headache, drowsiness, vertigo, torpor, disturbed dreams, sudden starting in sleep with fright and screaming; sometimes a troublesome cough, feverishness, thirst pallid hue, fits, bad taste in the mouth, difficult breathing, pain in the stomach or bowels, fatigue, nausea, squeamishness, voracious appetite, leanness, bloated stomach or limbs, gripings, shooting pains in various parts of the body, a sense of somethig rising in the throat, itching of the anus towards night, a frequent desire to pass something from the bowels, and sometimes discharges of slime and mucsu.

Dr. Galen Hunter, 108 sixth Av. knew a child that was cured of fits by these Lozenges, after three years suffering, and when nothing else would give the least relief. He has used them in his practice for the last two years in several hundred cases, with success. A boy on board of one of the Havre Packets was cured of fits by only one dose of them.

Distressing Headahes are cured in five minutes by Sherman's Camphor Lozenges, so celebrated as the only specific for sea-sickness, palpitation, lowness of spirits and the lassitude and fatigue of body or mind attending travelling, or crowded parties.

Weak Backs, Pain or weakness in any part of the body, rheumatism, and Lumbago, cured by Sherman's Poor Man's Plaster, which costs only 12½ cents and warranted better than all others.

Sherman's Orris Tooth Paste

Is recommended by the many who have used it, as the best remedy for cleaning and beautifying the Teeth that ever was known.

Together with the above the Dr. has Restorative Lozenges for dysentary, diarrehæ &c. Fever and Ague Lozenges for Fever and Ague, Recommended by *Rev. Prof. J. F. Maffit.*—Dinner Lozenges for Dyspepsia, Cathartic Lozenges to operate on the Bowels &c. &c.

Beware of Imposition—Ask for Sherman's Lozenges, and see that you get them; let no one deceive you by selling you a spurious article. Dr. Sherman's are the only *true original and genuine.*.

Sold by REED, Chemist & Druggist, general agent for the State, corner of Gay and Saratoga streets, Baltimore.

Charles Robinson, agent for Easton.

April 4th, 1843.—1y

Negroes Wanted.

THE highest cash prices will at all times be given for Negroes of both sexes, that are slaves for life, and good titles. My office is in *Pratt, between Sharp and Howard Streets, No. 86*, Baltimore, where myself or my agent, Jonathan M. Willson, can be seen at all times. All persons having Negroes to sell would do well to see me before they dispose of them, as I am now the largest dealer who is engaged in the trade, and always buying and shipping to the New Orleans market. I will also receive and keep Negroes at twenty-five cents each per day, and forward them to any Southern port at the request of the owner. My establishment is large, comfortable airy, and all above ground, and kept in complete order, with a large yard for exercise, and is the strongest and most splendid building of the kind in the United States.

HOPE H. SLATTER.

N. B.—All communications promptly attended to. feb 21—tf

☞Cash for Negroes.

I WISH at all times to purchase likely YOUNG NEGROES of both sex, for which I will pay the highest market prices in cash. I can at all times be found at my Office, No. 2 South Calvert street, 3 doors below Baltimore street. All communications will be promptly attended to.

Nov. 14—3m WM. HARKER.

Easton Hotel.

THE SUBSCRIBER having taken that large and commodious Tavern stand in Easton (lately occupied by Smythe & Satterfield, and formerly by Sol. Lowe) is now fully prepared to entertain the public in a manner that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. His house is well fitted up for the reception of BOARDERS, either transient or permanent, and every effort will be made to render them comfortable, and at moderate charges.

HIS TABLE will be furnished with the best that the market affords, and no pains spared to please in this respect.

HIS BAR will be kept supplied with the choicest LIQUORS, selected with great care by a *competent judge.*

☞Attentive Ostlers are employed, and his stables will be superintended with proper care at attention.

He respectfully solicits a share of public patronage, and flatters himself that he will be able to please all who may give him a call. The public's ob't. serv't.

ROBERT LARRIMORE.

Easton, Jan. 23, 1844.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his old customers and the public generally that he still continues to superintend the above establishment and is fully prepared for the reception and entertainment of either citizens or transient visiters, whose comfort and convenience he would be pleased to "minister unto" at all times.—His

TABLE,

as heretofore, will be plentifully supplied with the choice of the market, which will be served up in the best style, and in a manner calculated to please the *taste* and satisfy the appetites of the "lovers of good living."—Active and attentive waiters will be in attendance to serve all who 'sup at his board,' and strict attention will be paid to the respective wishes of both citizens and strangers.

The private apartments

will be kept clean and comfortable, and every exertion made to render them pleasant and agreeable, and where all may feel "at home." This being an essential particular in tavern keeping, the duty will be attended to by those of his household who are best calculated to appreciate, and most willing to promote comfort and render satisfaction.

THE STABLE

will be well supplied with provender of all kinds, and care will be taken that horses are both well fed and attended to, and the stable kept in a cleanly and proper condition.

☞HACKS will be in attendance at the steamboat to convey passengers to any part of the peninsula at a reasonable price.

He returns his sincere thanks to ALL who have heretofore favored him with their patronage, and humbly solicits a continuance of that support which he hopes to merit.

The public's obedient servant,

ENNALLS ROSZELL.

Easton, Nov. 21, 1843.

Dissolution.

THE Co partnership lately existing under the firm of Powell & Fiddeman was dissolved by limitation on the nineteenth (19th) instant.

The late firm tender their thanks to the public for the patronage received, and respectfully solicit a continuance for their successor, Wm. Powell, to whom they have sold their stock of Goods,

WM. POWELL.
H. B. FIDDEMAN.

Wye Landing, Talbot co., 27th day of October, 1843.

—NEW—
FALL GOODS.

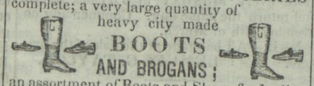
THE subscriber having purchased of the late firm of Powell & Fiddeman their entire stock of Goods, and having just returned from the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore with a large supply of

Seasonable Goods,

purchased unusually low, now offers to the public a stock of goods complete, with all things that may be wanted in the community, and on terms that cannot fail to please. The stock comprises a general assortment of

DRY GOODS,

in which are many Woollen Goods for servant's wear; cotton yarn &c.; an assortment of Hardware, Cutlery, Queensware, Stone and wooden ware; a stock of *GROCERIES* complete; a very large quantity of heavy city made



BOOTS AND BROGANS;

an assortment of Boots and Shoes for Ladies Gentlemen, Misses and boys; fur, seal, cloth, and oil cloth CAPS;

RUSSIA HATS,

Upper and under leather, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales, girths, cirsingles, bridle leathers, collars, cart saddles, blind bridles; &c

Medicines & Dye-Stuffs,

An Assortment of

PAINTS AND OILS.

Bacon, Salt in bulk and sacks, fish, &c. &c. with a general assortment of building materials, &c., all of which the public are respectfully invited to examine. All kinds of produce purchased. WM. POWELL.

Wye Landing, Oct. 31, 1843.

Lumber.

THE subscriber has just received, in addition to his former stook

100,000 FEET, consisting of the following kinds and qualities, viz:—4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4, 10-4 and 12-4 White pine pannel; common, select & rough Cullings, boards and plank; hemlock railing or slatting, suitable for fencing or corn cribs, joists, rafters and studding—5-8 white pine weatherboarding; Norway flooring & joists from 16 to 20 feet long, a superior article—yellow poplar scantling and plank from 2-4 to 8-4; cherry, ash, and curled maple suitable for cabinet, coach and cart work.

—ALSO—

75,000 Cypress and white pine Shingles. All of which have been purchased at the lowest cash prices and is now offered to the public on very reasonable terms. JACOB WRIGHT.

Easton, July 26—tf

BLANK DEEDS of a correct and improved form, for sale at this office.

☞NEGROES WANTED.

THE highest market prices will be given for Negroes. I have a large and secure Jail, and will receive Negroes that are for sale, and keep them at the lowest rates. Conway street, between Charles and Hanover, near the Railroad Depot or Light street wharf, Baltimore.

B. M. CAMPBELL

N. B.—All communications promptly attended to. may 23 1y

THE ONLY SURE MEANS
BY WHICH DISEASE
CAN BE THOROUGHLY ERADI-
CATED FROM THE BODY,
is to
Purge
from the
System those
Acrimonious Humors
which are the real cause of every
ill that flesh is heir to,

Stainbarn's Vegetable Extract Pills, being composed of the finer, purer, and more essential parts of those roots and plants, which rank high in the materia medica for their purifying and curative qualities, (the grosser particles being separated by newly invented machinery,) are therefore the natural prescription, suited to all constitutions, for *eradicating from the Body, diseases of the blood, the bowels*, and all other complaints originating therefrom, that affect the *human system.*

ARE YOU AFFLICTED
with
Asthma,
Cold, Cough,
Consumption,
Shortness of Breath,
Influenza, or lowness of Spirits?

THE VEGETABLE EXTRACT PILLS are peculiarly adapted, by their purgative qualities, to remove the mucous matter which causes the complaint, and to immediately release you from your suffering.

HAVE YOU
GOUT,
RHEUMATISM,
PAINS IN YOUR SHOULDER, HIP OR KNEE JOINTS,
attended with swelling or inflammation,
or twitches in the side,
THE EXTRACT PILLS

will afford immediate relief, and, by their aperient action, remove pain, and drive from the system every vestige of disease.

DO YOU SUFFER
from
Nervous Diseaes,
Inward Weakness, Fits,
Palsy, Palpitation of the Heart?

Stainburn's Vegetable Extract Pills will effect a radical and thorough cure, and restore you to the enjoyment of sound health.

SHOULD YOU BE ATTACKED
with
Quinsy,
Croup, Whooping Cough,
Pleurisy, Jaundice, Phthisic,
THE EXTRACT PILLS

should be resorted to without loss of time, as they exert a direct influence upon the system, and by their energetic powers promptly remove the disease.

STAINBURN'S PILLS

will prevent an accumulation of bile, which, if suffered to collect in undue quantities, is sure to produce malignant fevers, such as scarlet, typhus, yellow, and others, that generally terminate in death.

IF YOU HAVE
the
Small Pox,
Measles, King's Evil,
Scrofula, St. Anthony's Fire,
Salt Rheum, Ulcers,
or any
Eruptions of the Skin,

the alterative and purifying principle of Sarsaparilla, so powerfully yet so minutely contained in STAINBURN'S PILLS, will gradually yet most surely drive out all disease from the system.

WHEN YOU ARE TAKEN
with
Cholic,
Cholera Morbus,
Indigestion, Pain in the bowels,
Rising in the Throat,
Dysentery, Dyspepsia, Piles,
Costiveness,

or obstructions or relaxations of any kind, make immediate use of the

Vegetable Extract Pills

and you will experience instant relief, as their purgative qualities are always sure to expel the humors which have caused the disease. *Stainburn's Vegetable Extract Pills* are also peculiarly adapted to the cure of Apoplexy, Gravel, Vomiting and Spitting of Blood, Liver Complaint, Deafness, Ringing Noises in the Head, Swelled Feet, Legs, &c., White Swellings, Cancers or Tumors, as the ingredients of which they are composed enter directly into the system, remove all secretions, open the pores, and eradicate every thing noxious from the sytem.

TO FEMALES

For the complaints incident to females, these pills may be taken with the most perfect safety. Being an extraction of the vegetables, they do not cramp or rack the delicate frame or weaken the constitution, as is the case with ancient and impure remedies.

TO CHILDREN.

Stainburn's Vegetable Extract Pills are allowed to be the best medicine extant, for children; and being composed of extracts, may be administered in any form. If the directions are faithfully followed, the most salutary results will ensue.

STAINBURN'S PILLS

are now extensively used in hospitals, both in this country and in Europe. From the fact of their being formed entirely of extracts, they are not unpleasant to take, are particularly mild in their operation, producing no griping or nausea, and are still *all powerful* to eradicate disease, and purify the blood and fluids.

The Vegetable Extract Pills are sold at Twenty-five cents per box, containing *thirty* Pills, by the following

AGENTS IN TALBOT COUNTY.

Easton.—E. M. Dawson & Brother.
Trappe.—Stevens & Mullikin.
Hole-in-the-Wall.—S. T. Banning.
Royal Oak.—Charles Benson & Son.
St. Michaels.—Thomas Auld.
McDaniels' Store.—J. W. S. McDaniels.
Kemps Store.—Wm. P. Kemp.
Jackson's Store.—E. Jackson.
Bay Side.— ——Adkinson.
Broad Creek Neck.—Z. Farland.
Skipton Landing.—Thos. Hopkins, jr.
Wye-Landing—Powell & Fiddeman.

Agents supplied by the proprietors at their offices 338 Broadway, New York, and 6 North Street, Baltimore. Jan. 16

Consumption of the Lungs,

Affections of the Liver, Asthma, Bronchitis Pains or Weakness of the Breast or Lungs Chronic Coughs, Pleurisy, Hemorrhage of the Lungs, and all affections of the Pulmonary Organs.

NATURE'S OWN PRESCRIPTION

A compound Balsamic preparation of the *Prunus Virginiana* or "Wild Cherry Bark," prepared by a new chemical process, approved and recommended by the most distinguished physicians, and universally acknowledged the most valuable medicine ever discovered.

NO QUACKERY!!! NO DECEPTION

In setting forth the virtues of this truly great medicine, we have no desire to deceive those who are laboring under affliction, nor do we wish to eulogize it more than it justly deserves. Yet when we look around and see the vast amount of suffering and distress occasioned by many of the diseases in which this medicine has proved so highly successful, we feel that we cannot urge its claims too strongly, or say too much in its favor.—Such, indeed, are the

SURPRISING VIRTUES

Of this Balsam, that even in the advanced stages of CONSUMPTION, after all the most esteemed remedies of physicians have failed to effect any change, the use of this medicine has been productive of the most astonishing relief, and actually effected cures after all hopes of recovery had been despaired of.

In the first stage of the disease, termed "*Catarrhal Consumption*," arising from *neglected* COLDS, it has been used with undeviating success, and hundreds acknowledge they owe the restoration of their health to this invaluable medicine alone. In that form of *Consumption* so prevalent amongst delicate young females, commonly termed debility, or

"GOING INTO A DECLINE,"

A complaint with which thousands are lingering, it has also proved highly successful, and not only possesses the power of checking the progress of this alarming complaint, but also strengthens and invigorates the system more effectually than any other medicine we have ever possessed.

Important Caution.

The public should bear in mind that it is Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry that performs those remarkable cures which are published in every part of the country, and not the articles of similar name that are occasionally puffed into temporary notice.—Those MAY be good—but we know nothing about them.

☞Be sure and ask for "Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry," and take none other.

AGENTS.—In Easton, Dawson & Brother; Cambridge, Thos. M. Flint; Salisbury, P. Toadwin; Snow-hill, Townsend & Upshur; Chestertown, Dailey & Russell, and in every town in the State.

January 30, 1844.—6m

SHOUT ITS PRAISE!
AND PROCLAIM IT TO THE WORLD!!!

THAT which is beneficial to the world in any shape or way, should be promulgated to the uttermost parts of the earth for public good.

Whenever an important discovery in medical science takes place, it should be spread abroad at once. Such a discovery is found in *Pease's Compound Extract of Hoorhound*, for the cure of all diseases which arise from a chilled system, and has proved itself of the utmost value to a discerning public. Formed of *twenty-five different ingredients*, each one of which is of the most valuable nature, in the cure of those primary diseases which terminate in *Consumption*.

All families are liable to have some portion of their members attacked at this season of the year, and they should be particular and have in their house *a few packages* of this valuable compound. Children are very apt to be taken with a slight cold, to cease only in *Croup or Scarlet Fever*. At such times, a few sticks given according to the directions, would stop all fear for the future, because it would then be given *in time*. This is the grand secret, and should be remembered.

THE HOARHOUND EXTRACT

has now been before the public for three years, and in that space of time, no medicine has ever equalled it in the amount of its sale or in the estimation in which it is held by the public.

Sold by J. PEASE & SON, Inventors and Proprietors, 45 Division street.

Read the following Certificate from a Clergyman at Newark.

Newark, Sept. 29, 1842

My Dear Sirs:—I have been often afflicted with great exhaustion after exhorting and fulfilling my duties and professional avocations, and never found any relief therefrom, until I met with your excellent *Hoarhound Candy.*

I have tried it on innumerable occasions, and believe it to be the best medicine compound extant, for healing and preserving the lungs from consumption in its early stages. Clergymen are more apt, from the nature of their profession, to be afflicted with hoarseness which finally turns to Bronchitis; and I certainly believe that a free use of your Candy will keep away that complaint altogether. I recommend all my brethren to keep a few packages of your candy by them, and use it after speaking, and they will at once perceive its benefit. Your friend truly,

A. D. AYRES, D. D.

Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. Pease & Son, 45 Division street.

NONE NEED DESPAIR.

This is to certify that I was three years afflicted with an inflammation of the lungs, and found no relief until I used Pease's Hoarhound Candy.

BENJ. WHITEHOUSE, 38 Orchard st.

I have used Pease's Hoarhound Candy in my family for coughs, colds, and hoarseness, with good satisfaction.

SOLOMON JENNER, 59 Henry st.

Sold by E. M. DAWSON & BROTHER, Agents for Easton. may 30 1y

JOB PRINTING
OF EVERY VARIETY,
NEATLY AND PROMPTLY EXECUTED, AT
THIS OFFICE.

WOOD will be taken at this office in payment of dues, if early delivered.

SEGARS! SEGARS!!

FRANCIS A. UHL,

MANUFACTURER OF

SEGARS, TOBACCO & SNUFF

Corner of Hawk Street and Marsh Market Space, Baltimore, Md.

RESPECTFULLY informs the Merchants and others of the Eastern Shore of Maryland that he keeps constantly on hand an extensive assortment of the best Spanish Segars, Scotch, Rappee, Mackabau & Congress Snuff, in Bladders, Bottles, &c. Also every variety of Cut and Dry Smoking Tobacco, together with a good assortment of Chewing Tobacco.

He has also on hand, and is extensively manufacturing a beautiful article of Half Spanish Segars, which he warrants to be superior both in quality and appearance to any manufactured in this or any other city; all of which he offers low, for cash only.

N. B.—Levi Garrett & Sons, Philadelphia Scotch Snuff kept constantly on hand, warranted genuine.

Don't forget the yellow frame house, corner of Hawk st, and Marsh Market Space.

Dec. 12, 1843.—6m

Bakery, Confectionary and FRUIT STORE.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Easton, and its vicinity, that he has opened in the store formerly occupied by Mr. John W. Gore, one door from Messrs. Shepherd & McNeal,

A CONFECTIONARY, BAKERY, FRUIT AND FANCY STORE.

Where he will be ready to supply them with the best BREAD at their doors every morning fresh and hot, and made of the best white wheat flour, as cheap as they can make it themselves. Also, pound cake, sponge do., jumbles, mackaroy and rusks for tea, made of the best material.

All kinds of candy, fresh and good, at his establishment; French candy, toys, fancy boxes, coronets, and a variety of articles in his line.

Weddings and partys supplied with cake and pyramids according to order in the best style. Cakes and candy by wholesale at city prices, deducting freight. The public are respectfully invited to give him a call and see for themselves. All orders promptly attended to.

HENRY J. STRANDBERG.

Dec. 26, 1843.

Blacksmithing.
REMOVAL.

The undersigned most respectfully informs the public, and his customers, that he has removed to the new Shop nearly opposite Stewarts' Carriage shop, where he is prepared to execute every variety of work in his line, at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.

HORSE SHOEING

will also be done in the best manner, the subscriber being thoroughly acquainted with that important branch of the business. Strict attention will be paid to all orders from the country, and every exertion to give general satisfaction, and to merit a share of public patronage, will be made by

The public's ob't. serv't,

Jan. 2, 1844—1y JOHN HULL.

Blacksmithing.

"An old hand at the Bellows."

REMOVAL.

THE subscriber would most respectfully inform his old customers and the public generally that he has removed to the shop formerly occupid by Scipio Dansbury, situated only a short distance below the old stand. He is prepared to do *all kinds of work*,—such as

Horse-Shoeing, &c.

at the shortest notice, in the best manner, and on the most reasonable terms.

He returns his sincere thanks to the public for past favors, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit and receive a continuance of the same.

The public's ob't. servant,

RICH'D. P. SNEED.

Easton, Nov. 8, 1842—1y

New Fall and Winter GOODS.

J. H. K. SHANNAHAN has just returned from Baltimore with a handsome assortment of GOODS to suit the present and approaching seasons, which will be sold low for cash or country produce. A liberal price will be allowed for *Corn* in exchange for goods. He would respectfully call the attention of the public to the

Clothing Department

of his business, which he intends increasing He is also prepared at all times to make clothing to order at reduced prices and in good style.

☞Corn taken in payment of debts due Oct 24, 1843. G6wcow

CABINET MAKING
AT THE OLD STAND

HERETOFORE occupied by Mr. J. S. Shannahan, on the west side of Washington st., opposite T. Beaston's hat and cap establishment, and nearly opposite C. Robinson's grocery and variety store, two doors south of the Star office,—by the subscriber, who intends to manufacture

all kinds of work in his line

of goood materials, and at moderate cash prices, or for country produce. WHEAT FANS made or repaired. Orders for all kinds of COFFINS punctually attended to.

He hopes by strict attention to business and a desire to please to merit a share of public patronage. A. B. PRITCHETT.

Easton, Jan. 9, 1844.

MORE NEW GOODS.
J. W. CHEEZUM,

HAS just returned from Baltimore with a further and general supply of

WINTER GOODS,

which he offers low for cash. He invites his friends and the public generally to call and examine for themselves before purchasing. Dec. 26, 1843.

A NEW ERA OF SHAKESPEARE IN AMERICA!

The Cheapest and most splendidly Illuminated and Illustrated Edition of the Bard of Avon ever published.

EDITED BY THE
HON. GULIAN C. VERPLANCK.

ROBT. W. WIER, Esq., will design, select, and arrange the illustrations, of which there will be about 1400, executed on wood, in the very best style of the modern school of the art.

In submitting the Prospectus of the Edition to the public, the publisher has only to add that he will spare neither expense nor pains to make this edition of the World's Poet superior to any that has heretofore appeared—in illustrations, typography and paper. The form will be royal octavo, and will be issued in weekly parts, price 12½cts. which places it within the means of persons of the most limited fortunes, whilst on account of its peculiar beauty it will gain itself admission into the libraries of the rich, and there prove to be one of the choicest ornaments.

Those who wish this work in the most perfect state will only be sure of it by taking the parts as they appear, which will contain the early proofs of the engravings.

The Tragedy of Hamlet is now in press. The first part will be issued in March.

PROSPECTUS.

The *Pictorial* and *Illustrated* edition of SHAKESPEARE, lately published in England are amongst the most beautiful specimens of the recent and remarkable improvements of the art of wood engraving, which by combining great excellence of execution with economy of price, has given an unprecedented diffusion to the most useful as well as the most exquisite productions of the arts of Design.

The design of KENNY MEADOWS of Tyas' edition of Shakspeare express the character of the several personages, and the spirit of the scene, with wonderful truth and power; whilst the wood engraving of Knight's Pictorial edition combine with the highest merits of art and taste such a learned and minute accuracy as to scenery, costume, architecture and antiquity, as to make them a perpetual and most instructive commentary upon the Poet's text. It is now proposed to embody in an *American edition*, the admirable illustrations of both these editions, engraved with equal excellence of mechanical execution, to add to these, other engravings from eminent artists, as Reynolds, Fuseli, S. Newton, &c., and to accompany them with a beautifully printed and correct text.

But the publisher, anxious that his country should pay some part of the homage due from her to the greatest of Poets, as to one who belongs not solely to England, but to all

——who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spake,

could not content himself with a mere republication or compilation. He has therefore prevailed upon R. W. WEIR, whose reputation as an Artist is already indentified with his country's history, to contribute a series of original designs, together with such advice and assistance in other details of art as his taste may suggest for the illustration and embellishment of this publication. From the same reason the publisher, instead of reprinting the text and commentary of any popular English impression, was desirous that his edition should have the supervision of an American editor. This task has been undertaken by GULIAN C. VERPLANCK.

The plan proposed to himself by the editor is to furnish the reader with a carefully prepared and accurately printed text, unencumbered by any notes or comments upon the page itself; as however useful they may be elsewhere, they are too apt to divert the mind from the power of the Poet's thought, and to disturb the magic of his scene. Such notes as may be thought useful for the explanation or criticism of the text, will be thrown into an Appendix to each play.

The text of Shakespeare's dramatic works, drawn from old printed copies in his age, which had never passed under the author's own eye, was consequently disfigured by many errors and obscurities. It passed during the last century through a succession of varying editions until the revision of Stevens and Malone, whose text, (or rather that of Stevens,) has become the standard from which most of the English and American editions have been printed, with various degrees of accuracy. But within the last twenty years a more minute and familiar acquaintance with old English idioms, habits and modes of thought, guided by an intense and constantly increasing admiration for Shakespeare's genius, has led to the strong conviction that very many of the numerous though slight deviations from the ancient text appearing in modern editions, are useless or erroneous interpolations, sometimes weakening the sense and often substituting an arbitrary monotonous metrical regularity to the Poet's own native melody. Accordingly very many of these emendations have been rejected by the last and best English editors, especially Mr. Knight and Mr. Collier, and the readings of the old folios and quartos have been restored, unless where some error of the press or manuscript was undeniably manifest. Yet there are many such passages professedly corrupt, and requiring conjectural emendation; there are also differences of reading between the several old impressions, affording grounds for some diversity of text and warm controversy between the more recent editors.

Upon these, the American editor thinks it due to the character of this edition, to decide for himself without implicitly following the text of any one modern edition. As the industry and learning of prior editors have furnished the collation of various readings and the authorities upon which they may be supported, the task is no longer that of laborious investigation, but, as it were, of judicial decision enlightened by argument.

As many of these variations are of nearly equal probability, and as some of them are doubtless the author's own alterations at different periods, all the more important readings will be presented to the reader in the notes for his own selection. Those notes will also contain so much of commentary as may be useful to explain antiquated words and phrases, obscurely expressed passages, and allusions to obsolete opinions or the habits or history of the times; the whole in as condensed a form as practicable. But any commentary upon Shakspeare, however brief, would be imperfect if it did not present some view of the higher criticism employed, not on the interpretation of his language, but upon his thoughts, his character, his poetry, passions, philosophy. The only difficulty here arises from the abundance, the magnificent variety of the materials contributed during the last half century by the most brilliant minds of Europe. Still it is believed that this duty can be satisfactorily performed without swelling the edition to an inconvenient bulk. H. W. HEWITT, Pub.

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