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Selections.

The Japanese.

THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

There is a body of men who possess great influence in t'e state; these are the princes coon, to whom is denied the privilege of hara-kiri, or the "happy dispatch," has no alternative but to abdicate incontinently in favor of his nearest heir. Should, on the other hand, the umpires agree with their royal relative, which in all probability they do, unless public opinion is too strong against them, then the whole of the council are bound, without farther ceremony, at once, to dispatch themselves, in the happy manner peculiar to Japan, to those Elysian fields, where they will probably become distinguished as canonized kamis, and the patron saints of many a Japanese household. This notorious method of suicide, the only Japanese custom with which the western world has long been familiar, has of late years assumed a somewhat modified form. and no longer consists in that unpleasant process of abdomen ripping, which must have been almost as disagrecable an operation to witness as to perform. My friend Higo-no-kami presented me with a knife proper to be used under the old system-an exceedingly business-like weapon about ten inches long, sharp as a razor, and made of steel of the highest temper. Now this knife is only used to make a slight incision, significant of the intention of the victim to put an end to himself. He has collected his wife and family to see how a hero can die; his dearest friend, he who in our own country would have been his best-mun at his wedding, stands over him with a drawn sword. and when he commences to make the aforesaid incision, the sword descends, and the head rolls at the feet of his disconsolate family.

JAPANESE ACQUAINTANCES. There were two gentlemen, Otto Bungoo-kami and another, whose acquaintance we were now about to make. Our morning had been so much occupied in the lacker and silk shops that it was late in the afternoon before we started on a five-mile journey to the official residence of these dignitaries, which was just inside the farther gate of the citadel. Gur way, as usual, led us down the main street. I made my first experience of a norimon on this occasion, and obtained a view of the crowd in a squatting posture; for, while the train of ten norimons was passing, the people sat on their heels to On Hand.

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As some of the occupants. As some of these were navel officers in full uniform, they exhibited signs of unusual entirefaction. An order not to dirty the mats of our hosts, Sept. 17, 1859.

From street, Columbia.

We were each provided with a pair of slipobtain a view of the occupants. As some of threshhold in his norimon. At that point most animated reptile. all guests are put down, and walk to the

A broad street, similar to those in the Princes' quarter, led us to a handsome gateway; this, on one account, at all events, we were not a little relieved to find, was our ionrney's end as the posture during an hour and a half had been a trying one for British legs. Emerging from our box-like conveyances: we shuffled after Morivama, who was always at his post. Ascending some steps, at the top of which we relinquished our slippers, we passed through a series of antechambers, with walls of paper screens. until we were ushered finally into an oblong apartment, at the farther end of which, on the left-hand side, stood the two ministers behind two low square tables and six wax time seven P. M. Exactly facing them were self, we sat down on chairs, (an unexpected They used to demolish their paper kennels yama, during all this time, was in a prostrate howl dismally during the still hours of the was called upon to interpret. Lower down, to devote the small hours of the morning to the commissioners; while in a sort of pas- ping them in warm flanuels. In spite of what embarrassed by the novelty of their worth while to sit up at night to alleviate of the Dutch factory told a story of a box situation, and gave one the impression of their sufferings. being very new to office.

TEA AND SWEETHEATS.

with a leverage peculiar to the upper is shaved on the crown, and the side and classes of Japan : this consists of a sort of back hair brought forward in a roll about FOR MACING SOLD. A superior article of purse made of ten leaves themselves. They the thickness of a small sausage to the top crowned with summer-houses. These garare first stewed, then dried and ground in a of the forehead; here it is firmly gummed dens are also a very favorable resort for pic- way, I said, "Captain John Daucan, I am R. WILLIAMS, hand mill into a powder; this is mixed with down with a species of bandoline, in the nics from Yedo.

more palatable than senna. This delicacy is called koitscha, or thick tea; it was succeeded by a number of small square wooden boxes on little stands; they were rather like toy-boxes, and might be supposed to contain some description of game. We each had one of these to ourselves. When the lids were removed, we discovered a very tempting assortment of barley-sugar, sponge of the blood. Should the Tycoon and his cakes, Gibralter rock, and other confectioncouncil differ upon any weighty matter of ary, not to be distinguished in taste from state government, the question is referred the manufactures of our own country, exfor arbitration to a tribunal composed of cept by school-boys, or those really versed three of these royal princes. Should they in the subject. We were not only supposed confirm the opinion of the council, the Ty- to pibble at these sweetmeats during the visit, but the boxes, with all that remained in them, were sent after us to our abode, so that we were enabled, for some days afterwards, to retire to the privacy of our chambers whenever we felt moved, and fast moved, and feast in secreey upon their luscious contents. Our audience having at last come to an end, we took leave with many profound bows and polite speeches, and returned to our norimons, our companions having, in the meantime, been feasted with tea and sweetments in an adjoining

JAPANESE FLUNCIES. A train of youths entered, bearing pipes and tea. They were all dressed simply and uniformly; indeed, so exactly did they resemble one another, that they must have been selected as good matches. They entered with an air of profound respect, the head slightly bent, the eyes fixed on the floor. During the period of our visit, these young men were constantly coming in with they found their way, while the monotonous painful. Notwithstanding which it must be admitted that the manners of flunkies in Japan are infinitely more agreeable than those of the same race in our own

The representations which we had frequently made to our friend and guardian, l'ainoske, and the avidity which we manifested in the purchase of all Japanese articles of manufacture, induced that worthy to collect for our benefit, every morning, a contained some specimen we had not yet bowered amid trees, and ancient priests in seen. The china, in particular, was an end- gauzy and transparent costume, with broad less source of interest, from the variety of embroidered belts and sashes, and enor-

patterns and devices which it presented .- mous lackered hats, would hurry to the en-On some of the cups were raised lacker representations of pleasure-boats, with tiny windows, on opening which a party of ladies and gentlemen drinking ten were discovered within, all on the minutest possible scale .-pers in which to scuffle across the gard, for | beautifully executed china, might be observit is not etiquette in Japan for any but the | cd placidly reposing, until the tea was owner of the house to go beyond the outer poured in, when he rose to the surface a

DODS IN JAPAN. The dog peculiar to Japan, and which is supposed to have been the origin of the King Charles spaniel, does indeed bear a considerable resemblance to that breed; the ears are not so long and silky, and the nose is more of a pug; but the size, shape, and color of the body are almost identical. The face is by no meaus attractive; the eyes are usually very prominent, as though starting from the head; the forchead is overhanging, and the nose so minute that it forms rather a depression than a projection on the face; the jaw is somewhat prominent, and is frequently so much underhung that the mouth cannot be shut, in consequence of which the tongue protrudes in a waggish manner, at variance with the staring eye which should, for the sake of consistency, candles on single stands, for it was by this be slightly closed, with a tendency to wink When the great majority of our party had three tubles and six more candles, behind furnished themselves with three of four of which we took up our position. For some these prepossessing animals each, which time we all remained standing, and the were confined in kennels formed of paper usual complimentary expressions were in- screens up in our loft, the consequences to terchanged. Then, all having left the room an unhappy victim like myself, who had reexcept Lord Elgin, Mr. Hewsken, and my- sisted their charms, were most trying,luxury,) and proceeded to business. Mori- with their teeth, quarrel with each other, ttitude on the floor between Lird Elgin night, or have spasms. They were subject and the ministers, touching the ground to weakness, and violent cramp in the loins reverentially with his forehead whenever he and hind legs, and then their owners used and remaining standing, were our friends, fomenting them with hot water, and wrapsage formed by a hanging ecreen behind the all their efforts some of these delicate little ministers' were a row of people who estensi- creatures died, to the inexpressible grief of bly took no part in the ceremony; but some those who had listened so often to their of whom were no doubt spice, while others nocturnal whinings. Even in Yedo, the lobserved occasionally prompting the minis- price of a handsome pair of these dogs is as

OFFICIAL COSTUME.

The Japanese seldom wear anything on After the ordinary tea, we were supplied their heads except when riding. The head

bot water and whipped with a split bamboo | manufacture of which the Japanese are until it creams, It is served up hot, and very proficient. Wigs are common in the looks like physic. Altogether, I thought it shops, but are only worn as a part of a mas-drel," but his real name was Tanjeram. querade dress. Not a particle of hair is This man appeared in our garden one eveever allowed to appear on their faces. The ning, and astonished us all by speaking winter costume consists in robes cut like English without any perceptible accent, usdressing-gowns, padded throughout with silk ing very long words, and informed us that wadding. These unwieldy articles of attire he was in the habit of taking lunar observaare also used on state occasions, and are a tions. He further asserted that he had standing item in the list of imperial presents | never been out of Japan in his life, and that to a foreign mission. But the most singular he acquired his knowledge of the English portion of their apparel, are the trousers language at a school at Yedo. This school which they wear at their audiences with the he described as being attended by Japanese Tycoon: they seem to be cut upon a princi- desirous of learning foreigh languages, ple precisely the opposite to that which regu- which they were taught by professors, who lates our court dress. We consider that when had qualified themselves by study for the we have brought our nether garments down purpose. With all our respect for the into the knee, we have not only satisfied de- telligence and advancement of the Japanese. cency, but reached the highest pitch of re- this was rather more than we could accept, finement and elegance. The great object of and we could gain no corroborative testithe Japanese is to create an entire miscon- mony on the subject, so that I have no doubt ception in the mind of the spectator as to it was a pure piece of invention, on the part the situation of that important joint; he of Tanjeram, who had evidently, by some wishes it to be supposed that he shuffles into accident or other, possed some years of his the royal presence on his knees, but, finding life in the United States. He stortly denied that process attended with much practical that such was the case, and he spoke with inconvenience, he compromises the matter a slight nasal twang, making use of expresby having his trousers made about eighteen sions which he certainly must have acquir inches longer then his legs; by these means led from a professor who had studied the his feet are made to represent his knees. "American" and not the English language. and he is enabled to walk upon them com- The expression of his face was totally differfortably, with his sham legs dragging after ent from that of any other Japanese I ever

> BEAUTY OF THE SUBURBA. Many of the streets and roads which we

putably proved that he had lived long raversed were lined with peach and plum enough abroad to substitute the manners of trees; at the period of the year when these western civilization for those of Japanese are in full blossom they must form a most barbarism. charming and fragrant avenue. We were ground, and moved with a shuffling gait, as filled with astonishment and delight at the though afraid to lift their feet from the exquisite taste displayed in the gardens and The Japanese write, like the Chinese, in columns, from the top to the bottom of the cottages upon the roadside. No model espaper, beginning at the right-hand side. The tate in England can produce "cottages orrefreshments, and as they never looked up, nees" comparable to those which adorn the character is less fantastic and far more runit was always a matter of wonder to me how suburbs of Yedo. We always fail in our ning than the Chinese. There is, indeed, not the slightest similarity between the detail; there is a want of that minuteness regularity of their movements was quite which the Chinaman glories in until he becomes grotesque. The Japanese have hit are often of unconsciouable length, but the the happy medium. With an elaborate delsounds are musical, and not difficult to imiicacy of detail, they combine the art of generalization in design, so that the relation of the parts with the whole is maintained throughout, and the general effect is not sacrificed to minor beauties. These charma long residence in the country. We learning little cottages, raising their thatched ed more Japanese words in a week than we roofs amid the fruit-trees and creepers which had of Chinese in a year; and in making a threatened to smother them in their emsmall, rough vocabulary, I found no diffibraces, were surrounded by flower-beds culty in so allocating the letters of the Engtastefully laid out, resplendent with brilliant number of venders of lacker, china, and bues, and approached by walks between lish alphabet as to convey to my memory s embroidery, who used to spread their wares carefully clipped hedges. Yow trees, cut fair representation of the sound I wished in our verandas; so that, during the earlier into funtastic shapes, and dwarfed trees, exto recollect. In Chinese this is quite impospart of the day, they assumed somewhat tending their deformed arms as if for assisthe appearance of a basear. In the e joy- tance and support, are favorite garden ornament of this extravagant, amusement, our ments. Here and there, at the end of a mornings used to My rapidly. Each box long avenue, we could discorn a temple em-

vegetable soup and some rice and fish. By

way of dessert, we had marshmelons,

apricots and pears, so that we had no diffi

culty in satisfying the cravings of hunger.

BOTANICAL GARDENS.

The botonical gardens themselves did not

exactly correspond to our notions on the

subject. There were neither fine old trees

in great variety, nor a large and curious

collection of all descriptions of plants. The

rage of horticulturists in this country seem-

ed to be grasses, mosses and ferns of all

corts, added to which there was an exten-

ive assortment of dwarfed trees. Instead

anged upon stands, as in England, were

forest trees may here be seen in flower-pots,

perhaps scarce two feet high, while their

unnatural branches spread out laterally

fir-tree, a bamboo, and a plum tree in full

wood behind the gardens, with some pleas-

ant retreats in it, and artificial hillocks

That Dent in the Captain's Head. You want to know how Captain John Duncan got that deat in his head : very well, I'll tell you all I know about it. I met him at Buenos Avres, South Amer-

ca. in the year 1855 -not long ago, you see; he was in command of a tidy little Scotch trance to see the strangers pass. brig, called the "Sandy." Now, John was an old trader at the port, and well posted up TEA-HOUSE. dismounted, much to the edification of the greatest of which was horseback riding. I way possible, that nothing but my death whole population of the village, who assem. am by no means an indifferent horsemanbled to stare and wonder at us. We found I rather pride myself on my skill. So John the tea-house situated on the edge of a brawling stream, the balconies of the upper rooms

and I were to be seen nearly every day galloping off toward the open country. He also prided himself considerably on his horseoverhanging the water. Hanging weeds manship, and an innocent way he had of and gardens, tastefully laid out with rockshowing it: for whenever he met a gaucho. work, and yew-trees cut in quaint shapes. he would sit bold upright in his saddle, as fringed the bank of the river, to the point if he had been suddenly attacked with stiff at which it entered the grounds in a picturesback. But when he chanced to pass a fair que cascade. Taking possession of a sumsenorita, it was really refreshing to see him. mer-house perched on a projecting point, and Then he would twist his hat jauntingly on which commanded a charming view of the surrounding objects, we signified to a group one side, twirl his huge moustachies and by f young ladies, who came to look at us dexterously reining in on the curb bit, and pricking slightly with the spurred heel, the inder the pretext of waiting for orders, our animal on which he rode would curvet in desire to be furnished with some luncheon. the most royal style; and then to see his We were not kept long in waiting for our melting glances-but I forget: what you meal, which consisted of some excellent want to know is, how Captain John Duncan got that dent. Well, I'll tell you. Of course you understand by this time that he had a dent! Now I'll tell where the dent was. It was in his head, on the right or left temple-I don't distinctly remember

The reason I saw the dent at all was, suppose, that it was impossible to look at his face without seeing it. My curiosity was early excited to know how he came by such a strange misfortune, and I made up my mind to find it out, sooner or later, by hook or crook. How to do it was the next of glass green-houses, there were long mat- thing; but here circumstances favored what

which, but luckily it's a point of small con-

sheds for the more delicate specimens, while philosophy could not devise.

The dent was of a very curious look—how quantities of porcelain pots of various to describe it I don't know. Sometimes it hapes and colors, but generally blue, with looked as if some one had shot a pea at him, throat, Captain." piece of rock in the centre, and a root of out of a patent pop-gun, and had thue driven grass or moss growing around it. A Ja- flesh and all right into his right, or left temanese gardener chiefly prides himself upon ple, I forget which. It looked as though is skill in dwarfing. The most venerable some one had puncked his head. But, I keep forgetting; what you want to hear about is, their old stems, guarled and twisted as if how Captain John Duncan got that dent in writhing under the torture of distortion, his head.

You must bear in mind that this curious dent was a source of earnest speculation to ters. These latter personages seemed some- much as fifty or sixty dollars, so that it is like the fingers of a deformed hand. One me; that I was forever, that is, it was never -in short, it puzzled me. Of course I was three inches long by two broad, containing delighted when the mystery was at last resolved. The way it came about was someblossom, which was sold for a sum equal to thing like this: Captain John Duncan said twelve hundred dollars. There was a pine to me, says he, "Mr. Jones"—he always my head, and so steadying it, I looked called me by startling and uncommon names raining, and as I hadn't wet myself in any rupted me. Says hedry." In a few more minutes we were quiet

ly seated at a little table, in a quiet saloon. doing our very best to quench our thirst and in my temple?" moisten our throats.

The more we drank, the thirstier we got: at last he turned to me, and says he, "Mr. he asked me that question I just looked at Jones-Mr. Jones." Says I, "What?"-"Says he, "I'm very dry," and immediately three or four of him, and six or seven dents commenced to drink again. What with wit for each. and wine, an hour was not long in passing. At the end of an hour my eyes were as good as all the other senses mixed up in a meal bag and shook together; if they were not, why then they must have deceived me. At any rate, I happened to look at Captain ny tumblers of wine, and, instead of one dent, I saw at least six or seven. This rather rezzled me; so I just stendied my head with my two hands, and brought my eyes to bear upon his right or left temple-I forstruse mathematical calculation : but, twist seven from six to save myself: and, what's more, I have never found any calculus deep again! enough to do it for me.

While I was twisting it (not my head, you know, the calculation,) Captain John Duncan caught sight of my two eyes looking at six or seven deuts, and says he, "Mr. Jones!" (he always called me by heroic names,) "Mr. Jones!"

Says I, "What?"

Says he, "Do you see that dent, Mr. insolence in his manner foreign to the na-Jones?" and he put his finger to his right ture of his countrymen, and which indisor left temple, I forget which, but luckily that's a point of small consequence. Says I, "I do."

"Says he, "Do you known how I got that dent?"

"Says I, "I don't."

Says he, "Will you promise me never to reveal it if I tell you? Confidence. Mr. Jones; confidence, you know."

"I am all ears, and all right, Captain John Duncan," says I. And then he just languages, the one being monosyllabic and told me how he got that dent in his head .-

the other polosyllabic. The Japanese words | Says he: "When I was in Marseilles, France, in the charge of one of the finest clippers ever tate; whereas the Chinese words, though of built in Scotland, I spent the major part of one syllable, consist generally of a gulp or a my time and money on shore. As I had one syllable, consist generally of a guip or a considerable time, and plenty of money to in return. As the glasses were placed on have not become thoroughly demoralized by help it along, I was nover at a loss for a friend: Why, bless your good heart, I was was as polite a man as ever refrained from sometimes annoyed, for they were as thick as Highlanders at a prayer meeting. I couldn't go a block without one of my the table, and he slept. I shouted to him; friends inviting me to take wine. They still he slept. I shook him; still he slept. were liberal-hearted fellwos; fonder of tak- As a last resort I imbibed his whisky, and ing a drink than paying for it. The affection they displayed for me would have drawn tears from my eyes had it not drawn so much gold from my pocket. One of the most generous hearted fellows of the whole lot borrowed a thousand france from me, and then, because I asked him for five dollars one day, grew highly indignant and cut my acquaint. ance. I demanded an explanation, and be

demanded satisfaction-coffee and pistols. I demanded my thousand france; and, in return, had the pleasure of receiving a gentleman, who assured me, in the pleasantest could heal the wound which his friend's honor had sustained. This exast ance. This so flattered me that I immediately called for a bottle of champagne, of which he drank the major part, which, considering that he held that rank in the army, was very proper. The duel was immediately arranged.

"In the preliminaries it was agreed that champagne breakfast should be ordered out of town, at the place of meeting; and that the man who was killed should pay for it. Of course breakfast was reserved till after the duel. "We met! We measured out the paces

We fired! And the next I knew I found myself in bed with this ugly dent in my head, an enormous bill to pay for a break fast of which I had never tasted a morsel. And that's the way I got that dent."

I sat looking at Captain John Duncan for ome time after he had finished his yarn, without saying a word. How much longer he suddenly interrupted me by saying, "Mr. Jones! Mr. Jones!".

Says I, "What?" Says he, "Don't you feel dry ?" Says I, "I do feel kind of perched in my

And so we called for more toddy, and really don't know whether we had more time went by without being able to account pleasure or toddy. Somehow or other, with for it. Two hours passed in this way, when, every glass we turned down, our thoughts feeling somewhat curious to know which of seemed fairly kicking to turn out. At last the two stories he had told me was the true Captain John Dancan could hold in no long-one, I slapped Captain John on his back so er, and interrupting me in the midst of a hard, that he rose to his feet as he woke up. laugh which I was enjoying all by myself! As the Captain was a pretty good singer,

-save be: "Mr. Jones ?"

At first I didn't say anything, and then afterwards I didn't say anything : but, putting my right hand to my right side of my head, and my left hand to the left side of traight at him and kept on saying nothing. -"are you dry?" Now, as it hadn't been However, in the midst of it he again inter-

"Mr. Jones!" Says I, What?" Says he. "Did you ever notice that dent

Somehow or other his memory seemed to have grown wonderfully short. So, when him-I mean at one of him, for there wore

Says I, "Captain, pray tell me how it was you got that dent in your bead?" And then he told me how it was.

Sove he-but before he commenced he took another toddy-says he, "You see, I was travelling in Spain, and being much John Duncan, after I had taken a good ma- pleased with the ancient city of Seville, determined to abandon the sea and set up my carriage, marry a rich beiress and settle

"The Senorita-but I cannot mention her name-honor you know, Mr. Jones; honor, get which. I then tried to perform an ab- sir, honor!" and he slapped at his breast, but missing it, knocked his tumbles on the and turn it as I would, I couldn't deduct floor, breaking it in pieces. It cost him including the liquor, 18 cents. But here I go "Well," says he, "the fair Senorita was

said to be immensely rich, and so I determined to win her or die in the attempt. Not that I was so base as to wish to obtain possession of her dollars, but her doubloons, I must say, made my heart go pit-a-pat every time I thought of her. I found out the physician by whom her family was attended. and found out at the same time that he was principally addicted to rum and money .--Accordingly I kept him in a pleasant state of intoxication as well as in loose change.-To prove how thoroughly disinterested was my friendship for the doctor, the only return I expected, or asked, was an introduction to Senorita-but I must not mention her name. you know, Mr. Jones. Honor! honor! sir! honor! h-i-co-ugh!" At this moment he again essayed to slap his breast, but, as before, he missed fire, overturning his glass of whisky so that every drop of it ran down his throat.

The landlord, who was very attentive to our wants, and to the genuineness of the money with which we paid him, kindly filled our glasses without waiting to be asked, and as kindly took the requisite amount of change the table Captain John Duncan-and he a gambler's profession-made a low bow .--So low did he bow that his head rested on he awoke with a start.

"Captain John Duncan!" said I. "Yes." said he.

"I want to hear the rest of your yarn," said I.

So, having twirled the ends of his mous

taches, he again held forth asfollows: "Well, as I have before said, the doctor introduced me to the senorita, and I got more and more in love every time I called

upon her. She was very rich. Such eyes! Such hair! Such shoulders! Such h-i-co-ugh! Well, as I was going to say, there was an awful big Spaniard who slways visited the house, it seemed to me, when I was there. and I told the gentleman, that were his of me. There was also a little Italian Count friend, new my enemy, present, I should who called occasionally, too seldom, howhave the pleasure of kicking his konor. He ever, for me to fear him as a rival. One replied that he was sorry that I should feel day I met him-I mean the big Spaniardat all annoyed, for he desired the little affair and as he passed me his spurs (he always to be mutually agreeable; that, personally, wore spurs) touched one of my corns, which he esteemed me, particularly since he had so affected my honor that I immediately now the pleasure of making my acquaints sent him a challenge. The challenge was accepted, and swords were the wespons chosen. I thirsted for vengeance. Nothing but his blood could atone for the manner in which his spurs had touched my corn. His and my seconds remonstrated that the cause was too slight to necessitate a duel but I felt that my honor was injured, and that unless he would apologies for striking my corn, nothing but a duel could appeare my anger. He refused to apologise, and accord

ingly we fought. "Thrust, parry, lunge! The first I knew, after the duel, was finding myself in bed, a sentinel pacing in front of the door, and this infernal dent in my head." "Is that a fact?" said I: "is that really the

way in which you got that dent?" That's the way I got that dent: and that

mean little Italian Count ran off with the lady," replied Captain John Duncan, his eyes flashing fire at the bare remembrance I might have said nothing I don't know, but of the indignity his corn-I mean honorhad suffered. It was but a moment, however, thut his eyes so sparkled; they then assumed their common lustre, and more whisky was called for.

And there we sat drinking toddy, and feeling as anug as a frog in a puddle. Cap-I tain John had two name and once or twice

he immediately-but here I go again! What you want to hear is, how Captain John Duncan got that dont in his head. In the first place, you must know, as I before said, that he had a dent, and that it was situated on the right or left temple: I don't remember which, but luckily it is a point of small importance. Well, I said to Captain John Duncan, "Captain Duncan you promised to tell me how you got that dent in your head."

"So I will, so I-hi-oc-ugh," said he .--"In the first place, you must know that I