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Society Proprietors. Volume 1st

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Talbot & Shaw
Editors
Number One.

We commence this day under the auspices and fostering care of the South Freeport Mutual Improvement Society, and for the general interest and amusement of said Society, a semi monthly Journal. We design it to be a transcript of the thoughts of every member of the Society who chooses to occupy its columns, on any and every subject that they may wish to write upon, reserving of course to ourselves the Editors privilege of rejecting whatever we may deem advisable. But while we wish every member of our Society to contribute freely to our columns, we do not wish it to be understood that its doors are to be closed to outsiders. On the contrary we earnestly solicit matter from all who can and are willing to help. Not being in a situation to pay large amounts for Prize Stories, Prize Essays, Mount Vernon Papers, etc, we shall not try to compete with the New York Ledger at present, in these respects. We shall have to depend principally on common sense articles, from the common sense community of South Freeport, and we feel assured that in so doing our devil will never want for copy. Besides the original matter, the Paper will contain the current news of the day, Poetry, a shipping list as well as all other matter of interest usually found in similar publications. And now friends, do not, we beg of you, be captious and fault finding, do not expect too much, and then you will not be disappointed. "Do not despise the day of small things," is a maxim that we earnestly recommend to be borne in mind, in connection with our Paper, while above all, we hope you will remember to have in your contributions, and help the Editors. Remember also, that if any

Before the Mast. **by** **Hal Harrow.**

Got tired of farming, and wanted to go to Sea. Mother was rather opposed to it, but finally consented upon condition that I would join the Navy as Lieutenant of horse marines. Went to Portland, met there Captain Sol Seahorse, who who persuaded me to go one trip with him to the West Indies before joining the Navy, just to get broke in. Didn't understand the meaning of being broke in, so well then as I did ten days afterwards. Capain gave me a months advance wages and told me to procure an outfit. Went into a Shop on Fore St. and told the Proprietor my business. Happened to find just the man, who knew exactly what I wanted. Furnished me with an umbrella, a glass A glass lantern, and a glass of something strong. Also, he persuaded me to take out a few segars on speculation, assuring me that the Spanish were invertebrate smokers. Gathered up my traps and made for the wharf where I found the vessel and was told by the Captain to get a board. Went to the nearest lumber pile and got one, when the Captain smiled his approval, was told by the Mate to go and cast off the bow line, and had just got it clear, when the order came to hold on a minute. I did so, and found myself in the water and half strangled. Bystanders seemed to be highly amused by my performance, while I kept fast hold of the rope and was hauled on board by the sailors. My ardor for the Sea has somewhat dampened and my clothes a good deal so. Felt better after changing my clothes, when I went on deck, and found the ship sailing gently out towards the Light House. Thought a sailors life very pleasant and commenced to sing, "A life on the ocean wave,
A home on the rolling deep,"
when I heard the Captain say the tide

thing appears, which does not meet general approbation, or if any Number is wanting in interest, not to turn harshly away, but bear with us for the sake of the cause in which we are engaged. With these thoughts and feelings, we have assumed the helm of the Cruiser, for a voyage on the sea of Literature, hoping with favorable winds, and pleasant companions to have a prosperous and happy cruise.

was against us, and gave the order to the Mate to let go the Anchor. After supper the Mate came forward and ordered all hands on deck to heave up. Felt just like it & immediately rushed on deck, and hove up my supper. Wanted to heave up my boots but couldn't start them at first, concluded to try once more, and brought up something which I thought was the top of one of them, on examination found it was nothing but a fritter which the cook had given me for supper. My stomach felt a great deal better after that, heard the mate give the order-avast heaving- felt very grateful to him for his consideration. Felt very weak in the knees, but very strong in resolution took a look around to see how the others enjoyed the sport, and found them all busy around the windlass. Was told by the Mate to take the devils claw, and help Bill Bobstay hold on to the chain. Looked around but could not see anything that looked so much like a devils claw, as Bill's hands. I seized one of them with the vigor and applied it to the chain, when I received a

blow on the side of the head from the Devils other claw that knocked me down. Got up, and concluded that I had been mistaken in the officers meaning, thought I understood what he meant when he told me to hook up a single block. Got the cook's chopping block and presented it to the Mate, who called me a bloody greenhorn, and flourished his fists in such a manner that they came in violent contact with my nasal organ, causing it to bleed profusely. Put a plaster on my nose, and was beginning to feel a little more comfortable, when the mate told me to come on deck, and stand the dog watch. Felt indignant and thought if I was to be treated like a dog I would exercise a dog's privilege and growl. Told him, I didn't ship for a dog, and was answered by a knock down argument which was Bill Bobstay, _____-ically expressed it completely buttoned up my bloody top lights. Stood the dog's watch for two hours, when the mate told me to go below and turn in. It wasn't much work to go to sleep, the mate had closed my ~~eyes~~ two hours before. Had just got comfortable when all hands were ordered aloft to reef topsails. Looked out and thought the ship had arrived in Pandemonium, rain, hail, fire and brimstone, seeming to be the elements of the place. Thought it was time to make use of my umbrella, and lantern. Presented myself on deck, armed and equipped, and proceeded to go aloft, wondering why sailors were not made with one more pair of hands, when they needed them so much. Found it uphill business, was obliged to Relinquish, my umbrella, lantern and hat in order to secure my own safety. Got back on deck, and was ordered to lay aft, took my blankets, and proceeded to the Cabin, where I found a spare berth, and turned in. Was beginning to get a little dozy when the ship's bell rang. Thought the ship was on fire, and turned out to ask one of the men what the trouble was, who told me it was my watch on deck, Wondered if it would ever be my watch below. Was told by the Captain to throw the Log, and threw the only one that I could see. Didn't notice that the cook's axe was stuck in it until too late. Was asked by the Captain "how many knots?" Didn't stop to count them

Union, Justice, and Truth our watch-words. If we fail it will not be because our object is not a good one, or for want of incentive to perseverance. It requires some courage to stand by anything when public opinion is against you, when the shafts of public opinion are hurled against you. Many have to wait to see what others say before they can make up their minds to commit themselves to any cause. We opine our Society is not very popular at South Freeport, they not appreciating as we think our efforts to benefit the place if not to immortalize it. In our opinion they lack confidence in their own associates. Where is the talent is gravely asked to sustain a debating Society?! Talent enough anywhere else except among our own acquaintances. Any one that has grown up with us, cannot be anything, the very fact of being our associates is proof that nothing can become and are we not too much influenced by such faithless minds? "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth", is an old saying, and equally old are the questions, "is not this the Carpenter's Son, and his brethren are they not all with us. Are we to be influenced by such opinions, & to be deterred by any fears that we may fail!! We shall not fail if we are true to ourselves and to each other. We very much need more members, but the want of them, is the very reason why we should be limited and firm, and stand by our fellow members and our cause unflinchingly. Some we are sorry to say are discouraged, not because there are no more of us, but because of their want of confidence in themselves. We sympathize with such, and know what it is to feel that all our efforts are useless. We hope such members will take courage and not be turned aside because of such feelings. Make the effort to do what we can and not set ourselves up to judge our own productions. I suppose no person can tell how his own voice sounds to others nor can he tell how what he may say, will appear to his hearers. Use the talent we have is a divine command, and we are accountable to the world, to God, for the manner we improve the opportunities we have to prepare ourselves for usefulness. We all exert some influence and, we cannot escape the conclusion, that we are amenable for that in-

but noticed there was a great many, on the Log, so answered by guess, thirty. Captain remarked, that it was the greatest speed ever attained by a ship.

To be continued.

Enigma

I am composed of 24 letters.

My 6..21..3..17..6..13..is the name of a river in Maine.

“ 18..20..2..6..9..7..16, is the name of a fish.

“ 1..5..10..24 is a young Lady's name.

“ 12..15..10..14..19..16..23.. is the name of one of the U.S.

“ 8..4..6..22 is the name of a stubborn animal

“14..7..18..22..10..24 loves company.

“ 8..5..21..6..18.. are proverbially uncertain.

“20..11..10..16..is kind of grain.

My whole ought to be encouraged.

Answer in our next.

Our Society

Messrs Editors.

“Large streams from little fountains flow

Large oaks from little acorns grow”

Though we may not have our names

pass down the stream of time and live

in History as will the name of Socrates

though the South Freeport Mutual

Improvement Society, may not be re-

membered as will the “Girondist” of

France, yet we have an object as well

as they, and an object as noble as

inspired the Grecian Philosopher, or

actuated the hearts of the members of

the French Club. Self culture, mutual im-

provement are our avowed objects,

-fluence, in proportion to the opportunities we have had of acquiring the necessary qualifications for exerting a good influence.

I mean to be understood that if I have had the chance to prepare myself to be useful and have neglected to make that preparation

I am responsible for that neglect. We are

apt to fall into the idea, that when we have

the opportunity to improve our minds, we

are at liberty to do it or not just as we

please. I think otherwise, when we have an

opportunity to learn what will do us or

others good, and we let those opportunities

pass unimproved, we are criminal in such

neglect. It is not a matter of choice with

us, but a matter of duty. A neglect of

duty involves criminality. We have a

Society here for the purpose of improving our

minds, and fitting ourselves better to discharge

life's duties, and according to my logic

we are under obligations to avail ourselves

of the privilege. Let us be united in our

fraternity then, respect ourselves and our

cause, and others will respect it also.

South Freeport Jan 17th 1859

Agricola.

“Rudolph, professor of the headsmen's trade

Alike was famous for his arm and blade

One day a prisoner Justice had to kill

Knelt at the block to test the artists skill.

Bare armed, I went visaged, gaunt & shaggy browed

Rudolph the headsman was above the crowd,

His falchion lightened with a sudden gleam

As the ___ armor flashes in the stream.

He sheathed his blade, he turned as if to go

The victim knelt still waiting for the blow.

Why strikest not. Perform thy murderous act

The prisoner said. Friend I have ____ struck the

artist Wait but one moment, and yourself decide

He held his snuff box, now then if you please

The prisoner sniffed and with a crashing sneeze

Off his head tumbled, bowled along the floor,

Bounced down the steps, the prisoner said no more

Women thy falchion is a glittering eye

If death lurks in it oh how sweet to die

Thou takest hearts as Rudolph took the head

We die with love, and never dream we're dead.”

Dr O W Holmes

Improving the Mind

The mind of man, who can comprehend it Who but the Infinite, can trace it is all its devious and intricate windings, follow it from its source, through its minutest details to the result of its combinations and efforts? It is a complicated piece of machinery, and to one unacquainted with the mechanism, it presents to the view a tangled maze of confusion. How few among us realize the importance of the great command "know thyself". And yet from day to day, from year to year we carry about with us this strange complication, this heaven-born principle without ever studying it, penetrating its mysteries, or developing its hidden resources. Like the oyster with the beautiful pearl in its shell, we live our aimless life almost unconscious of possessing those God given powers, which distinguish Man from the _____, and making as little preparation as they, for the development of that part of our being which is to exist through endless ages. Are we not most culpable for neglecting this great, and – it seems to me – almost imperative duty!? Is it improving the talent which has been given us by allowing it to be buried beneath the sands of ignorance or overgrown by the rank weeds of neglect? Answering these questions negatively and acknowledging the truth of the assertions, the question naturally arises, how can we best improve the mind! How develop the talent resources, and untrained powers of our intellect? There are many ways in which it can be accomplished and the desired results attained. To a thoughtful mind, answers arise on every hand. I will only mention three, of the most prominent as they present themselves in my thoughts. First by reading. In this country where nearly ever one can read, a judicious selection from the vast stores presented to us, will at once open for our use an immense field, from which we may glean rich and useful stores of knowledge. The treasures of History, a knowledge of the Arts, the glorious results of past labor and experience, and the Sciences, in all the perfection to which they have already attained all throw open their doors and invite us to enter in. In short no one need say

Letter, from Freeport.

Messrs Editors.
Feeling as I do a lively interest in the South Freeport Debating Society, and feeling desirous to do something to engage the young men of your village in their own improvement, I take the liberty to send you this communication for insertion in your paper. Having been deprived in my youth of the advantages which your Society supplies to the youth of your vicinity, I do most sincerely entreat ^ themselves with it, and endeavor to improve the ability, of which they are possessed. Any man of common ability can think well. But it is quite another thing to express his thought before an assembly without embarrassment, or to his own satisfaction, or to write them in suitable shape for publication. It will be a life-long benefit to any young man who by practice, (for it is only by practice that we can improve) fits himself for the discussion, or to write upon any subject that presents itself. Let us suppose that there should be organized in every school district in this town the present winter a Debating Society and in connection therewith a paper, and a Library, and all the youth should enlist heartily in self improvement, what would be the result? Why, in five years there would be hundreds of young men who would be qualified to fill almost any station to which they might be called, with honor to themselves, and their town. Messrs Editors, You will see by this paper that I am not qualified to write with grammatical precision, and am aware that it is my own fault. Being sensible that I have neglected my own education, I can the more honestly warn others, to improve the privileges that they enjoy.

Yours. Etc, Ignoramus
Freeport Jan 18..1859

Monetary

Reported expressly for the Cruiser,
All kinds of stocks are much depressed -with the exception of Mud Bank which is firm with an upward tendency. This is owing to the suspension of the

they have no chance for improvement with this grand collection lying before them. But for those who have a distaste for this let me say, you have a field of your own which you can cultivate. Thought with all its varied powers is yours, and you can no more prevent its exercise, than you can the act of respiration. Collect, combine, and analyze your thoughts then, marshal them as they come trooping through your mind, drill them as you would ___recruits, subject them to severe discipline & you will soon find that you have a host in yourself. Direct them into higher channels than before, carefully digest them, have them always at command, and then you will be ready for the third means of improvement, which I now say yest. Comparing your thoughts with those of others around you, bringing your mind in contact with other minds, will just as surely ___ new. Thoughts and idea's as the colision of flint and steel produces fire. The steel long unused will enst, so the mind lying dormant will as surely corrode. The means of self improvement then are within reach of all, and as the twine elements combined form our earth so by a wise combination of the three elements, for improvement mentioned, we may form a solid, which perhaps may shine as a star in the intellectual firmament forever. The dia-
mond in its rough unpolished state would be passed by as of little value yet polished and refined it is destined for the monarch's crown, or to shine on the brow of beauty. So the mind uncared for would be left in obscurity yet cultivated it may dazzle the world with its splendor. Then let us so strive to improve our minds, that they may not rust, but rather wear out in the glorious service in trying to benefit mankind.. Excelsior

What name reminds us of the highest degree of happiness? Bliss.
 What class of people take the least notice of the fashions? The Blind.
 What tray do people most admire?
 Extra. Com.

Clam, and the very limited discount of the other Principal Banks. We quote as follows.

Clam Bank, nominal
 Eel “ 50, @ 75 percent below par
 Mud “ 20 @ 25 “ above “
 Snow “ 25 @ 75 “ “ “
 Sand “ Closed.

First class paper in good demand with but very little offering, There is but very little doing in Foreign or Domestic Bills, with the exception of Due Bills.

Marine Intelligence
 Port of Freeport

Wednesday Jan 19

Owing to the embargo laid upon our harbor, by King John I - vulgarly known as Jack Frost - we have no arrivals to chronicle

In Port.

Sch's Banner, Maine, Casco, Brilliant
 L N Pierce, Linda, and Elisa; Sloops
 Enterprise, Freetrader, and Liberator.

Domestic Ports

Portland - Ar 17th Sch James Garcelon,
 Knight, Boston. Hampton Roads, Ar 18
 Ship Harraseeket, Callao.
 Pensacola - In the Bay - 7th Sch Galena
 Waite, for Porto Rico.

Foreign Ports

At Halifax 6th inst, Sch Freemont
 Johnson, for Freeport.

The Mutual Improvement Society Library has but just sprung into existence, its days as yet are few, its volumes still fewer. But its friends are sanguine that this is the nucleus, around which will yet be gathered a large and flourishing Library. With this thought we cordially invite all to aid us by their contributions, assuring them that they shall receive therefor, the thanks of the Society, as well as the future thanks of the community in which we live.

Editorial Correspondence
 My dear Editor,
 Judging from the names you have selected for the paper, such columns as those on foreign abolition, &c. &c. are all honest disquisitions of all questions which have any bearing on the well-being of Society. Every prominent fact is pointed out, and nothing is left out, particularly advantages and disadvantages. I am sure these accounts are true, and that you are nearly all, "right of heart," his mind is equal to any doubts and their doubts they are to be commended for their vigilance and to be admired for their zeal. It is to be wished that you would be pleased to hold these papers in your own almost universal practice, you speak young and old are proud to indulge themselves in such a peculiar interest, and to be glad at the present time especially as it touches the only business which has not received a lesson shock within the past eighteen months. Almost every trade, occupation, or profession, has been suffering from a stroke of paralysis, but this, I think, as it may appear, and almost certainly, this profession — for such I believe it is considered — has received a very large accession to its ranks. Business in this particular line, has been remarkably brisk, whether it had proved unimpaired or is likely to, perhaps may increase the basis of a good question for discussion in your Society, at some future day. Possible, it might be more speedily and satisfactorily settled however by applying directly to the pockets of those who are its most distinguished advocates. I am not aware that it belongs to either of the learned professions, I believe that in general the smaller amount of brains one has the more likely will they be to succeed and attain a distinguished position, in this vocation. I think that however all of some theories in this direction, it is indubitably necessary to show some kind of scientific, to me good words, to be used, and always, he in possession of a pocket knife, and a fine chip. It must however be of the doctest kind, so as not to lack the muscular power the severity, for this would be a great advantage to the profession. The principal progress, I think for this large, respectable, and influential class of our fellow citizens, for the purpose of discharging all of actions connected with their particular calling are the stores and shops of our country, &c. &c. That it is a most respectable business may be inferred from the fact that many of the most distinguished and honorable members of this profession are members of our Society, and that they are sometimes through not judgment to be heard in the social papers, instead the duties of their particular calling seem to forbid that they should often be seen in the face of a paper. The question may arise here, is there a profitable business, does it sell the pockets of those engaged in it? In answer to this, we are compelled to say, that we have never had cause to think pockets nor have we ever taken a pocket from any stomach, so that we can not happen consequently but of the old adage is true that is a good business which is well-learned, we should infer that the profits arising from this must be extremely large, we do not mean that any one has succeeded a fortune, but possibly we have not been well informed. We do not know precisely the amount of dividends, nor whether they are annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly, daily, or from the. The distribution of Convention which is usually three times a day — Sundays excepted — they divide themselves into a committee of the whole on the state of the community in general and of every individual in particular. Of course the Factor, Lawyer — if there is one — Minister and the Church, come in for their full share of attention. In addition to this the particular circumstances of each family, circle or the community are discussed in the kindest spirit of

course — articles are common, arguments made, sermons preached, and resolutions pronounced, whether to the satisfaction of all parties concerned is a question, which cannot possibly be answered in the affirmative. The great which distinguishes this profession is its unity of purpose, they are not aware that a closer cooperation with their colleagues, except to secure a fuller attendance. Some Sundays are usually spent in visiting the infirm, and in other ways that they may be ready for an early decision on a Sunday morning. Perhaps this feature has been distinguished, to be very successful in all your circles, but in order that you may not be misunderstood we will take the liberty to say that they are usually excited, gashed by the edifying, and honorable office of teachers, and allow us to say, Gentlemen, believe that if in your opinion, this profession needs any encouragement, or assistance in your community, you can make such use of this Liberator as you shall think most judicious. J. S.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Ernest Jones.
 Ship & Ornamental Paper & Golden Respectfully calls the attention of the owners of South Sea port bottles, to the facilities which he possesses for preparing all work connected with this branch of business, and requests a share of public patronage.
 South Sea port Jan 15th 1854.

Richard A. Belcher
 South Sea port, Maine
 Dealer in Toys and Medicines
 Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soaps,
 Fine Hair and Tooth Brushes,
 Perfumery,
 Glass, Salt, Potash, Soda, Rainishes,
 Fine Staffs, Pencils and Lead Pencils,
 Garden Seeds, Tobacco, Cigars, &c. &c.
 Customers will find my stock complete
 compared with articles, it is impossible
 to compare here, and all sold at
 moderate prices.

Mathematical Problem.
 The three sides of a plane triangle are as follows — A B 60 ft. B C 35 ft. A C 30 ft. If the side B C be continued to meet a line from A cutting it at right angles, what will be the distance from C and A, to the point of intersection?
 Reply.

To our Contributors.
 We desire to thank the members of our Society, and our friends generally, for the prompt manner in which they have contributed, thus giving to their contributions a share of interest the present number of the Quaker may possibly, the time that they are prepared to do with commensurate for this number, will again command our hearty, that Hall Hallow will give us a continuation of his voyage, and Agricola again send us his products of his pen. Also, that our Occasional Contributor may become a permanent member, that excellent will be true to his motto and Epigrammatic, remember for your maxims — that practice makes perfect. With these few, be of parole of congratulation, and thanks, hoping ever that the good work in which we are engaged, will be ample sustained. It will be close this first number of the Quaker.

From an Occasional Correspondent

Messrs Editors.

Judging from the name you have selected for your paper, which combines at once a name and a object; I infer that its columns are open for a free and honest discussion of all questions which have any bearing on the well being of society. Every Community has its peculiar trials and difficulties, its particular advantages, and its distinguishing vices. There are some things that are common to nearly all. Neighborhoods, like individuals have their faults and their virtues. They are to be commended for their excellencies and to be admonished for their frailties. We should be pleased to address your hearers upon one almost universal practice in which young and old are proud to indulge. It is a subject in which a peculiar interest will be felt at the present time in as much as it touches the only business which has not received a serious shock within the past eighteen months. Almost every trade occupation, or profession, has been suffering from a stroke of paralysis; but this. Strange, as it may appear, and almost incredible, this profession, - for such I believe it is considered - has received a very large accession to its ranks. Business in this particular line, has been remarkably brisk, whether it has proved remunerative or is likely to, perhaps may furnish the basis of a good question for discussion in your Society, at some future day. Possibly it might be more speedily and satisfactorily settled however by appealing directly to the pockets of those who are its most distinguished advocates. I am not aware that it belongs to either of the learned professions, I believe that in general the swollen amount of brains one has the more likely will he be to succeed and attain a distinguished position in this fraternity. To reach the pinnacle of fame however in this direction, it is understood to be necessary to chew smoke and spit scientifically, to use good words carelessly, and always be in possession of a jack knife, and a pine chip. It must however be of the softest kind, so as not to task the muscular powers too severely, for this would prove a serious injury to the profession. The principal places of _____

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Dealer in Drugs and Medicines

Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soaps,

Fine Hair and Tooth Brushes,

Perfumery,

Glass, Putty, Paints, Oils, Varnishes

Dye-Stuffs, Fancy and Toilet Articles

Garden Seeds, Tobacco, Cigars, etc. etc.

Customers will find my stock complete

comprising many articles, it is impossible

to enumerate here, and all sold at

moderate prices.

for this large, respectable, and influential class of our fellow citizens, for the purpose of discussing all questions connected with their particular calling are the stores, and shops of our country villages. That it is a most respectable business may be inferred from the fact that many of the most active and honorable members of this profession are members of our churches whose voices are sometimes though not frequently heard in the social prayer meeting, indeed the duties of their peculiar calling seem to forbid that they should often be seen in the place of prayer. The question may arise here is this a profitable business, does it fill the pockets, clothe the backs, or fill the stomachs of those engaged in it? In answer to this, we are compelled to say, that we have never had access to their pockets, nor have we ever taken a peep into their stomach's, so that we cannot affirm confidently but if the old adage is true "that is good a business which is well followed", we should infer that the profits arising from this must be extremely large. We are not aware that any one has amassed a fortune, but possibly we have not been well informed. We do not know precisely the amount of dividends, nor whether they are annual, semiannual, quarterly monthly, daily, or hourly. When assembled in Convention, which is usually three times a day - Sundays excepted - they resolve themselves into a committee of the whole on the state of the community in general and of every individual in particular. Of course the Doctor, Lawyer - if there is one - Minister and the Church, come in for their full share of attention. In addition to this the particular circumstances of each family circle in the community are discussed in the kindest spirit of

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