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FOR THE AMERICAN. MATRIMONY ... A PARODY. Hail, welded love ! mysterions law, true source Of human offspring, sole proprinty In paradise of all things common else MiLTON, It must be so-Milton, thou reason'st well, Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire, This longing after matrimony ? Or, whence this secret dread, this inward the nestlings. horror-Of dying unesponsed : Why shrinks the soul tone Back on her self, and startles at celibacy, lear 17 "Tis human nature that stirs within us : "Tis love that points the way to happiness, Pierre pressed the nest to his bosom, and And intimates matrimony to man, around his head. Matrimony ! thou pleasing, thrilling thought ! Through what a variety of untried things, Through what new scenes and changes must we pass ! The gay, the plensing prospect lies before me ! Bot shadows, doubts, and darkness rest upon it. ' Here will I hold, if there is any power in sparks love, (And that there is, all experience proves Throughout the world) we must delight in

wedlock ; And what we delight in, must make us happy. But when ; or where ? the world is fill'd were severed !

with coquettes; I'm weary of refusals-this must end them, On this I'm now resolved ; death, or a wife, My bane and antidote are both before me ; This in a moment brings me to an end, go both the nest and sabre. Should this last effort prove unpropitious; But if successful may I not smile At the drawn dagger and defy its point,

Tho' beauty fades away, and sparkling eyes Grow dim with age, and stature droop in his old father, and courage, years. Yet virtuous friendship shall remain as bright

As immertal youth, through the lapse of time USINESS will be promptly attended to in The wreck of beauty and the loss of curls SUNBURY, Sept. 24.

> A Chrilling Sketch. THE THREE SONS. A TALE OF MID-AIR.

What did that signify ? The cagles were of the rarest and most valuable species -In a college in the valley of Sallanches That same afternoon they were carried to near the foot of Mont Blanc, lived old Bernard and his three sons. One morning

nise him.

watched anxiously for the return of his son nounced him convalescent. Jehan, who had gone to fetch a physician. At length a horse's tread was heard, and CELEBRATED CHARACTERS WHO HAVE

soon afterwards the doctor entered. He JESTED WHEN DYING. examined the patient closely, felt his pulse,

ment.

idaggering."

Pomponius Atticus, the intimate friend

of this world. He then abstained from all

food, maintained his habitual gaiety and

suffered nature to snuff herself out by mer-

All astrologers should set up

with his critical work, in opposition to Le

It is recorded of one who was going to looked at his tongue, and then said, patting the old man's cheek, "it will be nothing execution, that he requested not t

thers fastened the cord around his waist, of Malherbe, his instructor in poetry, gives and began to let him down. Holding the a very characteristic anecdote of his death. sabre in his hand, he safely reached the An hour before he expired, he started up whenever any student of the Marischal Col- plaint." nook that contained the nest. In it were suddenly and reproved his hostess, who lege, Aberdeen, incurred the displeasure of four eagles of a light yellowish brown col- was watching by him, for an ungrammati- the humbler citizens, he was assailed with or, and his heart beat with joy at the sight of them. He grasped the nest firmly in his left hand, and should joyfully to his thoughts should be otherwise employed, he brothers, 'I have them ! Draw me up !' rothers, 'I have them! Draw me up!' replied that he could not help it; bu, to Already the first upward pull was given the last grasp, he would contend for the to the cord, when Pierre felt himself at- purity of the French language. tacked by two enormous eagles, whose fu-

rious crics proved them to be the parents of sent a page to inquire how he was. Rabe- stigmatized as murderers, when their accu-"Courage, brother ! defend thyself ! don't strength declining and his last moments ap- making off" of Downie occurred when the

the state in which you left me. I am clothes, with his right had made the sabre play going to inquire into a great possibility .---

He is in a snug nest, let him stay there as Then began a terrible combat. The ealong as he can. Draw the curtain, the gles shricked, the little one cried shrilly, farce is over." Such death-beds are startthe rocks, and sent forth a shower of Rabelais in his mind, when he departed gate by a certain hour, previous to which all

Suddenly he felt a jerk given to the cord great leap in the dark." Yet this imagina- hall, where a Latin prayer was delivered by that sustained him. Looking up he per- ry philosopher, who died with an ambig- the principle. Whether in discharging this ceived that, in his evolutions, he had cut it uous jest, and denied the truth of Christian- function, Downie was more rigid than his with his sabre, and that half the strands ity was afraid of being alone, and believed predecessor in office, or whether he became

Pierre's eyes dilated widely, remained cret memoirs of Vittorio Siri, a learned than another, cannot now be ascertained; for a moment immovable, and then closed Italian monk, he states that Queen Eliza- but there can be no doubt that he closed the

ced on his head, and tried to tear his face. to them, until her last breath, with incon- and were afterwerds reprimanded and fined mal. A lond laugh announced that the joke girls fell, bathed in blood, and dying to the

fended himself bravely. He thought of the death of Mademoiselle de Dimeuil, a took every petty means of annoying the sac-Upwards, still upwards, mounted the maid of honor at the court of Catharine de rist; he, in his turn, applied the screw at still he moved not-they lifted him, and a number of women who were being flogged, cord ; friendly voices eagerly uttered words Medicis. Young and handsome, she was other points of academic routine, and a fierce Downie was dead ! of encouragement and trumph ; but Pierre equally celebrated for her ready wit and war soon began to range between the collecould not reply to them. When he reach- attic repartees. When she felt the hour gians and the humble functionary. Downie the axe of a real headsman had severed his derstanding that the sight of such torments ed the brink of the precipice, still grasping of death approaching she called her valet, took care that in all his proceeding he kept head from his budy. fast the nest, his hair, which an hour be- who played extremely well on the violin. fore had been as black as a raven's wing "Julien," said she, "take your violin and was become so completely white, that continue to play till you see that I am opponents were not so careful, and the de-dents tried to open a velo, but all was over a stranger that she had ordered eighty of her cisions of the rulers were uniformly against and the conspirators had now to bethink servants to be flogged for neglecting to gather as well as you possibly can. When you them, and in favor of Downie. Reprimands themselves of safety. They now in reality

the village and sold. Old Bernard had lien did as he was ordered, and the dying to be put in force ; and, in the end, law and in the hotel. the medicine, and every needlul comfort beauty accompanied him with her voice .-- order prevailed. But a secret and deadly beside, and the doctor in a few days pro- Having twice repeated "all is lost," at the grudge continued to be entertained against their entertainment was not yet quite over, proper moment, she turned round in her ed, and said to her companions, "tout est

perdu a ce coup, et a bon escient," all is indeed lost this time, and in good earnest .--- | and died.

rified man, telet me home. I promise that "WHO MURDERED DOWNIE !" About the end of the eighteenth century, you never again shall have cause for com-

but no more.21

"Now !" exclaimed the judge.

and made him kneel before the block.

"Strike !" exclaimed the judge.

proach. He then said, "Tell his eminence gownsmen, so maligned, were in swaddling

But there was a time, when to be branded as an accomplice in the slanghter of Richard Downie, made his blood run to the cheek of the mountaineer shouted and brandished his ling and extrordinary, but they are also many a youth, and sent him home to his sword. He slashed the birds with its blade fraught with utility, and fornish food for books, thoughtful and subdeed. Downie which flashed like lightning, and only ren- melancholy reflection. Hobbes, of Mal- was sacrist or janitor at Marischal College .dered them still more enraged. He struck mesbury, seems to have had the speech of One of his duties consisted in securing the

> with these words, "I am going to take a the students had to assemble in the common firmly in witches and spectres. In the se- stricter in the performance of it at one time

with terror. A cold shudder passed both, when dying, seated herself on her but there can be no doubt that he closed the both, with her eyes on the ground and a gate with austere punctuality, and that those who were not in the common hall within a At that moment one of the eagles poun- usual musicians to be summoned, listened minute of the prescribed time were shut out, it across the neck of the recumbent crim- ilogging ceased, but not until one of the young by the principle and professors. The stu-

had at last come to an end. Brantome, with his usual naivefe, relates dents became initated at this strictness, and

within the strict letter of the law; but his

come to the passage fall is lost,' repeat it and fines, having failed in producing due swore an oath among themselves : and the four or five times with as much point and subordination, rastication, anspension, and affrighted young men, carrying their disgui- of the otter disregard for the right of humanpathos as you can possibly throw in." Ju- even the extreme sentence of expulsion had see with them, left the body of Downie lying lity in the treatment of the Russian popula-

> Downie. Various schemes of revenge were thought of.

Downie was, in common with teachers While attering these words she fell back and taught, enjoying the leisure of the to escape. short New-Years's vacation-the pleasure

FEMALES IN RUSSIA. Owing to the enormous comsumption of

the army, the female population of Russia "Richard Downie," remarked the judge, greatly exceeds that of the males. Women "yon are vainly wasting the few moments are of little value; the banks will only adcollision between "town and gown;" al' No human power can save you. Attempt to loss for words to describe without offence, of what was chronologically impossible .- doom is completed before you can utter au- master not so often the lord as the acent or When Rabelais was dying, the cardinal People have a right to be angry at being other. Every one here present has sworn a overseer, who tyrannizes over the wretched solemn oath never to reveal the proceedings people-enslaves his own brother, sells his lais joked with the envoy until he feit his sers have probability on their side; but the of this night, they are known to none but sister, and often his daughters, into a serviourselves ; and when the object for which tude worse than death. The lash, the uniwe have met is accomplished, we shall dis- versal ponishment or stimulant, is not spared pose unknown to any one. Prepare, then, to woman. A French gentleman who was for death ; other five minutes will be allowed traveling through Russia, was thrown into

prison at Moscow witcut a shadow of pretext. The unfortunate man in an agony of dead- Day after day the wretched serfs, whose ly terror raved and shrieked for mercy ; but master sent them to be flogged by the oblthe avengers paid no heed to his crics. His ging police, were brought before the grating fevered, trembling lips then moved as if in of his dangeon, to which he was drawn by silent prayer, for he felt that the brief space some irresistable attraction-some spell of between him and eternity was but as a few terror. The sights he witnessed and the sounds he heard had such an effect upon his more tickings of that ominous watch. brain that he became nearly idiotic.

One day two young girls, milliners, scarcely Four persons stepped forward and seized Downie, on whose features a cold clammy 20 years old, were sent by their mistress to sweat had burst forth. They bared his neck he flogged- "They were torn with the rod. They writhed and shricked for mercy. At the sight of the bleeding bodies of these un-The executioner struck the axe on the happy girls, whose sinews were laid open floor : an assistant on the opposite side lifted | with each stroke, the Frenchman could hardly at the same moment a wet towl, and struck keep himself from fainting. At length the earth.

But Downie responded not to the uproari-Another traveler in Russia, hearing one ous merriment-they hughed again-but moral g the cries of intensest suffering from could not restrain his tears. The lady of the Fright had killed him as effectually as if house, finding him in this state, and not uncould so move him, informed him that it was It was a tragedy to all. The medical stn. entirely from kindness and attention to a wild strawberries for his breakfast.

The last instance we can find space to give tion, is the foreible carrying ofl of the young children. The Emperor sets the example One of their number told the landlord that and carries off the children of the Poles and and that they did not wish the individual Jews by hundreds, in pursuit of a remorseless that was left in the room to be disturbed for policy directed against the two races. "The some hours. This was to give them all time nobles carry off children not only for pleasure," says Mr. Mitchelet, "but only as a

Next morning the body was found. Judi, means of speculation." We will cite as an example one who trainhe exhibited in the theatres of Moscow, and him. Downie obeyed the summons, and tation. Downie had been sent for by them ; tion and debasement that pervades society

finger on her mouth, and ordering her The Savoyard made a last effort, and de- ceivable delight.

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my friend-nothing but he made a sign to certain street, lest a tailor to whom he was the three lads, who, open-mouthed and indebted should arrest him on the way .-anxious, stood grouped around the bed .- Another said to the executioner, just as he All four withdrew to a distant corner, the was going to strike, "Do not touch my erious-of fever. He is now in the height asked for some drink, but seeing that the of his first lecture : have sulphate of quinine." "What is that, doctor ?"

"Yes doctor." "And you will see that he takes it ?" "Certainly." When the physician was gone, Guil-

aume, Pierre and Jehan looked at each tered a warm bath, and opened his veins, the gratings of her window. Her ofed immediately.

'Listen,' said Pierre, 'I know a method three or four five-franc pieces.

cleft of a frightful precipice. There is a pointed hour, and then expired by arrange- ously occupied? entleman at Sallanches, who would gladly purchase the eagles; and nothing made me

them; but that's nothing when our father's sed through life without meddling with life is concerned. We may have them politics, and unvisited by sickness. Feeling armed with a heavy stick, and compelled now in two hours." 41 will rob the nest, said Guillaume,

'No, no, let me,' said Jehan, "I am the oungest and lightest. 'I have the best right to venture,' said

Pierre, 'as it was I who discovered it.' "Come,' said Pierre, 'let us decide by

drawing lots. Write three numbers, Guilgustus, that, throughout his last illness, he nume, put them into my hat, and whoever retained his self-command and habitually draws number one will try the venture." tranquil temperament. Perceiving his end Guillaume blacked the end of a wooden approach, he called for a mirror, carefully plinter in the fire ; tore an old card into adjusted his bair, and turning with a smile hree pieces ; wrote on them one, two, to his attendants, said, "Am I not an acthree, and threw them into the hat. How the three hearts beat ! Old Bergoing to execution, a thoughtless Athenian nard lay shivering in the cold fit, and each committed the outrage of splitting in his of his sons longed to tisk his own life, to face. de smiled, and said to the magissave that of his father.

trater who accompanied him, "Tell that The lot fell on Pierre, who had discoverfuol ed the nest; he embraced the sick man: "We shall not be long absent, father,' he said, 'and it is needful for us to go together.'

"What are you going to do ?" We will tell you as soon as we c

back. Guillaume took down from the physician, cast his own nativity, and ascerold sabre, which had belonged to tained, by the conformation of his horowhen he had served as a soldie. scope, that his death would take place on sought a thick cord which the mona certain day. He was such a devout beeers use when cutting down trees; and Pi- liever in astrology, that he determined to erre went towards an old wooden cross, die at the appointed time, rather that his reared near the cottage, and knelt before it favorite science should be detected in an for some minutes in fervent prayer. error. He therefore starved himself grad-They set out together, and soon reached ually, and calculated with such mathematthe brink of the precipice. The danger ical nicety, as to hit the very day and hour consisted not only in the possibility of fal- foretold. ling several hundred feet, but still more in Cardan as their high priest and central pil-

the probable aggression of the birds of lar. The learned Bayle was so occupied prey, inhabiting the wild abyss. Pierre, who was to brave these perils, Clercq, that he totally forgot and neglected

two. Having measured with his eyes the measured advances. He died while cor- offere is a dollar to pay the expense of getdistance he would have to descend, his bro- recting the last sheets. Racan, in his life ting the quarter to the heathen."

AUSTRIAN CRUELTIES.

of the fit, and as soon as it abates, he must hangman helped himself before he handed Mr. Brace related several instances of the cup to him, flung the contents in his crucity on the part of Austria towards Hun- was ashered from one room into another, till but beyond this nothing was known. No under the most perfect form of absolute gov face, and said, "I will not sully my lips by garian men and women, which almost "Quinine, my friend is very expensive drinking after such a miscreant as thou made the blood of his listeners curdle in medicine, but which you may procure at art." Petronius, who was master of the their veins, and his appeals in behalf of

Sallanches. Between the two fits your fa- ceremonies, and inventor of pleasures at the that soffering but gallant and warm-hearted I will write the prescription. You can indulgence was giving place to coarse de-read, Guillaume?" indulgence was giving place to coarse de-hauchery, perceived at once, that his term "Among the instances of Austrian cru-

of favor had arrived, and it was time to elty related by Mr. Brace, were these : A arranged themselves in the form of court. die. He resolved, therefore to anticipate young Hungarian lady was imprisoned at and Downie, pale with terror, was given to the tyrant, and disrobe death of his para- Gros Wardein while he was confined there. understand he was about to be put on his nie's vidow and family were provided forphernalia of terror. Accordingly, he en- He had often seen her looking out from trial,

other in silent perplexity. Their whole composed verses, jested with his familiar fence was, loving Hungary more than Ausstock of money consisted of a franc and a associates, and died off by insensible de- tria. She was a high born and accomplishterns, Awning Posts, Wagon Hubs, Columns, half, and yet the medicine must be procur- grees. Democritus, the laughing philoso- ed lady, who had always lived in affluence. pher, disliking the inconveniences and in- Since the lecturer had reached this country,

firmities of old age, made up his mind to he had learned, from a correspondent at of getting from the mountain before night die on a certain day, but to oblige his sis- Vienna, that the woman had been tried at- ings were conducted with such persistent ter, he postponed his departure until the ter the Austrian fashion of trial, and been gravity, that, in spite of himself, he began From the mountain ? three feasts of Ceres were over. He sup-thave discovered an eagle's nest in a ported nature on a pot of honey to the ap-in the horrid place which she had previ-ful tribunal. The clerk read an indictment

charging him with conspiring agains the lib-"Another case was that of a married wo- erties of the students ; witnesses were exman, who for a similar off-nce, was com- amined in due form, the public prosecutor hesitate but the terrible risk of taking of Cicero, had fortunately for himself pas- peiled to run the gaunlet through a file of addressing the jury, and the judge summed one hundred soldiers. Each soldier was up. "Gentlemen," said Downie, "the joke has

ill for the first time in extreme old age, he to strike heavy blows as she passed, she be- been carried far enough-it is getting late. assembled his family and informed them ing stripped to the waist; and allowed to that he had made up his mind to take leave step only as the drum tapped. The effect of the degredation and punishment was such as to make a maniac of her. The husband finding his feelings insupportable after such and I assure you I will take more care in ry instalments. Suetonius relates of Au- a family sacrifice to the vengeance of the future." tyrants, blew out his brains with a pistol;

and their only son was drafted as a common oldier in the Austrian army. "Another case was that of a soldier, who

had been ordered to receive twenty-five lashes for shouting a hurrah for Kossuth .--complished actor ?" When Phocion was It is a custom of these tyrants, in their whippings, to make their victims thank the person who lays on the blows! Oh, the opths of meanness to which tyrants will decend to gratify their fiendish malice. The A young man not to open his mouth soldier refused to thank his whipperso disagreeably." The first Darius, whereupou he was ordered to receive tweng of Pesia, when dying desired to have ty-five more lashes-still he refused, and & intellectual epitaph engraved on his imb: "Here lies King Darius, who was fble to drink many bottles of wine without Jerome Cardan, a celebrated Italian longs to Kossuth."

"Kossuth, said Mr. Brace, is the idol of the nation, and all classes are devoted to him with a constancy, and a respect and love that amounts almost to frenzy. They believe that he is destined to lead them to victory and independence-and if, said the speaker, he were to appear in Hungary, backed only by a hundred men, he could

instantly set the entire nation in a whirl of revolution." A FACT .- An eccentric man in Bath, Me.,

was asked to contribute to foreign missions "He gave a quarter of a dollar, but stopped was a fine athletic young man of twenty- a slow fever, which was killing him by the agent as he was departing, and said :

being no doubt greatly enhanced by the an. cial inquiry was instituted, but no satisfactoannoyances to which he had been subjected ry result could be arrived at. The corpse of ed up whole troops of dancers, some of whom Mr. C. L. Brace, who has recently re- during the recent bickerings-when, as he poor Downie exhibited no marks of violence turned from Europe, is delivering a series was one evening seated with his family in internal or external. The ill-will between sold others, at high prices, to those nobles doctor shook his head, thrust out his lower neck, for I am so ticklish that you will of lectures at New Haven, upon Hungary. his official residence at the gate, a messen- him and the students was known ; it was who amused themselves with operatic perforlip and said : Tis a serious attack-very make me burst with laughter. A fourth The Palladiam gives the following portions ger informed him that a gentleman at a also known that the students had hired apart. mances in their own mansion. We need not neighboring hotel wished to speak with ments in the hotel for a theatrical represen- do more to demonstrate the universal corrup-

at length he found himself in a large apart. noise had been heard, and no proof of murder erment. ment hung with black, and lighted by a could be addreed. Of two hundred students solitary candle. After waiting for some of the college, who could point out the guilty ther must take at least three france' worth. Court of Nero, when he saw that elegant people, were solemn, touching, and in all in this strange place, about fifty figures or sospected fifty ? Moreover the students also dressed in black, and with black masks scattered over the city, and the magistrates themselves had many of their own families amongst the number, and it was not desirable to go into the affair too minutely. Dowand his slaughter remained a mystery until

about fifteen, years after it occurrence, a gen-A judge took his seat on the banch ; a man on his deathbod disclosed the whole clerk and public prosecutor sat below ; a jury articulars, and avowed himself to have bewas empanelled ; and witnesses and spectainged to the obnoxious class of students tors stood around. Downte at first set down who murdered Downie .- Mobile Tribuie. the whole affair as a joke ; but the proceed-

### CHLORIDE OF SODA.

The chloride of soda is one of the best disafectants, if not the very best, in the world. It is however, especially adapted for disinecting soiled clothes, or those which have been employed infromes of sick persons, be- ministration.

cause it can be employed in the water for high price. It is generally labelled with the soning by chloroform. name of a French manufacturer, and sold as a French product ; we have seen a dollar char-"Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge, ged for a quart bottle of it, and fifty conts is cheap chloroform of commerce, and I suspect-

appeal, "consider your verdict ; and if you readers how to make it for six cents the quart The Jary retired. During their absence of good chlorate of lime, which can be bought to put the public on their guard, and those the most profound silence was observed ; and at any of the druggists, (when it is damp it is gentlemen argently advised that physicians except innewing the solitary candle that a sign that it is not good, it should be perfectburnt beside the judge, there was not the ly dry;) put this lime in a close vessel containing a gallon of cold rain water, and stirin prescribed by me.

should then be covered and left to settle all

the sediment may be thrown away. Then cap, and addressed the prisoner :

-but he added at the same time, "my back the just liberty and immunities of the sutonly provoked and insulted those inoffensive should be covered up with a cloth to prevent lieges for some months, and your punish- the escape of the gas. In six hours the clear ment will assuredly be condign. You must may be poured off, and houled up tight for prepare for death. In fifteen minutes the use ; this is the chloride of soda, and it will of strong chlorie either, must be made with sentence of the court will be carried into be found to be as good as that for which people have to pay half a dollar a quart. The

soda precipitates the lime in the water, which A block, an axe, and a bag of sawdust, were falls as a very fine sediment; the clear liquor that tobacco seed from the Island of Cuba brought into the centre of the room. A fig- must be very carefully poured off, as the sedi- has been planted in those Islands, and the are more terrible than any that had yet ap- ment is easily disturbed. Half a teacupfull account states that the crop is not only abonpeared came forward, and prepared to act can be put into a wash basin along with the dant, but that the cigars manufactored from

It was now past midnight ; there was no makes the water fine and soft, and washes vor, equal in every respect to the best regasound audible save the ominous ticking of beautifully with any kind of soap. the judge's watch. Downie became more

"For any sake, gentlemen," said the ter- his goodness, not his wealth.

DR. JACKSON.

Of Boston, who is a well known chemist of that city, has published an article in which he contends that most of the deaths that have occurred from the use of chloroform should be attributed to the use or presence of some poisonous compound of amyle, the hypothetical radical of fusel oil, or the oil of whiskey. Having made various experiments upon the subject, his conclusions are as follows:

1st. When chloroform, and the alcoholie solution of it called chloric ether, was made from pure alcohol diluted with water, no fatal accidents occurred from its judicious administration.

2.1 When chloroform was made, as it now too frequently is, from common corn, rye and potato whiskey, deaths began to occur, even when the utmost care was taken in its ad-

3d. In the Chelsen case, where this kind washing them. It can also be employed for of chloroform was probably contained in the washing the human body, and for this parpose alcholic solution, incorrectly called chloric it is extensively used as a toilet liquid. The other, death took place in a very sudden way to make it is known to but very few, and manner, and the post mortem appearance on it is therefore sold by our dauggists at a very the subject indicated the usual effects of poi-

From these data, it might justly be inferred that some poisonous matter exists in the ed that it arose from the fusil oil which exists in whiskey. This opinion, at my sugat the very atmost hait,-Take one pound gestion, as published by two of my friends, and surgeons should return to the use of pure sulphurie ether (oxide of ethyle,) as originally

He says further:

1st. That all chloroform intended for inhaletion us an anathetic agent should be prepared The judge solemnly assumed a large black night, and the clear poured off next morning from or an advance agent should be prepared with water when used for distillation from hyper

2d. That no druggist should sell for aniesgested.

3d. That the mixture of chloroform and alcohol, commercially known under the name

Ir is stated in the Sandwich Islands papers water, for a person to wash himself with ; it the tobacco are of the finest quality and flalias of Hayana.

WHEN men and lamps smoke, they are a

WE should estimate man's character by disance.

offect.

and my wife and children will be getting anxious about me. If I have been too strict with you in time past, I am sorry for it,

without paying the slighest attention to this a very common price. We will inform our wish to retire, do so."

slightest movement.

of GUILTY.

"Richard Downie ! The jury have unani- take and dissolve a pound of the common crys- chlorite at lime. length the thanks were extorted from him mously found you guilty of conspiring against tals of soda, in warm water, and pourthis so-

-but he added at the same time, "my back the just liberty and infinituative of have wan-belongs to the Emperor, but my heart be-dents of Marisehal College. You have wan-well : it then becomes gene milky, when it known to have been prepared as above sag-

The Judge placed his watch on the bench.

the part of doomster.

and more alarmed.

The jury returned and recorded a verdict well, taking care to break all the lumps; it