

mentou grounds, the large artificial lake, with its islands and pretty little rustic bridges, the beautiful group formed by the gardener's lodge and conservatory in the terraced garden, and the extensive grapehouse and orangeries, stretching along several hundred feet, the ornamental structures scattered over the whole park with taste and judgment, as well as the finely tilled farm grounds beyond. The inviting panorama which meets the view from this point of observation is well worthy a visit to the tower. The exterior of the villa is rough-casted to imitate free stone work, and develops the graceful proportions of the "Italian Villa" style of architecture, with massive arcades, projecting cornices and brackets, depending for its effect on the varied masses and outlines of the whole rather than on the minuteness of its details.

The entire improvement reflects credit upon the well known architects, Messrs Niernse & Neilson, who have designed and superintended the progress of the work, which viewed from a proper position, displays the most unexceptionable architectural beauty and excellence of design.

But attractive as is the building, it would be unjust not to render a passing tribute to the admirable, extensive and valuable conservatories and general out buildings of the place. The former contains exotic plants and fruit of surpassing excellence even superior to those of foreign countries in flavor and size, whilst the floral departments may be viewed as an extensive and inviting horticultural exhibition, well repaying the time expended in a visit. The manager of the park and grounds, Mr. William Waddel, an old and experienced horticulturist, has exhibited very rare skill in the management of these valuable plants and fruits, all of which are in the very best condition. It may be worthy of mention that the proprietor has spared no means in the improvement of this great residence, the appearance of which as well as the grounds, evidences the skill and ability of Baltimore mechanics, and foreign artists. The production of the latter may be seen in the hundred beautiful specimens of marble, statuary and sculpture which are observed from every point. The following persons aided in the improvements: H. J. Bayley, carpenter; James Murray, brick layer; Jas. Sullivan, painter, Andrew Mierken, iron worker; John Rothrock, roofing, Bevan & Sons, stone work; Hayward, Birtlett & Co., plumbing; S. W. & H. T. Gernhardt, glass stainers, George W. Starr, plasterer.

**The Missionary Cause**—A very interesting missionary meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the Eutaw street Methodist Episcopal church, which was most numerously attended by an extensive congregation, who, after hearing the claims of the missionary cause presented by Rev. J. P. Durbin D. D. and Rev. John Poissal, contributed five or six hundred dollars, which, added to the collections in the three churches of the Baltimore City Station, will make the mission contribution nearly \$2,200. The cause of missions has many warm friends in the station. Rev. Henry Sheer, one of the stationed ministers, has contributed greatly to the liberal collection.

**Railroad Accident**—On Tuesday afternoon as a freight train of sixty cars was proceeding from York to Baltimore, the locomotive ran off the track within three miles of Parkton, followed by the tender and two freight cars, the latter belonging to Messrs. Hantz, Fritz & Co., York Pa. Fortunately no one was seriously injured. The locomotive "Daniel Webster" lost the well balanced equilibrium of its namesake, and was considerably broken, as were the cars. The engineer and firemen escaped by hastily jumping off the cars. A slight detention to the following trains was the result.

**Navigation Resumed**—The wharves are presenting their usual scenes of activity and bustle, now that navigation is about to be resumed. Yesterday a number of vessels left their moorings and started on their respective trips. The Norfolk steamers have resumed their regular trips from the city, the Jewess, under the excellent command of Capt. Hardie, leaving her wharf at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The steamboat line to Fredericksburg is about to recommence, as also the Ericsson freight line for Philadelphia. The Palmetto will sail for Charleston on Saturday.

**Criminal Court**—The case of the State v. Boone was resumed yesterday morning, and given to the jury after the arguments of counsel. They retired for about fifteen minutes, and then brought in a verdict of not guilty. The case of the State v. John McCauley was then taken up—the prisoner being indicted for the larceny of two pocket books, the property of John Tallman, from a vessel at the wharf. The case was heard by the court and the evidence closed, but the decision has not transpired. In the course of the morning some dozen prisoners were arraigned on indictments for petty larceny. The court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

**Superior Court**—In this court yesterday the case of the Mayor and City Council, vs. Eschback, vs. Henderson, was commenced—an action to recover paving taxes. The defence offered a certified copy of the proceedings of the City Commissioner in evidence, which was ruled out by the court, whereupon the defence arrested the case, with a view of taking an exception to the Court of Appeals. Preston for plaintiffs; Malcolm and Campbell for defendant. The court then adjourned, assigning for to-day cases from 188 to 200.

**The Ship Flora McDonald**—This fine specimen of marine architecture, under the command of Capt. Wedge, a most experienced seaman, reached this port yesterday afternoon in tow of the Relief, after having been ice-bound for several weeks in the Chesapeake. The presence of the vessel at the Point excited considerable interest, many persons being assembled to witness her arrival. By the way, some of the Baltimore papers erred in stating that the ship left Liverpool on the 30th instead of the 13th November, also, that the passengers were restricted each to half pint of water and a biscuit per day. This was an error made very innocently. The restriction must have been made, however, had no relief been afforded.

**Severe Fall**—At a late hour on Tuesday night a young man, named Cyrus Thomas, residing in Madison street, near Howard, received a very severe fall, whilst attempting to cross the intersection of St. Paul and Madison streets. He chanced to make a misstep, and fell violently upon the sidewalk, his head striking the curbstone. He was unable to move without assistance, and had to be conveyed home by several gentlemen who were out on a serenading party.

**Substantial Aid for the Poor**—A few days since, a number of gentlemen, boarding at the Wheatfield Inn, (McIntosh's,) Howard street, raised a collection amongst the boarders of that establishment in behalf of the poor, which amounted to over \$57, and which has been received by Jesse Hunt, Esq., treasurer of the Baltimore Association for improving the condition of the poor.

**Robbery**—The Argus reports that yesterday morning, between 1 and 2 o'clock, as a gentleman from the country was entering his boarding-house, (Starr's Hotel, corner Forrest and Hillen streets,) he was suddenly seized by three prowling ruffians, who succeeded in robbing him of about \$40 and a valuable watch, with which they made their escape, and have so far eluded detection.

**Arrival**—The steamer Hugh Jenkins, Captain Tilghman, from Annapolis, reached this port yesterday evening. Reports two barques in Annapolis Roads—barque Weiland, from New York, in ballast; barque Anna, or Arrow, from Bremen, with emigrants from Bremen—also, a ship at Hawkins' Point. In the river, barque Ornega, and another barque at same place—wished a tow boat sent for them.

**Metamorphosis**—An individual, calling himself John Irvino, was arrested on Tuesday evening, by officers Croekard and Scarborough, upon the charge of violating a city ordinance by wearing female apparel in the streets. He was taken before Justice Root, who released him upon producing good security to behave himself for six months.

**Interfering with and Resisting the Officers**—George Konig, who figures so frequently in connection with the police authorities, was yesterday arrested by officers Arthur and Morris, upon the charge of interfering with and attempting to rescue a prisoner from officer Lindsey. Justice Bordley released him on security for court.

**Surrendered**—Thomas Carmichael, one of the parties charged with rioting and resisting the officers at the court house, on last Saturday, and who escaped from the Station House, surrendered himself and gave bail for his appearance at court.

**Fire**—The alarm yesterday forenoon, about nine o'clock, was occasioned by the upsetting of a camphine lamp in the establishment of Messrs. Reeves & Spear, in Baltimore street, near Gay—but little damage was done.

**Food for the Poor**—Five hundred loaves of first rate bread, three pounds each, will be distributed to the poor this morning, at 11 o'clock, at the bakery of Mr. Robt. Eldridge, No. 19 S. High street.

**More Bread for the Poor**—The Monumental Hose Company, corner of McClellan's alley and Fayette street, will distribute five hundred loaves of fresh bread to all poor people who will apply at their house to-morrow morning, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock.

**Throwing Bricks at a House**—Alfred Sanders was yesterday arrested by officers Root and Butler upon the charge of throwing bricks at the house of Henrietta Thompson. Justice Bordley released him on security for court.

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

**Improvements at "Clifton Park," Country Residence of Johns Hopkins, Esq.**—This magnificent country residence, situated on the Harford road, a short drive from the city, has lately been enlarged by an entire re-modelling of the old mansion, whilst the grounds have been greatly extended by the addition of several hundred acres, constituting it one of the most elegant, extensive and beautiful villas in this country.

The central building has been raised one story, and received a considerable addition on the north side, besides the extension of the wings, and the building of a prospect tower on the west, with a wide arcade, 109 feet in length, the building measuring 133 feet in extreme length, by 73 feet, its greatest depth. From the gate lodge, at the Harford road entrance, a well gravelled road winds majestically through the fine trees and lawns of the park, to the main entrance of the building, the Port Cochere in the tower, affording passage through an arcade way into the principal hall, 23 feet high, paved with marble, lighted by four richly stained arched windows, and wainscotted with black walnut, of which the doors and massive stairway are formed. From the main corridor on the principal floor, the first door to the right leads to the parlor, 19 by 23 feet, adjoining which is the breakfast room, 18 feet square, both of which open on the large southern arcade, supported by 23 arches and pillars. Adjoining the breakfast room are the back stairs, running from the basement to the main chamber story, and also the servants' rooms. Further east are the housekeeping rooms, closets, water fixtures, &c.

Opposite the parlor is the dining room, 18 by 26 feet, which opens on the west to a spacious arcade of 5 arches, whilst a door on the east conducts to the large saloon, which is of elegant proportions, and 15 feet high, with a semi-circular room on the north 18 feet diameter. A folding door in the east wall connects the saloon with a library 20 feet square, which opens on the eastern arcade, looking towards the garden and lake. All these elegant apartments are supplied with elaborately carved Italian marble mantels, made in Italy. The main chamber floor and tower contain 8 large chambers, bath room, etc., also a large billiard room, 20 by 30 feet, opening on a terrace, over the bay room, and to another over the north-eastern arcade, decorated by balustrades, with pedestals, supporting richly ornamented vases. The third floor of the central building has been appropriated for the use of the servants, containing a number of large rooms. The basement contains a large kitchen, servants' hall, washhouse, pantry and store-rooms, milk, vegetable and fuel cellars, and a large covered area under the southern and eastern arcades. A convenient stair leads from the second floor of the tower through the various stories of the pavilion which is supported by twelve arches, and surrounded by an iron balcony, sustained by ornamental iron brackets. From the pavilion, a stair leads to the terrace of the tower, affording magnificent and extensive views of the entire city and surrounding country, the Patapsco and Gunpowder rivers, the broad, expansive Chesapeake, whitened by the sail of an increasing commerce, besides a bird's eye view of the extensive park, with its richly orna-