

who made it black, and not rather be taken to be his who made it white? Even upon legal principles, such an act of ownership exercised by a man over the child of another, as bleaching him without authority, entitles him, whose child was so bleached against his consent, to abandon altogether to the wrongdoer, and to throw the child upon his hands. Certainly, if such a principle be established, as that white men can father their children upon negro fathers, it will very much advance industry, and encourage many to go abroad for employment who now stay at home.

But to return to maternal affection. A fair lady, to whom his holiness Pope Nicholas the Third, had committed the sacred charge of bearing him nephews and nieces, brought him, to his utter discomfiture one day, a little bear—and why? why, because he was of the Ursini family, and had everywhere throughout his palace carved and painted emblems of the name and honors of his house. Pope Martin the Fourth, who succeeded to the chair, the palace, and the mistress, fearful of like mischief, had them all effaced; and accordingly his nephews and nieces were nice little popines, no more like bears than Miss Williams' child is like a negro.

At Tzertogonbosh, in Germany, there was a religious procession. Some of the inhabitants personated angels, and some devils. One of the devils, more merry than wise, took it in his head, as soon as the pageant was over, to run home to his wife, and accosted her, if not in these words, in words to this effect: "You dear plague of my life, for all the vexation you have caused me from the beginning of the world till the date of these presents, I am determined forthwith to do in sort that you shall hereafter be the mother of a young devil." She scuffled, he "worried her out, and had a connection with her;" and whether she felt life in one month or four, she finally bore him a young devil. Doctor Mitchill saw nothing improbable in a fellow playing the devil with his wife, or begetting a little devil. He thought it prudent, however, to inform himself whether it was a dancing devil. I am cautious in what I relate; and as I did not know what