

were if one might inde from their incessant portations of mint-julep, sherry-cobbler, sangaree, and divers other species of those American beverages, the names of which are as singular as their flavor is delicious. The party sad for some time been engaged in a loud and boisterous political conversation, when they were suddently interrupted by-

"What are you making all this jaw about ?" On hearing this gentlemanly querry, the assemblage turned their eyes upon the speaker of it with a stare of astonishment and rage; which, however was instantly converted into an eperssion of undisguised consternation, as soon as they fully recognised the new comer.

In the door-way stood a man at least six fee three inches in height, and stout in proportion. His features were most essentially villanous, and his large grey eyes glearned with an expression that was absolutely fiendish. Every thing about him had a ferocious aspect, from the dilapidated white musk-rat hat that was fiercely cocked on one side of his head, to the clumsy and muddy shoes that pretected his huge feet : while the butts of two horse pistols peeping out from the breast of his waistcoat, gave the finishing touch to the picture As he stared savagely on the company, they forgot every thing but the formidable monster before them-Meriwether Gamble, the bully of Sodom and Gomorrah.

This interesting personage lived some fifteen miles off, close to the Alabama frontier. The real name of his place of residence (if it had ever been regulary christened by the Government rurvey) had long ago been forgotten ; but it was universally known throughout the district by the appellation we have just given it. It was a perfect Alsatia, within the magic limits of which no sheriff dare shew himself. Here Gamble lorded it over a plantation of eighty or ninety slaves; and here he presided over a gang of miscreants, whose doings were the terror of the country for fifty miles round. least one white man, counting Indians and negroes for nothing; and their chiefs had been outlawed a dozen times, for as many atrocious crimes. At on his head. Several-attempts had been made, both by the legal authorities and by private individuals, to take him dead or a live, but they had always failed most signally. On one of these occasions he was said to have killed, or mortally wounded, five men, single handed. Such being his character, it was no wonder that his appearance in Major Lawson's barroom struck terror into all 'its assemblage, there was one man who cast back on him a gaze as haughty as his own. As this person was, moreover, distinguished by being the only individual present who could by any stretch of courtesy be called a gentleman, he deserves more particular mention.

Fredrick Stuyvesant Schuyler belonged to one of

ions on things in general. "So you're all quiet now. You were making noise enough just now, when I came in. What's the matter ? P'aps you don't know me!" The countenances of all expressed that they sincerely

wished they did not. # I'm a perfect steam-boat, with a considerable sprinkling of the comet. I can the enemy in returning the shot. The most natuknock down and drag out a whole regiment, whip my weight in Indians, swallow a buffalo whole, and pick my teeth with the horns. And its my opinion that you're all a set of cowards." With which practical application of his somewhat desulory remarks, the bully ejected a torrent of tobacco-

uice across the the room, directly upon the polished boots of the New-Yorker, who involuntarvily shook his foot as a man might do who had step ped into a puddle.

The rest of the company were not sorry to se the insult, which had been offered to all present, thus particularly fixed upon the stranger, who was thus bound to take np the quarrel ; but they very much doubted if he would show fight. They had not long to doubt. Schuyler rose from his seat, and a lvancing close to the huge ruffian, asked, in a cool and unpassioned tone :

"Did you intend to spit on my boot, sir?" Gamble appeared speechless with astonishment and rage.

"I ask, did you intend to spit on my boot, sir?" "Spit on your boot ! I'll spit in your face next lime

Very possibly he might have proceeded to put his threat into execution ; but if such was his intention. Schuyler gave him no time to performe it, for on receiving the above response, he instantly planted his fist, with all the emphasis he could command, full in the Georgian's chest. So energetically and skilfully was the blow given that the giant reeled back, and, with scarcely an effort to save himself, toppled over on the floor.

Had this result been brought about by a miracle, the company could not have been more stupified-Every one of them had in his day murdered at that the strongest man that they had ever seen should be knocked down at one blow by a fellow who seemed hardly a mouthful for him ! But they had no long space for their wondeing cogitatious; that very moment there was a price of 500 dollars for Gamble suddenly sprang from the floor with a tiger-like bound, and, throwing himself headlong on Schuyler, bore him down at once. Then followed oatlis, and pantings, and rapidily-intercauged blows and a precipitate scatteration of the bystanders right anti-left, as the combatants rolled over and over on the floor in mortal struggle There was a pause in the conflict. Both had rison to their knees; neither endeavored to, regain occupants. But I am wrong in saying all; for as his feet, or overthrow the other; but Schoyler was he looked round triumphanily upon the cowering evidently trying to draw his dirk, and Gamble as elearly endeavoring to draw his Bowie-knife, At length the Georgian having freed his right arm, raised it over his head, as it to chop down his antagonist with his clenched fist. Such, however, was not his intention. In a moment the bright blade of his weapon gleamed in the air, and

muttering a fearful oath, he made a deadly stab. at er was a wealthy merchant, who kept a stylish and turned the knife aside : its point entered the offered for Gamble; dead or eline. So Schuyler in the service of the devil, and bloming the south and turned the knife aside : its point entered the bollow equate to the devil, and bloming the service of the devil, and bloming the south and turned the knife aside : its point entered the bollow equate to the devil, and bloming the south and turned the knife aside : its point entered the bollow equate to the devil, and bloming the south and turned the knife aside : its point entered the bollow equate to the devil of the hospitable major, and proceeded in the Lord's tace. the oldest Dutch families in New York. His fath- the other. Schuyler caught his opponent's wrist,

e reet. elist advanced upon the other, with the intention of

They were soon out of gun shot from the balled coming to close quarters, he might by some slight tender. Up went the stars and stripes, with a hearnoise expose himself to his antagonist's fire, or ty cheer from the mariners, and the old one-eved might run unawares upon the point of a knife or sea-dog pulled out a rusty fife, and gave them Yanthe muzzle of a pistol. It he fired without being kee Doodle in strains as melodious as the triumphshure of his man, the flash of his pistol would guide ant notes of a porker that has escaped the butcher's knife. Caotain Jacob saved his bacon and flour ral course was for them to wait, each in the hope

of exhausting his opponent's patience, and tempting him to commit some impudence.

In this way they watched each other, or rather watched for each other, for about ten minutes; down, from which we may conclude that Nature when at length Schuyler thought he detected the cat-like gleam of his antagonist's grey eyes at the example. It is from the early hours of sleep, which opposite side of the garret. Turning his left side are the most sweet and refreshing, that the re-acin that direction, and bringing his right arm across | cumulation of muscular energy and bodily strength

takes place, as well as of that due excitability of his breast, he peered more eagerly than before into the darkness. His suspicion was increased to the brain indispensable to the exertion of our wakcertainty ;-he fired. Instantly the fire was return- ing hours. Sleep has been called the "chief noured; and his left arm, which he had involuntary isher in life's feast," but how few find it such ! In raised, fell shattered by his side. In the agony of order in that sleep may be refreshing, it is necessary take sufficient exercise in the open air during the moment, he hurled the discharged pistol across the room. As it struck harmlessly on the rough the day, to eat a light supper, or none at all, avoidlogs which formed the side-walls, he heard a low ing tea or coffee late in the evening, to aleep on a

taunting chuckle. Human nature could not bear hair mattress with a light covering of bed-clothes, it ;--- he fired again, almost a random. Again the in a room freely ventilated. It is well known that fire was resumed ;---the ball pierceing his side, the Duke a Wellington, now a hale old man, is acand, overcome by pain and loss of blood, he fell customed to sleep on a narrow hard pallet; and we heavily to the floor, while onother fiendish laugh | believe the couch of her Majesty is also of the sim- | the mainsail was brailed up, in order to allow the plest possible construction. It is reported that the ounded in his ears.

Dake justifies the naraowness of his vesting place But though sorely wounded, Schuyler was noe yet hors de combat. Raising himself with some on the plea that when a man wishes to turn, it is difficulty to a sitting posture, he drew his knife, then high time to turn out. We seldom hear the blue water, I had remarked a couple of sharks folprepared to sell his life as dearly as possible ; only laborious peasant complan of resides nights. The indolent pampered epicare, or the man who overhoping that his enemy would assail him before he was completely, prostrated by the ross of blood, inskes his brain and denies himself bodily exercise, Scarce a minute had elapsed when he heard a faint is liable 'to sleeplesmess.

creak of the boards near him-Can ble was evi-SIGHTS AT ALEXANDRIA .- As I sat near the windently approaching, to give him the coup de grace. dow of the hotel, many strange sights passed before In another moment a heavy foot came in contact me : among others I saw two large ostriches walking with his wounded side ; and he once more recogabout most majertically. One of them having been nised those fiery grey eyes, as the Georgian stoopoffeneded by a man in European dress tell upon him ed over him. Now, or never ? He collected his & spiritedly gave battle, until an Egyptain came and fast-failing strength into one last effort, and lunged drove the bird away. I also saw from the window upwards with all his force. Uttering a wild yell of the process of building as carried on in Egypt -pain and rage, Gamble leaped into the air, and fell Camels are there employed in bringing stones -back-dead ! The workmen carry what are not unlike carpet

The party below, who had been employed in bages slung across their shoulders, made of leather betting on the combatants, rushed to stairs as soon and having a large round hole at the top, and a as they heard the second fall. The major opened small one at one corner of the bottom, which is the door, and called. He received no answer, for tied with a string. In these they bring water for Schayler had fainted. He was, however, soon rethe lime. Others mixed the mortar, which was stored to concinusness: his wounds were bound up, taken to the builders by women, in square, boxes, and he was put to bed ; for his success made him and which they carry upon their heads. I saw all almost a god in Major Lawson's eyes. In a few so that several men had got skins of the goat and weeks, when perfectly restored to health, he startwild boar, in which they carried water. The skin ed for home, having had quite enorgh of the south. is taken off as whole as possible; the legs are ued His host (who possibly had some private reasons fast, so as to prevent the water from escaping. and of his own for rejoicing at Gamble's deatn, and the water is poured in at the neck ; these with the feeling grateful to the man who had put him out hair on, looked like dead pigs hanging from the of the way) refused to receive one cant of compenmen's shoulders .-- [Lowthian's Visit to Jerussiem. sation for board, lodging or allendance. Nay, more he virtually put five hundred dollars into his pocket, by informing him of the reward that had been

stantly have fallen on the assassin, and taken sum mary vengeance, so truly attached had they been to the chief mate, and were only kept within bounds by their commander's presence. The cook, who appeared to glory in his deed, was instantly seized and confined. The corpse was taken below, while the wretched betrothed was carried in a state of insensibility to her cabin.

Eight bells had struck the following evening when I received a summons to attend on deck. I

therefore instantly ascended, and found the whole of the brew, dressed in their Sunday clothes, together with all the officers of the ship, and the male passengers, assembled. The men off duty were ining either side of the deck; the captain, sorounded by all his officers, was standing immedi ately in front of the poop; and the body of the unfortunate victim lay stretched on a grating, over which the national flag of Denmark had been thrown, immediately in the centre. In an instant I saw that I had been sammoned to be present a the funeral of the chief mate, and my heart beat high with grief, as I uncovered my head and stepped on the quarter deck.

It was nearly a dead calm : we had massed the trades, and were fast approaching the line : the sun had begun to decline, but still burnt with a fervent heat : the sail, hung listlessly against the masts, and breeze, should any rise, to go forward. I had observed all the morning a more sure indication of our approach to the torrid zone. Through the clear he." I would not have served you so if I had been lowing the vessel, accompanied by their usual companions-the pilot fish. This the sailors had expected, as a matter of course, as they superstitionsly believe that the monsters of the deep always attach themselves to a ship in which a dead body

lies, anxiously anticipating their dreadful meal-In their appearance, however, I only saw the usu-

al announcement of our vicinity to the line. In such weather, placed in a ship, which seems to represent the whole world-shut out from all. nave the little band that encircles us, with the wide and fathomless element around us, the etheral throne from which God seems to look down upon us : at one moment our voice rising in solemn prayer, for one we have loved; and the next, the splash of the divided waters, as they received in their bosom the creatures he has made-all these, at such a moment, made the heat thrill with a deeper awe, night he seals it, and the angel upon his right shoul a closer fellowship for its Creator, than any resident | der eveeps. on shore can know-a consciousness of the gran denr of God, and the feebleness of man, which those alone can feel who "go down in ships, and see the wonders of the deep."

I took my place with the other passengers. Not word was spoken, for we all believed we were about to witness the last rites performed over our late friend, and consequently stood in anxious silence: when suddenly a steady tramp was heard, and the larboard watch, with drawn cutlasses, slowly marched down the waist, escorting the murderer, whom they conducted to the side of the cornee'

one felt, it was the expectant shark that rashed forward for her prey. I caught a glance of the living man's eye, as he was falling; it haunts me even to this moment; there was more than agony in it -We paused only for a few minutes, and imagined we saw some blood-stains rising to the surface. Not one amongst us could remain to see more .--We turned and sought to forget the stern and aweinspiring punishment we had seen inflicted.

Of course, strange sights were related as having appeared to the watches that night. For myself, I only say that I was glad when a sudden breeze drove us far away from the trasic scene.

Nosras Our - There is said to be a ronner for bost at Philadelphia who goes on board an opposi. ion steamer and commences snuffing. "What f lo von smell ", some one enquires. " Dead bodies," is the answer-" they have died of small pox." Then off he packs for the other boat, follow , ed by all the hightened voyagers.

SHAKING THE COMMONWEALTH .--- Cist, of the Cincinnati Engniner, tells a capital story about a constable in Pennsylvania. He had served a legal precept of some sort, on a particular friend of his. who, greatly drunk at the time, rebelled against the law and its myrmadon, seizing the officer and shaking him almost to peices. The parties meeting a few days after, Jim, the offender, was profuse in his applogies. "You know, Jake," said sober; it was the develish whiskey did it all." The official at last mollified and relented under Jim's expostulations. "As to the shaking," said he." I don't bear any malice, or valley it a cention my account; but as an officer, Jim, recollect whoever shakes me shakes the commonweatth,"

ORIENTAL RECENT .- " Every man," an Eastern legend says, " has two angels, one upon his right shoulder and one upon his left. When he does anything good, the angel on his right shoulder writes it down and scals it; because what is once well done, is done forever. When he does evil, the angel upon his left shoulder writes it down, but does not seal it. He waits until midnight. If before that time, the man bows down his head and exclaims," Gracions Allah ! have sinned !-- forgive me !" the angel rubs it out; but if not, at mid-

There is many books, written by men, from which two truths only are discoverable by the readers ; namely, that the writers thereof wanted two things-principle and preferment.

A western editor save, a man who would stear a good pen from an editor would, rob a sick baby of a sick of candy !

Fortune has been considered the guardian dirinity offools; and on this score she has been accused of blundness; but it should rather be adduced as a proof of her samaceity, when she helps these who certainly cannot help themselves.

A DEFINITION .--- Lorenzo Dow defined & deathbed repentance to be burning out the sandle of life.

LATE Hours .-- All animals, except those that prowl at night, retire to rest soon after the sun goes intends that the human species should tollow their