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I WAS highly pleased lately with the perusal of a work filed the "year 2500," in which the benevolent author portrays the situation which he hopes France will be in at that period, and shews in a very striking point of view, the absurdity of many of the most favorite practices of the present day, in that kingdom. I felt myself strongly impressed with the idea, and threw myself on a couch where I pursued the reflection as far as I was capable, extending my view to this country. After some time I fell asleep, and dreamed that I was transported to so distant a period, as the year 1850, and, that on entering a coffee-house, I took up a newspaper, and read some paragraphs of the following tenor, which struck me with surprise and pleasure.

Philadelphia, May 5, 1850. A letter received from Cadiz, dated the 10th of March, says "We have authentic accounts that the American admiral, Beaunale, with 10 sail of the line, has lately had a desperate engagement with a grand fleet of the Algerines, of 11 sail of the line, 6 frigates, and 4 galleys. Both fought with the utmost bravery—but two of Algerine first rate vessels being blown up, and a great havock being made among the crews of the rest, three struck, and the remainder fled. The signals for chase were made, and three more captured—the rest were driven ashore—and fire-ships being sent among them, were all set in flames,

and consumed. The brave admiral immediately sailed to Algiers, which he bombarded with such vigour, that in a short time all the fortifications on the side towards the sea, were levelled, and the city almost entirely reduced to ashes. The dey sent an ambassador to sue for peace, and was so terrified at the fate of the fleet, on which he had placed all his reliance, that he consented to surrender all the piratical vessels which have so long infested the Mediterranean, and even the Atlantic."

Richmond, April 30. By authentic advices from Kentucke, we are informed that no less than 150 vessels have been built on the river Ohio, during the last year, and sent down that river and the Mississippi, laden with valuable produce, which has been carried to the West-Indies where the vessels and their cargoes have been disposed of to great advantage.

Boston, April 30. At length the canal across the isthmus of Darien is completed. It is about 60 miles long, and half a mile broad. First rate vessels of war can with ease sail through. The cost has been about £.100,000. Two vessels belonging to this port, two to Philadelphia, and one to New-York, sailed through the 20th of January last, bound for Canton in China.

Columbia, May 1. Extract from the journals of congress. Ordered that there be 20 professors in the university of Columbia, in this city, viz. of divinity, of church history, of Hebrew, of Greek, of humanity, of logic, of moral philosophy, of natural philosophy, of mathematics, of civil history, of natural history, of common and civil law, of the law of nature and nations, of rhetoric and belles lettres,

of botany, of materia medica, of sheet, three successive Sundays in
 physic, of chymistry, of anatomy his parish church.
 and of midwifery,

Charleston, April 15. No less than 10,000 blacks have been transported from this state and Virginia, during the two last years to Africa, where they have formed a settlement near the mouth of the river Goree. Very few blacks remain in this country now: and we sincerely hope that in a few years every vestige of the infamous traffic, carried on by our ancestors in the human species, will be done away.

Pittsburg, January 15. The canal which is making from the river Ohio to the Susquehannah, and thence to the Delaware, will be of immense advantage to the united states. If the same progress continues to be made hereafter that has been for some time past, it will be completed in less than two years.

Delegates from the 30th new state, laid off a few months since, by order of congress, lately arrived at Columbia; and, on producing their credentials, were received into the federal council.

A splendid edition of the history of the settlement and increase of the European colonies in America, in 10 vols. folio, adorned with 200 copperplates, has been just printed in this town.

The agricultural society of this town, have offered premiums to the amount of £.1000 for the improvement of husbandry.

In the assembly of this state, it was lately ordered, that the salaries of public school-masters shall hereafter be £.200 per annum.

Ezekiel Jones was lately convicted of not sending his son to school, although five years old. The time ordered by law is at four years. He was sentenced to stand in a white