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Paetry.

The Cane-Bottomed Chair. BY W. M. THACKERAY.

In tatter'd old shippers that toast at the bars, And a ragged old jacket perfumed with eights, Away from the world and its toils and its cares, I've a snug lutle kingdom up four pair of stairs

To mount to this cealm is a toil to be sure, But the fire tkere is bright, and the air rather pure; And the view I behold on a sunshiny day Is grand through the chimney-pots over the way This snug little chamber is cramm'd in all nooks With worthless old meknacks and silly old books, And foolish old odds and foolish eld ends--

Crack'd bargains from brokers, cheap keepsakes fro friends. Old armor, prints. pictures, pipes, china (all crack'd.) Old nekety tables, and chairs broken-back'd;

A twopenny treasury, wondrous to see; What matter? 'tis pleasant to you, friend, and me. No better divan need the Sultan require

Than the creaking old sofa that basks by the fire; And 'tis wonderful, surely, what music you get From the rickety, ramshackle, wheezy spinet.

That praying rug came from a Turcomon's camp; By Tiber once twinkled that brazen old famp; A Mameluke fierce yonder dagger has drawn; "fis a murderous knife to toast mullins upon.

dollars in the world towards it. Long. long, through the hours, and the night, and the chimes, tisre we talk of old books, and old friends, and old une

As we sit in a fog made of rich Ratakie, This chamber is pleasant to you, friend, and me But of all the cheap treasures that garnish my nest,

There's one that I love and I cherish the best For the fuest of conches that's padded with hai I never would change thee, my cane-bottomed chair.

"Tis a bandy-leggid, high-shouldared, worm-enter seat, With a creaking old lack and twisted old feet; But since the fair morning when Funny sat there, I bless thee and love thee, old cane-bottomed chair

If chairs have but feeling, in holding such charms, A thrill must have pass'd through your wither'd old urn look'd, and I long'd, and I wish'd in despart; I wish'd myself turned to a caue-bottom'd chair. It was but a moment she sate in this place;

It was but a moment she site in interplace, She'd a searf on her neek, and a suile on her face! A smile on her face, a rose in her har, And she sate there, and bloom'd in my cane-b chair.

And so I have valued my chair ever since, Like the shrine of a gaint, or the throne of a prince; Saint Fauny, my patroness sweet 1 declare, The guesn of my heart and the cane-bottom'd chair.

When candles burn low, and the company's gone, An the effence of night, us I sit here alone-

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING Brooklyn. I was invited to the house- between them. It happened, also, that the im as a guest than they were to welcome about," said I, "John Wolfe's wife was not convict question to be an exceedingly im- as would have shared a parliamentary blue does not often checker the dull business of living on the frugal savings of a frugal life, absent when he arrived, but a message was ried her; but it so happened that very soon reverent individual actually burst out laugh- conversation, or rather monologue, of the life than we passed. There were not over was able to confer a very considerable favor sent off to her by the old lady, and it was after her marriage, an aunt of hers in Bos- ing. "What would you think of a doctor, most exciting kind. Lord Byron states a dozen of us, male and female; but we were on John's Wolfe's house, by saving them not long be ore she made her appearance. all old cronics, and intimate enough to be from a severe loss by a dishonest customer You may guess the surprise of our friend as free and pleasant together as we would who had suddenly taken it into his head, John, when the young widow arrived, for after a lifetime of honesty, to turn rogue, there stood, welcoming him, with her danc-

The party broke up at twelve, and Mrs. sell his goods to a cash customer who pre- ing eyes and beaming smile, no other than Dick and myself trotted home, as satisfied sented himself just at the right time, and his fairy friend of the White Mountain, with our evening's enjoyment as need be. | slip off to California with the proceeds. | Jane Pinkerton, as he called her, because Just one week after that my wife told me, A friend of the old lawyer was employed she was with her friends the Pinkertons: with tears in her eyes, that John Wolfe's to draw up the bill of sale, who mentioned and she, the laughing puss, although she book-keeper had been quite unwell for two to him casually, that so and so was selling knew by his name well enough who he was days past, and not an hour before, had sud- out and going to the land of promise ; and had never revealed herself to him as his denly expired, while sitting by the fireside, knowing that this individual was largely loving correspondent, Jane Willoughby .-with scarcely a spasm or a pang. A disease indebted to Wolfe's house, he quietly slip- The women naturally love a little mystery, of the heart had carried him off thus unex- ped him-elf off to New York, by the first and so she had kept her own secret, in order pectedly, and his wife was in terrible afflic- stage, without mentioning to any one but to have the pleasure of surprising him when his wife and daughter, where he was going. he should visit her father's house according

I did not lose a moment in running Arrived in New York, he introduced him- to promise.

around to his house and offering what little self, personally, to John Wolfe, and then John Wolfe was a happy man that evensympathy and assistance it was in my proceeded to inform him of the important ing, as he sat at tea, where the handsome power to bestow; and of course, took upon business which brought him to the city. silver service was duly displayed in his myself to do whatever was necessary upon As the rascal creditor was expected to take honor; and the young widow was as happy so sad an occasion. The young widow was the next California steamer, no time was as he was, I guess, and the father and terribly cut down, and at such a distance lost in getting matters fixed, and just as mother were running over with gratified from her own friends and relatives, seemed the gentleman was depositing himself, car- pride, as they did the honors of their hummore than usually forlorn. We did all we pet-bag and plunder, on board the steamer ble home to the young New York merchant, could to relieve her afflictions, and, after for Aspinwall, he found himself rather un- who had shown himself such a true gentlethe funeral had taken place, succeeded in expectedly obliged to relinguish his journey man, in all their intercourse with him. alming her grief to some small extent.

and pay a visit to John Wolfe's store, where A delightful evening was passed by all I then took the liberty of inquiring a little after paying over his full indebtedness, he parties; and when John Wolfe was ushered into her affairs, and discovered that my was released, only to be carefully attended by the old lady to the state belroom, and poor friend had involved himself consider- to by the rest of his rather anxious creditors. had laid himself between the whitest pair The whole affair proved a most successful of sheets that were ever bleached on Veryoung wife's comfort, having purchased one, and highly creditable to all parties mont snow, he was so full of pleasant fanevery particle of their household goods upon concerned, but especially to the young cies and joyous hopes that he could not go to sleep for hours. However, toward morn-"You see, Mr. Cynic," said I, addressing ing he dozed off; and, as will happen at

various creditors, persuaded the most of my friend, "how one courtesy begets such times, his day dreams turned themselves into night-dreams, and he found him-For all this important service, the old self again traveling up the rugged paths

them a small per centage for their trouble in packing and fixing. This, however, re- lawyer would only accept his expenses from of the White Mountains, with laughing quired the outlay of a couple of hundred home and back-said the jaunt had been Jane Pinkerton at his side, joking and joydollars; the funeral expenses were one hun- worth something to him in the excitement ing together, lifting her sometimes over dred and fifty more, and she had not twenty and life it had given to his stagnant blood. some rough obstacles in a path, and then and would not take a cent in cash on any again fairly carrying her across some big The next morning, therefore, saw me at account. John Wolfe managed, however, drift of snow which the summer sun had John Wolfe's store; he had just returned to be upsides with him for all that. The not been able to penetrate near enough to rom a business tour South, and was quite old gentleman hadhardly been home a week wake up; and so on, and on, until wearied hocked to hear of his book-keeper's death. when a package arrived by express from out they stood to gaze upon the magnificent briefly related to him the situation in New York, duly addressed to his wife, prospect below and around them. Suddenly which the young wife had been left, and the which upon being opened, disclosed a very John thought he was on his knees before arrangements I had made with creditors, handsome silver tea-service, with an ac- her, pouring out a torrent of passionate company letter, begging her acceptance of words, declaring that life and hope, and "Call as you go home this evening," said the same, as a mark of respect and distin- happiness dwelt only where, &c., &c., when, he, "and I will attend to it. I am very busy guished consideration for important and before he could get an answer or know disinterested services rendered to sundry whether the dear girl smiled, or frowned, When I called in the evening, he handed firms whose names were all attached, headed behold he woke up. He was dreadfully me a letter for the widow, and, begging me of course, by the respected and respectable mortified at first, but presently recollecting house of Wolfe, Waterford & Co. where he was, and seeing it was broad dayto let him know if he could be of any ser-Things went so for about two years, per- light, he jumps out of bed, makes his vice in the future, he started for home, and haps a letter passing between the parties morning ablutions, and dresses himself in I left the letter with the widow as I went once a month, and John Wolfe and the great haste, determined to wait no longer home, and after supper, Mrs. Dick and my. young widow almost began courting by an answer than it would take to find the obself walked over to see her, a little curious, letter, without either one having yet seen ject of his dream. Down stairs he goes and into the parlor, she is not there-looks I must say, to know the contents of John the other.

into the garden but does not see her, when, At last, one warm July, business being somewhat slack, John Wolfe took a trip to suddenly bethinking such a notable little favorable opinion of John Wolfe; he had the White Mountains for a week or two. Con the lither might be a good housewife, he starts always seemed to me overbcaring and proud, and, while there, became acquainted, as for the kitchen-where, forsooth, he finds "My hat her singing like a bird, elbow deep in the

ton died suddenly, and as Jane had always now, who had preceribed for a patient into that one of the pleasantest persons he ever tire fortune. I have heard say it was an really no ambition to inquire?" hundred thousand dollars, but I don't know, and I don't care; but I do know, and John Wolfe knows, too, that she herself, is an ample fortune for any man-and that. Cynic, is the way John Wolfe got his wife."

From Household Words A Traveling Acquaintance.

On Tuesday, the twentieth of July last. had occasion to set out northward, as next station." usual, from Eaton Square. I was a little late and hurried, and there was not a very varied collection of passengers to choose who had already commenced eating and cation." smelling of ham sandwiches, and once with

looking before me. It was probable that my luck would be better: it could hardly, at all events, be very much worse.

Beside myself, the carriage had but one other occupant; a young man of an altogether gentlemanly appearance, except, perhaps that his clothes looked suspiciously was not reading the Times so intently bat the new arrival, as I rammed my carpet-bag pretty sharp look out, under my right arm, on him. When I rose, he was again buried who always keeps his hands before him, and in-yes!-in the advertisement sheet. The gentleman, then, had probably some good reason for concealing his talent or observation. Nobody who is not in want of a inclined for contradiction. situation gets wrapped up in an advertisement sheet: and my companion, 1 felt, was in want of no such thing. His profession, whatever that might be, had been settled long ago, and the fishing-rod and guide-book which reposed over his head, disclosed a young gentleman with money to spare, who was about to take a summer holiday among the trout streams of the north. One circumstance which occurred just before we strted. persuaded me that he must be a lawyer, and indeed, as afterwards turned out, hiture of that calling) so much did it smack of less something very enticing should come

been a favorite of her's, she left her hear en- the particular feature of whose case he had met in his life was a pickpocket, and I hastene I to enderse his lordship's opinion with "I am not a doctor!" I roared, out of all my own. I felt all that satisfaction in patience; "and I wish all the thieves in distening to my nefarious acquaintance England were to be hung to-morrow." which belongs to an intercourse with ono "The country would be very sadly depop- during a temporary truce : the delight which ulated," replied the other impassively: "you a schoolboy feels in playing at cricket with and I would certainly never meet again." his pedagogue; or the pleasure which is ex-

reads the City Article in the Tracs."

"This is downright insult," I exclaimed, perienced when a bish phappens tojoin, for with indignation: "I shall take care to once, in the chorus of one's own comic change carriages and company at the very song. So affable, so almost friendly, an air pervaded his remarks that the most perfect "Nay, sir, I meant no offence," responded sense of security was engendered within

my companion, gravely; "I referred only to me. I could searcely imagine that my my-elf as being doomed to be cut off in the agreeable companion could have ever been from. As I walked hastily by the side of flower of my days, if your wishes should be in reality concerned in a fraudulent transthe already occupied carriages, the unthink- carried into effect. I have been a pickpocket action, and far less in any deci of violence. ing guard would, in his impatience, have from my very cradle; and," alded he after We had just left Preston, and he was contwice consigned me to a durance vile-once a pause, "I am thankful to say that I have cluding a highly interesting account of how in company with a whole juvenile family, not been altogether unsuccessful in my vo- bel money was circulated in the provinces, , when a sudden thought struck me, to which I was startled for an instant by the man's net ortholess I searcely liked to give atter-

no less than five Caledonians, only waiting seriousness, and instinctively-although he lance. I felt exceedingly desirous to know for an Englishman that they might begin to was at the other end of the compartment- exactly how garroting was effected, yet how dilate upon the perfections of their native looked for his wicked nands. They were was I to put such a question to so inoffenland. I cast myself into the last through Iving in his lap before him, neatly gloved. sive and gentleman-like scoundrel ! At last carriage in despair, and without so much as one of them still holding the paper. I mustered resolution enough. Did he hap-"Ab," he said, smilling, and at once com- pen to have heard from any acquaintance prehending my glance, "these are nothing, "who, through misfortune or otherwise, had They are merely my whited walls, my out- failed in the intellectual branches of his side respectabilities, my ostentatious charis profession, how the garatte was effected. ties, my prayers before my business pro- I tremble for his answer, and half repented ceedings. We have our little hypocrisies, of having said anything so rule as soon as like the commercial world. See, here," he the question had left my lips. He, hownew, and his hat somewhat too glos-y. He rose up to his full height, and the two lemon- ever. did not blush slightly and becomingly, colored, aristocratic hands fell on the floor smilled with the confidence of a master in that he could spare a scrutinizing glance at with a thud. "Here are my natural digits," some art, who is ignorantly interrogated he continued, producing another set of digits as to his knowledge of its first principles, under the seat with my hands, and kept a ungloved and not particularly clean: "no-pulled up his false collar with his real hands,

Lody can suspect a man of picking pockets and thus delivered him-eff. "Why, singularly enough, sir, the ga rotte is my particular line."

"You were reading the advertisement My satisfaction at this arowal was, as sheet," I said, intensely intered, but still may be imagined complete. It was like the question about Hugoumont mooted among "Yes, sir," he retorted, "because I saw he omnibus passengers, being referred to

that pretence of that kind to a person of the strange gentleman in the corner with your intelligence would be futile. I always the Roman nose, who turned out to be the change my factics with my company." Duke of Wellington. I began to feel very tenderly for this poor How eloquent did my fraudulent friend

fellow, whom doubtless circumstances had become about his favorite topic ! What driven to his present dreadful calling, but hairbreadth escapes from the police and whose mental endowments had evidently other intrusive persons interrupting him in fitted him for far better things. the pursuit of his vocation, he had at vari-"But why," I urged, "not have ous times experienced! Left alone with my pocket, my good young man?" his man he had rarely indeed been unsue-

"Because, sir," he answered, "I am now cessful. Once, however, with a gymnastic pursuits did somewhat partake of the na- bent on pleasure, and not on business, un- gentleman-a harlequin, in plain clothes, returning home from the theatre-who had ready reasoning and practiced acuteness. in my way; open and unreserved conversa- thrown a summersault clean over his head ; Leaning out the window as the train began tion, two, such as I felt I could include in and once with a stout party from a city dinto move, the wind carried away his glos-y with you, is to one in my situation" (the ner, who had no neck-positively none-to hat, whereupon, instead of sitting down for- poor fellow sighed) "too rare a happine-s to afford the operator a chance, and who bit lornly, and muttering good gracious! or be easily forgone: besides," he added, re- my friend's arm in such a manner that it confound it! the young man seized upon his suming his natural tone, "you don't car- was useless for a week.

hat-box and launched that after the missing ry your bank notes inyour pocket at all." ... And you did these feats of yourself and I felt myself glowing all over as red as without any assistance?" I inquired, with "My hat-box," he explained, in answer to my stare of amazement, "has got my Edin-to articulate as calmly as I could, "Eank" "Quite alone, sir,"

She comes from the past and revisits my room: She looks as she then did, all beauty and bloom So smilling and tender, so fresh and so fur; And yonder she sits in my cane-bottom'd chair.

Selections.

John Wolfe's Rich Wife.

I was passing Wolfe's store the other day with a brother book-keeper, when we noticed a very neat carriage stop at the store, and one of the prettiest women in New York get out of it.

"There," said my companion "is John in an overruling Providence, and the sweet Wolfe's rich wife. What luck some fellows have in this world ! Born rich themselves, they continually gather riches, while we emanated from a man so wholly engrossed poor fellows never can seem to get rid of in himself, as he seemed to be. The letter, the blamed wooden spoon that Dame Fortune stuck into our unfortunate mouths when we came into the blessed world. But, the expenses incidental to so sudden and rich or poor, hang me if I would hunt up a rich wife any how. It is rather mean business to be marrying a woman for her monev."

"Well, my good fellow," said I, "you happen to be wide of the mark this time. I know how John Wolfe got his rich wife, and can assure you that he did not marry her for her money ; and moreover, did not dream of ever getting one cent with her."

rich fellows pretend that they don't care as that. Facts speak louder than words, and we all know that John Wolfe has a rich wife.

and good as pretty, and loving as good."

"O, ho !" he exclaimed, "I guess you wife yourself."

"Not a bit of it," said I; but you shall in return. sition."

supper."

About five years ago, John Wolfe's book- time to have gone personally to comfort her keeper married a nice, pretty little girl, in her sore affliction.

and looked, I thought, as many young men traveling bachelors often will, with a party making a living for themselves, and are gentlemen. very apt to think that they are made out of rather superior stuff to the rest of us, and must be looked up to and smiled upon by all the third lady was called cousin Jane, and the rest of the world.

I confess I had never entertained a very

ably in debt to furnish his house for his

for her; and, by going around among the

and awaited his answer.

now."

I did likewise.

Wolfe's letter.

eredit. This matter I undertook to arrange widow's father.

them to take their goods back by my paying another ?"

But I tell you I got a new insight into the human heart when I read that letter. It was little creatures you ever saw. Dark sparkwithout exception, the kindest, most feeling, ling eyes seemed to dance and laugh all the most consoling letter I ever read-so full of deep sympathy for her sudden loss, so overflowing with expressions of esteem and regard for her husband, and winding up with witching woman. John was quite smitten ; sentiments so divine and heavenly a trust

rode with her up the steep mountain paths : consolation of religion; that I declare I could scarcely think the letter could have moreover, contained his individual check brawny arms, and carry her like a child, for one thousand dollars, to meet, he said, For three days and nights. John Wolfe unexpected a bereavement. he woke up and found his happiness gone :

"Well, John Wolfe," said I, "after this I will never again judge a man from appearances."

"I should like to know," said my cynical friend, interrupting me, " what this has got to do with John Wolfe's rich wife ?" "Certainly," said I, " we shall probably come to all that in the course of time. Here "Ay," said ho encaringly, "all those take another cigar, and don't be impatient."

The young widow returned to her friends in Vermont, and what followed, although anything about it; but don't think I am in Vermont, and what followed, although fuito so green as to believe any such stuff until a correspondent time age I shall proceed until a very short time ago, I shall proceed to tell you in the order they occurred. Within a week or so after arriving at her

"Yes," I replied, "and pretty as rich, her father, returning him the thousand dol-

lars so kindly advanced to his daughter. must have fallen in love with her; rather with a profusion of thanks for his kindness a pity you were married so long ngo; you to his bereaved child, and expressing a might have cut out John; and got a rich strong desire to be able to repay it by any service it might he in his power to perfrom two years.

hear the whole story if you will come to my But there was another enclosure, which house to-night; and while we have our John, it seems, thought a great deal more smoke on the piazze, I'll see if I cannot about than the old man's and the thousand wipe some of the cynic out of your compo- dollars, and this was a letter from the young my third eigar, and you have hardly com- eare out of doors. widow herself, so brimfull of gratitude that menced the story."

"Agreed," saidhe, "I'll be with you after he began to be almost ashamed to think that he had done so little for so rich a return, and was rather sorry that he had not found have nearly got to the end of it.

do, who have never known anything of of five young folks-three ladies and two bread trough, kneading away for dear life. John's heavy tread betrayed the intrudershe looked up. The two eldest couples were men and

"Do you want to know how to make wives, not very long past the honeymoon; johnny-cake, Mr. Wolfe?" she exclaimed, merrily. like other cousins we can all remember,

"No" said he rather seriously, for, like a was about one of the liveliest, most piquant man of deep and carnest feeling as he was, he felt that he approached a crisis in his life; "no, I do not-my johnny-cake is time above the most blooming cheeks, and mixed already-I only want to know darlingest little nose, and sweetest mouth, whether I can get it." and roundest chin that ever belonged to be-

The widow did not know what to make of it. "Well," said she," "I do not know he danced with her at the evening ball ; he any reason why you should not."

"That," replied John, "is what I want to he went fishing for brook trout, and nothing find out; and as you know, my dear friend, delighted him more than, when they came that two heads are better than one, I have to a deeper pool or more rugged path than come to consult you about it." common, to lift the little thing in his great

So, to make the matter plain to her; he related his dream to its termination. "And now, Jane," said he, "I am here

was in a paradise; on the fourth morning for an answer. Will you be my Johnnycake?-Yes or no."

a letter had been left on the dressing-table. Jane had held her head down while he stating that the Pinkertons-the name of spoke, blushing celestial rosy red---as is his new friends-had been obliged to depart quite proper, I believe, on such occasions. by the stage, at an early hour in the morn- But Jane's was an earnest nature, likewise, ing, having received news of sudden illness and all trifling and fun had vanished, when, in their family; should be most happy to hoking up to him, her bright eyes briming renew acquaintance with him at a future full of joyous tears, she gave him just one day, &c., &c. of the sweetest kisses he ever had in his

Our friend had a great mind to start off life.

t once for New York, perfectly disgusted and ever, John, if you will have me." with the whole world; but as one of his purposes in coming East was to pay a long Just at this instant the old lady mother promised and often desired visit to the stepped into the kitchen, and brought them tance, suddenly, "there is no occasion for you simply tapped it, as a man taps his fob ... It alk to me of refreshments," I young widow's family in Vermont, he felt both to their senses by exclaiming-

rather ashamed to back out of his deter-"Why, Jane!"

mination, although all of a sudden the long "O, mother, mother," said Jane, "I am cherished wish to make her personal ac- so happy!" and she left John to embrace juaintance had vanished, for a certain Jane her mother. "He asked me to be his wife, Pinkerton, as he called her, had played the mother; give me joy-I am to be John very dickens with the platonic affection he Wolfe's wife'" had been secretly nourishing for the last

old lawyer's house, that week, and when

"I declare, Dick," said my friend Cynic, John Wolfe carried off his little wife to learn thieves' logic." your story is getting to be rather a long New York, there was the merriest wedding winded affair, for I have got to the end of party in that village that ever drove dull of this country you do afford," mused the doubtless that may be out of your respected party in that village that ever drove dull of this country you do afford," mused the doubtless that may be out of your respected party in that village that ever drove dull of this country you do afford," mused the

"Well," said I, "if you will only have paused, "now, with all your yarn, you have to learn, and yet, I dare say, that you, your ---- "Pat me up to it," I cried, with eathu- his way, which he could not resist. It was patience a little longer, you will find that I not said one word about being rich, I should self are concerned, either directly or incli- slasm, and parting with my last tay of like placing the B'e mer suit of armor in

burg address in it, but my hat has not .- notes! ah, that's a good joke. I very seldom all eases, the garottees were several inches The one is of little use without the other, have anything of that kind to carry, 1'm chorter than myself: with a man of your and it is probable, since we have barely left sorry to say."

the station, that they will both be found and forwarded to me by the next train." the other, slily.

Here was an original! Here was a grand "Well, sir, when I have, what then?" I exception to five-fifths of the human race retorted, with assumed carelessness. who travel in first-class carriages! I hugged myself with the notion of having secured so marked he, very slowly and impressively: (done ? promising a companion, and that, too, after

such a couple of previous e-capes. them safe!" "But how do yousknow?" I urged, because I had nothing better to say, and was deterthat?" I cried, in astoni innent.

mined, at all risks, not to suffer the conversation to drop; "how do you know that value of thieves' logic?" he answered, desomebody won't steal them?" risively. "I am sure you have no ambition "I don't know," replied the other, with a to be informed."

contemptuous dryness, "but I do not think and, of course, without the risk." a good deal piqued, also, at the tone of an- made you discover it?"

tartly:

language either." carclessly. And he resumed his paper.

"For ever and ever!" she cried; "for ever through the dark dominions of King Coal, pearance, for you never touched the box of "Guard! guard! before either of us again broke silence.

out of temper as to see a man proud of his of the safety of his wach?" ignorance. Now you are a keen, long- "What a fool I am !" I evelaimed, testily, "O such line ?" headed fellow enough, I can see, but you | "Nay," said he, it would be more civil "Yes in very gentlemanly young man don't know anything. "Perhaps not," I replied, still annoyed by "servation."

the man's manner, and the unaccestomed ["I do compliment you," I replied with tream in that neighborhood," There were jully times, be sure, in the position of second fiddle, in which I found candor. "I thick you are an exceedingly I have not quite settled yet, in my own

myself; "but I have really no anabition to clever fellow."

"Well," said my friend Cynic, when I nacy and conceit. You have no ambition up to the time of day in several matters." I was followough to put a temptation in

John Wolfe was received with high grati- must have been rather poor; how could his and put down the profession of rognery - percork, I feel; do, I entreat you, put me that she would keep to Crinoline and the fication by the old lawyer and his wife, daughter be rich? and folks do say that You help to elect a member of parliament up to it."

up in his native village, in Verment, I do not know exactly how iteame about, when he presented him-elf at their house. John Wolfe married a rich wife!" who votes upon social subjects: you sub- Whereupon, I am bound to say that my a studie to which she has been so long acwho votes upon social subjects; you sub- ' Whereupon, I am bound to say that my a studie to which she has been so long achousekeeping in a very snug cottage in pretty regular correspondence sprang up could scarcely have been prouder to receive times, that they do not know anything moral re one of criminal-t you con idee the 'array of interesting facts regard his calling 'coming' Provides to the outrage, the man's

"Quite alone, sir," replied he, "but, in size, for instance," and he laughed good-"Yes, but when you have?" interrogated humeredly, " it would be almost an impossibility."

I laughed very heartily at this notion too. Would he be so good as to show me, just to "Why, what a very strange place," re- give me an example of how the thing was

"your neckeloth seems to be for keeping | " I throw my arm from the back of your neck, like this," said he, suiting the action "How the devil did you come to know (t) the word, but with the very greatest delieacy of touch. "You are sure I am not in-"What does it signify? What can be the conveniencing you ?"

"Not at all," said L. "Go on."

" I then close the fore arm tightly. Stoop a little lower, please ; thank you, and com-

"Pray tell," I entreated, "pray tell! I pre-s the windpipe with. . . it probable; the articles would fetch so small humbly apologise;" I had very nearly [Where was I ? Why was I lying on the a price that the reward would be likely to robbed myself of a most interesting con-floor of the carriage instead of sitting on be quite as remunerative as the swag itself, ver-ation through my own ill humor. "It the corner seat? Why was my neckeloth is very true that I have a number of Scotch unfastened, and where were the bank-notes The swag! Did anybody who travels first notes in the place you mention, which my which it had contained? These questions, class ever hear such an expression? I was purse would not hold; but what on catth in company with many others, presented themselves to my mind as the train glided

noyance in which he spoke, and I replied - "It was very simple reasoning," he re- into Carisle station. Above all where was plied, "and scarcely needs explanation; still my agreeable companion? I knew by the "I don't understand thieves' logic, nor the feners are seldom worn now, and yet your unerring Bradshaw that the train stopped neckerchief had something in it; you were nowhere between Preston and ----. Yes,

"And, I do;" responded my companion, anxious about that something, and put your but it did though, just one minute, at the fingers to it involuntarily a dozen times; it junction of the Windermere line, to drop We had passed Rugby, and were flying was not through solicitude for your neat ap passengers, although not to take them up.

it: nor did the thing misht you, or tickle | "Yes, sir: Carlisle, sir. A quarter of "Come," cried my bare-headed acquain- your neck, because instead of scratching. an hour allowed for relacionents."

us two to quarrel; only nothing puts me so to be assured-there, you're doing it now -- cried hearsely.

. bill a may from this carriage get out at

to compliment me upon my powers of ob-paids disting related a landing net. A lake pointst. A kel whether there was a trout

mind, whether the thing was planned from "Well," said he, "it is not for me to the very first, and the lot hat itself-which "What a type of the respectable classes speak about that: I know a thing or two was not claimed -- a portion of the diabol. other coolly, "in this your excessive ob tis table heat, and I date say I could put you surprised had been really honorable until

" Put me up to it," I cried, with cuthu- his way, which he could not resist. It was

shall be nucl in preference to that martial

rather think the old lawyer, her father, rectly, in endeavoring to diminish crime, suparellousnes; "I am as ign rant as a the chamber of dean of Are, and expecting