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October to May. The day that brightens half the earth, Is night to half. Ah, sweet! One's mourning is another's mirth, You wear your bright years like a crown .ille mine, dead garlands, tangle down In chains about my fect.

The breeze which wakes the folded flower Sweeps dead leaves from the tree:-So partial Time, as hour by hour He tells the rapid years, — chen! Brings bloom and beauty still to you, But leave his blight with me

The rain which calls the violet up Out of the moistened mold Shatters the wind-flowers fragile cup;-For even Nature has her pets, And, favoring the new, forgets To love and spare the old.

The shower which makes the bud a rose, I am a lilac .- so life goes .-A lifac that has outlived May,— You are a blush-rose. Welladay!

I pass and give you room!

## Selections.

Guests at the Red Lion. It's now nigh on for ten years since the Red Lion and I parted company. The Red Lion was once the best house in Tunstone, but the railway knocked up the coaches, and

My wife (God bless her!) I shall never see cage hung from the ceiling, and in a warm try what a little nursing of himself would corner near the fire there was a hassock, do towards taking away the pain. which was the special property of her tabby. er gave her for a wedding present; and see us off. chat with them; and though she sat there following day. day after day, and month after month, it's When I reached home I was greatly surseven years; and lies in Tunstone churchvard. with the finest double daisy growing on his tleman she had seen for a long time. grave that could be had for love or money. It was a flower he was always fond of, so I

I heard Jim talking to my wife.

"I've put them into number nine," says he, Cutlets and a chicken for dinner, M'm."

"From the railway-station, " says Jim; said I might have been further out in my "further than that I cant say. Name on the guess.

luggage is Oldwink." I was not long before I went up stairs to that he grew more of a puzzle to me every pay my respects. When I entered the room day. Neither Jim nor I knew what to make the gentleman was standing with his hands of him; and when Jim did'nt know what to under his coat-tails, looking very carnestly make of a man, that gimlet eye of his al-

through his spectacles at a print over the ways did double duty in the way of keeping chimney-piece. After Gainsborough, eh?" he was saying. about it, you may se sure; but the more we "Great painter, Gainsborough. This is in thought about it the more in the dark we his best style. Background well filled in; seemed to be; and though Mr. Purkiss was side lights skillfully introduced; pyramidical a quiet, inoffensive, civil-spoken man enough,

grouping strictly observed. Full of merit, my yet, as I've always found, the less we know dear. A wonderful painting. The original of people the more inclined we are to judge is in the gallery of my friend Lord Papyrus. hardly of them. If he had any business to Ah, landlord, is that you?" The speaker was a portly, well-built, mid dle-aged gentleman. His cheeks and chin more than half an hour at a time-and that were well filled out, and he had a hearty of itself was very suspicious -- but was gencolor in his face; he had a hearty voice too erally moving up and down the house from

-rich and full, that sounded as if he had a one room to another, as people having the sugar plum always in his mouth. He had toothache often will do; and Jim found it not a great deal of hair left, but what he hard work dodging about after him so as had was brushed and frizzled, and made the not to let him know he was watched. most of. A large old-fashioned brooch held his white cravat in its place; and his feet guests departed except Mr. and Mrs. Old-should still continue to keep his eye on Mr. me. Where have you left Mr. Oldwink?"

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING | were encased in shoes and gaiters. He had wink, and Mr. Purkiss, and they informed | Purkiss. He agreed with me that it was a well-fed, comfortable look, such as a land- me that they intended staying over Christ- rather a suspicious case; and at last suglord likes to see; and I set him down at first | mas day. Now, during all the years I was | gested that the opinion of Mrs. Jobson, sight either for a retired doctor, a clergy- in the public line, I made it a point of ask- should be taken. So together we went to man out for a holiday, or a gentleman living ing any company we might have in the my wife, and opened the matter to her. 81 50 on his private means.

No subscription received for a less time than six streams early and paper will be discontinued until all treams early early and rather hard of hearing. I think, too, that she painted a little, but many lacer's risk. off for it.

> "We think of staying a few days with dressing the lady.

"O, yes, certainly, a little rest and quiet," she replied with a nod of the head, and fell to work on some crotchet again, as if for dear life.

be." resumed Mr. Oldwink, in a low, im- at a quiet rubber. pressive tone. "But we must get you to bear investigation."

up a bottle out of a private bin, which was sufficient to give an interest to the game. never touched except on private occasions. Say half-crown points-I could not, con After dinner, Mr. Oldwink drank his wine scientiously play for more; with, if you and read the daily paper; and we heard no like, and extra shilling on the odd trick." more either of him or his lady till the following morning.

The same evening another stranger arrived at the Red Lion, who walked direct so; so it was settled at half a crown. As into the commercial room, and ordered tea for Mr. Purkiss, when I asked him, he said and a bed. We somehow took him for a in his quiet way that he should be happy to commercial gentleman, but he had no lug- do as the rest of the company did. So we gage with him, except a very small carpet cut for partners; and, as it fell out, it was

He just walked in, ordered his tea, asked kiss and myself. what company there was in the house; and then, saying he had got the toothache very while Scatcher was dealing. bad, tied a red silk handkerchief round his head, and getting into a warm corner, never stirred out of it till he went to bed.

that knocked up the business, and I was Mr. Purkiss. That was all we learned I rendered his majesty during the time I over, and paid without a murmur. Mr. glad to get away while I had anything to get about him. As for his appearance, it was was traveling through his dominions. He neither gentlemanly nor vulgar, but midway between the two. He was dressed in letter of thanks. Diamonds trumps. Knave again in this world. She was very lame, a suit of brown clothes, and was altogether and couldn't get about without help; so she a quiet, common-place sort of fellow. He behind the bar, which I had fitted up for her the red handkerchief bound round his face; in his pocket; perhaps he did not like to as nice as money could make it. Her bird- he said he should not stir out that day, but have it fingered by strangers.

Opposite to where my wife sat was a little drive Mr. and Mrs. Oldwink through the worth counting; but I must say it was mahogany cupboard let into the wall, the town, looking through the window I saw chiefly owing to the splendid cards held by it in time?" door of which was generally half open, so Mr. Purkiss walking up and down, with his Mr. Oldwink. I could not understand how that when she looked up from her sewing or head tied up, and his hand pressed against it was that when that gentleman dealt, he knitting, she could see ranged on the shelves his cheek. He brightened up for a moment invariably turned up an honor, and had the famous old china which her grandmothas we passed, and came to the window to generally two more of the same suit to keep of the same suit to k

&c.; and, at the top of all, the great punch. Tunstone and round Tunstone, and pointed bowl, which was used only on grand occa- out all the interesting places I could think sions; all of which articles she used to take of. Mr. Oldwink seemed to be a gentleman after another in the manner I did; but Mr. was only five miles off. Mr. Oldwink sions; an or which articles she used to the short and and expect such a short articles she used to the short at the short and and quiet demeanor. She satatthe luncheon thing!" said he. "Why he is miles off by cross sticks placed upright in the gig, and and quiet demeanor. She satatthe luncheon was divided from the bar by a glass door, marks on everything we examined. Mrs. did, was so cool and quiet, that I was which she could open or shut at pleasure; Oldwink had not much to say, but appeared ashamed to display my ill-feeling. At the tioned all her good points, and told him down." Here was another blow for me, for so that when any friend or acquaintance to be so greatly gratified with the outing, dropped in, she could, if so minded, have a that Mr. Oldwink arranged another for the

my opinion that she knew mere about the prised at finding Mr. Purkiss scated com-Tunstone people, and their private affairs, fortably in the snuggery with my wife.than any person in town, except, perhaps, This was a favor seldom granted to any but my head-waiter, Jim Topping. A very de- very old friends, and I hardly knew what cent sort of fellow he was-middle-aged, to think at seeing a stranger there. I supbrown, lean, with a stoop of the shoulders, pose my wife's heart had been first drawn and only one eye; but that one as sharp as toward him by the report of his toothache: a gimlet, and equal to the two eyes of most and as he took all the remedies recommendpeople. Poor follow! he has been dead these ed by her, she hardly knew how to praise him enough, and said he was the nicest gen-

I drove out Mr. and Mrs. Oldwink every forenoon. We visited every place of interhad one planted over him out of compliment est for miles round Tunstone; and Mr. Oldwink made me tell him everything I It was one December afternoon, the very knew about each place we visited; and alwinter we had that long black frost, when ways added to what I said a few moral remarks of his own, so that I became more certain than ever that he was a elergyman "and a verp nice couple they seeme to be, away from home on a holiday, and when I just hinted the matter to him, (for I confess "Where do they come from, Jim?" says I I was curious about it) he only smiled, and

> As for Mr. Purkiss, I give you my word watch. He and I laid our heads together do in Tunstone, he seemed in no hurry to do it; for he seldom went out, and never for

Well, Christmas Eve arrived, and all our Jim had nothing to advise, except that he

in fact, probably stay Sunday over. We sat down on Christmas day as comfortable for the remainder of the day.

bounties of roast goose and onion sauce. As soon as the cloth was removed, I could

"Why, really, my friends," he remarked, drive us out, Johson, for an hour or two "it is very seldom that I touch a card; in physiognomist, that man is destined either every day; and try the effect of this pure fact, I am a novice at all games of chance country air. I trust that your sherry will or skill; but, on an occasion of this sort, I good friend, in ten minutes Mrs. Oldwink I went down stairs deeply impressed with Do not, however, expect much from me. the affability of Mr. Oldwink, and fetched Let the stakes be low, if you please; just

> Scatcher and I opened our eyes; we had never played for more than a shilling a corner; but, of course, we said we did not say Scatcher and Mr. Oldwink against Mr. Pur- to recommend the Red Lion to my friend

Mr. Oldwink passed me his snuff-box

"A remarkable box that, Johson," he observed, seeing that I was admiring it .-'It was presented to me by the Emperor of Next morning came a letter directed to Russin, in return for a secret service which or three small parcels. The bill was looked worth of jewelry at different shops, togethsent me this snuff-box, and an autograph turned up."

Mr. Purkiss held out his hand for the sat for the most part in the little snuggery still complained of the toothache, and kept box, but Mr. Oldwink took it up and put it were to get your trap out and drive Mrs.

The luck of Scatcher and his partner was something astonishing, they won rubber af-Half an hour after that, when I set off to ter rubber, while our scores were scarcely tempered fellow, but really I began to feel minutes Tunstone was left behind. Our laughed at me when I expressed my suriss got up, turned his chair round three times, and then sat down again. Scatcher rubbed his chin, and was evidently puzzled. Mr. Purkiss smiled.

"When I was a lad," he said, "I remember hearing my grandmother say that when you were unlucky at cards it was times; so we may as well try an old wife's

remedy." had turned his chair, he never failed, when it was his deal, to turn up an honor, and hold two more in his hand, so that the next hastily as it seemed, and said he was tired of playing; and Mr. Purkiss had a quiet laugh to himself in a corner. So I opened a fresh box of cheroots, and the cards were

put away. Next morning, as I was coming down tairs, Mr. Oldwink called me into his room and shut the door.

"Who was that Mr. Purkiss who was playing with us last night?" he asked.

"I know no more of him than you do sir. He sits in the commercial room; he has been here for four days; and how much longer he intends staying I don't know." "To speak the truth, Jobson, I don't like the looks of that man."

"I'm no great admirer of him, myself,

"Mind, Johson, I don't say the man is and I am merely speaking in your interest, Jobson-for such a matter can in no other way concern me-when I say keep your eyes on the spoons. I hope I am not opinion-and conscientiously I state itthat he has somewhat of a hang-dog countenance."

I was much obliged to Mr. Oldwink for putting me on my guard. And so I told him. I then went down to Jim, and consulted with him as to what ought to be done.

house to dine with me at my own table on We, however, gained no advantage by the The lady was considerably younger than Christmas day; and I don't think that any proceeding. She called Jim and me a pair of them could ever say that I gave them a of old fools; declared that Mr. Purkiss was shabby dinner or a poor bottle of wine at one of the nicest gentlemen she had ever such time. I kept up the custom in the come across, and gave it as her opinion present instance, and was pleased that my that Mr. Oldwink was nothing better than nvitation was not refused. My old friend a humbug. Jim and I retired discomfited, Scatcher, who makes a capital fourth at a and talked the matter over again in the you, Johson, if we are suited. We shall, rubber, did not neglect to come; and we all pantry. Jim's gimlet eye did double duty

have been traveling a great deal lately, and a little party as you need wish to look at. It was a relief to all parties when Mr. Mrs. Oldwink requires a little rest and quiet. I would have done anybody's eyes good to Purkiss asked for his bill next morning, You require a little rest and quiet, ch, my have seen Mr. Oldwink, as he sat on my and desired that his carpet-bag might be dear?" he said, elevating his voice, and ad- left hand, looking so beaming and affable sent to the station. He took a very polite as he uttered a grace for the seasonable farewell of my wife, saying he hoped soon to have the pleasure of sceing her again.

When I told Mr. Oldwink that Mr. Pursee that Scatcher was fidgeting for the cards kiss was gone, he smiled blandly upon me, to be brought out; so I made bold to ask and rubbed his fingers gently through his "Her health is hardly what it ought to Mr. Oldwink whether he would make one hair. "It is well," said he. "It was your to be hanged or transported. And now, my should be very sorry to mar the festivity .-- and I will be ready for our usual matutinal drive."

Two mornings after this Mr. Oldwink again sent for me up stairs.

"Jobson," said he, be good enough to let me have my bill in half an hour from this time. Mrs. Oldwink and I depart by the 11-45 train; but previously we shall little mementoes of our visit to Tunstone. Mrs. Oldwink desires me to say that she has been very much gratified by you attention and evident desire to please. Speakfeeling; and I may add that I shall not fail Sir Rufus Bloomsbury, who, I believe, intends coming down here in May for a fortnight's fishing. In half an hour from this time, if you please."

Mr. and Mrs. Oldwink went out, and returned in about half an hour, carrying two Oldwink's luggage stood ready to be conveyed to the station.

"Jobson," said that gentleman, suddenly, "it would not be amis, I think, if you Oldwink and myself as far as Deepwood. is a suggestion of my wife's-and not a bad road. And now I'm off to Deepwood by the one, I think. By driving fast, we should train which starts in five minutes; so do you be just in time to catch the 11-45 train from just get a nip of brandy to keep your clockhere. What say you? Would the mare do work in order, and then go back with me;

"I'll warrant her, sir," I replied. "The

trap shall be ready in three minutes." "So it was-and we all three got in. put under the seat, and down Highgate we very aggravated at losing one half-crown ride was pleasant, but short, for Deepwood prise at not finding him there. pockets. A moment after, he turned to graph." me, looking very serious and alarmed.

"Jobson," said he, "I find that I have left my purse and a packet of very impor- five minutes only, to bait the mare, and take a good thing to turn your chair round three tant papers on the sitting-room table of the Red Lion. What is to be done?"

"Don't know, sir, I'm sure, unless drive back for them," said I, letting the minutes we had a gig out, a horse in the opportunity of making off into the wood nevertheless a fact, that after my partner mare drop into a walk. "Or will you go shafts, and ourselves seated behind it, and with the jewelry? This thing was then forward, and let me send them to your address through the post?"

"It's not that I care so much for the two rubbers were won by us. At the end purse, but the documents are of great imof the second Mr. Oldwink got up, rather portance to me. Let me consider what will be the best plan to adopt."

He laid his fingers on his lips and thought for a few moments.

"I have it!" said he, brightening up. "A train for Tunstone passes here in five min- horse that carried us along was a good one, utes from this time. Jobson, will you re- pretty near equal to my mare, and fresh to turn by it, and obtain the purse and papers? begin with. So on we went, over hill and We must let the 11-45 go on without us; but dale, through a very wild and ionely counthere is another train at 12-30 from Tus- try; every mile, as it seemed, leading us tone which stops here-you will have time further away from any town or village; and to get the articles and return by it. We will with but one wayside inn to break the solimeet at the station here and go forward by tude, at which we stayed for a few minutes

so far oblidge me?" We saw the train approaching. I jumped suddenly flung the eight out of his mouth, out of the trap, ran to the station, and took gave the horse a sharp lash that made it my ticket; and looking out of the window as bound madly forward, and pushing his hat the train started, I saw Mr. Oldwink draw- tighter over his brows, gave vent to a not an honest man, or a meretorious man, ing up at the door of the railway hotel, and preparing to alight.

When I got out of the train at Tustone, who should I see on the platform but Mr. Purkiss. He gave me a nod and held up his wronging the man when I state it as my anger; but, as I had no time to lose, I pre- first to see us; next her husband gave a tended not to have seen him, and dived into backward glance; and then, half rising in tke crowd; but when I reached the door, there his seat, lashed into my poor mare in a style he was again .

"Mr. Johson, I want to speak to you a minute.

time I shall be most happy." "Another time won't do. Now listen to

"Can't stay now, Mr. Purkiss. Another

name at Deepwood." "Did he pay his bill before leaving the Red Lion." "Certainly he did. But really, Mr .-- "

"Now don't lose your temper. He paid you with a twenty pound Bank of England note, did he not?"

"He did." "The note is a forged one. Got it about

"No; it's at home." "Well, I tell you again, it's a forged one; Oldwink, is one of the most notorious swindlers in the three kingdoms."

cork when I heard Mr. Purkiss say these was our surprise, on passing the second cor- lowed to grow a degree longer than in the words.

trived to stammer out. "And how came you rubbed his eyes as though he could hardly The women keep their locks carefully oiled. to know all these things?" "I am an officer of the Detective Force.

interest I had at heart, Jobson, in saying time, but he is such a slippery customer that on seeing us took off his hat, and moved to mese lady's hair is held to be in perfect what I did; but, if I am anything of a it was difficult to prove anything against us as though wishing us good day. him. I tracked him to your house, and then as I was quite a stranger to him, I took up to breathe the mare," said Mr. Purkiss, my quarters there, in order to watch him after cogitating for a few moments. more closely. But he began to suspect me after awhile; as did you also, Johson, in an- has understood how to manage her." other fashion; so that I found it advisable Oldwink moved rapidly ahead, and gradto leave the Red Lion. But I did not lose ually placed the former distance between sightof my gentleman; forthough you thought us. I had left the town, I was, in reality, snugly located at the Green Dragon, opposite your and the mists to creep down the hill sides. tion rather early. house, where I received confidential commu- The road, though level, had now become

take a walk into the town to purchase a few nications from your wife respecting Mr. very crooked; and the gig before us was out Oldwink, by a trusty messenger, every two of sight as often as not. Oldwink himself Jobson, or people will think you are losing sat calm and upright beside him, and never your wits. Well, this morning I was in noticed us even with a glance. had taken. The result was, that we found he had purchased nearly a hundred pounds' er with a small parcel of valuable velvets, for all of which he had paid for with forged notes, receiving the change in gold and silver. This done I posted off to the station as if the thought had but just struck him, expecting to nab my gentleman on the platto deep for me; the 11-45 departed, and he never came; and my man has just been down

and slippery as he is, see if I don't lay hold of him vet." Judge what my feelings were while I listened to Mr. Purkiss's story. I was ready

When I reached Deepwood no Mr. Old-

"To think you should expect such conclusion of the fourth rubber, Mr. Purk- what way her best qualities might be I had had no idea that he would take off respectable scarecrow. brought out by one who understood her. with my mare. "It would not do for him We were just driving into Deepwood when to travel by rail," added Mr. Purkiss, as an confess I don't see the meaning of this perfect propriety and good breeding, even I noticed Mr. Oldwink fumbling with his after-thought. "He was afraid of the tele- thing."

We found on inquiry at the railway inn that the old scamp had stayed there about some refreshment; and then, after asking a few questions respecting the roads, had set off at a good pace northward. In three after learning which road the fugitives had dressed up, and we were entired forward as the custom of prostration. The lady retaken, set off after them as hard as we could far as this spot, in order to give the woman

I to my companion.

"Birds of a feather-you know the rest," he replied, biting off the end of a cigar.

It was a raw and bitter afternoon, with showers of sleety rain at intervals. The take!" it, after paying you for your trouble, and you to bait our horse, and where we gathered will return home with the mare. Will you tidings that made us hasten on again. We had got, perhaps, a matter of ten or twelve Such a request it was impossible to refuse. miles from Deepwood, when Mr. Purkiss smothered "Hurrah!" There they were before us.

It was some minutes before they found out that they were followed. Mrs. Old wink, happening to turn her head, was the that made my blood boil to see. Though

which had been level and straight for some distance, came at length to a considerable hill, nearly covered by a thick plantation of young trees, up the side of which it wound the second corner before we reached the guish them. and more than that, that your friend, Mr. first, and was therefore still out of view .-The hill was so steep that we were obliged You might have knocked me down with a of blowing her completely. What then ner, to find the gig and its occupants only "And who are you, sir?" I at length con- about fifty yards ahead of us. Purkies gest any marked difference to a stranger. I have had my eyes on Mr. Oldwink for some his shoulder as we turned the corner, and top of this brush smooth a velvet. A Si-

"He need'nt have done so," said I, "if he

The afternoon was beginning to darken,

perfectly unmoved at being thus so unceremoniously deserted?

Mr. Purkiss whistled softly to himself, deserted lady, who did not condescend even behind her and descended to accost her.

again, as I'm a sinner!"

Oldwink halted close to the plantation, inwe thought, he did it to give his wife an her visit. an opportunity of getting clear away. And "And Mrs. Oldwink, what of her?" said now to finish the affair, Oldwink has made off with your mare across the country, and will meet his wife at some place agreed Well, he's a slippery customer, and no mis-

> Further pursuit was useless for the present, even if we had known which road Oldwink had taken; and very down the mouth we both looked as we turned our faces back to Deepwood, which we did not reach till far into night.

What my wife had to say to me about this little affair when I got home, need not be set down here. And the wigging she gave Jim! Poor old girl! it served her to talk about for many a month after, so that I found it best after a while to shorten her tongue by buying her a peach-colored satin

I have nothing more to add, except that Mr. Oldwink and his wife were taken at Liverpool some three months after by Mr. Purkiss; for some years after which event they were both cared for at the expense of an enlightened public,

Siamese Women and Children.

Up to the age of ien years, Siamese children of cither sex are not troubled with any superaleundance of clothing, and it is selwe did our best, the distance between no dom that a child is seen wearing the small-suddenly to occur, that by going down first, gradually increased; and in one sense I est shred of a garment, except on days of their mistress would place herself beneath could hardly regret that it was so, since it festivals. Jawals, sometimes of very great them; a thing not to be tolerated for a moproved so plainly the superior bottom of my value, are put on young children. Among ment. Accordingly, with a sudden rush, mare. There was not a word spoken for the higher classes, girls and boys, up to the the young ladies passed her, on their hands some time, so great was our anxiety. It age of twelve, wear a number of gold chains, and knees, but as she was about to descend,

"I don't know what right you have to ask | had become a question of speed and endu- | sometimes four, six, or seven at a time, all the question, but I left the gentleman you rance between the two horses. The road different, and each having some amulet or ornament attached. The hair is allowed to grow long on the front part of the head. but the rest is kept shaved, leaving this circular patch to be twisted into a knot, with a sharp curve. The gig before us passed which is kept in its place by a long ornaout of sight when it reached this bend of the mental pin. Often a wreath of the white road, while we were still a considerable dis- jessamine is twined to fit closely about this tance from it. When we came up to the knot, and the effect is pretty. Both boys curve, we saw that there was another bend and girls are dressed (if their scant measin the opposite direction higher up the face | ure of clothing may be called dress,) erof the hill, and that Oldwink had passed actly alike, so that it is not easy to distin-

> At the age of twelve the lock of hair is cut off, leaving a patch which bears a strong to allow the mare to walk up it, for fear resemblance to a small black hair brush. This, in the man, is combed back, and alwomen; not so much so, however, as to sugbelieve them. But there the fugitives were combed, and gummed, to stand upright. real enough: for Oldwink was looking over and they take infinite pains to keep the order when she can plunge into the river, "Must have halted here a minute or two and duck her head many times under without disturbing the smoothness and uprightness of her national hair brush. The ceremony of cutting off the lock of hair, is kept with entertainments and rejoicings. It is the great event in your Simese life, and resembles the coming out amongst young ladies in other countries; for in Siam children are supposed to reach years of discre-

After a girl marries, she gives up the wearing of ornaments and trinkets. These are set aside and reserved for her children hours during the day. Don't look so wild frequently looked back, but Mrs. Oldwink in their turn. Boys, as I have mentioned before, have an opportunity of learning to read, by entering themselves as neophytes, ing for myself, I may also express a similar formed that Oldwink was going to make a We had got, as near as I can reckon, or attendants on the priests. Whether few purchases previous to leaving Tustone by about three miles past the hill, when, for girls have any schools or persons authorized the 12.45 train; so I set my man to watch the fifth or sixth time, we lost the gig be- to teach them, I do not know; but it is not him, and note all the shops he favored with fore us behind a bend of the road. We uncommon in Siam to find women able to his custom. As soon as he was housed a- were four minutes, I should say-or, at the read and write. I met with three or four gain at the Red Lion, I took a banker's outside, five—before we passed the corner, myself, and these were persons of the lower clerk with me, and went the same round he and recovered sight of it; and when we did ranks. The occupations of the females are see it, we both of us this time had need to various and far less circumscribed than in rub our eyes in earnest. There—a hundred any other parts of the East. In fact, the yards ahead of us-stood the gig; and in it women in Siam occupy a moral position sat Mrs. Oldwink in the most unconcerned many degrees superior to that of their sismanner possible; but Mr. Oldwink had dis- ters in neighboring countries. The wife of appeared, and with him the mare. Mr. a Simese has no unimportant voice in the Purkiss pulled up suddenly when this sight domestic arrangements of the family. Sho met his eyes. He knew no more than my- is cash-keeper and seems to possess the form with the property on him. But he was self what to make of it. Oldwink certainly right to claim all her husband's earnings. was gone-the mare certainly was gone; The women, as a race, are very intelligent but why leave Mrs. Oldwink in that heart and observant; those belonging to the highthe first station on the line to London. It to inform me that he and you had set off by less manner to meet her fate alone? And er classes, seem to have pleasing and why did that eccentric lady appear so modest manners. The head wife of the prime minister is a very interesting woman; she is not young, but is by no means wanting in personal attractions. She has no while we advanced at a walk towards the children; but that does not seem to disturb her husband's affection, or her influence to turn her head when we drew up close over him. She came with her attendants. by invitation, to lunch with us, and although Mr. Purkiss was the first to approach our talk was limited for lack of words, she med, could contrive to make herself agreeable. above it the silver teapot, the gilt caudle-cup, I drove Mr. and Mrs. Oldwink through else to follow; I don't think I'm a bad wink was to be seen; and my companion as he peered under the bonnet. "Done It was the first time that a Simese lady of rank had ever visited on equal terms a It was as he said. The figure we had foreign family, but it would have been taken for Mrs. Oldwink was merely two difficult to guess this from her perfectly easy net-in fact, neither more nor less than a she had probably never before used a knife and fork, or any of the appliances of an "Well," said I, scratching my head, "I English table, she acquitted herself with, to the overwhelming act of taking wine with "You don'ti" said Mr. Purkiss, glancing her host. Her step son (the admiral) acsavagely at me, for he was evidently out of companied her, and she was attended by temper at last. "Why, what a stupid you about thirty maidens, two of whom were must be! Don't you see, man, that when younger sisters, very pretty girls; the rest were slaves. The whole party of attendants stead of his doing it to breathe the mare as remained sprawling on the ground during

> An absurd little incident will serve to show how diligently these people observe quested permission to visit the sleaping apartments, in order to see how English people arrange rooms, she was accordingly taken up stairs, followed by the entire body of maidens and her step-son, who did not at on, twenty or thirty miles away from this. all see why he should not have the benefit of a peep as well. She expressed her satisfaction at all the arrangements, and especially her delight at a small iron crib belonging to my child, which seemed to strike them all as a devise of luxury and refinement not to be equaled. Finally, when everything in the room had been duly handled and examined, she inquired in a perplexed manner, where we kept our money, as she could not see a strong box of any kind. It should be mentioned that on a previous visit to her own house, I had been shown over her private apartments, and in the sleeping room saw four large iron safes which she pointed out as seeming to add much to the honor of the family. There happened to be a box of mine in the corner. however, covered over with the usual arrangement of cushions and frills; this being shown her, she seemed greatly relieved to find (judging from the size of the box, which, however, was empty at the time,) that we had, or appeared to have, some worldly pelf, and delighted at such a charming way of covering it up. As she was about to descend the stairs, a commotion disturbed the whole beyy of damacle, to whom it appeared