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Poetry. Select

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From the Annual Gift. LONGING FOR HOME.

Our Northern hills are cold and bleak, And chilling is the air, But dear to me is every peak-Would now that I were there. Stern Winter crowns with glittering gems The mountain's stately height: Majestic look their diadema, Flashing in sunbeams bright.

Our forest trees are old and grand, And beautiful, I ween, When Spring comes forth with fairy hand, And decks their limbs with green. I wandered o'er, when but a child, Each bleak hill's rugged brow, And through the forest wild-Would I could wander now.

Among those hills and vales my home Is nestling 'mid the snow. The Mecca shrine, to which my heart Still turns, where'er I go. Years have passed, and friends have flown, And I have roamed afar : But one is there to cheer me on, Life's own bright guiding star.

My Mother ! youthful love e'er throws A halo round thy brow : Kind sympathizer in my woes, Would I were with thee, now. I long to come, my mother dear, And rest me by thy side, To meet familiar faces, where Love lights the ingleside.

This world is very lone and drear, And sadly do I roam; Mother, thy child is weary here-Take me, O! take me home! And mother, fold me to thy heart, Securely as of yore ; And mother, say we ne er shall part No! never, nevermore! M. C. L.

From the London Leader. THE NEW ARISTOCRACY.

A title once could only show The signs of noble birth, And men of rank were years ago The great ones of the earth.

Those present now persuaded Mills to acble. If there is snything, however, that will to me pleasantly for a quarter of an hour; and when I rose to depart he said : " My young friend, you look as though you might cept the challenge, and one of them, a great put the world out of humor, it is to see a diswag, volunteered to act as his second. mal face and hear a dismal voice. It can't The two seconds met, and secretly resolvbe trusted. You say you came to study and

endure them. It loves cheerfulness and hates not to waste time. I will take you at your ed to amuse themselves at the expense of gloom. Don't think to awaken its sympaword. You may as well hang up your hat at those two pests of B-The hour fixed upon for the meeting was two thies by whining. You only make it laugh. once. Go into the other room, take your, o'clock in the afternoon of the hext day, and book, and sit down to reading it, and write But put on a bright face and it is your friend at your convenience to New Hampshire for the distance agreed upon was only ten yards. henceforth. Affect cheerfulness if you have our letters.

Among other things I went through Saund-

er's Reports, the old folio edition, and ab-

stracted and put into English, out of Latin

and Norman French, the pleading in all his

special pleas have been ouite familiar to me.

THE SANGUINARY DUEL.

BY JCHN L. ZIEBER.

peaceably disposed persons.

A braggart has often been taken for a

it not. It will do you good. Assume a would have supposed they would rather have "I was conscious of making a good stride pleasant look, and you will soon be bothered been somewhere else, and under different onward when I had obtained admission into circumstances, they looked really miserable. to thruw it off. Accustom yourself to speak Mr. Gore's office. It was w situation which The seconds once more pretended to enpleasantly and you will be astonished to see offered to me the means of studying books and men and things. At was on the 20th of deavor to reconcile the two young men, but July, 1804, that I first made myself known to Mr. Gore; and although I remained in for blood, if their assortions could be relied the effect it will have upon yourself as well as others. Never allude to cares troubles. "blighted hopes" or the like. Such, in real his office only till March following, and that upon.

They finally took their places, pistols in life, are not appreciated by the world. They with considerable intervening absences, I made, as I think, some respectable progress. hand, and hearts in their throats-the seconly raise a smile of contempt or ridicule In August the supreme court sat. I at- ond who was to give the signal to fire, apupon its calculating countenance. They do tended it constantly, and reported every one proached the surgeon, and said : very well in poetry. When written in such

of its decisions. I did the same in the cir-"I suppose you have your implements language as that of Byron or Keats, and re- cuit court of the United States. I kept a handy in case an amputation is necessary ?" tribe :-little journal at that time, which still survives. It contains little besides a list of "In addition to books on the common dure the clongated face and complaining tone, and municipal law, I find I read Vat'el for

especially when intruded on its busy hours, the third time in my life, as, is stated in A careless and playful allusion to misfortunes, the journal; Ward's law of Nations, Lord lubberly cowards. Had it been a "fist fight," Mills would went into the reeds, when I came suddenly secure my game. Two of my Hottentots have fought Rankins with pleasure, but he upon a crocodile of average size, lying in a swam over to my assistance; but just as we Bacon's Elements. Puffendorf's Latin Histohad a horror of powder and ball-he would ishallow back'stream, and, on his attempting were going to lay hold of the animal, she berv of England, Gifford's Juvenal, Boswell's more effective in awaking its sympathy. It Tour to the Hebrides, Moore's Travels, and not have accepted the challenge had not Bill to gain the main river, I shot him dead on came disengaged' from the invisible fetters admires the nature that is not cast down by many miscellaneous things. But my main. Krane, his second, assured him that Rankins the spot; this was the first crocodile I had that had held her, a gigantic old tree that would not stand fire, so here he was now in | managed to lay my hands upon, although I | some flood had lodged in the bottom of the adversity, and is touched by the delicacy study was the common law, and especially a horrible situation, with the eyes of twenty- had killed many. Soon after breakfast, the pool, and floated down the middle of the rivthat hides grief from its view; while he who the parts of it which relate to special plead-Whatever was in Viner, Bacon, and five or thirty of his acquaintances upon him, chief, accompanied by a number of his aris- er; when she neared the tail of the pool, we who would be so many witnesses against him tocracy, paid me a visit. if he did not acquit himself manfully. "On the 28th he sent me down the river, other books, then usually studied on that blubbering his woes to every one he meets part of science, I paid my respects to.-

stranded her on a fine gravel bank. if he did not acquit himself manfully. The remarks of his second relative to the before it was clear, to look for sea cows, and amputation of limbs were as daggers to his they soon came running after me to say that already excited feelings, and the effect of they had found some ; I followed accordingly | ly older, but her teeth were not quite so thick. those apparently sincere words told with and, in a long, broad and deep bend, came Ordering the natives at once to cut off her reports. It was an edifying work. Frour equal effect upon the other boaster-both upon four hippopotanii, two full grown cows, huge head, and liaving seen it safely depositits grief scars; but the truly sensitive will not that day to this the forms and language of were as pale as sheets. a small one, and a calf. At the tail of this ed on the bank, along with that of her com-"Gentlemen, are you ready ?" asked the pool was a strong and rapid stream, which rade, held for my wagons, having to cross thundered along in Highland fashion over the Lepalala to reach them. I was very econd.

From the Berks County Press. into the reeds, and as the cow rose, shot ber head. "At the word 'three' you will please to in the head; she, however, got away down

fire," said theother, "now prepare for victory the river, and I lost her. The other three or death P took up the river, and became very shy, remaining under the water for five minutes at a The two wretched men stood staring at

brave reckless man, unless he was really each other with blanched cheeks and dilated time, and then popping their heads up only known to be harmless, physically speaking, eyes; at the word "one," they started con- for a few seconds; I accordingly kept behind would possess the power of intimidating When "two" was pronounced they presented Presently, the two smaller ones, apparently no Jim Rankins was one of the class of indi-

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

lord of the animal creation. Lions, beurs, and then coming up like a great whale, set-and tigers fail before him, when he raises his fing the whole river in a vortex. Presently moment of inexpressible anxiety ensued, yet gun and takes his deadly sim; and even the she took her way down the stream, but, re- undismayed by the ili success of his efforts, hippopotamus-the ancient behemoth of turning I killed her with a shot in the though painfully nware that he now pos-Scripture-has become the sport of our mod- middle of the forehead. This proved a most sessed only a single chance for life, the heroio They met, and judging by their features, one ern Nighrods. Its name, as derived from the magnificent specimen of the female hippopo- individual prepared, with more careful delib-Greek, signifies The River Horse. Modern tamus. She far surpassed the brightest conwriters, perhaps with more propriety, call the ceptions I had formed of her, being a larger, male animal the "The Sea Cow." These and a more wonderful and interesting animal imals, as most of our readers know, are am- than certain writers had led me to expect.phibious-that is, able to live both in air and On securing this fine sea cow, I immediately in water. They are denizens both of the land cut off her head, and placed it high and dry, and the lake the rock and the river. and this was a work of considerable difficulty

Gordon Cumming, who spent five years in the far interior of Southern Africa, and slew er, being of course, unable to do anything the animal stretched upon the ground, was wild animals of every description with as much with it there, and it was well I secured the zest and skill as our sportsmen do game at head when I did, for the crocodiles had dragbome, gives the following account of his nd- ged away the carcase. ventures among a school of the hippopotamus

"Yes sir," replied surgeon Thompson, who On the 27th, whilst riding along the riv- stationary within about twenty yards of the Tes sir, replied surgeon mompson, who is the point was very speechy ended by the point was very ended by the well, book was broad and less the direction was point was very ended by the p

swam in, and, inclining her course to shore,

"This truly magnificent specimen Was about the same size as the first and apparent-"Yes," stammered Rankins with nervous harce masses of dark tock, and on coming to much knocked up, but most highly gratified trepidation. Mills would not trust himself the shady bank, I could at first only see one at my good fortune in first killing, and then with his voice, so he merely inclined his old cow and cali. When they dived, I ran securing, two out of the four best sea cows in s herd of fourteeft."

> ADVENTURE WITH A TIGER. It was in the cold season that a few of the

civil and military officers belonging to the station at Asscarghur, in India, says Lieuten-

HUNTING THE HIPPOPOTAMUS in the side of the head. This last shot set slight tremor in his own fingers; or a jerk ocher in motion, when she commenced strug- casioned by the rough-tend and brisk pace gling in the water in the most, extraordina- of the animal, caused the ball to miss its The invention of firearms has made man ry manner, disappearing for a few seconds aim, and a tighter gripe and accelerated trot eration, to make a fiesh attempt. He felt for the pulsation of the heart a second time, placed his remaining pistol firmly against the vital part, and drew the trigger with a steadier hand, and nicer precision. The jaws suddenly relaxed their grasp, and the tiger dropped dead beneath his burthen! The triamph of for four men. We left the body in the wat- the victor as he surveyed the lifeless body of

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subdued by the loss of blood and the pain of his wounds. He was uncertain, too, whether his failing strength would enable him to reach the camp, even if he could be certain of find-"The body of the other huge sca cow which I had shot now floated and became ing the way to it; but his anxiety upon this point was very speedily ended by the loud

ly divested myself of my leather trowsers, and and worn out with fatigue. swam across to and exhausted, but free from wounds of a mortal nature.. JEALOUSY AND REVENCE. ROME, Jan. 31-A tragical specimen of

talian jenlousy took place in the beginning of this week at the Pope's favorite summer residence, the once famous but now deserted sea coast town of Porto d'Anzio. The women of that and the neighboring town of Nettuno are celebrated for their beauty; but the charms of a young girl, the daughter of a fisherman of Porto d'Anzio, have for some time past entitled her to a pre-eminent rank even in that land of beauties. A young man belonging to a noble family of Orvieto, whilst casually sojourning in Porto d'Anzio, became enamored of the fisherman's daughter to such a degree as to overlook all differences of rank, und to wish for a union with the object of his passion ; but his parents suddenly put a stop to his matrimonial intentions by suddenly summoning him back to Orvieto, and keeping him there in expectation of some

more suitable project. The young girl thus unwillingly abandoned by her lover, was soon after courted by one of her own townsmen, quite a youth, and son of the inducipal secretary, who profess ant St. Clair, agreed to make a shooting ex-cursion in the vicinity of Agra; and it gave d the most ardent affection for her and of-fered to marry her, though totally unpreparoccasion to an animated scene. A conven- ed to meet the expenses of the matrimonial ent spot had been selected for the tents, be-state. Whilst the unsatisfactory proposition neath the spreading branches of a huge were pending the Orvieton lover sent a letter banyan; peacocks glittered in the sun upon stating that by the decease of his parents he the lower bows, and troops of monkey grinned had become master of his own actions, and and chattered above. The horses were fistened he should lose no time in returnining to under the surrounding trees, and there fanned Porto d'Anzie, to fulfil his promise of marryoff the insects with their flowing tails, and ing the fisherman's daughter. This piece of pawed the ground with their graceful feet; intelligence was favorably received by the farther off stood a stately elephant, watching old man and the young girl, and their exthe progress of his evening repast preparing pectations were realized towards the end of by his driver, and taking under his special last week by seciag the amerous count arprotection the pets of his master, a small dog, rive from Rome, laden with presents for his intended bride. The necessary preliminaa handsome bird, six feet high. decked in plumage of blac and black, and a couple of ies having been summarily arranged, the goats, who, knowing their salest asylum, kept impatient lovers were united in the holy to his trunk or under the shelter of his huge hands of matrimony on Sunday morning last limbs. Beyond reposed a group of camels the bride being fashionably attired in the wedding dress and bonnet bought by her husband for the occasion. locks, their companions in labor, rested at It would be surperfinous to hint at the their feet; while pack-saddles, panniers, and race and disappointment of the disappointed sacks, piled around, completed the picture. suitor: , Ile passed his morning in smoking Within the circle of the camp a lively and playing at billiards, hardly replying to scene was passing, fires blazed in every quarthe sarcastic remarks of his friends, who expatiated upon the beauty of the bride, and the becomingness of her new dress. In the afternoon, however, he was roused by seeing crowd, all engaged in that important officethe bridegroom and bride; with her father preparing for the evening meal: The inte and little brother, set dut for Nettuno. a rior of the tents also presented an animated neighboring town about two miles distant, spectacle as the servants were putting them in a errettino, or chaise. He immediately left the billiard table, and went home for his double barrelled fowling piece, telling his skins, carpets were spread upon the ground, mother that he was going to shoot a have, and sofas surrounded by curtains of transwhose heart and liver he intended to have for supper that very evening. Thus armed, he proceeded toward Nettuno, and waited for his victim at a turn of the road between the batteria and the Villa Doria. The brilal party meanwhile, retarning gaily from a visit to Nettuno and the church of San Roco came in sight of the assassin, standing with and newspapers; so that it was necessary to his gun in the middle of the road. The bride was seized with a panio and exclaimed, "Oh; Dio! There is heart of an Indian forest. The vast number Paoluccio !" But her husband reassured her, of persons-the noise, bustle, and many fires and told her there was nothing to be alarmed about the camp precluded every idea of danat, as a proof of which he stopped his horse on ger-and the gentlemen of the party colreaching his rival, and said to him, "Good lected together in front of the tents, conversevening Paolo; where are you going?" To which the other replied, "Do you not see I I am going to shoot a hare," presenting at the same time his piece at the bride. She shrickthemselves with looking about them. While thus indolently beguing the few minutes which had to elapse before they were ed out, "spare our lives, Paolo !" Her husband threw his arms round her, but Paollo sternly replied, " It is too late !" and, firing immediately, shot the bride through the heart. with three slugs, with which the first barrel of his gun was loaded. Seeing that his rival was not killed, Paolo proceeding coolly to reload, when the count urged his horse into a gallop and made as once for Porto d'Anziu. The murderer. a youth not eighteen years old, then struck into the forest, and made the best of his way to paga that it has always been considered as a sanctuary for murderers and robbers, who while others pressed their way through the have remained, time out of mind, unmolested within its precingts, and employed as laborers for want of more honest workmen. Paoluccio, having the additional advantage of being. rod-son of the arch priest of Capo Morto, doubtless thought himself quite, safe in this retreat ; but the government has lately found the bandit tenants of the sanctuary are too much on the increase, or the malaria fever not. sufficiently active in thinning their ranks, so. that the police authorities are not so scrupulous in observing the traditional immunities of the place. The consent of the Dean and obtained, a, detatchment of spirri set out from,

They deemed it just the crowd should shrink Before the cap and gown; They thought it wrong the poor should think And right to keep them down.

"The People" could not touch; Made for the use of lords and kings, And only meant for such. -To work the loom, to till the soil, To cut the co-ily gen-To tread the round of daily toil, Was quite enough for them.

Time was when just to read and write Were thought a wonderous deal, For those who wake with morning light, · To earn their daily meal. The man a more submissive slave, The less his head-piece knew; And so the mass from habit gave Their birth-right to the few.

Now look around, the light of Truth Is spreading far and wide, And that which fills the English youth, Must shame our ancient pride. Tis mind alone can wield the sword. In spite of wealth and rank, The artisan may face a lord With thousands in the bank.

We scorn not those of high degree For so 'twere wrong to do; But poorer men as rich can be, And quite as noble too. The prince may act a gayer part, But he who works for bread May have, perchance, a warmer heart, And perhaps a clearer head.

Then grieve not for " the good old times." Behold a brighter day The causes of our father's crimes Are wearing fast away. Before the Pen, the Press, and Rail Must old opinions fall, The mighty project cannot fail-Then sid it one and all.

Miscellaneous.

For the Democrat. TO MY MOST MELANCHOLY FRIEND.

Now my dear fellow, you've worn that to Mr Gore's rooms, and my name was prosombre look too long. Do be persuaded to nounced. I was shockingly embarassed, but lay it by. If you were the "Last Man" I am Mr. Gore's habitual courtesy of manner gave more bulky rival as if undecid certain you could not present to the crowds of me courage to speak. I had the grace to certain you could not present to the crowds of keletons a more lengthened and lugubrious Phiz. How dare you walk through a flower there very like intrusion, and that if I esgarden, or appear in the presence of children ! Your grim visage would be like trost to the only founded on his known kindness and generosity of character. I was from the country one, and would scare the others into dismal I said; had studied law for two years; had little ghosts. Don't tell me of the cares and come to Boston to study a year more : had sorrows that have overshadowed your life. some respectable acquaintances in New That's all mere literary cant. You learned Hampshire, not unknown to him, but had no n'out & Cooper's Novels. One of your age introduction ; that I had heard he had no talking of cares and misfortunes! Just in the clerk; thought it possible that he would remorning of your life, and mourning over your ceive one; that I came to Boston to work, and not to play; was most desirous on all past in such a heart broken way, and quot- accounte to be his pupil; and all that I ing Byron to show that life has no more ventured to ask at present was, that he wo'd keep a place for me in his office till I could pleasures for you! How ridiculous! write to New Hampshire for proper letters, showing me worthy of it. I delivered this

But suppose you have had some misfortunes; suppose your extravagant hopes have not all been realized. Why rail so at the world as though that was all to blame. It looks as though your days and nights had aging good nature. He evidently saw my been devoted to Byron rather than to Addi. embarrassment spoke kind words, and asked "Why you blasted cowardly skunk," cried son and Irving. The world has no particular men to sit down. My friend had aready dis-the enrared bully. "You do'nt men to say ill-feeling towards you, Believe me, for I can gested was very reasonable, and required it-

thies chilled, your heart wounded, your byiduals above mentioned -he was a barkeepall this, I can give you no better advice. Don't was not a native of that place, hence all his let the world into the secret by plain word related them could not safely be contra-Those were the dars when books were things or look. But the supposition is most ludi- dicted.

sympathies on their account. Such things I believe I have my little abstract yet.

crous. Throw away "Child Harrold" and list in the course of time doubts began to Bulwer, avoid dark swampy places, eschew arise regarding the veracity of all his daring adventures-he enlarged so much that none solitary walks, and "midnight tapers," and but the most verdant believed him, and he the most frightened. take to Dickens, daylight and dancing, and soon found that his bearers would occasionmy word for it, the imaginary wees you are ally wink as he dwelt upon some of his most cherishing so fondly will disappear like owls daring exploits. These resided in the village another indiand bats in the morning, and your rheubarb vidual whose name was Oliver Mills; he was which defore was very much doubted. visage with them, Dou't regard the world as similarly affected, he blustered and foamed At the word "three," they both raised

books read.

----- "A wilderness Where tears are hung on every tree."

cited by a good elocutionist, with proper ges-

ture, the world, if not too busy, will some

times dion a hurried fear. But it can't en-

A careless and playful allusion to misfortunes

-- if you must talk about them-is much

"wears his heart on his sleeve" and goes

There are veins of sadness in the most

mirthful nature. Every heart has its tinges

of melancholy, its desponding thought and

parade these to the world and demand its

are for the sacredness of friendship. What

do you want a friend for if he has no more

of your confidence than all others,---if you

I will suppose you suffering under all the

weight which you flatter yourself has been

laid upon you: I will suppose your past a

mere wreck, as you often boast, to which you

cannot look back without sighs,-I will sup-

pose you really ill-used by fate -- your sympa-

turn your heart inside out to every body.

is sure to be mocked and avoided.

That is one of Hoods best jokes, which von, I fear, with a good many besides, have taken as sober truth. When you feel your sombre symptoms, go out into the meadow. and with bloom and fragrance and song eral blow up," some day, as Jim once ex tion to run, in case the other persisted in rearound vou and the clear sky above, "enjoy vourself" and let your grim feelings vanish. they only knew that a cordial hatred for each other possessed, hence the result above. Don't waste the sunny hours in regrets for other burned in their bosoms, and neither the dark ones. Don't, like an angry schoolboy, throw away your top because you have lost your marble. Don't talk of shadows. lenge his foe to mortal combat-pistols- after running a dozen paces or so. But un-Let them pass as easily as they can, then forwhile Oliver Mills would use Nature's cudg- fortunately for him, Mills became possessed get them. But mark down every bright els-fists only. One evening Rankins sat in a grocery so when the valiant challenger presented his hour in your memory with indelible ink. Do store where many of the villagers oft congre- pistol-duel fashion, he was horrified to bethis and be a happier and more agreeable

man. S. H. D. ing point, when the word "liar," in a loud From the Private Correspondence of Webster. DANIEL WEBSTER AS A LAW STUDENT.

speech trippingly on the tongue, though 1

suppose it was better composed than spoken.

Mr. Gore heard me with much encour-

tone rang through the apartment. In a moment Jim sprang upon his feet. and loudly demanded who the individual "Arrived at Boston, I looked out for an office wherein to study. But then, as I knew was who dared apply such an obnozious epi | pistol; the waggish second picked up the none of the legal gentlemen, and had no thet to him. "Twas me said it, you darned blower," letter, this was an affair of some difficulty. Some attempts to be received into a lawyer's growled Mills, as he strode forth, and con-

fronted the astonished bully. office failed, properly enough, for these rea-Now it should be known that Rankins sons, although the reminiscence has since never related any of his adventures when Mills sometimes caused me to smile. was present, he had probably reasons of his shot, and with a howl of terror he saus up-"Mr. Gore had just returned from Eng-

own for so doing; but on this occasion he on the ground. land, and renewed the practice of the law .--He had rooms in Scollay's Building, and as was taken by surprise. Mills and the proprietor of the store had been in an out house, found himself alone; all had left the spot; yet he had no clerk. A young man, as litthe known to Mr. Gore as myself, undertook for some half hour, examining some hairs, he returned to the tavern through some byto introduce me! In logic this would have and they returned just as Rankins was in the way, and next morning the first stage conbeen bad. Ignotum per ignotum. Never. midst of his tale-Mills listened but a motheless it succeeded here. We ventured in- ment, when he uttered the word above menined.

For a moment Rankins stood eyeing his more bulky rival as if undecided how to pro-"Sir, you must recall that vile word or begin with anaffected apology; told him my position was very awkward, my appearance fight me.

"Well, if I must, I must," said Mills calmpected anything but a civil dismission, it was " Well then apologise at once," said Rank-

Krane the wag of B-----, the inhabitants ins haughtily, seemingly misunderstanding, of that town were rid of two obnoxious indihis foe. "Yon be blasted !" exclaimed Mills, "I'll and changing the other from a blustering

fight." "Eh !" cried Jim, in confusion, " I thought you were going to apologize-to retract the

word you made use of." "Never mind what you thought, I'll fight you," replied Mills.

by a Black Republican very illy qualified "Very well, sir, I'll send my second ťο for his position. The Detroit Free Press reyours to-morrow to arrange matters." lates the following anecdote of him : "Arrange thunderation," cried Mills. What do I want with seconds? If you send any one to me to arrange; things, I'll emash his face just as I'm going to yours." "Sir," said Jim, with an air of dignity, templated meeting. I fight only with the

ill-feeling towards you. Believe me, for I can souch for is good nature. It has no wish to injure your the realization of one of your hopes, though to be sure, it isn't going to put itself soul of the way on, your account. It stands perfectly neutral, "would as soon have you guecced and be happy as fail and be misser." •

When he returned to consciousness he

Oliver Mills became a respectable citizen, only

neighbor who differed from him in politics,

Thus, by judicious management of Bill

viduals by driving one out of the village

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veyed him to a distant town.

the latter merely said :

bully into a sensible man.

fight a duel ?"

He was never again seen in B-

This was enough to silence him.

an appearance at once pitiful and ludicrous, longer frightened, showed th his mouth stood open with fear, and his un third, which was by far the largest, and murvellous narratives about himself, as he occupied hand opened and shut again in a which I thought must be a bull, continued extremely shy, diving under the water for ten nervous manuer.

Rankin's face was actually greenish white, minutes and more, letting us see her face but his knees smote together, and finally his hat for a second, and making a blowing like a fall off-his hair stood on end ! It could whale, returning to the bottom: I stood not be decided then which of the two was there with a rifle at my shoulder, and my ere fon the night, until I was quite tired. I Suddenly both seemed to nerve themselves: thought I should never get a chance at her they assumed a more determined demeanor, and had just resolved to let fly at one of and looked less horrified. The spectators the smaller ones when she shoved up her thought they would now really fire, a fact head and looked about her; I fired, the balt, cracked loudly below her ear, and the huge

body of the sea cow came floundering to the furiously, and the majority of the citizens their pistols, and then simultaneously droptop. avoided him. He was a large athletic man wed their arms again and, pistols in hand "Though not dead, she had lost her senses | with their drivers-some lying down, others and continued swimming round and round, standing or kneeling. Numerous white balof about twenty four or five, and a quartel- they took to their heels in opposite direcsome fellow-he'never hesitated to knock a tions. It now appeared evident to those as-man over who dared to insult or affront him. sembled, that the look of firmness which the face of the water, creating a fearful commo-There existed a rivalry between the twoin- "duellists" exhibited previous to their giving tion, when I finished her with a shot in her neck, upon which she instantly sank - to the dividuals which was destined to create a gen- out the word "three," was only a determinabottom, and disappeared in the strong and rapid torrent at the tail of the sea cow pool. ter, and sundry operations of roasting, boilpressed it. The two were not on speaking maining firm, but unfortunately, both were pressed it. The two were not on speaking maning man out anorthinger, out were the Here she remained for a long time, and I ing and frying, were going on in the open terms, nor could either tell why it was so; too cowardly to see how much courage the Here she remained for a long time, and I ing and frying, were going on in the open thought that I had lost her, but the natives air. Every fire was surrounded by a busy said she would soon reappear, and while take-Now it occurred to Rankins, at the moing my breakfast there was a loud hue and sought to have it quenched. Both were ever ment he turned his back, that Mills also took ery that the hippopotamus had floated and eager at the least effront, to challenge the to his heels, so in order to maintain his repuwas sailing down the river. It was so, and other, with this difference ; Jim would chal- tation as a brave man, he turned back again inv Hottentotsswam in and brought, her to in order for the night, they were lighted with

the bank; her flesh proved most excellent - lamps, the walls hung with chints or tiger-In the afternoon I shot a splendid old water of the same idea, and acted upon it likewise. buck, with a princely head, which I kept. "The next day I rode down the river's bank | parent gauze-a necessary precaution against with two after riders, to seek for hippopotami | inscets-became commiss beds. Polished gated ; he was relating some marvellous sto- hold the redoubtable challenged party appawhich the natives reported would be found swords and daggers, and silver-mounted pisries, and had just reached the most interest- rently ready to fight it out. Both were hor-In a pool in advance, where another river tols and guns, with knives and boar spears, ror struck, and the effect was instantaneous, joined the Limpopo. After riding a short and the gilded bows, arrows, and quivers, of but it operated in two distinct .ways on the

distance, I found the banks unusually green | native workmanship, were scattered around. individuals most concerned. Mills fled a second time, this time, however dropping the and shady, and in a broad, deep, and long The tables were covered with European books still hend of the stream the game I sought. "They were lying in their sandy beds be continually reminded by some savage obweapon, and discharged it after the fugitive. among the rank reeds at the river side, and ject these temporary abodes were placed in the This capped the climax ; Mills thought his on hearing me galloping over the gravelly opportent shot at him, and he redoubled his shingle, the deposit of some great flood, they peed executing some superior feats of runplunged into their native stronghold in dire ning. Rankins when he heard the report of alarin, and commenced blowing, snorting, and

the pistol took it for granted that he was attering a sound very similar to that made by the musical instrument called a serpent. ed carelessly with each other, or amused It was a fairish place for an attack, so divesting myself of my leaster trowsers, I ordered my after riders to remain silent, and then crept

cantiously forward, determined not to fire a summoned to dinner, a full grown tiger, of shot until I had thouroughly examined the the largest size, sprang suddenly into the herd, to see if there was not a buil, and, at centre of the group, seized one of the party all events, to secure, if possible, the very finest in his extended jaws, and bore him away into with a builer, and broke her busband's arm the wood with a rapidity that defied pursuit. liead among them. once when he spoke somewhat sharply to a "The troop consisted of about fourteen hip- The loud outery raised by those whose faculties were not entirely paralyzed by terror and popotami, ten of them being a little farther

down the stream than the other four. Having consternation, only served to increase the fired the other barrel without effect, and was "Do you want me to challenge you tes tiger's speed. Though scarcely a moment carefully examined these ten, I made out two had elapsed, not a trace of the animal redecidedly larger than the others. I then mained, so impenetrable was the thicket crept a little distance up the river behind the reeds, to obtain a view of the four, and saw through which he had retreated; but, notwitstanding the apparent hopelessness of the that they were two enormous old cows, with two large calves beside them. The old ones case, no means which human ingenuity could the ontlaw's asylum, at Campo Morto, an eshad exactly the same size of head as the two suggest was left untried. Torches were in- tate belonging to the chapter of St. Peter, best cows below. I accordingly chose what stantly collected, weapons hastily snatched which is in such a nozious part of the Cam-I thought the best of the two, and making a up, and the whole party rushed into the forest-some beating the brush on every side, fine shot at the side of her head, at once dis-A GENIUS IN THE U. S. SENATE .-- The abled her. She disappeared for a few secworld renowned statesman, General Cass, is onds, and then came floundering to the sur- tangled underwood, in a state of anxiety in-

to be succeeded in the United States Senate. face, swimming round and round, diving and capable of description. The victim selected by the tiger was an of reappearing with a loud splash and a blowficer whose presence of mind and dauntless ing noise, and getting slowly down the river, until I reattacked and finished her, about an courage, in the midst of the most appaling "During the late campaign, Mr. Zacharia hour after, a quarter of a mile farther down. danger, most providentially enabled him Chandler, United States Senator elect, im- The other sea cows were now greatly alarm- to 'meet the exigencies of his situation. proved himself in stump speaking by taking | ed, showing, and that occasionally, but a Neither the auguish he endured from essons of a recently graduated youth of the small part of their beads. I managed how the wounds already received, the horrible 'you entirely mistake the nature of our con- University, named Dexter. On one occasion ever, to select one of the three remaining manner in which he was hurried along Dexter had taught him to recite an extract ones, and, making a perfect shot, sent a bul- through brush and brake, and the prospect from Burke, which was intended to be bro't let crashing into her brain ; this caused in- so immediately before him of a dreadful "Why you blasted cowardly skunk," cried in with great force and tremendous applause, stantaneous death, and she sank to the bot-death, subdued the firmness of his spirit; and Chapter of St. Peter's baving been previously. the enraged bully, "you do'nt mean to say Having heard him recite, just before time for tom. I then wounded two more sea cowe in meditating with the utmost coolness upon the