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Potteville, april 13, 1839.

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Weekly by Benjamin Bannan, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

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ENGLAND.

The Thames Tunnel .- Thursday Mr. Bruncl en gineer of the Thames tonnel, appeared at the Man sion house for the purpose of making the customary affidavit as to the expenses incurred in the under-taking within certain periods. The Lord Mayor congratulated the engineer upon the near approach to the completion of his wonderful enterprise and asked when he expected to reach the Middless x shore? Mr. Bruhel said that he had high gratification in being able to state that every danger and difficulty had been conquered, and that his men were hard at work within five feet of low water mark on the Middlesex sige. He expected in one week to be quite clear, so that the undertaking might then be said to be perfect.

Parachute Decent .- Monday, Mr. Hampton, who has already made two descents in his parachute, the one from Cheltenham, and the other, about two months ago, at Gremorne house, Chelsea, made a third experiment with Its dangerous machine from the Flora tea-gardens, at Bayswater, Mr. Hampton's parachute, which is called " the safe," consists of very large expanded half-circle of prepared canvass, and has very much the appearance of a huge chaise umbrella. It is strengthened with ribs of great power, and covered with network. To this is appended a wicker basket, attached by strong cords. From this proceeds upwards a brass tube, through which was passed the cord that attached the balby a simple apparatus, the moment the parachute is detached the valves of the balloon are opened, and the escape of the gas is so rapid that the balloon generally reaches the earth as soon as the parachute. The weather was delightful, and assemblage of the people gathered to witness the novel sight was immense. All the necessary preparations having been completed at half past seven, and the parachute attached. Mr. Hampton stepped into it with the greatest confidence, amids loud cheering. The ascent was magnificient, and almost perpendicular. When the balloon had asabout three quarters of a mile, ca h dowr came the parachute, and up went the balloon. The former heaved heavily from side, to side, but as it descended it became more steady, and at last fel upon the branch of a tree in Kensington-gardens, Mr. Hampton seemed stunned; be was assisted out, but at first could not speak, and was very faint. He was carried to a tavern, cheered as he went along, He was hurt in the chest and knee; but has since completely recovered. The valves of the balloon did not open; consequently it ascended to an im-inense height, and has not been heard of sinces.

Steam on the way to India. The "Wernon," splendid frigate built East Indiaman, was launch ed on Saturday from the building yard of the Mesers. Green, at Blackwall; she has a powerful steam engine to propel her in calms, at the rate of five knots an hour, so as to accomplish the voyage from the Lizard to Calcuta in seventy five days.

Some sensation has been produced in the money circles during the last day or two by the discovery of a fraud which has been practised on the bul-lion dealers. It appears that the dollars lately received at the Bullion Office of the Back of England ceived at the Bullion Omce of the Bank of Longiano, it was remarked that a great proportion were of a very onusual weight, yet externally, there was nothing to distinguish them from the genuine pillar dollar. On one of them being placed in the fre, however, it was found that a centre formed of infe-rior metal, had been ingeniously inclosed in a coal of pure silver, which inclied away, leaving the value less portion of the counterfeit in a black and solid mass. Whether this spurious coin has come from abroad or it cannot at present be ascertained. It i rather suspected that it may have been manufactured at Birmingham. The bullion dealers have some quantity of it upon their hands, but as it is a foreign coin, it is probable that no great amount has been ed upon the public generally

Attempt to Tamper with the Military .- Manches ter, Aug. 20.—An inflanmatory paper, copies of which had been distributed amongst the soldiers was found in the lodgings of Timothy Booth, wh has been lately arrested. In this privoner' house were also found one musket and a bayonet a towling piece, a pistol, a dagger, 24 ball cartridges 102 leaden bullets for pistols, and 262 bullets fo guns, together with one pistol, one bayonet, and 24 ball cartridges. There were also found in his curboard 70 leaden bullets and a half a pound of pow der. The magistracy and military are on the aler for any emergency.

We are glad to announce that the St. Hilda pit s now in working order, and that the men, whose lives were spared by the late explosion, have all resumed their employment.

IRELAND.

· The Ulster Railway.-The works between Bel fast and Listurn are tast approaching completion. A single line of rails is now permanently laid along the whole distance, and the "ballasting" all but finushed. Four splendid carriages (one first class, and a really magnificent article.) as well as a very powerful locomotive engine, no attract crowds of visiters to the terminus at Glengall Place. We hope, in a few days, to be able to announce the time at which this important work will be open.

Awful Occurrence -- Un Saturday week, while Mr. Jones the busrister was holding the quarter ses ons in Hillsborough court house, an awful event took place. An old man (of the name of Traynor, we believe) had been processed to the previous Newry sessions for the seduction of a young girl, and had been decreed to pay the sum of £5 10s. The ex tent of the barrister's jurisdiction was then £10 but owing to the circumstances of Traynor, the above sum £5 10s, only was decreed to the p o ecu-When this witness was proving the fact of the agreement, and of Traynor's, stood up and said That is false." These were the last words spoken by the unfortunate man, for he was instantly smit-ten dead, and fell forward on his face. He was car ried out, and medical assistance instantly had, but all in vain-life was utterly extinct. A coroner's inquest was held upon the body, and the jury re urned a virdict of " Died by the visitation of God

The body of the unfortunate man was buried, i Hillsborough burial ground, the following day. Twelfth July .- We have lately travelled through the greater part of the northern counties, and have been over westward to sligo, and we have not witnessed the slightest manifestations of party feeling, nor have we seen any preparations for a party display on 12th inst. On the contrary we have learned that the Orange party have expressed themselves very much pleased with the recent proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant. It is highly gratifying to us to bear our personal testimony to the peaceable and kindly feeling towards each other, by every class of the community, over seven or eight counties of the north of Ireland. We now speak of the improved state of society, from what we have seen, and from what we have heard.

Singular Case of Life prolonged without food,in Prestwick, aged 65, died on Sunday morning, last, the 7th instant, of a closing up of the gullet just about where it enters into the stomach. For long time past she had experienced a difficulty in swallowing any solid food; and for 15 weeks previous to the closing up of the passage she was supported on milk and water alone, with occasionally a little whiskey made into toddy. The passage closed completely up on the 14th or 15th of June last, and since that no sustenance of any description passed into the stomach, and every attempt to administer nourishment in any other way entirely failed. The sensation of hunger, which was very strongly, entirely ceased on the closing of the passage, and for 23 or 24 days she continued in that state, free, not

whatever. The vitality of the body being sustained i now grown to the extraordinary height of 3 feet 61 er. There's no use in attempting to contradict her for that length of time solely by its own internal | mehes. resources, and that too when these resources have been greatly attenuated and exhausted by the com-parative starvation of five or six months preceding. The only uneasuress felt was a sensution of heat in the throat which was from time to time allayed by er, she could never retain beyond a few seconds, when it was thrown up again. This, together with latterly an occasional moistening of the pains of the hand with water when she felt juclined to faint, was the only external source from which, and that by absorption merely, it was possible she could receive ourishment for the last three weeks of her life.-She stil along was in a very happy frame of placid and Christian resignation, and it is in compliance with her own humble request that this account was

SCOTLAND

Scotland - Letters are eloquent in praise of the weather, and the apprarance of the growing crops; the former has been unusually favo trable to vegeta tion, and as a natural consequence the latter of ed a degree of luxurance truly gratifying. Wheat we are assured though somewhat thin on the ground in the more northern districts, promises on the whole to yield at least an average quantity; and appear ances are stated to be equally tavourable, as regards other grain; particularly Oats. The market has under these circumstances become exceedingly dull, and although the supplies from the growers has been very small, previous prices have been with difficulty maintained.

The triennial general meeting of the Scotch Epis copal Friendly Society was held here, in the Yestry Room of St. Andrew's Chapel, on Wednesday the 10th July, for the purpose or examining the state of the lunds, and electing a committee and office bear era for manageing the affairs of the Scienty for three years next ensuing. The funds appear to be in a highly flouishing state, and everything connected with the affairs of Society such as to give full satis-faction to the members present. The object of this society, as set forth in the presemble to its rules and articles, " for the cole purpose of assising and establishing a fund for the relief of such of the members thereof and the members afterwards to be admitted; and, prospectively, for the relief of such of the mem-bers themselves as may be in indigent circumstances

A Fact for the Consideration of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.—A gen leman residing in Perth wrote the other day to a person in Edinburgh reat to whom the letter was addressed instead of re-plying through the same channel (the Post Office,) came in Person to Perth by the steamers, the fare of which amounted to even peace, while the postage of a letter would have cost a half penny mure!!!

Dunfermline .- In consequence of the outrage com mitted a few days ago at Halbeath Colliery, and the threatening aspect which the Chartist soldiers have assumed, the Sheriff-Depute thought it necessary to order a party of Dragoons from Piershill Barracks, to preserve the peace of the town and neighbourhood. Accordingly, on Saturday morning, two troops lett the barracks by the way of Queensferry, when one proceeded to Perth and the other, consisting of more than thirty men, arrived here. The officer in com mand was immediately waited upon by Sheriff-De pute Colville, and Mr. M'Donald, the Procurator Fiscal, for the purpose of arranging as to the best mode of acting under the circumstances. "Upon personal inquiry, we regret to sind that so much of the spirit of intimidation and revolt exists among this portion of the community-intlinidation that threatens the destruction of both lite and property, and revolt against all law and good order; but we ence of the military, will prevent any further atfire raising. The authorities have offered a high reward for the conviction of the individual who attempted, by shooting, the murder of one of the overseess of the colliery

WALES.

Ornithology.-At the commencement of the past week, some scores of those inigratory birds, called starlings, were seen at Llanbedrog and Llanengan in this county; the above orcumstance is very extransdinary at this season of the year, as we neve knew starlings to visit this part of the country' be fore Michelinas. It may not be generally known to the lovers of ornithology, that a flock of another species of flagratory birds called fieldfares, have been seen all the year tound for upwards of twenty years, at a plantation at Lianbedrog, and nestle and breed there at the present season.

Pullheli.-On Wednesday morning se'night, this town and neighbourhood were visited by a terrific storm of wind and rain which lasted, with little inermission, until the following Friday morning, and caused attraordinary great floods in the rivers near the town. The Abererch embailkment bridge, now updergoing regairs, is encompassed with a dam, the fresh water being let out through a trough near the bridge, which unfortunately was made considerably too small, and which caused the water above the on Friday morning the water broke into the dam. although great exertions were made to prevent it, and soon filled the place, which of course did some damage, but it was prevented from breaking thro.' on the other side. During the above time the water gradually rose higher, and inundated the whole of the flat grounds between the embankment and Abererch village; some families were obliged to leave their homes, as part of their furniture were floating in their houses, the crops of several fields of corn hav, potatoes, and a large nursery were greatly dam-aged. On Monday morning last, it was found ne-cessary to make a breach in the embankment, for the purpose of letting out the fresh water, and on Thursday it was supposed to be reduced to about its former level.

A Clergyman Drowned .- The Rev. J. Foulkes was drowned at Wisbeach, in Cambridgeshire, or the 20th ult.

Proofs of the Extraordinary Vegetave Power of the Sea Sand in Morecambe Bay, opposite Bardsley,— The following practical letter may afford useful ints to Agriculturalists on the sea/coast in Wales:

On Saturday the 6th July, I caused a quantity of wa wand to be carted out of Morecambe Bay from a place below Chapel Island, opposite to Bardeea, aout a mile from Furness shore. The sea sand had been, less than an hour previously, covered a consid erable depth by the tide, and contained several cock les and other shell-fish common in the Bay; it was then immediately placed in pits or heds, 15 inches in depth, in my garden, and at once sown, without manure or admixture of any kind, just, in fact, in the state it was taken from the Bay, with wheat barley, pears mustard, cress, and radish seed. On morning the mustard, cress, and radish seed had sprouted. This morning, being Thursday morning, no more than five days from the formation of the beds of sand, I find the whole of the seeds have begun to vegetate ; the mustard, cress, and radishes have thrown out a considerable length of root whilst. what is most extraordinary, the shell fish are ever yet quite alive ; -thus we have wheat, barley, peas. mustard, cress, and radishes al! growing, and cock-tes and other shell fish in a living state in one and the same bed of sea sand! Should any one be at all incredulous as to the truth of this statement, he can easily try the experiment himself; an ordinary flower-dot filled with sea sand and taken out of the Bagmand sown with almost every kind of seeds. would at once put the matter to the test. I beg farther to add, that the common hay seeds sown by me in Outober last to beds of see sand similar to the only from pain, but from any other bodily ailment above, and treated exactly in the same way, have

Some wheat sown about Christmas last (now in 3 feet 9 inches. 3 feet 3 inches.

barley, ditto Peas sown about April last (in full 3 feet. Beans sown about April last (pods

completely formed 3-feet 3 feet 2 inches Carke, July 11, 1839.

J. S.

P. S.—The farmers all round the Bay of Morecambe, in forming composts for their wheat and

barley crops, use of bariey crops, use or Sea sand about 26 carts (one horse carts) | per stat-Lime about 4 carta.
Manure 10 carts, (Query manure) ute acre.

We have the authority of Sir Humphrey Davy in stating that Lime ought not to be mixed with ani-mal manure, as the lime neutralises the manure; yet we frequently see this practiced in Shropsbere and other counties. Another waste of manure is obvious every day. The rains are permitted to wash away from the farm yard the very essence of the manure in a liquid state, and leaving the straw al

Courteous Correspondence. They are queer peo ple in Pennsylvania, and have the queerest ways of managing their public affairs, at least-we do not know how it is with their private arrangements.-I hat Harrisburgh riot of theirs, from first to last, has been one of the most incomprehensible proceedings that "came off?" in any civilized country .- While the riot itself was in progress, we tried in vain to come at a clear understanding of its whys and wherefores; and the same cloud of mystory stills seems to hang over the consequent legal proceedings. In another column will be found a letter, setting fourth the grounds on which an indictment against the rioters nas been quashed; but after reading it two or three umes over, we can arrived at no conclusion in the prenises except that the Pennsylvanians are queer people, and have very queer fashions of managing their

The latest specimen of their oddity is the annexed orrespondence, between certain jurous of Allegheny County and the deputy attorney-general, which we find in the National Gazette of yesterday.-What the difficulty is between the parties we are not

PITTEBURGE, August 20, 1839. Henry C. Moorheud, Esq., D. A. G.

Dear sir-The undersigned, members of the traerse jury which has this morning been discharged, having had a good opportunity of observing the manner in which you have transacted the business of the Commonwealth during the session on which we have been in attendance, feel in duty bound to inform you that we have arrived at the conclusion that you are entirely incompetent to discharge the duties of your office, and that the interest of the county of Allegheny imperiously demands your resignation or

emoval. While we feel bound thus to state our opinion of ou as an officer, we cheerfully acknowlede that our opinion of you as a gentleman is favorable, and will be much heightened, i. you will speedily comply with what by this time you must know to be, not the wishes of the jury merely, but of the people generally, who have been in attendance at the Court.

In writing thus to yourself we cannot think it nesincerely hope that the good sense and intelligence cessary to refer to particular cases in which, through your incompetency or neglect, the county has been saddled with costs, or guilty persons been permitted w escape punishment.

Very respectfully, &c., [Signed by 19 jurors.] To which the deputy answered:

PITTSBURGE, Aug. 23, 1839. Gentleman.-Your communication has been veceived. I have only to regret that you had not the

vou in person. Your letter comes to me as the act of all whose names are attached to it—though I have learned from one of yourselves, that it was proposed by a single th.m, they'd call her an ill name or two, and someindividual, drawn by him, and signed at his request -in some cases at his direct solicitation.

I have you for the present, gentlemen, to the indulgence of those noble sentiments which your ugh-minded act must necessarily inspire. I have the honor to be, gentlemen.

Your most obedient servant. HENRY C. MOORHEAD. To Messrs. Philip Doun, Alexander Stewart, and others, Travers Jurora.

Not to be behind the jurors in politeness, the deputy sent the correspondence to the press with the tollowing note-

To the Editors of the Pittsburgher Gentlemen, You will oblige me, by publishing he following billet down and my respond.

Its only a Drop. BT MRS. S. C. HALL

[Larry, as the reader will readily guess, is Ellen's Bachelor, as they say in Ireland. He has called at her brother Michael's cot, on the errand upon which bachelors, who have sense enough to be saved, are wont to call.]

Larry was a good tradesman, blythe and well to do' in the world; and had it not been for one great fault-an inclination to take the -least taste in life more' when he had already taken quite enoughthere could not have been found a better match for good, excellent Ellen Murphy, in the whole kingdom of Ireland. When supper was finished, the everlasting whiskey bottle was produced, and Ellen resumed her kustting. After a time, Larry pressed his suit to Michael for the industrious hand of his sister. thinking, doubtless, with the natural self-conceit of all mankind, that he was perfectly secure with Ellen; but though Ellen loved, like all my fair country women, well, she loved, I am sorry to say, unlike the generality of my fair country woman, wisely, and reminded her lover that she had seen him intoxicated at the last fair of Rathcoolin.

Dear Ellen!' he exclaimed, it was only a drop' -the least taste in life that overcame me. It overook me unknownst, quite against my will.'

Who poured it down yer throat, Larry " 'Who poured it down my throat is it ! why myself, to be sure; but are you going to put me to a three nonths' penance for that !

'Larry, will you listen, to me, and remember that he man I marry must be converted before we stand before the priest. I have no faith whatever in conersions after'-

'Oh, Eilen!' interrupted her lover. 'It's no use oh Ellening me,' she answered quicky; I've made my resolution and I'll stick to it." Sha's as obstinate as ten women I' said her broth-

she always has had her own way." It's very cruel of you Ellen, not to listen to reas

olf you know that Larry, why do you take the table-spoontal !

Larry could not reply to this question. He could only plead that the drop got the better of him, and the temptation, and the overcomingness of the thing. and it was very hard to be at him so about a

I can never think a thing a trifle, she observed. that makes you so unlike yourself; I should wish to respect you always, Larry, and in my heart I believe o woman ever could respect a drunkard. I don't want to make you angry : God forbid you should ever be one, and I know you are not even one yet; but sin grows mighty strong upon us without our knowledge. And no matter what indulgence leads to had : we've a right to think any thing that does lead to it sinful in the prospect, if not at the present.'

'You'd have made a fine priest, Ellen,' said the roung man, determined if he could not reason, to augh her out of her resolve.

"I don't think," she replied, archly, if I was a priest that either of you would have liked to come to e to confession.

·But Ellen, dear Ellen, qure it's not in positive ownright earnest you are; you can't think of puting me off on account of that unlucky drop, the least drop in life I took at the fair. You could not find a your heart. Speak for me, Michael, speak for me. But I see it's joking you are. Why, Lent 'll be on us in no time, and then we must wait till Eastert's easy talking.'

'Larry,' interupted Ellen, do not talk yourself in to a passion; it will do no good; none in the world. I am sure you love me, and I confess before my brother it will be the delight of my heart to return that ove, and make myself worthy of you, if you will ony break yourself of that one habit, which you qualiy to your own undoing, by fancying, because the least taste in life makes you what you ought not to be, that you may still take it.

I'll take an oath against the whiskey, if that will olease vou, till Chrismas. And when Chrismas comes, get twice as tipsy as

ever, with joy to think your oath is out-no! 'I'll sware any thing you place.' I don't want you to sware at all; there is no new in a man taking an oath he is anxious to have s

chance of breaking. I want your reason to be con-Prove it by abstaining from taking even a drop, even the least drop in life, if that drop can make you shamed to look your poor Ellen in the face.' .

'I'll give it up altogether.' I hope you will one of these days, from a conviction that it is really had in every way; but not from cowardice, not because you dare not trust your-

·Ellen, I'm sure ye've some English blood in yer veins, ye're such a reasoner. Irish women don't often throw a boy off because of a drop, if they did, it's not many marriage dues his Reverance would have, vinter or summer.

Listen to me, Larry, and believe, that though spake this way, I regard you truly; and if I did not; dashed down the whiskey." i'd not take the trouble to tell you my mind.

·Like Mick Brady's wife, who, whenever she thrashed him, cried over the blows, and said they were all for his good, observed her brother silly. 'Nonsense!-listen to me, I say, and I'll tell you why I am so resolute. It's many a long day since, going to school, I used to meet-Michael minds he

too, I'm sure-an old bent woman; they used to call her the Witch of Ballighton. Stacy was, as I have said, very old, entirely withered and white headed nagnanimity and moral courage to offer your insult | and nearly double with age, and ahe used to be ever openly and before you were discharged, as I should | and always muddling about the streams and ditches tuen have had the pleasure of paying my respects to gathering herbs and plants, the girls said to work charms with; and at first they used to watch, rather far off, and if they thought they had a good chance of escaping her tongue and the stones she flung a umes, old as she was, she'd make a spring at then sideways, like a crab, and howl, and hout, and scream, and then they'd be off like a flock of pigeons from t hawk, and she'd go on disturbing the green-coated waters with her crooked stick, and muttering words which none if they heard, could understand. Stacy had been a well-reared woman, and new a date more than any of us: when not tormented by the children she was mighty well spoken, and the gentry thought a dale about her more than she did about them; for her shoe, and tell them so, too, if they'd call her any thing but Lady Stacy, which the rake gentry of the think every civil word to an inferior is pulling down their own dignity, would turn up their noses as they passed her, and may be she dind t bless them for it.

One day Mike had come home before me, and, coming down the back hohreen, who should I see moving along but Lady Stacy; and on she came muttering and mumbling to herself till she got near me, and as she did, I heard Master Nixon (the dog man's)* hound in full cry, and seen him at her heels, and he over the hedge, encouraging the baste to tear her to pieces. The dog was soon up with her, and then she kept him off as well as she could with her crutch, cursing the entire time, and I was very frightened, but I darted to her side, and, with a wattle l pulled out of the hedge, did my best to keep him Master Nixon cutsed at me with all his heart, but

wasn't to be turned off that way. Stacy herself, laid about with her staff, but the ugly I rute would The father had cume home, as I expected; he had have finished her, only for me. I dont suppose Nixon meant that, but the dog was savage, and some men, like him, delight in cruelty. Well, I best the dog off; and then I had to help the poor fainting two yards from my child. Oh, how I flew to the much like bringing her here, for the people said she the country like a banshee; I loid it in his arms; I of whiskey would revive her, and accordingly I offered her a glass. I shall never forget the venom then. I couldnt kiss it in death; there was nothwith which she dashed it to the ground.

Do you want to poison me, she shouted, safter saving my life.' When she came to herself a little. she made me sit down by her side, and fixing her large grey eyes upon my face, she kept rocking her body backwards and forwards while she spoke, as well as I can remember-what I'll try to tell youbut I can't tell it as she did-that wouldn't be in nature. Ellen,' she said, and her eyes fixed in my

*Tax-gathers mans so call some time ago in Ireland, because they collected the duty on dogs.

luce, I wasn't always a poor lone creature, that eve ry ruffian who walks the country dore but his cur st There was suff, and plenty in my father's house when I was young, but before I grew up to womanly estate, its walls were bare and roofess. What made them so ! -drink! whiskey! My father was in debt; to kill thought, he tried to keep himself ro that he could not think; he wanted the courage of a man to look his danger and difficulty in the face,

and overcome it: for, Ellen, mind my words, the man that will look debt and danger steadily in the face, and fresolve to overcome them, can do so-He had usemeans, he said, to educate his children as became them; he grew not to have means to find. them or their poor patient mother the proper necesarries of life, yet he found the means to keep tha whiskey cask flowing, and to answer the bailiff's knocks for admission by the loud roar of drunkenness, mad as it was wicked. They got in at last, in spite of the care taken to keep them out, and there was much fighting, sy, and blood spilt, but not to death; and while the riot was a-foot, and we were crying round the death bed of a dying mother, where was he !-they had raised a ten galton cask of whison. I tell you a table-spoon full will often upset key on the table in the pirlor, and astride on it ast. my father, flourishing the huge pewter funnel in one hand, and the black jack streaming with whiskey in the other; and amid the fumes of hot punch that flowed over the room, and the cries and oaths of the fighting and drugken company, his voice was heard swearing, he had freed like a king, and would dislike a king."

And your poor mother !' I asked. Tank God, she died that night-she died before worse came; she died on the bed that before her corpse was cold, was dragged from under herthrough the strong drink—through the badness of him who ought to have saved her; not that he was a bad man either, when the whiskey had no power over him, but he could not bear his own reflections. And his end soon came. He did'nt die like a king ; he died smothered in a ditch, where he fell; he died, and was in the presence of God-how ! , 'Oh. there are things that have had whiskey as their beginning and their end, that make me as mad as ever it made him! The man takes a drop, and forgets his starving family; the woman takes it, and forgets she is a mother and a wife. It's the curse of Ireland-a fitterer, blacker, deeper curse than ever was put on it by foreign power or hard-made laws!"

God bless us!' was Larry's half-breathed ejaculation

I only repeat ould Size, 's words,' said Ellen, you see I never forget them." 'You might think,' she continued, that I had had warning enough to keep me from having any thing to say to those who were too fond of drink, and I thought I had; but, somehow, Edward Lambert got round me with his sweet words, and I was alone and unprotected. I knew he had a little fondness for the drop; but in him. young, handsome, and gay-hearted, with bright eyes and suppy heir, it did not seem like the horrid thing which had made me shed no teur over my futher's grave. Think of that, young girl : the drink does'ntmake a man a beast at first, but it will do so before it is done with him-it will do so before it's done with him. I had enough power over Edward, and enough midmory of the past, to make him swear against it, except so much and at such time, and for a while he was very particular; but one used to entice him, and another used to entice him, and I am not going to say but I might have managed him dilferently; I might have got him off it-gently, thay bed; but the pride got the better of me, and I thought of the line I came of, and how I had married him who was nt my equal, and such nonsence, which always breeds disturbance betwixt married people; and I used to race, when, may be, it would have been wiser if I had reasoned. Any way, things did'nt go smooth-not that he neglected his employment; he was industrious, and surry enough when the fault was done; still he would come home often the worse for drink-and now that he's dead and gone, and no finger is stretched to me but in scorn or hatred, I think may be I might have done better; but, God detend me, the last was hard to bear.' Oh, boys!" said Ellen, if you had only heard her voice when she said that, and seen her face - poor ould Lady Stacy, no wonder the hated the drop, no wonder she

You kept this mighty close, Eilen,' said Mike, I never heard it before.'

I did not like coming over it, she replied; the last is hard to tell.' The gir! turned pale while she spoke, and Lawrence gave her a cup of water. 41 must be told,' she said : the death of her father proved the effects of deliberate drunkenness. What I have to say, shows what may happen from being even once unable to think or act.'

'I had one child,' said Stacy, one, a darlint, blueeyed, laughing child. I never saw any so handsome, never knew any so good. She was almost three years ould, and he was fond of her-he said he was, but its a quare fondness that destroys what it ought to save. It was the Pattern of Ludy day, and well I knew that Edward would not return as he went; he said he would; he almost swore he would; but the promise of a man given to drink has no more strength in it than a rope of sand. . I took sulky, and would ut go; if I had, may be it would not have. ended so. The evening came on, and I thought my b by breathed hard in her cradle, I took the candle and went over to look at her; her little face was red; and when I laid my check close to her lips so as no to touch them, but to feel her breath, it was hotvery hot; she tossed her nims, and they were dry and burning. The measles were about the country, she'd say there wasn't one in the country fit to tie and I was frightened for my child. It was only half a mile to the doctor's; I knew ever foot of the road; and so leaving the door on the latch I resolved place all humored her in ; but the upstarts, who to tell him how my darlint was, and thought I should be back before my husband's return. Grass, you may be sure, di l'nt grow under my feet. I ran with all speed, and was nt kept long, the doctor said-though it seemed long to me. The moon was down when I came home, though the night was fine. The cabin we lived in was in a hollow; but when I was on the hill, and looked down where I knew it stood a dark mass, I thought I saw a white light fog coming out of it. I rubbed my eyes and darted forward as a wild bird flies to its nest when it hears the scream of the hawk in the heavens. When I reached the foor I saw it was open; the fume cloud came out of it, sure wough, white and thick; blind with that and terror together, I sushed to my child's cradie. I fond my way to that, in spite of the burning and smothering. But Ellen Ellen Murphy, my child, the rosy child whose breath had been hot on my cheek only a little while before, she was nothing but a cinder. Mad as I felt I saw how it was in a minute. cone to the cradle to look at his child, and dropped the candle into the straw, and unable to speak or stand, had fallen down, and asleep on the floor, not woman, for she was both faint and hurt. I didn't doctor's with what had been my baby: I tore across wasn't lucky; however, she wanted help, and I gave told him if he didn't put life in it, I'd destroy him it. When I got her on the flour, I thought a drop and his house. He thought me mad; for there was no breath, either cold or hot, coming from its line ing left of my child to kiss think of that! I snatched it from where the doctor had laid it ! I cursed him, for he looked with disgust at my purty

> But her husband, her husband!" inquired Larry in accents of horror; what became of him !--did she leave him in the burning without calling him to

> child. The whole night long I wandered in the

woods of Newtownbarry with that burden at my

himself? No, answered Ellen; I saked her, and she told me that her shricks she supposed roused him from applocation in which he must but for them have the