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CONTAINING DESCRIPTIONS AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE VARIOUS
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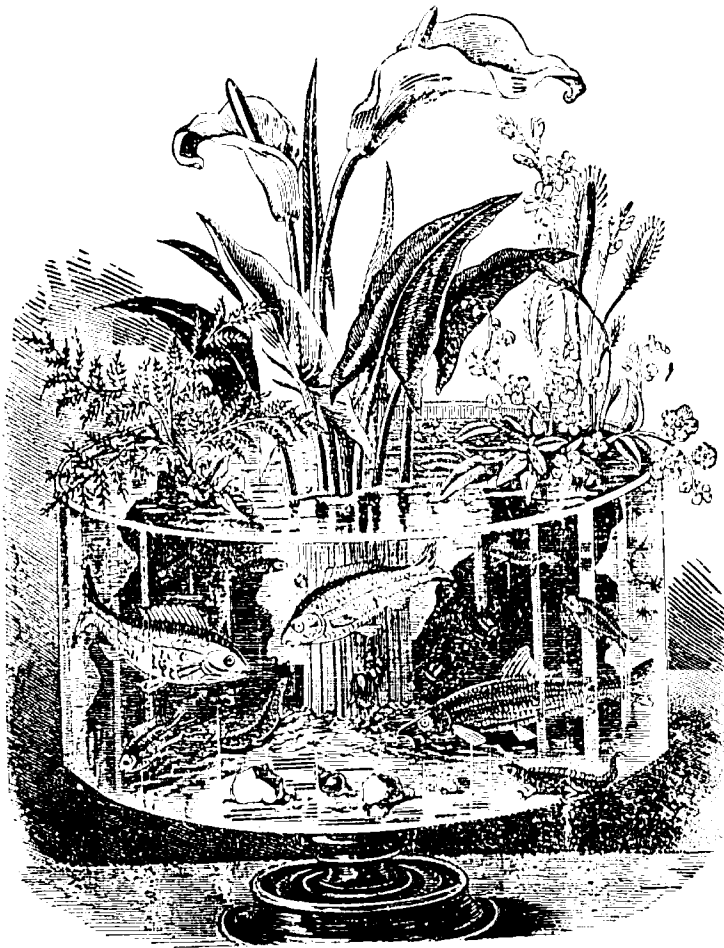
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SEVENTH SALOON.

No. 821.—PICTURE—Mammoth horse, Gen. Washington.
822.—WHALE BONE—Shoulder blade of the Whale, of unusual size.

823.—PAINTING—Gen. Cumming.

824. do. Jas. Madison.

825.—PICTURE—Caleb Barnum.

826. do. Tom Thumb.

827. do. Historical Chateaux of France.

828. do. Mitten.

829.—FRAME—Specimens of Wool.

830.—PAINTING—Gen. Cadwalader, Jr.

831. do. Rev. H. Cumming.

832. do. Gen Izard.

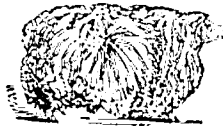
833.—PICTURE—Bateman Children.

834. do. St. Louis Fair-grounds.

835.—CASE—Reindeer, of Maine; Cougar; Red Weasel; Serval, of the Cape of Good Hope; Royal Bengal Tiger; Female



The Tiger.



The Sheep.

Wolf; African Sheep; White Rat; Anaconda; Pine Snake, of New Jersey; Black and Gray Squirrels; Musk Rat; Black-striped Squirrel; African Lion; Diamond Rattle-snake.

No. 836.—PAINTING—Oliver Evans.

837. do. Vespuccius, discoverer of America.

838. do. Caleb Strong.

839. do. Malone Dickerson.

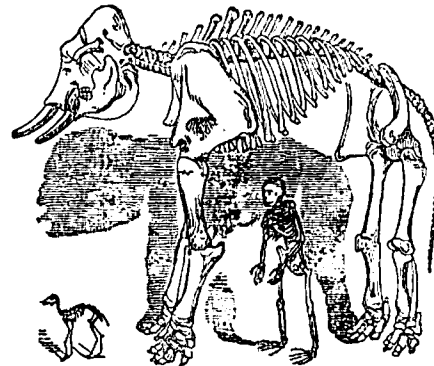
840. do. William Shippen, M. D.

841. do. Charles Thompson.

842. do. Mrs. Gardner Baker.

843.—ENGRAVING—Napoleon Ist.

844.—CASE—GRAND SKELETON CHAMBER, containing the most complete variety of Skeletons in America. Prominent among them is a complete human skeleton, and that of an



Skeleton of Man and Mastadon.

Three-toed Sloth; Guinea Pig; Boa Constrictor; Eagle's head; Tusks of the Hog, 21 inches in length; Golden Eagle's head; African Chamelcon; Cougar's head; Black Bear's head; common-sized Horse's head; Alligator; Shetland Pony; curious hoof of the Wild Horse; skeleton of a Sea Lion's head; Shark's jaw; Elk's head, from Iceland; common Seal's head; Antelope horns and hoofs; Wild Boar's head; curiously small head of the Silky Monkey; skeleton of the Rattlesnake; Kangaroo and Camel's foot; heads of the Night Monkey; Tamarind Monkey; Ternated Bat; European Badger; Utia; Coati Mundi; Rocky Mountain Sheep; Walrus, and American Red Deer; skeletons of the Crane; common Sheep; lower jaw of the Porpoise; Red-tail Falcon; Giant Plover; Dusky Petrel; Turkey; common Peacock; Chimpanzee; Great Heron; Brazilian Ant Eater; common Rat, &c., &c.

No. 845.—CASE—The most prominent object of this case is the Great Leviathan or Leather Turtle, captured in 1811, thirty miles outside of Sandy Hook, by the New York pilot boat "Young Pilot." The monster measures nearly eight feet in length, with a circumference of more than thirteen feet, and a weight of one thousand pounds. These turtles are sometimes seen in the Mediterranean. The ancients used these shells as harps, placing pins on the extremities of them, to which were attached strings. There will also be here observed a Snake-turtle, or Snapper. This species was first observed by Linnaeus, and is the most daring of all the Testudos, frequently coming on land and attacking the poultry even in sight of the owners. When it perceives any bird swimming on the water, it rises slowly to the top,



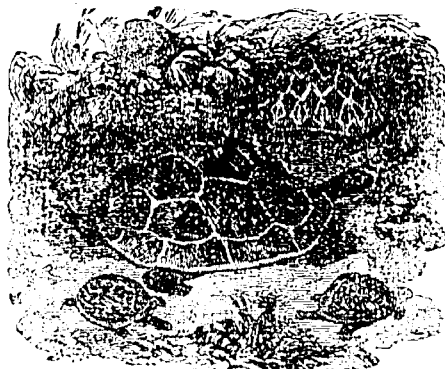
The Turtle.

commonly large sized horse, which resembles the elephant when compared with the ordinary size of that species; also fine skeletons of the Bactrian Camel, and the African Hippopotamus, together with those of the Alligator; Sea Elephant; Rhinoceros head; Rattle-snake; Young of the Sperm Whale;

American Angler;

and pulls them under the water in order to drown them; after which it carries them to a convenient place to be devoured. This species has been known to live fifty years, are very strong (being able to walk under a load of four hundred pounds), and tenacious of life. The heart of this one continued to move a quarter of an hour after the turtle was killed, and the heart extracted from the body. Whatever it seizes with its mouth, it holds with immense force; and will permit itself to be killed before it will quit its hold. In this case will also be seen the barbed hook by which the above specimen was captured; a double-headed turtle, blown, by blasting, out of a solid rock at Newburgh; a Box turtle; yellow-spotted turtle; Soft-shelled turtle, of the Hudson River; Terrapin; Corals; Sea Weed, &c., &c.

No. 846.—CASE—A further variety of Turtles; Corals; Sea-shells; Rocks; Plants, &c., &c. Among them may be seen a



Varieties of the Land Turtle.

specimen of the Cancer Land Crab, of South America. These crabs are generally found in or near the grave yards, where they inhabit, and it is stated that their principal food is that of human bodies. By means of their large claws, which have a resemblance to a shovel, they will burrow down to a coffin in the course of one night, and on reaching it commence to gnaw through with the greatest vigor, which is speedily accomplished and the crab remains inside until the whole body is devoured. The natives make use of these crabs in the following curious manner. When they wish a candle made, they procure a quantity of these crabs, and place them on top of a log, where they are covered over with dirt. The crabs, supposing themselves on top of a coffin, speedily commence boring, by which means the natives get the most difficult part of their work done, free of trouble or labor.

No. 847.—PAINTING—Portrait of Jenny Lind.

848.—ENGRAVING—Signing of the Death Warrant of Lady Jane Grey.

849.—PAINTING—Lowery.

No. 850 to 853.—CASES—Four cases, containing the largest and most curious collection of shoes in the world. These comprise shoes worn throughout all nations from the year 1760 down to the present time. Shoes are here with high heels, low heels, and no heels, covered with satin, cloth, hair braids, and leather; ornamented with tinsel, spangles, ribbons, bows, and buckles; the French sabots, or peasant's wooden shoes; the Chinese wood-soled shoe; the English clog, &c., &c., &c.

No. 854.—PAINTING—J. W. Kembell.

855. do. Morrill.

856.—ENGRAVING—Ministering to the sick.

857.—PAINTING—James Barbour.

858. do. Forsyth.

859. do. Gen. Smyth.

860.—ENGRAVING—Allegorical.

861.—PAINTING—Hugh Nelson.

862. do. R. J. Meigs.

863. do. Talbot.

864. do. Rhea.

865. do. Dr. Potter.

866.—ENGRAVING—Bay of Naples.

867.—PAINTING—Pointdexter.

868. do. Col. Anderson.

869. do. Richard Stockton.

870.—ENGRAVING—Gen. Jackson.

871.—DRAWINGS—Perry's Victory on Lake Erie.

872.—PAINTING—H. Miller.

873.—PICTURE—Benj. Logan saving Harrison from being scalped.

874.—PICTURE—McCullough's Leap.

875.—PAINTING—J. Meigs.

876.—PICTURE—Daniel Boone and his friends rescuing his daughter from the Indians.

877. do. Dustin covering the retreat of his children during the Indian massacre.

878.—PAINTING—Col. Armistead.

879.—PICTURE—Heroism of Miss Elizabeth Zane.

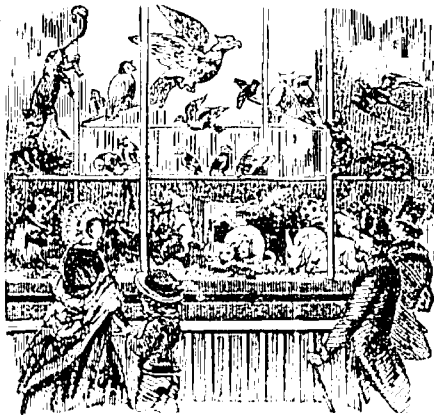
880. do. Women of Bryant's Station, Ky., supplying the garrison with water, under an attack.

881. do. Tableau of the Wonders of Nature.

882.—PAINTING—Thomas Jefferson.

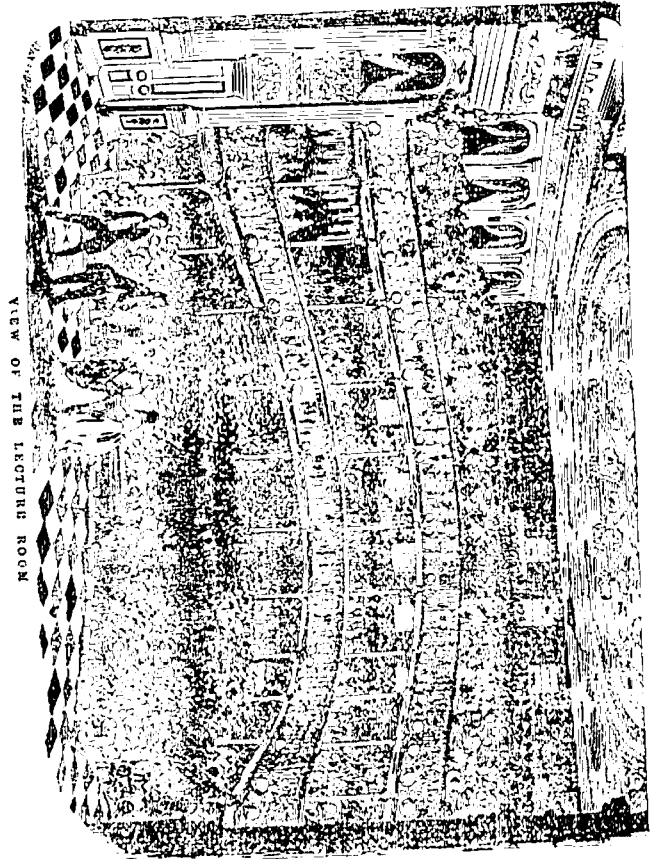
883.—PICTURE—Comparative view of the highest structures on the globe, being a representation of all the steeples, spires, and elevated structures of the world. The highest of these is the pyramid of Cheops, in Egypt—449 feet in height; the second highest structure is the tower of the Cathedral of Strasbourg, France, 437 feet in height; the third is the spire of St. Peter's Cathedral, in Rome—425 feet, &c., &c.

No. 884.—CASE—THE HAPPY FAMILY. A miscellaneous collection of beasts and birds (upwards of sixty in number), living together harmoniously in one large cage, each of them being the mortal enemy of every other, but contentedly playing and frolicking together, without injury or discord. At the time of the issue of this book, the family comprises 8 doves, 4 owls, 10 rats, 2 cats, 2 dogs, 1 hawk, 3 rabbits, 1 rooster, 8 Guinea Pigs, 1 Raccoon, 2 Cavas, 1 Cuba Rat, 3 Ant Eaters, 7 Monkeys, 2 Woodchucks, 1 Opossum, 1 Armadilla, &c., &c.



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