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The image shows the front cover of an antique book. The cover is decorated with a traditional floral pattern, likely a chiyogami or washi paper. The design features large, stylized flowers in vibrant red and blue, set against a background of muted green and yellowish-green. The flowers have a distinct, radiating petal structure. The paper shows signs of age, with some wear and discoloration, particularly around the edges and in the recesses of the floral design. A small, white, rectangular label is affixed to the upper left portion of the cover, bearing the handwritten number '1785' in blue ink.

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Courts of a sise to be held, at
Richmond - April 1: & Octo: 1.
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Winchester - ap: 10. Oct: 10.
Staunton - ap: 1. 1.
Charlottesville - 13: 13.
Dumfries 23: 23.
Monongalia - may 1: Sept. 25.
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Suffolk 3^d Nov^r 3^d
Petersburg - April 23^d Octo. 23^d
Brunsw. C. Ho. . . . 13. 13.
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Bedford C. Ho. 23. 23.
Accomack 23. 23.

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V I R G I N I A
A L M A N A C K

FOR THE
Year of our LORD GOD 1785,
BEING THE FIRST AFTER
BISSEXTILE OR LEAP YEAR.
AND THE NINTH YEAR OF
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

Containing the Lunations, Conjunctions, Eclipses,
Judgment of the Weather, Rising and Setting of
the Planets, &c. &c. &c.

* By ROBERT ANDREWS, *Philos.* *

A Scheme on Rules of Art so deeply grounded,
The more you look, the more you'll be confounded:
The whole Contents you'll best discover
By sitting down and looking over.

R I C H M O N D,

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ECLIPSES for the year 1785, are 3, two of the Sun, and one of the Moon.

THE 1st is of the Sun, February 9, beginning at 18 minutes after 6 o'clock in the morning, invisible to this part of the world.

The 2d is of the Moon, July 21, at 25 minutes past 6 o'clock in the afternoon, visible in all America.

The 3d is of the Sun, the 4th day of August beginning at 26 minutes after 10 o'clock, in the evening, invisible to us; the Sun in this eclipse will be darkned something better than 4 digits, and its duration from the beginning to the end will be 2 hours 16 minutes, it will be visible in California, &c.

Common Notes for the Year 1785.

Golden Number	19
Epact	18
Sunday letter	B
Sunday after Epiphany	2
Septuagesima Sunday	January 23
The first day of Lent	February 9
Easter Sunday	March 27
Rogation Sunday	May 1
Ascension Day	May 5
Whit-Sunday	May 15
Sundays after Trinity	26
Advent Sunday	November 27
Cycle of the Sun	3
Shrove Tuesday	February 8

EXPLANATION of the CALENDAR PAGES.

THE first Column contains the Days of the Month, the second the Days of the Week, the third remarkable Days, Weather, Aspects Places, &c. the fourth the Moon's Place, the fifth the Sun's Rising, the sixth the Sun's Setting, and the seventh the Moon's Rising and Setting.

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The twelve signs of the ZODIACK.

♈ *Aries*, the Head and Face. ♉ *Taurus*, the Neck. ♊ *Gemini*, the Arms. ♋ *Cancer*, the Breast. ♌ *Leo*, the Heart. ♍ *Virgo*, the Bowels. ♎ *Libra*, the Reins. ♏ *Scorpio*, the Secrets. ♐ *Sagittarius*, the Thighs. ♑ *Capricornus*, the Knees. ♒ *Aquarius*, the Legs. ♓ *Pisces*, the Feet.

The NAMES and CHARACTERS of the SEVEN PLANETS.

♄ Saturn, ♃ Jupiter, ♂ Mars, ☉ or ☽ Sol, ♀ Venus, ☿ Mercury, ☾ or ☾ Luna.

The five ASPECTS.

♁ Conjunction, * Sextile, ☾ Opposition, Δ Trine, □ Quartile.

Superiour Courts in Virginia, held at Richmond yearly, viz.

Court of Appeals, one the 29th of April, the other the 29th of October, which hold six juridical days.

High Court of Chancery, one the 5th of May, the other the 5th of November, which hold 18 days, Sundays excluded.

General Court, one the 1st of April, the other the 1st of October, which hold 24 days, Sundays excluded, and no longer.

Additional Sessions of the General Court, the second Tuesdays in June and December.

COUNTY COURTS IN VIRGINIA

for each month.

First Monday, Amherst, Henrico, Richmond, Prince William, Charlotte, Williamsburg, and Ohio.

Second Monday, James City, Northumberland, Nansemond, Buckingham, Louisa, Mecklenburg, King & Queen, Stafford, and Monongalia.

Third Monday, Dinwiddie, Essex, York, Prince Edward, Fairfax, Goochland, and Culpeper.

Fourth Monday, Fauquier, Bedford, Loudoun, Brunswick, Middlesex, Rockingham, Yohogania, and Cumberland.

First Tuesday, Frederick, Jefferson, Rockbridge, and Montgomery.

Second Tuesday, Northampton, Prince George, Hampshire, and Fayette.

Third Tuesday, Augusta, Berkeley, Greenbrier, Harrison, and Lincoln.

Fourth Tuesday, Surry.

Last Tuesday, Westmoreland, Washington, Accomack, and Pittsylvania.

First Wednesday, Charles City. *Petersburg*

First Thursday, Isle of Wight, Hanover, King George, Gloucester, and Fluvannah.

Second Thursday, Princess Anne, Southampton, Warwick, Albemarle, Botetourt, Lunenburg, Caroline, and New Kent.

Third Thursday, King William, Halifax, Suffolk, Spotsylvania, Lancaster, Norfolk, and Powhatan.

Fourth Thursday, Amelia, Orange, Elizabeth City, and Henry.

Last Thursday, Shenandoah.

First Friday, Chesterfield.

I. JANUARY 31 DAYS.

Last Quarter 3d, at 2 Morn.
 New Moon 10th, at Noon.
 First Quarter 18th, at 1 Morn.
 Full Moon 25th at 2 Aftern.

1	fa	CIRCUMCISION.	☿	22	7 18	4 42	11	16
2	B	♂ in ♃	♄	4	7 18	4 42		Morn.
3	m	Sirius rise 6 37. }		17	7 18	4 42	12	16
4	tu	☐ ☉ ☿ }	♁	1	7 17	4 43	1	18
5	w	Snow.		15	7 17	4 43	2	30
6	th	EPIPHANY.		29	7 16	4 44	3	42
7	fr	☿ near ♂	♀	15	7 16	4 44	5	2
8	sa	♂ ☉ ♀		29	7 15	4 45		Moon
9	B	1 p. EPIPHANY.	♁	14	7 15	4 45		sets
10	m	7*s so. 8 3		29	7 14	4 46		After
11	tu	♃ near ♃	♁	14	7 14	4 46	7	38
12	w	Cloudy		29	7 13	4 47	8	23
13	th	Sirius so. 10 53	♁	13	7 12	4 48	9	32
14	fr	weather		27	7 12	4 48	10	44
15	sa	7*s so. 7 43	♁	10	7 11	4 49	11	46
16	B	2 p. EPIPHANY.		23	7 11	4 49		Morn
17	m	☐ ☉ ♀	♁	6	7 10	4 50	12	52
18	tu	Raw chilly weather.		18	7 9	4 51	1	56
19	w	♀ set 7 51	♁	0	7 9	4 52	2	58
20	th	♃ set 7 23.		12	7 8	4 53	4	0
21	fr	☉ in ☉		24	7 7	4 53	4	54
22	sa	Clear frosty weather.	♁	5	7 6	4 54	5	41
23	B	SEPTUAGESIMA.		18	7 5	4 55		Moon
24	m	Sirius so. 10 5.	♁	0	7 4	4 56		rises
25	tu	Conv. St. Paul.		12	7 4	4 56		After
26	w	♂ ☉ ♀		24	7 3	4 57	6	53
27	th	Foggy	♁	6	7 2	4 58	7	50
28	fr	weather.		8	7 1	4 59	8	48
29	sa	Clear.	♁	1	7 0	5 0	9	55
30	B	SEXAGESIMA.		14	6 59	5 1	11	0
31	m	♃ set 6 50.		26	6 58	5 2	12	6

II. FEBRUARY 28 DAYS.

Last Quarter 1st, at 7 Aftern.
 New Moon 8th, at 11 Aftern.
 First Quarter 16th, at 3 Aftern.
 Full Moon 24th, at 8 Morn.

1	tu	☐ ⊕ ☉ ♀ set 8 3.	m	10	6	57	5	3	Morn
2	w	Purif. Virg. Mary.		24	6	56	5	4	1 18
3	th	☽ near ♂	♂	8	6	55	5	5	2 23
4	fr	<i>Like for rain or snow.</i>		22	6	54	5	6	3 44
5	sa	☽ near ♃	♃	7	6	53	5	7	4 45
6	B	SHROVE SUNDAY.		22	6	52	5	8	5 40
7	m	Sirius so. 9 5	☿	8	6	51	5	9	Moon
8	tu	SHROVE TUESDAY.		23	6	50	5	10	sets
9	w	ASH WEDNESDAY.	♁	7	6	49	5	11	After
10	th	7 ^s so 5 55		22	6	48	5	12	8 19
11	fr	<i>Still cloudy,</i>	♃	6	6	47	5	13	9 31
12	sa	♀ set 8 45.		19	6	45	5	15	10 37
13	B	1. S. in LENT.	♃	2	6	44	5	16	11 47
14	m	VALENTINE.		15	6	43	5	17	Morn
15	tu	<i>and cold,</i> ☐ ⊕ ☽		27	6	42	5	18	12 51
16	w	EMBER WEEK.	♁	9	6	40	5	20	1 54
17	th	<i>and like</i>		21	6	39	5	21	2 54
18	fr	☉ in ♁	♁	3	6	38	5	22	3 41
19	sa	Sirius so. 8 18.		15	6	36	5	24	4 26
20	B	2. S. in LENT.		27	6	35	5	25	5 6
21	m	<i>for rain.</i>	♃	9	6	34	5	26	5 36
22	tu	♁ ☉ ☽		21	6	33	5	27	Moon
23	w	<i>Now it begins to</i>	♁	3	6	32	5	28	rises
24	th	ST. MATTHIAS.		15	6	30	5	30	After
25	fr	<i>clear,</i>		28	6	29	5	31	7 50
26	sa	<i>but is</i>	♁	10	6	28	5	32	8 48
27	B	3. S. in LENT.		23	6	27	5	33	9 57
28	m	<i>very cold.</i> ☉ ☽	m	6	6	26	5	34	11 10

III. MARCH 31 DAYS.

Last Quarter 3^d, at Noon.
 New Moon 10th, at 5 Aftern.
 First Quarter 18th, at 5 Morn.
 Full Moon 25th, at 5 Aftern.

1	tu	St. DAVID.	♄	20	6	24	536	Morn
2	w	Sharp winds, ☐ ⊕ ☉	♁	4	6	23	537	12 3 ¹
3	th	with frosty	♁	18	6	22	538	1 34
4	fr	☽ near ♃	♃	2	6	21	539	2 24
5	sa	Sirius fo. 7 38	♁	16	6	20	540	3 29
6	B	4 S. in LENT.	☼	1	6	18	542	4 17
7	m	mornings.	♁	16	6	17	543	4 56
8	tu	♄ ☉ ☽	♃	1	6	16	544	Moon
9	w	High	♁	15	6	15	545	sets
10	th	7* ^s set 11 27	♃	0	6	14	546	After
11	fr	☉ near ♀	♁	14	6	12	548	8 26
12	sa	Sirius fo. 7 1	♁	27	6	11	549	9 32
13	B	5 S. in LENT.	♃	10	6	10	550	10 40
14	m	Sirius set 12	♁	23	6	9	551	11 51
15	tu	♀ set 9 50	♁	11	6	8	552	Morn
16	w	winds	♁	18	6	7	554	12 49
17	th	St. PATRICK.	♁	0	6	5	555	1 47
18	fr	⊕ in ♃	♁	11	6	4	556	2 29
19	sa	7* ^s set 11 6	♁	23	6	2	558	3 6
20	B	Equal Day & Night. } PALM SUNDAY. }	♁	5	6	0	6 0	3 42
21	m	about this	♁	17	5	59	6 1	4 10
22	tu	Sirius set 11 24	♁	29	5	58	6 2	4 35
23	w	MAUN THURSDAY.	♁	11	5	57	6 3	4 57
24	th	GOOD FRIDAY. } AN. V. MARY. }	♁	24	5	56	6 4	Moon
25	fr	EASTER SUNDAY.	♁	7	5	54	6 6	rises
26	sa	time, ♃ rises 5 8	♁	20	5	53	6 7	After
27	B	very cold,	♁	3	5	52	6 8	9 10
28	m	for	♁	17	5	51	6 9	10 20
29	tu	the season.	♁	0	5	50	6 10	11 32
30	w		♁	14	5	48	6 12	Morn
31	th		♁	28	5	47	6 13	12 34

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IV. APRIL 30 DAYS.

Last Quarter 1st, at 9 Aftern.
 New Moon 9th, at 3 Morn.
 First Quarter 16th, at 5 Aftern.
 Full Moon 24th, at 9 Morn.

1	fr	ALL FOOLS DAY.	♄	12	545	615	1	26
2	sa	Moderate ♀ set 10 17	♂	26	544	616	2	16
3	B	LOW SUNDAY.	♃	11	543	617	2	59
4	m	7*s set 10 6	♂	25	542	618	3	34
5	tu	weather, ☉ near ♃	♃	10	541	619	4	4
6	w	but like	♂	24	540	620	4	29
7	th	for rain.	♃	8	538	622		Moon
8	fr	Clear ☉ ☽	♂	22	537	623		sets
9	sa	and pleasant	♃	5	536	624		After
10	B	2 S. part EASTER.	♂	18	535	625	9	35
11	m	Sirius set 10 18	♃	1	534	626	10	43
12	tu	about	♃	14	532	628	11	49
13	w	this ☉ near ♀	♂	26	531	629		Morn
14	th	7*s set 9 27	♂	8	530	630	12	35
15	fr	Sirius set 10 3	♃	19	529	631	1	12
16	sa	☐ ☽ ☉	♃	1	527	633	1	48
17	B	3 S. part EASTER.	♃	13	526	634	2	17
18	m	time. ♃ rise 3 55	♂	25	525	635	2	43
19	tu	☉ in ☽	♃	7	524	636	3	8
20	w	Pleasant	♃	20	523	637	3	31
21	th	weather	♃	3	521	639	3	54
22	fr	for the season.	♃	16	520	640		Moon
23	sa	ST. GEORGE.	♃	29	519	641		rises
24	B	4 S. part EASTER.	♃	13	518	642		After
25	m	ST. MARK.	♃	27	517	643	9	30
26	tu	Light	♃	11	516	645	10	43
27	w	showers,	♃	25	514	646	11	43
28	th	and perhaps	♃	9	513	647		Morn
29	fr	☐ ☉ ☽	♃	23	512	648	12	24
30		thunder. ♃ near ♂	♃	7	511	649	1	3

V. M A Y 31 DAYS.

Last Quarter 11th, at 10 Morn.
 New Moon 8th, at 11 Morn.
 First Quarter 15th, at 5 Aftern.
 Full Moon 23d, at 11 Aftern.
 Last Quarter 30th, at 11 Aftern.

1	B	Rogation Sunday	♄	2	5	10	6	50	1	4	1
2	m	ST. TAMINY.	♄	5	5	9	6	51	2	7	
3	tu	● near ♃	♄	19	5	3	6	52	2	33	
4	w	Like for	♄	3	5	6	6	54	2	58	
5	th	ASCENSION Day.	♄	17	5	5	6	55	3	22	
6	fr	7*s fet 8 5	♄	0	5	4	6	56			Moon
7	sa	rain, ☉ ☽	♄	13	5	3	6	57			fets
8	B	6 p. EASTER.	♄	26	5	2	6	58			After
9	m	Sirius fet 8 31	♄	9	5	1	6	59	9	33	
10	tu	and cool	♄	21	5	1	6	59	10	31	
11	w	♀ fet 9 56	♄	4	5	0	7	0	11	23	
12	th	♃ rise 2 33	♄	16	4	59	7	1	11	59	
13	fr	for the	♄	27	4	58	7	2			Morn
14	sa	☐ ☉ ☽	♄	9	4	57	7	3	12	17	
15	B	WHITSUNDAY.	♄	21	4	57	7	3	12	43	
16	m	season.	♄	3	4	56	7	4	1	6	
17	tu	Now it clears,	♄	15	4	55	7	5	1	29	
18	w	EMBER WEEK.	♄	28	4	54	7	6	1	52	
19	th	♄ in ♀	♄	11	4	53	7	7	2	14	
20	fr	and is very	♄	24	4	53	7	7	2	37	
21	sa	☉ in ♀	♄	8	4	52	7	8	3	9	
22	B	TRINITY SUNDAY.	♄	22	4	51	7	9			Moon
23	m	pleasant, ☉ ☽ ●	♄	6	4	50	7	10			rises
24	tu	weather.	♄	25	4	50	7	10			After
25	w	Seasonable	♄	5	4	49	7	11	10	28	
26	th	weather	♄	20	4	48	7	12	11	18	
27	fr	to the	♄	4	4	48	7	12	11	55	
28	sa	end ☐ ☉ ●	♄	18	4	47	7	13			Morn
29	B	1. p. TRINITY.	♄	2	4	46	7	14	12	16	
30	m	of the	♄	16	4	46	7	14	12	42	
31	tu	month.	♄	0	4	45	7	15	1	6	

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VI. J U N E 30 DAYS.

New Moon 6th, at 9 Aftern.
 First Quarter 14th, at 2 Aftern.
 Full Moon 22d, at 10 Morn.
 Last Quarter 29th, at 10 Morn.

1	w	<i>Warm and</i>	☿	13	445	7 15	1 26
2	th	D near ♃	♁	26	444	7 16	1 47
3	fr	<i>pleasant</i>	♃	9	444	7 16	2 18
4	sa	<i>with showers</i>	♁	22	443	7 17	2 54
5	B	2 p. TRINITY.	♁	5	443	7 17	Moon
6	m	♄ ☉ ☽	♁	17	442	7 18	sets
7	tu	<i>of rain</i>	♁	0	442	7 18	After
8	w	<i>in many</i>	♁	12	442	7 18	9 52
9	th	<i>places.</i>	♁	24	441	7 19	10 25
10	fr		♁	5	441	7 19	10 52
11	sa	St. BARNABAS.	♁	17	441	7 19	11 17
12	B	3 p. TRINITY.	♁	29	441	7 19	11 39
13	m	<i>Fair</i>	♁	11	441	7 19	11 57
14	tu	☐ ☉ D	♁	23	441	7 19	Morn
15	w	<i>weather,</i>	♁	6	441	7 19	12 12
16	th	<i>but cool</i>	♁	19	440	7 20	12 37
17	fr	St. ALBAN.	♁	2	440	7 20	1 c
18	sa	♃ rises 12 17	♁	16	440	7 20	1 33
19	B	4 p. TRINITY.	♁	0	440	7 20	2 10
20	m	Longest day. ☉ in ☍	♁	15	440	7 20	Moon
21	tu	♄ ☉ D	♁	29	440	7 20	rises
22	w	<i>for the</i>	♁	14	440	7 20	After
23	th	<i>season.</i>	♁	29	440	7 20	9 38
24	fr	St. J. BAPTIST.	♁	14	440	7 20	10 16
25	sa	<i>Cloudy and</i>	♁	29	440	7 20	10 45
26	B	5 p. TRINITY.	♁	13	440	7 20	11 10
27	m	<i>like for</i>	♁	27	440	7 20	11 36
28	tu		♁	10	440	7 19	11 56
29	w	St. PETER & PAUL.	♁	23	441	7 19	Morn
30	th	<i>rain.</i>	♁	6	441	7 19	12 16

VII. JULY 31 DAYS.

New Moon 6th, at 7 Morn.
 First Quarter 14th, at Morn.
 Full Moon 21st, at 7 Aftern.
 Last Quarter 29th, at 1 Morn.

1	fr	<i>Much falling</i>	8	19	441	7	19	12	48
2	sa	VISIT. V. MARY.	II	1	442	7	18	1	22
3	B	6 p. TRINITY.	14	442	7	18	2	4	
4	m	Indepen. of Ame- } rica decla. 1776. }	26	442	7	18			Moon
5	tu	<i>weather</i> ☽ rise 11 15 <i>about this</i> <i>time, ♀ rise 2 21</i> <i>and a</i>	☽	8	443	7	17		sets
6	w		☾	20	443	7	17		After
7	th	7. p. TRINITY. <i>good deal</i> <i>of thunder.</i>	♁	2	443	7	17	8	49
8	fr		♁	14	444	7	16	9	15
9	sa	8 p. TRINITY. <i>but</i>	♁	25	444	7	16	9	34
10	B		♁	7	445	7	15	9	54
11	m	☽ ☉ ☽ <i>close and</i> <i>fultry,</i> <i>* ♂ ♀</i>	♁	19	445	7	15	10	14
12	tu		♁	2	446	7	14	10	36
13	w	8 p. TRINITY. <i>presently</i> <i>7*s rise 12 2</i>	♁	14	446	7	14	10	56
14	th		♁	27	447	7	13	11	26
15	fr	St. MARY MAG. <i>clears up, ☉ in ♁</i>	♁	10	448	7	12	12	1
16	sa		♁	24	448	7	12		Morn
17	B	9. p. TRINITY. Dog Days begin. } St. JAMES. }	♁	8	449	7	11	12	39
18	m		♁	23	449	7	11	1	34
19	tu	<i>and</i> <i>pleasant</i> <i>and seasonable.</i> <i>7*s rise 11 27</i>	♁	7	450	7	10		Moon
20	w		♁	23	451	7	9		rises
21	th	10 p. TRINITY.	♁	8	451	7	9		After
22	fr		♁	23	452	7	8	8	41
23	sa	Dog Days begin. } St. JAMES. }	♁	8	453	7	7	9	12
24	B		♁	22	453	7	7	9	35
25	m	<i>and</i> <i>pleasant</i> <i>and seasonable.</i> <i>7*s rise 11 27</i>	♁	6	454	7	6	9	56
26	tu		♁	20	455	7	5	10	24
27	w	10 p. TRINITY.	♁	3	456	7	4	10	50
28	th		♁	16	457	7	3	11	24
29	fr	10 p. TRINITY.	♁	29	458	7	2	12	3
30	sa		♁	11	458	7	2		Morn
31	B		23	459	7	1	12	48	

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VIII. AUGUST 31 DAYS.

New Moon 4th, at 9 Aftern.
 First Quarter 12th, at 11 Morn.
 Full Moon 20th, at 3 Morn.
 Last Quarter 27th, at 8 Morn.

1 m	LAMAS DAY.	♄	5	5	07	0	1	45
2 tu	Cloudy, and		17	5	16	59	2	42
3 w	like for		29	5	26	58	Moon	
4 th	☉ Eclipsed	♃	11	5	36	57	sets	
5 fr	rain.		22	5	46	56	After	
6 sa	7 ^s rise 10 56	♃	4	5	56	55	8	7
7 B	11 p. TRINITY.		16	5	66	54	8	26
8 m	Sultry,		29	5	76	53	8	48
9 tu	with now	♃	11	5	86	52	9	8
10 w	St. LAWRENCE.		23	5	96	51	9	28
11 th	♀ rises 1 37	♃	6	5	106	50	9	58
12 fr	and then		19	5	116	49	10	36
13 sa	7 ^s rise 10 38	♄	3	5	126	48	11	25
14 B	12 p. TRINITY.		17	5	136	47	Morn	
15 m	ASSUMP. V. MARY.	♃	1	5	146	45	12	16
16 tu	D near h.		16	5	156	44	1	34
17 w	refreshing	☾	1	5	166	43	2	46
18 th	☽ rises 8 22		16	5	176	42	Moo	
19 fr	showers.	♃	1	5	186	41	rises	
20 sa	Clear, and		16	5	196	40	After	
21 B	13 p. TRINITY.	♃	1	5	206	39	8	4
22 m	☉ in ♃		15	5	216	38	8	28
23 tu	pleasant		29	5	226	37	8	57
24 w	St. BARTHOLOMEW.	♃	12	5	236	36	9	29
25 th	to the		25	5	246	34	10	6
26 fr	Sirius rise 3 12	♃	8	5	256	33	10	49
27 sa	end of		19	5	266	32	11	39
28 B	14 p. TRINITY.	♄	2	5	276	31	Morn	
29 m	the		14	5	286	29	12	41
30 tu	month.		26	5	296	28	1	46
31 w	Δ ☉ ♄	♃	7	5	306	27	2	43

August 5. 1705. Sailed from
 Norfolk with my whole family
 on a visit to my friends in
 Bermuda - where we
 arrived in safety on the
 15th of the same month
 & remained untill the
 11th day of November
 following.

IX. SEPTEMBER 30 DAYS.

New Moon 3d, at Noon.
 First Quarter 10th, at 10 Aftern.
 Full Moon 18th, at 9 Morn.
 Last Quarter 25th, at 8 Aftern.

1	th	♀ rise 1 52	♄	19	534	6 26	3 43
2	fr	Dog Days end.	♃	1	535	6 25	Moon
3	sa	7*s rise 9 14	♂	13	537	6 23	sets
4	b	15 p. TRINITY.	♂	25	538	6 22	Afte.
5	m	<i>Like for rain</i>	♁	8	539	6 21	7 18
6	tu	☿ so. 1 3	♂	20	540	6 20	7 37
7	w	<i>about this</i>	♃	3	541	6 19	8 8
8	th	NAT. V. MARY.	♁	16	543	6 17	8 45
9	fr	<i>time.</i>	♂	29	544	6 16	9 24
10	sa	☐ ⊕ ☽	♁	12	545	6 15	10 9
11	B	16 p. TRINITY.	♂	26	546	6 14	11 23
12	m	<i>Now it clears</i>	♃	10	547	6 13	Morn.
13	tu	☽ near ♃	♂	25	549	6 11	12 36
14	w	<i>up, and is</i>	♃	9	550	6 10	1 32
15	th	EMBER WEEK.	♁	24	551	6 9	3 6
16	fr	Sirius rise 1 56	♃	9	552	6 8	Moon
17	sa	♄ ⊕ ☽	♂	25	553	6 7	rises
18	B	17 p. TRINITY.	♃	9	555	6 5	Afte.
19	m	<i>agreeable</i>	♁	24	556	6 4	7 3
20	tu	<i>weather.</i>	♃	7	557	6 3	7 33
21	w	St. MATTHEW.	♁	21	558	6 2	8 12
22	th	<i>Close and</i>	♂	4	6 0	6 0	8 53
23	fr	Equal Day and Night.	♁	16	6 1	5 59	9 40
24	sa	Sirius rise 1 24	♂	28	6 2	5 58	10 41
25	B	18 p. TRINITY.	♁	11	6 3	5 57	11 48
26	m	7*s rise 7 53	♂	22	6 4	5 56	Morn
27	tu	<i>warm,</i>	♄	4	6 6	5 54	12 40
28	w	<i>and now and</i>	♁	16	6 7	5 53	1 42
29	th	St. MICHAEL.	♂	28	6 8	5 52	2 35
30	fr	<i>then rain.</i>	♃	10	6 9	5 51	3 43

X. OCTOBER 31 DAYS.

New Moon 3d, at 3 Morn.
 First Quarter 10th, at Noon.
 Full Moon 17th, at 8 Aftern.
 Last Quarter 25th, at 3 Morn.

1	fa	<i>Clear</i>	♄	23	611	549	Moon
2	B	19 p. TRINITY.	♌	4	612	548	sets
3	m	☿ so. 11 12	♌	17	613	547	After
4	tu	<i>weather,</i>	♍	0	614	546	6 24
5	w	<i>and begins</i>	♍	13	615	545	6 56
6	th	Sirius rise 12 43	♍	26	617	543	7 34
7	fr	<i>to grow</i>	♁	9	618	542	8 17
8	sa	<i>cool,</i>	♁	23	619	541	9 22
9	B	20 p. TRINITY.	♁	7	620	540	10 8
10	m	☐ ☉ D	♁	20	621	539	11 14
11	tu	<i>but very</i>	♁	5	623	537	Morn
12	w	<i>pleasant</i>	♁	19	624	536	12 59
13	th	♀ rise 3 13	♁	4	625	535	2 13
14	fr	♃ near ☿	♁	18	626	534	3 29
15	sa	7* ^s rise 6 43	♁	1	627	533	Moon
16	B	21 p. TRINITY.	♁	17	629	531	rises
17	m	Sirius rise 12 5.	♁	2	630	530	After
18	tu	ST. LUKE.	♁	16	631	529	6 7
19	w	<i>for the season.</i>	♁	0	632	528	6 11
20	th	<i>Cloudy</i>	♁	12	633	527	7 41
21	fr	<i>weather,</i>	♁	24	635	525	8 34
22	sa	☉ in ♍	♁	7	636	524	9 40
23	B	22 p. TRINITY.	♁	19	637	523	10 40
24	m	<i>and chilly.</i>	♁	1	638	522	11 41
25	tu	St. CRISPIN.	♁	12	640	520	Morn
26	w	♃ ☉ ♂	♁	24	641	519	12 44
27	th	<i>Clear and</i>	♁	6	642	518	1 40
28	fr	St. SIMON & JUDE.	♁	19	643	517	2 41
29	sa	<i>pleasant, with</i>	♁	1	644	516	3 44
30	B	23 p. TRINITY.	♁	13	645	515	4 46
31	m	<i>frosty mornings.</i>	♁	26	647	513	Moon

XI. NOVEMBER 30 DAYS

New Moon 1st, at 10 Aftern.
 First Quarter 9th, at 3 Morn.
 Full Moon 16th, at 6 Morn.
 Last Quarter 23^d, at 8 Aftern.

1	tu	ALL SAINTS.	♄	9	6	48	5	12	fets
2	w	ALL SOULS.		22	6	49	5	11	After
3	th	<i>Drizzelling</i>	♁	6	50	5	10	6	24
4	fr	<i>rain,</i>		20	6	51	5	9	7 21
5	sa	<i>and very cold.</i>	♃	3	6	52	5	8	8 21
6	B	24 p. TRINITY.		17	6	53	5	7	9 36
7	m	Sirius rise 10 41	♁	1	6	54	5	6	10 51
8	tu	☐ ☉ ☽		15	6	55	5	5	12 6
9	w	<i>Much rain,</i>		29	6	56	5	4	Morn
10	th	<i>about this time.</i>	♁	14	6	57	5	3	1 19
11	fr	☽ near ♃		28	6	58	5	2	2 30
12	sa	<i>Now it clears</i>	♃	12	6	59	5	1	3 45
13	B	25 p. TRINITY.		26	7	0	5	0	4 55
14	m	<i>and is</i>	♄	10	7	1	4	59	Moon
15	tu	7 ^s so. 12 5		23	7	2	4	58	rises
16	w	<i>very cold,</i>	♁	7	7	3	4	57	After
17	th	♃ so. 8 7		20	7	4	4	56	6 23
18	fr	<i>with piercing</i>	♁	2	7	5	4	55	7 20
19	sa	Sirius rise 9 52		14	7	6	4	54	8 22
20	B	26 p. TRINITY.		27	7	7	4	53	9 26
21	m	<i>winds.</i>	♃	8	7	7	4	53	10 26
22	tu	☉ in ♁		20	7	8	4	52	11 23
23	w	☐ ☉ ☽	♁	2	7	9	4	51	Morn
24	th	<i>Hard frost</i>		14	7	10	4	50	12 30
25	fr	<i>about.</i>		26	7	11	4	49	1 31
26	sa	☽ near ♀	♁	8	7	11	4	49	2 30
27	B	ADVENT SUNDAY.		21	7	12	4	48	3 32
28	m	7 ^s so. 11 15	♄	4	7	13	4	47	4.42
29	tu	<i>this time.</i>		18	7	13	4	47	Moon
30	w	ST. ANDREW.	♁	1	7	14	4	46	fets

* General Muster ordered at
 the Court house - June 17. 1705.

XII. DECEMBER 31 DAYS.

New Moon	1st, at	4	Aftern.
First Quarter	8th, at	6	Aftern.
Full Moon	15th, at	6	Aftern.
Last Quarter	23d, at		Morn.
New Moon	31st, at	8	Morn.

1	th	Now more moderate.	♄	15	714	446	After
2	fr			29	715	445	6 6
3	sa	* ☉ D	♃	13	715	445	7 18
4	B	2d in ADVENT.		28	716	444	8 31
5	m	7*s so. 10 55	♃	12	716	444	9 44
6	tu	Sirius rise 8 38		26	717	443	10 56
7	w	D near ♃	♃	10	717	443	Morn
8	th	Concep. V. MARY.		24	718	442	12 13
9	fr	but like for	♃	8	718	442	1 20
10	sa	rain or snow.		22	719	441	2 30
11	B	3d in ADVENT.	♃	6	719	441	3 32
12	m	Sirius rise 8 12		19	719	441	4 34
13	tu	Much snow	♃	2	719	441	5 36
14	w	or rain		15	719	441	Moon
15	th	about		28	720	440	rises
16	fr	7*s so. 9 57	♃	10	720	440	After
17	sa	Sirius rises 7 56		22	720	440	6 16
18	B	4 in ADVENT.	♃	5	720	440	7 17
19	m	this time.		17	720	440	8 15
20	tu	7*s so. 9 46		28	720	440	9 16
21	w	St. THOMAS.	♃	1	720	440	10 19
22	th	☉ in ♃		22	720	440	11 25
23	fr	Now clear,	♃	4	720	440	Morn
24	sa	and very		16	720	440	1 33
25	B	CHRISTMAS DAY.		29	720	440	2 39
26	m	St. STEPHEN.	♃	12	720	440	3 41
27	tu	St. JOHN.		26	720	440	4 45
28	w	HOLY INNOCENTS.	♄	9	720	440	Moon
29	th	cold.		24	719	441	sets
30	fr	♄ ☉ D	♃	8	719	441	After
31	sa	St. SILVESTER.		21	719	441	6 53

On Thursday, Nov. 24. 1705.
 arrived in Norfolk - and on
 Tuesday the sixth of December
 reach'd Cassons on our
 return from Bermuda

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

Governor or Chief Magistrate, his Excellency
Benjamin Harrison, Esquire.

Members of the Privy Council,
Honourable

Beverly Randolph, Lieut. Governor. Sampson Matthews, Meriwether Smith, William Short,	 	William Christian, Wm. Nelson, Jun. James Wood, James M'Clurg.	} } } }
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Esquires.

Speaker of the Honourable House of Senators,
Archibald Cary, Esquire.

Speaker of the Honourable House of Delegates,
John Tyler, Esquire.

Treasurer of the State,
Jacquelin Ambler, Esquire.

Judges of the High Court of Chancery,
Edmund Pendleton, George Wythe, and John
Blair, Esquires.

Judges of the General Court,
Paul Carrington, Bartholemew Dandridge, Peter
Lyons, James Mercer, and William Fleming,
Esquires.

Attorney General,
Edmund Randolph, Esquire.

Judges of the Court of Admiralty,
Benjamin Waller, Richard Cary, and James
Henry, Esquires.

Auditors of Publick Accounts,
Harrison Randolph, Bolling Starke, and John
Pendleton, Esquires,

Solicitor, Leighton Wood, Esquire.

Members of the Senate.

C L A S S No. 1.

Districts.

Senators.

Chesterfield, Amelia, and Cumberland,	} Archibald Cary.
Brunswick, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg,	} John Jones.
Charles City, James City, and New Kent,	} Burwell Bassett.
Henrico, Goochland, and Louisa,	} Miles Selden.
Augusta, Rockingham, Rock bridge, and Shenandoah,	} Thomas Adams.
Lancaster, Richmond, and Northumberland,	} William Peachey.

C L A S S No. 2.

Isle of Wight, Surry, and Prince George,	} Nath. Harrison.
Charlotte, Halifax, and Prince Edward,	} William Hubbard.
Gloucester and Middlesex, —	Mat. Anderson.
Spotsylvania, Orange, and Culpeper,	} Edward Stevens.
Loudoun and Fauquier, —	William Ellsby.
Frederick, Berkeley, and Hampshire,	} Robert Rutherford.

C L A S S No. 3.

Dinwiddie, Southampton, Suffex, and Greenville,	} John Jones.
Botetourt, Washington, Montgomery, Jefferson, Fayette, and Lincoln.	} William Christian.
Hanover and Caroline, —	James Taylor.
Essex, King William, and King & Queen,	} Thomas Elliott.
Prince William and Fairfax, —	Henry Lee.
Monongalia, Yohogania, and Ohio,	} John P. Duval.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Senators.</i>
Accomack & Northampton,	Thomas Bailey.
Princess Anne, Norfolk, and Nansemond,	} Paul Loyall.
Buckingham, Albemarle, and Amherst,	} Joseph Cabell.
Bedford, Henry, Campbell, and Pittsylvania,	} Edm. Winston.
Elizabeth City, Warwick, and York.	} William Lee.
Westmoreland, Stafford, and King George.	} William Fitzhugh.

A LIST of DELEGATES returned to serve in
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for the the Year 1784.
Accomack, John Cropper, jun. Thomas Parramore.
Albemarle, Wilson C. Nicholas, Edward Carter.
Amelia, Samuel Sherwin, John Booker, jun.
Amherst, Nicholas Cabell, William Meredith.
Augusta, Michael Bouyer, Zachariah Johnston.
Bedford, John Trigg, Robert Clarke.
Berkeley, Adam Stephen, Moses Hunter.
Botetourt, Archibald Stuart, George Hancock.
Brunswick, Thomas Edmunds, Thomas Claiborne.
Buckingham, John Nicholas, jun. C. Paterfon.
Campbell, John Ward, James Adams.
Caroline, Samuel Hawes, jun. John Taylor.
Charles City, John Tyler, William G. Munford
Charlotte, Jacob Norton, Thomas Collier.
Chesterfield, Bernard Markham, M. Cheatham.
Cumberland, E. Carrington, Carter H. Harrison.
Culpeper, French Strother, James Pendleton.
Dinwiddie, William Watkins, Joseph Jones.
Elizabeth City, Miles King, George Wray.
Essex, Spencer Roane, William Gatewood.
Fairfax, Alex. Henderson, Thomas West.
Fauquier, William Pickett, John Marshall.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Pluvanna, Roger Thompson, Samuel Richardson.
 Frederick, Alexander White, James Wood.
 Fayette, John Moseby, John Crittenton.
 Gloucester, Thomas Smith, jun. James Hubbard.
 Goochland, Tho. M. Randolph, T. Underwood.
 Greenville, James Wall, Bate Paterfon.
 Greenbrier, Andrew Donely, George Clendinen.
 Halifax, Isaac Coles, John Coleman.
 Hampshire, Ralph Humphreys, Isaac Vannister.
 Hanover, Bartelott Anderson, Garland Anderson.
 Henrico, Turner Southall, Nathaniel Wilkinfon.
 Henry, Patrick Henry, Peter Saunders.
 Harrison,
 James City, William Norvell, William Walker.
 Isle of Wight, John S. Wills, Kobert Marshell.
 Jefferson, Phillip Barbour, Benjamin Pope.
 King George, Joseph Jones, William Horton.
 King & Queen, Edmund Byne, Larkin Smith.
 King William, Ben. Temple, W. D. Claiborne.
 Lancaster, John Hearth, John Berryman.
 Loudoun, Richard B. Lee, Francis Seyton.
 Louisa, William White, William Anderson.
 Lunenburg, Anthony Street, John Glenn.
 Lincoln, John Logan, George Slaughter.
 Mecklenburg, William Randolph, Samuel Goode.
 Middlesex, Francis Corbin, William Curtis.
 Monongalia, Benjamin Wilson, Francis Worman.
 Montgomery, Robert Sayers, John Brackenridge.
 Nansemond, Willis Riddick, Kinchen Godwin.
 New Kent, William Armitstead, John Watkins.
 Norfolk, John Kearnes, Daniel Sangford.
 Northampton, Littleton Eyre, Bennit Tomkins.
 Northumberland, T. Geshirs, jun. John Thornton.
 Ohio, Ebenezer Zane, David Shepherd.
 Orange, James Nodifan, jun. Charles Potter.
 Pittsylvania, Benjamin Langford, William Dix.
 Powhatan, Wil. Mayo, jun. William Ronald.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Prince Edward, Richard Bibb, John Clark.
 Prince George, E. Ruffin, jun. Edward Blaud.
 Princess Anne, John Ackiss, Thomas Walke.
 Prince William, Alex. S. Bullet, W. Grayson.
 Richmond, John Faunterloy, Landon Carter.
 Rockbrige, John Bowyer, John Hays.
 Rockingham, G. Hamilton, John Hopkins.
 Shenandoah, Isaac Zane, Abraham Keller.
 Southampton, John Taylor, A. Jones.
 Spotsylvania, Mann Page, Thomas Towles.
 Stafford, Bailey Washington, William Brent.
 Surry, Carter B. Harrison, John Allen.
 Suffex, Thomas Edmunds, John H. Briggs.
 Warwick, Wilson Miles Cary, John Laton.
 Westmoreland, Richard H. Lee, Richard Lee.
 Washington, William Russell, J. Montgomery
 Yohogania, _____,
 York, Joseph Prentis, Nathaniel Nelson,
 City of Williamsburg, Henry Tazewell.
 Norfolk Borough, Thomas Matthews.

DELEGATES who represent the state of Virginia in
 CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

THE Honourable SAMUEL HARDY, JOHN
 F. MERCER, JAMES MUNROE, RICHARD
 H. LEE, and WILLIAM GRAYSON, Esquires.

*A receipt to make artificial ASSES MILK, by which
 many consumptive persons have been greatly relieved.*

TAKE two ounces of pearl barley, two large
 spoonfuls of hartshorn shavings, one ounce of
 Eringo root, one ounce of China root, one ounce of
 preserved ginger, 13 snails bruised with the shells,
 which boil in three quarts of water till it be reduced
 to three pints; then boil one pint of new milk,
 mix it with the rest, and add two ounces of balsam
 of Tolu. Take half a pint in the morning fasting
 and the same at night.

*A SCALE of DEPRECIATION, of
the Paper Currency, as established by an Act of the
General Assembly of this commonwealth.*

	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781
January,	1½	4	8	42	75
February,	1½	5	10	45	80
March,	2	5	10	50	90
April,	2½	5	16	60	100
May,	2½	5	20	60	150
June,	2½	5	20	65	250
July,	3	5	21	65	400
August,	3	5	22	70	500
September,	3	5	24	72	600
October,	3	5	28	73	700
November,	3	6	36	74	800
December,	4	6	40	75	1000

*A RECEIPT for the CURE of that excruciating
disorder the GRAVEL.*

TAKE of the herb called Arsefmart a sufficient quantity to make a strong decoction, three gills of which, to a grown person, to be taken when going to bed---no danger in drinking too much, its quit safe, and one draught seldom, or never, fails to make a cure---unless there be stone, if so, continue taking. It has not failed to bring the stone in three nights as I have heard of yet. This herb Arsefmart, by some called Water Pepper, has a slim pointed leaf, and generally grows in wet places, is hot on the tongue, when bit, like red or negro pepper, and bears a white tassel blossom. The best time to gather it is in the last of August, or beginning of September; it should be cured in the shade, and in that state has been found as good as when fresh and green, This simple herb has performed great cures, and is the best thing I ever heard of for that disorder.

GEORGE OWEN.

Of the four Quarters of the YEAR, and first of the
S P R I N G.

THE spring, or vernal quarter, the most delightful season of the whole year; sticks so close to the heels of exorbitant winter that it would puzzle the wisest of us conjurers to thrust his knife betwixt them.

Now gilded Titan gathers force and strength,
And days and nights are of an equal length.

At this season Lady Flora clothes our grand earth with a new livery, diapered with various flowers, and checkered with most delightful objects. This quarter brings shoals of fine fish, green pease, cherries, gooseberries, custards, cheesecakes, &c. all which are to be had by those that have money; but without money you can have nothing. Hold! here I had like to have made a blunder! for poverty is so cheap you may have it for nothing; nay, several now a days purchase it with laziness, which is worse than nothing. But during this pleasant season, one would imagine wealth were a burthen, for none are so merry as those that are free from it. Now shepherds pipe merrily for the departure of winter; the nightingales sing the sun asleep, and a wild, but charming chorus, is echoed from every bough.

Thus do the choir of chirping minstrels bring,
In triumph on the stage the youthful spring.

S U M M E R,

THIS Quarter follows spring as close as that did Winter; and according to the account of ancient Aſ-trologers, mounts the stage on St. Barnabas day, namely, the 11th of June. Our modern minute splitters will needs have it enter a day or two sooner; but, not to exasperate the disputants, we shall at present allow them both to be in the right (for even Conjurors themselves like to be flattered) we say therefore it does begin some time then about, for a day or two can break no great squares. This

Quarter is naturally hot and dry, according to that
of the Poet:

When as the Sun mounts on the Lions back,
And makes the parched earth with furrows crack,
Now Phoebus's darts burn with offensive rage,
which causes Idleness, and Idleness causes fond
Love. Both these put together make the nice
Gallant and gaudy Slattern seek the cool shade,
there to spend their time in wanton Dallying and
Laziness, whilst the more industrious, in hopes of
a golden Harvest, endure the heat of the day.
Curds, Cream, Custards, Chesecakes, and other
Fruits mentioned in the Spring Quarter, are still in
use, and very proper for this season of the year.

And Dick the plowman thinks himself well paid
With now and then a kiss of the dairy maid.
For our Astro-trological predictions on this quarter,
we shall give you some, and those merry ones;
for mirth, says one, is the daughter of Christmas,
and spirit of shrove tide. Rich men shall die of
hunger, poor men of surfeits, and those which have
no heirs, of cold. Some men shall commit matrimony
as they commit murder, out of a frolick; and are
ready to hang themselves, or to be hanged by the
law, the next morning. A man that is married, is
no more like another man than a galley slave, is like
a free sailor; he is chained to an oar all his life, and
may, perhaps, be forced to tug a leaky vessel into the
bargain.

A U T U M N.

THIS quarter begins at don Phoebus's entrance
into the equinoctial sign *Libra*, which Rablantadis
would have to be a pair of heavenly scales to weigh
usurers consciences and, old Letchers.

And both of them, put in one scale together,
Will be o'erpois'd even by one single feather.
Now for what we shall descant upon this quarter,
take as followeth. Men shall be very indulgent to

themselves in their own faults, and very severe to
others in theirs; which made the wise Seneca to say
that the nature of man is very apt to use spectacles
to behold other men's faults, rather than looking
glasses to behold our own. Good housewifery in a
young lady is scandalously old, quite out of fashion;
and to ask a madman whether he be mad, is but an
idle question. From the tooth of a mad beast, and
the tongue of a slanderer, preserve thine honor;
and from the conscience of an old bawd, and the
pride of a fussy waiting woman, good lord deliver
me--He that is out of clothes is out of the fashion,
out of countenance--and out of wit.

Fine feathers make fine birds, and dainty bits
Do fill the paunch, but lumber out the wits;
Yet golden calves are every where ador'd,
But wit in tattered rags; scorn'd and abhor'd.

It was in this quarter of the year that Lucian
went down into his feign'd purgatory; where he
found Alexander the great cobling shoes, Pompey
tagging points; Julius Cæsar making hair buttons,
Hannibal selling blacking, Augustus crying gar-
lick, Charlemain selling lists by the dozen, and
king Pippin crying apples in a cart drawn with one
horse. These were persons who, by spilling other
men's blood, sought to immortalize their own
names; but,

Let guilty men remember their black deeds
Do lean on crutches made of slender reeds.
W I N T E R.

THIS being the last and worst quarter of all the
four, like a dish of chubs at the latter end of a
feast, brings up the rear.

Now hyems bind the Floods in silver chains,
And hoary frosts hath candied all the plains.
This quarter used to be welcome to poor people,
when good house-keeping was in fashion, because it
always brings Christmas along with it; but now

pride, gaming, and whoring, have turned good house-keeping out of doors.

If your high topp'd Ladies should go to sea in a great wind, with so much sail on their head, top and top-gallant, they may chance to run the risk of being overfet, and carry their keel above water. Spare diet and fasting, whets a man's understanding, but he that loves to gormandize will not believe it; and yet when his belly is full falls a railing against gluttony. Gold is the court card which the devil turns up trump, and he that has store of it need not live long a batchelor, though he stink worse than a fish-monger's sleeves, or currier's hands, has a parboiled visage, and that his face looks like a dier's apron, a sodden head, and his whole brains a posset curd.

Gold, Cupid weareth on his arrow's head, And when he shoots with it that party's sped. The like may be said of the female sex; for most maids, now-a-days, are for a good estate with any man, and for any man with a good estate, such way bears lady Pecunia. Speak to a lawyer in any other language then money, and he will as little understand you as if you spoke Hebrew. There is no musician makes better melody than the jingling of money; it is the metal which most men love as naturally as a woman loves a fiddle and a fool.

Money buys all things which a man doth lack. It feeds the belly, and it clothes the back.

But to conclude (as the Parsons says, and that sometimes perhaps before he hath half done) but to conclude, I say again, during this season, good fires, warm clothes, a mug of cyder and a toast in the morning, a shoulder of mutton and a fowl for dinner, and a good sack posset for supper, are very excellent things to keep out the cold. And so much for the four quarters of the year.

More might be said, but then more must be spoke; Words are but words, and words but a mere joke.

ENTERTAINMENT.

WITH a merry heart and a chearful countenance sat I down to write this tale.—My near neighbour, Benjamin Barter, quaker and cheesemonger, has thus advised me.—Friend—said he—mind in thy writings that nothing loose or prophane shall curdle upon the stomach of thy righteous readers.

Leave the old milk productions of merriment to the swine of sensuality, and see that thy compositions are made of the cream of sincerity.—So shall thy book be read with delightful improvement; and verily thou shalt profit thereby.

What, said I, do you think any body will give me a bit for it?

Pshaw, says Nathan Neverpleas'd, nailor and new-monger—write against government—that is the way to be advanced.

Yes, said I, to a pillory—but, by your Worship's leave, I will write just as I please.

I will write somewhat that shall promote laughter. I had dipped my pen into the ink-stand: pluck'd it away again, and taken a hair out of it when— Good Heavens; what a precarious world we live in. Here stood this poor head, upon these two old shoulders, like a cracker by the side of a bit of burning touch-wood ready to fire away with fun. When lo! a death-bell tolling took my attention away from the subject.

Go love, said I to my dear Lady (who then stood skinning a flea at the door) see who that bell is for; she went—she returned with a sorrowful tale indeed.

Your old friend, said she, Mr. Swillit, as he sat in the arbour, said to his wife

Oh! I'm quite parch'd,
Dry is this lump of clay;
Then let me drink
And moisten while I may.

She brought him a bottle- he uncorked it, and immediately dropped down in an apoplectick fit with a full glass in his hand.

Good heavens, what tilings were these.---Away flew fun and frolic.---And away flew foolishness, all but what my wife retained: While moping melancholy and deep seriousness took possession of my soul.---Gracious powers, said I, what a change; sudden and unexpected; awful and alarming.---Death to the departed saint, long preparing for the fatal stroke; waiting with resignation for the wish'd hour when holy angels shall sing his requiem, to appear a desired visitor.---Yet death, even there, seems but a grim messenger upon a welcome errand.---But, unprepared for that tremendous moment; to be suddenly snatch'd from every fond delight, to go we know not where, and live we know not how; O my dear, 'tis horrible. Horrible indeed, said my dear lady.---But I wish you would paint this scene over again;---throw out some of your deepest shades, and let us view it in a livelier coloring, and a more pleasing light.---I will endeavour, replied I.---I took up the subject once more.---I proceeded in this manner,

Death is the common lot of all.---Some were born to wealth; some to want. I know that said she.---Some (continued I) were born to honor; others perhaps to disgrace.---but we are all born to die. Surely then, as every step we make through life slides us to the silent grave; it highly behoves us to make a due preparation for a joyful exit, our most important business; nor vainly think that a few death bed tears will wash away all the stains of a long polluted life.

I would not here absolutely pronounce a death-bed repentance of none effect: but I think it was well said of one of the Fathers of the primitive church; when preaching upon the penitent thief on the cross, he said

thus: We hear of one who was saved at the last hour, that no one need despair; and of but one, that no other might presume.---The best way to be prepared then against that important hour, is always to carry a conscience void of offence, in a heart that breathes peace on earth and good will towards men.

As to our dear departed friend; certain it is, such was his disposition, and all his friends will witness that universal love and sweet content were ever the inhabitants of his breast, while charity stretched forth his hand, and benevolence administer'd the balm of comfort to each sad object around him.---I know that every man has his failings.---So do I, said my wife. Yet even his very failing leaned to the side of virtue and good fellowship.---Perhaps he might be rather fonder than prudence would advise of the exhilarating glass. Your fault exactly, replied she. Well, said I, he is gone: and the poor have lost a friend, and I good companion. But alas!--here I wanted words.---My wife who never wants any, supplied me.---All flesh is grass, said she.---Why thou dearest of all creatures (replied I) that ever existed since Adam and Eve first brought existence into fashion; those are the very words I wanted.---Yes, said I, enlarging upon the idea:---All flesh is grass--the flesh of man is common grass.---That of woman is scurvy grass.---Now, knowing how dear scurvy grass sells in comparison with the other; I meant this as a compliment--my wife took it otherwise. What, said she, you will be setting up for a wit next; but, beware you don't break for want of stock.---I answered, alas! so far am I from pretending to wit; that I am resolv'd this moment to sit down and write a sermon.

Nay, says she, you're fool enough already, don't make yourself appear worse; besides, consider what showers of divine nonsense, are daily pouring upon us by the extempore sermonizers of the present age.

The butcher knocks down iniquity like an ox;

and unbelief like a fatted calf, extends his mutton
flit over the congregation of the elect, and sprinkles
them all with the blood of the lamb.--- The baker
cuts away the crust of the old leaven, and kneads
the soul up again into the dough of regeneration;
bakes it in the sanctifying oven of the spirit, and
makes it bread fit for the new Jerusalem --The gar-
dener prays that the saints may spring up like mulh-
rooms; flourish like a plat of promising peas, and
grow like a good crop of potatoes; and while their
affections to things on earth are as cool as a cucum-
ber, their faith may be as strong as an onion. He,
plants; his wife waters, and they both wait for an
increase.

The joiner with the hammer of the spirit, knocks
the nail of contrition into hearts as hard as an oak
board. He planes off the knot and knobs from the
troubled mind, while he makes it smooth by his al-
luring speeches, and thus skrews himself into the
affections of his gaping audience.

The cobler pricks them with the awl of convic-
tion; straps them with gospel threatnings, makes them
new souls, and softens their over leathers with the
oil of saving grace; while the sly taylor measures
out to his sanctified females, crumbs of comfort by
the yard.

O Tempora! O Mores!

Alas! to think that we should live to see the day,
when the flowers of our universities shall be
neglected for creatures like these.

I was thunderstruck.---Celestial powers (thought
I to myself) what a plague have you done to my
wife; for really I thought the woman was inspired.
Well, said I, you have cured me of sermon making
--however, all flesh is grass, and what has happened
in the family of my beloved friend, will e're long,
happen in my own,- you and I only wed to the tune
of till death us doth part; and whenever the fiddle-

tring breaks, the dance is instantly over. I wish we
may finish it with a good grace, and go off with ap-
plause; and whenever this discourse of our's shall
appear to the eye of the public; may every reader
pick out of it whatever shall appear for his profit,
and may the rest be forgotten as we shall.

Your loving friend Philo.

One following a Gentlewoman, and passing her,
turned back to look in her face, and said, Madam,
you are exceeding handsome. I wish, Sir, said she,
without wronging my judgment, I could return you
the like compliment. A pox take your scruples,
replied he; why cannot you tell a lie for me, as
well as I have told one for you.

A Gentleman stammering much in his speech,
said down a winning card; and then said to his
partner, ho, sa-ay ye now, was not this ca ca-card
pa assing we we-well la-a-aaid; yes, says the other,
it was well laid, but it needs not half that cackling.

A Gentleman, after harvest, invited all his har-
vest people to dinner, there being good beef, mut-
ton, veal, lamb, fowl, and among the rest pease and
artichokes, all at once upon the table; so he bid
them all fall to what was before them. One fellow
(who never had seen an artichoke before, and hav-
ing helped himself to one) cut it quite through the
middle, and hastily crammed a bit into his mouth;
but the choke stuck in his throat, that he could not
get it either up or down, and fell a keeking, until
another, who sat against him, reproved him for
want of manners, and told him that was the last
dish that should be eaten. Truly, says he, I believe it
is the last that ever I shall eat.

A country fellow being at an affizes, none were
condemned. Pub, says he, these are strange fizes
indeed, that so many justices of peace should sit
upon the bench and none thought worth to be
hanged.

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From Richmond to Charleston, (S. C.)

TO Osbourns 15 miles, Petersburg 10, Hall's ordinary 21, Hick's Ford 24, Halifax 28, Enfield 12, Tar river 26, Pofniquot bridge 26, Quotankneycreek 11, Eaton's 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Neuse ferry (Whitefield) 21, Dixon's ordinary 31, N. E. branch of Cape Fear 40, Wilmington 10, N. W. branch of Cape Fear 2, Town Creek 8, Lockwood's Folly 16, Beal's ordinary 24, East end of Long Bay 13, West end of do. 15, Wackamaw ferry 23, Black river do. 3, George Town 5, Cocke's ferry Santee 12, Hughe's ordinary 10, White's do. 18, Mulattoe Town 5, Bottons 10, Charleston 4.

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