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An Episode of Travel.

CHAPTER I.

The little village inn at Staffel was like the tower of Babel. Twenty-seven travelers, of eleven different nations, had met there for the purpose of seeing a sunrise from the summit of Mount Rbigi...

nose of the Englishman. The latter seized a bottle of wine and hurled it at the head of the clerk, who, expecting this response, caught it on his flight. "Thanks, milord," he said, "I am more hungry than thirsty, just now, and would rather have had one of your birds than your bottle..."

hundred francs the less in my pocket; but the name of France was sustained. "You are a brave fellow," I said, extending my hand to him. "Yes, yes, yes; I hope so! I have no great wit, nor much education. I cannot make dramas like you—I know your name, you see—but no one can beat me in arithmetic..."

promise. I repeated the conditions to my adversary's second, who went to find his principal. After the interchange of some words, he returned, and said: "Sir Robert accepts."

tunate men were found in a small river, about a mile from the farm house they were supposed to be in possession of; and steps had been taken to make it appear as if they had perished by accident; but this belief was at once destroyed by their skulls being battered in, and their faces so disfigured by blows that it was a task of great difficulty to identify them.

policemen loitered. These functionaries assured Vokes that, after a most lengthy and minute inquiry, they could obtain no clue to the perpetrators of the horrid deed. The Major next interrogated the family—a more intelligent circle I never saw in my life. They gave their evidence clearly, and one of the poor girls burst into tears as she told her story. She it was who had, last seen the poor fellows, now lying dead in the adjoining barn. Vokes, after hearing their account, told them he should doubtless require their testimony at the approaching assizes in Limerick; to this the whole family consisting of the father, mother, a son, and two daughters, readily assented.