

## The Chesapeake and the Leopard

The recent death of Commodore Barron having revived the affair of the Chesapeake and the Leopard, we lay before our readers the following account of it, as given by the equally unfortunate commander of the Leopard. Rear Admiral Sir Salisbury Davenport died November 17, 1845; he was the Capt. Humphreys who commanded the Leopard, having changed his name a few years before his death, on his accession to a considerable property in right of his second wife. The affair of the Chesapeake was the last battle, if it can be so called, of one who had ranked as a meritorious and distinguished officer. Like Commodore Barron, he fell into disgrace, or rather neglect, and was never employed again by his government. In a letter written a few years before his death, he gives his account of the circumstances of that unfortunate affair:

I acted under a positive order, in writing, from the late Admiral Sir George Berkeley, to search for deserters from ships, under his command, on the Halifax station. No person could regret more than myself that the Admiral should have issued such a circular to the different ships under his command; but my duty was to obey, as a subordinate officer, and, as a gentleman, to soften and ameliorate the apparent severity and harshness of the order; and, therefore, upon communicating its contents, according to my instructions, to Commodore Barron, I also sent the following note from myself:

The Captain of H. M. Ship Leopard has the honor to enclose to the Captain of the United States ship Chesapeake, an order from the Hon. Vice Admiral Berkeley, commander-in-chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels on the North American station, respecting some deserters from the ships therein mentioned, under his command, and supposed now to be serving as part of the crew of the Chesapeake.

The Captain of the Leopard will not presume to say any thing in addition to what the commander-in-chief has stated, more than to express a hope, that every circumstance respecting them may be adjusted in such a manner that the harmony subsisting between the two countries may remain undisturbed. H. M. S. Leopard, at sea, June 23, 1807.

(Answer.) I know of no such men as you describe. The officers on the recruiting service for this ship were particularly instructed by our government, through me, not to enter any deserters from his Britannic Majesty's service, nor do I know of any being here. I am also instructed not to permit the crew of any ship that I command to be mustered by any other than her own officers. It is my disposition to preserve harmony, and I hope this answer to your dispatch will prove satisfactory.

JAMES BARRON,

Commander of the U. S. ship Chesapeake.

After receipt of this answer to my application for the men, I had only a plain straightforward course to pursue—viz., to execute the order of my superior—a painful duty; but I had no alternative. Six men were killed and twenty wounded on board the Chesapeake. Admiral Berkeley was soon after superseded in his command by Sir John Warren. The amiable and good Sir T. Hardy, who had married the eldest daughter of Admiral Berkeley, filled my station as flag-captain with his farther-in-law, on the Lisbon station, at a subsequent period; but notwithstanding repeated applications for a ship, I have never obtained an appointment since. I have now the rank of retired Rear-Admiral, having been passed over in the promotion in consequence of not having served the requisite time; how could I do so if, to conciliate the United States, the Admiralty would not employ me? Four deserters were taken out of the Chesapeake. Radford, the man found in the hold, was condemned to die, and was executed on board H. M.'s sloop Malifax; the other three were sentenced to receive 500 lashes each, which was eventually remitted. When the Chesapeake was captured by the Shannon, I earnestly solicited Lord Melville to give the command of her to me, to whom she had previously lowered her colors—provided Captain Broke did not wish to be removed to her from the Shannon; but neither this nor any other application met with success.

I am, dear sir, yours,

SALISBURY DAVENPORT

ent; an before she had finished the bottle, she wa  
rely relieved, and she was much better than she had b  
efore she took the ague. A lady that had been very sick  
with chills and fever, but had broke them with a time and  
as left in a very weak and distressing state, and troubled  
ceedingly with the ague cake, seeing the effect that it had  
on my wife, she sent and procured a few bottles, and it  
restored her to a few weeks to complete health. Your Sarsa-  
parilla is, without doubt, unequalled in diseases incident to  
the West, and if you think that this communication will be  
of use, you are at liberty to use it as you choose.

Yours, respectfully, CHARLES H. SWAIN.

### FITS! FITS! FITS!

Dr. Townsend, not having tested his Sarsaparilla in cases  
of Fits, of course never recommended it, and was surprised  
to receive the following from an intelligent and respectable  
Farmer of Westchester county:

FORDHAM, August 18, 1847.

Dr. Townsend—Dear Sir: I have a little girl seven years  
of age, who has been several years afflicted with Fits; we  
tried almost everything for her, but without success; at last,  
although we could find no recommendation in our circulars  
for cases like hers, we thought, as she was in very delicate  
health we would give her some of your Sarsaparilla, and are  
very glad we did, for it not only restored her strength, but she  
has had no return of the Fits, to our great pleasure and sur-  
prise. She is fast becoming rugged and hearty, for which  
we feel grateful. Yours, respectfully,

JOHN BUTLER, Jr.

### FEMALE MEDICINE.

Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla is a sovereign and speedy cure  
for Incipient Consumption, Barrenness, Prolapsus Uteri, or  
Falling of the Womb, Costiveness, Piles, Leucorrhœa, or  
Whites, obstructed or difficult Menstruation, Incontinence  
of Urine or involuntary discharge thereof, and for the general  
prostration of the system—no matter whether the result of  
inherent cause or causes, produced by irregularity, illness, or  
accident. Nothing can be more surprising than its invigorating  
effects on the human frame. Persons, all weakness and lassit-  
tude, from taking it at once become robust and full of energy  
under its influence. It immediately counteracts the nerveless-  
ness of the female frame, which is the great cause of barren-  
ness. It will not be expected of us, in cases of so delicate a  
nature, to exhibit certificates of cures performed, but we can  
assure the afflicted, that hundreds of cases have been reported  
to us. Thousands of cases where families have been without  
children, after using a few bottles of this invaluable medicine,  
have been blessed with a fine, healthy offspring.

### TO MOTHERS AND MARRIED LADIES.

This extract of Sarsaparilla has been expressly prepared in  
reference to female complaints. No female who has reason  
to suppose she is approaching that critical period, "The Turn  
of Life," should neglect to take it, as it is a certain preventive  
for any of the numerous horrible diseases to which females  
are subject at this time of life. This period may be delayed  
for several years by using this medicine. Nor is it less valua-  
ble for those who are approaching womanhood, as it is cal-  
culated to assist nature, by quickening the blood and invigor-  
ating the system. Indeed, this medicine is invaluable for a  
female domestic science to which women are subjected. It tones  
the whole system, infuses powerfully the natural energies,  
by securing the harmonies of the body, as well as eliminat-  
ing all the morbid accumulations, which are the cause of  
most female troubles, the female weakness and disease. By  
using a few bottles of this medicine, many severe and painful  
surgical operations may be prevented.

### GREAT BLESSING TO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN.

It is the safest and most effectual medicine for purifying  
the system, and relieving the sufferings attendant upon child  
birth ever discovered. It strengthens both the mother and the  
child, prevents pain and disease, increases and regularizes the  
food; those who have used it think it indispensable. It is  
highly useful both before and after childbirth, as it pre-  
vents diseases attendant upon child birth, such as convulsions, palsy,  
cramps, swelling of the feet, despondency, heartburn, vomit-  
ing, pain in the back and joints, false pains, hemorrhage,  
and in regulating the secretions and equalizing the circula-  
tion it has no equal. The great virtue of this medicine is, it  
is always safe, and the most delicate and most successful;  
very few cases require any other medicine; in some a little  
castor oil or magnesia is useful. Exercise in the open air,  
and light food, with this medicine, will always insure a safe,  
and easy confinement.

### BEAUTY AND HEALTH.

Cosmetics, Chalk, and a variety of preparations generally  
in use, when applied to the face, very soon spoils it of its  
beauty. They close the pores of the skin, and check the cir-  
culation, which, when Nature is not thwarted by disease or  
powder, or the skin inflamed by the alkalies used in soap,  
beautifies its own production in the "human face divine," as  
well as in the garden of rich and delicately tinted and variega-  
ted flowers. A free, active and healthy circulation of the  
fluids, or the coursing of the pure, rich blood to the extremi-  
ties, is that which paints the countenance in the most exquisito  
beauty. It is that which imparts the indescribable shades and  
flashes of loveliness that all admire, but none can describe.  
True beauty is the offspring of NATURE, not of POWDER or  
SOAP. If there is but a free and healthy circulation, there  
is no beauty. If the face is fair as driven snow, if she paint,  
and use cosmetics, and the blood is thick, cold and impure,  
she is not beautiful. If she be brown or yellow, and there is  
pure and active blood, it gives a rich bloom to the cheeks and  
a brilliancy to the eyes that is fascinating.

This is why the Southern, and especially the Spanish ladies,  
are so much admired. Ladies in the North who take but little  
exercise, or are confined in cloisters, or have spoiled their  
complexion by the application of deleterious articles, if they  
wish to regain elasticity of step, buoyant spirits, clear im-  
ages and beautiful complexions, they should use Dr. Town-  
send's Sarsaparilla. Thousands who have used it, can bear  
this witness, are delighted. Ladies of every nation, grow  
out of beauty.

### CANKER IN THE MOUTH.