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THE REPULSE.

BY SAMUEL WORDSWORD.

When first I sought my Lydia's love, I talked of flames and rapture; And with unceasing ardor strove Her gentle heart to capture. "I'll quit the world if I'm denied!"

I said, without reflection; "As you think best," the fair replied, "I've not the least objection. "Hard hearted girl ! for your embrace.

To dastard fear a stranger, Arabia's desert sand I'll trace, And laugh at every danger: Or scale the Andes' steepest side, To me rit your affection!'
"As you think best," she still replied,
"I've not the leastlobjection."

"Can nothing move you? is he doomed To years of gloom and sorrow, Who tondly tho't you would have bloomed His lovely bride to morrow?

My family, with joy and pride. Expect the blest connection." "As you think best," she smiling cried, "I've not the least objection.

BOA CONSTRICTORS.

The gloomy forest in which I witnessed what I am about to relate is situated at a shot distance from the town of Dielky, in the East India Island of Timore.

On a small plot of ground where stands a group of about fifty buildings of most fantastic shapes, each surrounded by its own inclosures, live and die a few sickly Europeans and a number of Malays who black. en their teeth with betel, areka, and lime, Here they live, and near them-so near indeed that he can reach them at a single bound-lives the terrible boa constrictor. who only devours myriads of insects when he happens not to have pounced upon a buffalo in his rapid flight.

The buffalo is the boa's natural food .-The moment he has seized upon an animal of this description, he drags him toward one of the sturdy giants of the forest, entolds him, squeezes him, and stiffes him, in spite of his sharp horns, his frightful bellowing and his sturdy shoulders; then covers him with slime, his rough tongue seeming at once to caress and inject his victim the kneads his body, he stretches it out and pounds his bones, and when these hisions preparations are completed, and his reptile instinct tells him that his victim is in a state to be devoured, he lets it fall, and placing himself at full length opposite the lifeless buffaloe's head, opens his jaws, the elasticity of which almost beyond credence -till his rings creak as they draw nearer each other, and then draws a long breath, when the quadraped is sucked in by a series of jerks, and no sooner is its body half engulled than the voracions boa grows calm, leels drowsy, and at length falls asleep as if wearied by a struggle that has exhausted his strength.

If the boa was alone before he attacked buffalo, and if his female is asleep at some distance from him, you may then approach in full confidence, for you have nothing to fear from his strength, his slime, nor his open jaws that are vawning like some vast furnace. I have said that he is asleep, but it would be more correct to say dead, for he is as insensible as the trunk of a tree

There is no glory as you may perceive in killing the boa in the state of torpor in which he is thrown at the beginning of his loathsome repast, but as no one thinks of hidious reptile, the best plan is to take him ously at this crawling Lucullus, who is the feast that follows. struck by death in the midst of his feast.

as there is no sting to be feared, that you ing that of the most nimble tiger. may have sufficient presence of mind to di- It is difficult to comprehend the wonder-

loss belonging to Europeans and to the Ra- the victim's horns rise up like two sharp wife gave him a proof of his mistake by box- you," said a young lady to a cornoral jahr tributary to the Resident of Dielky, peaks as if about to places the mark the bard, inches the first line his cornoral.

ing this unfortunate colony, had become so for the purpose of destroying, or at any rate or of a buffalo. driving away, these dangerous reptiles -For this purpose he enlisted a number of within the year. No subscription taken for stout-hearted, energetic men, who were not care, however to keep at a respectful dis-a less period than six months; no discon- afraid of entering the gloomy forest by day tance. tinuances permitted until all arrearages are or by night, and making war on its dreadful We took up our position on lofty Belvi One square, twelve lines, three times, \$1 00 midable crisk, whose undulating blade is about a thousand footsteps from the scene perience in this wise: generally steeped in the yellowish gum of of action, we could hear the sonorous his-

ons were chiefly employed.

determined to set fire to the wood, even at ants lay ensconced. the expense of a general conflagration throughout the island. He, however adopted every precamion required under the ctronmstances; and as soon as the buffaloes that were sent forward to be sacrificed to the reptiles, had given token of the presence of one or more of these monsters, he circle round the shot thus indicated. And as the serpent remains in a state of torpor for some months after his repast, the courageous woodcutters had only to be on their goard against those reptiles which had not repelahem.

No sooner were the time honored trunks felled to the ground together with the lux uriant branches, so varied and so fantastic in their shapes, than whole armfuls of dry leaves were cast into a heap in the middle, were set on fire and the fire was continuallay fed by fresh fuel cast in from the outer circle, and then through the fitful undulations of the lambent flames the dreaded boas might be seen writhing round and round in the fiery circle, in their struggles to escape from death; then leaping at a bound to the topmost branches of the trees, and attempting to clear the belt of flames that hedged them in-but in vain were their endeavors. They fell exhausted in the midst of the fornace, and breathed their last amid the most hideous contortions, ex pressive of the horrors of so agonizing a

Some of them, however, as Don Jose Pinto assured me, contrived to leap beyond the Malays, several of whom forfeited their lives before the repilles could be subdued.

But it is when the boa comes forth from the gloomy and silent forests, and scours the plain to enjoy the light and the sunand anon leaps forward as though he were the foundation of either a hospital or

glory in the daily war waged against this lowing stratagem: They tie up a buffalo superior value, and make, also, most costly with strong ropes to a tree or a rock, with additions to the decorations of the Holy in the midst of his feast, and for several crenated openings, where they can en- Sepulcher itself. Monsignore Brunoni, the men to kneel down from his head to the sconce themselves in safety, while they are Constanticople vicar apostolic. M. Bore middle of his body, as if before some vener- enabled to watch their enemy's manaver chief of the Lazarists, and the Bulgarian ated idol, and then to place a poisoned ar- ings. The boa now rushes upon its victim, unionist archimandrite, Macaries, are it is row on a string made of the entrails of fish, and the surppressed roar of the buffalo said, to meet her Majesty at Jaffa, to tender and, at a given signal, to let fly simultane. soon prociaims the reptile's triumph and to her the felicitations of the Latin clergy.-

But it must not be imagined that when Hunting a boa is far more perilous, and, the monster is impelled by hunger he acts for my part, I should a thousand time pre- in the cautious manner I have describedfer attacking a tiger or a hungery lion in the just the contrary; at such times his bearing closert, than the dreaded boa constrictor in is bold and decisive; he towers proudly forest. Bullets are inffectual against him- above the tall heath, uttering a hissing for how were it possible to direct them sound like the moaning of the wind in a with a sure aim in the midst of his rapid tempest and following as straight a line as undulation, as the flickering of a flame !- an arrow shot out of a bow by some prac-Besides, where is your enemy? You landy liced hand. Then, oh! then, woe to the you hear him ru-tling under your feet, when unhappy man upon whom this hideous replo! he is hanging by the last rings of his tile is about to rush! Nothing can save tail to some high branch, swinging to and him from his deadly grasp, and frequently fro ready to cart upon you, and crush you have several fallen a prey to his voracity, to atoms as he would a buffalo. It may be, when he stalks with a rapidity far exceed-

vide the reptile's body with your sword; ful elasticity of the boa's jaws. His head Washington. The total amount of the loss but, for my part, I should give myselt up as is no larger, than a man's two fists put tolost the moment his slimy body had encir- gether, yet his jaws expand without any c'ed me in its folds, and I should only be- great effort, and enguli masses of astoundlieve in the success of your attempt, if you ing onormity. Thus when the whole body ly News tells the story of an editor who assure me you are born a Malay, and in- of the buffulo mas been consigned to his recently got married, and being somewhat sound of "h-1." living temb, you may see the boa's scaly confused, he headed the marriage notice, The depredations on the herds of buffa- skin distended by number of domes, while "Dreadful Calamity." The next day his

But of all sights in the world, none is at frequent and so fatal that the Gevernor, Jose once more curious and more frightful than Pinto Alcoferado de Azevedo Souzza, deter - an encounter between two boas, which are book entitled "Fisher's River Scenes and mined at length to organize hunting parties contending for the possession of a female Characters." The incident is located in

rulers. Their weapons consisted of the for- dere, from whence, though at a distance of The prisoner relates a portion of his exthe upas tree, and of short jagged arrows sing-more like gusts of wind than any- and so I pounded away with my fist, but it that are placed in the shape of a fan, on thing else-of combatants, about to enter were no go. Then I butted a spell with their chest, and which the dart at the mon- the lists. We saw the scattered branches my head, but I had no purchase. So I ster whenever they surprise him asleep .- on the ground rising like whirlwind in mid- caved in, made my last will and testament, But so many of the hunters fell victims to air, impelled by the rapid evolutions of the and virtually gave up the ghost. It wur a the reptile that they at length gave up this two infuriated compatants, and flying like mighty serious time with me for sure .mode of attack, for which condemned fel- rockets in all directions. The two boas While I was lying thar, balancing accounts don't : After these unsuccessful a tempts, which comple of trees standing near each other; bulatin' in the leaves, and snortin' like he and bearing astride its cross beam a coarse fice was inefficiently performed, it being weave into the plan of this story, which is would have finished be depopulating the and then there was a kind of lull, only in smelt suthin' he didn't adzactly like. I lay grained young man and a buxom girl of the first attempt of the executioner's son. intended to be short-very short. island far more rapidly that dysentary or terrupted by the feverish rustling of the as still as a salamander, and thought maybe eighteen, dragged its slow length along The body was delivered over to a surgeon. The appointed time for the wedding arthe most pernicious severs, Don Jose Pinto thick foliage, in which the terrible combat- there's a chance for Stanley vit. So the Larned street vesterday and halted in front by whom it had been purchased. He im- rived, and hundreds of young people, from

like cemented stones of a bridge; and pois- out; old Oliver ain't dead yit. Jist then who owned the team, and as Susan wanted ed above the abyss below. Sometimes he put his black paw in jist as for as he to buy a kaliker dress he had brought her caused a quantity of trees to be felled in a they formed a convex, and at other times could, and scrabbled about to make a 'sco- along on the top of the bags. On the way a concave arch, then they remained mo very. The first thought I had was to nab they had talked the matter over, and in tionless awhile; yet even during their ap- his paw but I soon seen that it wouldn't view of the fact they sorter liked each oth calm there was rage, despair, and gnash- tion of mind. The next move was to put declared themselves of age, and took the yet gorged themselves, but were not suffi- ing of teeth. The body of one of the boas his tail in. I seen that were my time to bonds for better or for worser. The brideciently bold to attack a troop of men ready must drop lifeless to the ground, and the make my Jack; so I seized my holt, and groom was very much elated, and kissed

> drawn his adversary within his vortex, and his present and future welfare." the rings of his tail were relaxing their hold by slow degrees. The bodies of the two monsters were now side by side, and less; the other more agitated, and after carefully coiling himself round the tree, he

PILORIMAGE OF THE EMPRESSOF THE FRENCH TO JERUSALEM .- We have good reason to believe that a part, at least of the object of shina, that human life is in the greatest Admiral La Ronciere ie Nourry's late visit eopardy, even in the most securely closed to Constantinople had reference to the for habitations. The boa constrictors possesses some time intended pilgrimage of the Emall the cunning and hypocrisy of the jackal press of the French Jerusalem. Her Maand the tiger; he crawls along stealthily jesty is said to have had such a journey in through the fences, following all the sinu- view ever since the death of her sister, the osities of the soil, so as not to make a noise | Duchess d' Alba, and the official rumor by striking against any object that might now is, that her intention is to be carried impede his passage. He stoops his head into effect before the French troops leave beneath the leaves and branches of the Syria. As the Imperial voyage, however, shrubs, and then raises it up again with cannot be made till at least the end of due caution, having previously listened to March, this fact is put forward as one reaascertain whether there might be some easy son for stretching the term fixed for General prey near at hand, after which he crawls Beaufort's departure by the Convention on ward in the direction of the spot he aims On the other hand, our information is that at, when suddenly by a series of rapid the Porte disposes of this insinuated necesbounds and evolutions, that can be compar- sity by the amplest offers of escort and mued to nothing more aptly than the streamer | nificent care of her Majesty during her stay on the mainmast of a vessel dallying with in its territory. It is said that the Empress the wind, he twists himself, now to the -like another Helena-intends to com right, now to the left, then turns backward, memorale her visit to the Holy Places by seized with a vertigo. But in this levered church worthy of Imperial France, and, in state the boa has marked his victim, and fact, to make a "progress" whose effects his greedy eye has at once discerned which shall be at once striking and durable. She animal will afford him the largest digestion. will, it is said, replace the diamond star Such of the natives of Timore as are em- stolen according to Consul Botta-by the ployed on plantations open to the incursions orthodox Greeks from the Cave of the Naof the boa, have therefore devised the fol- tivity at Bethlehem, by another of greatly

Levant Herald, MAILS AND BAGGAGE BURNED -The mail er and sent to the dead letter office, at has not yet been ascertained:

Dont Believe it-The Cincinnati Dai-

Tail Holt Better than No Holt.

The following laughable affair is from a North Carolinia It is the story of a man Don Jose Pinto and I witnessed an en- named Oliver Starley, who was taken capcounter of this kind one evening, taking tive by wild "Injins." After some considrel, and heeded him in, leaving the bunghole open that he might be longer in dying.

"I determined to get out o' that or bust, reached at a bound, the solid branches of a with t'other world, I heard suthin' scramto a branch entwined in each other's folds time immortal. Thinks I old fellow, look with a load of produce for his employer, The struggle had lasted for about a quar- he put, and I knowed tail holt was better Then he requested the Court to kiss her. ter of an hour, when the two champions, as than no holt; and so we went, bar'l and all, and even went so far as to intimate that all of each other, and retreated each to his for- that the bar would jump over some pressepiss, might enjoy the same privilege. hiss, but more prolonged than the two first sure 'nuff, the bar at full speed leaped over reckless manner. 'Put'er in the paper that any attempt was made to bring him to we had heard, after which both monsters a catarack fifty foot high. Down we went and make Susan's name all capitals. I'll justice. slid down the smooth trunk of the tree they together in a pile, cowhallop, on a big rock, pay for big letters. What's the use in behad chosen for the field of battle, and then bustin' the bar'l and nearly shakin' my ing married to a pretty gal unless you can followed a violent attack as rapid as light- gizzard out'n me. I let go my tail holt- get it in the papers ?" ning's fierce onslaught, and the last agonies had no more us for it, and away went the In the midst of this jubilation the thought

stretched at full length. One was motion- cident of the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln : whose slow gait seemed too fast for his pal-- "One of the representatives of this state pitating hopes and fears. in Congress reports an interesting and rathscene of danger, rushed upon the intrepid at length stifled his adversary within his er funny incident of the inauguration, which not having seen in print, we record. On approaching the platform where he was to take his oath and be inducted into the office of our targest post offices, it is evident that his hat and held it in his hand as he took the seat assigned him. The article seemed to be a borden. He changed it awkwardly from one to another, and finally, despairing that the New York post office was worth of finding for it any other easy positon, de- all the way from \$6,000 \$15.000 per an. and mountains, dales and valleys, trees and be hanged if I would live with a snoring make room for them he removed nearer to the front of the stage, carrying his tile with Senator Baker approached to introduce him to the audience, he made a motion as if to replace the tile on the stage under the seat, when Donglas, who had been looking on quietly, and apparently with some apprehensions of a catastrophe to the hat, said, 'Permit me sir,' and gallantly took the vexations article and held it during the entire reading of the Inaugural! Dug, must have reflected pretty seriously during that half hour, that instead of delivering the inaugural address from that portico, he was hold-

> Lost CHILDREN .- The following beautiful sentiment, in regard to the future condition of children, is from the pen of Henry Ward

ing the hat of the man who was doing it."

"When God gives me a babe, I say, I thank God for this lamp lit in my family." And when, after it has been a light in my household for two or three years, if it pleases God to take it away, I can take the cup, bitter or sweet; I can say, "My light has gone out: my heart is sacked; my hopes are desolated; my child is lost-my child is lost!"-or I can say in the spirit of Job "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord" It has pleased God to take five children from me, but I never lost one, and never shall When I have a child Christ covets, and baggage car, attached to one of the with a divine coveting, and he says to me, trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad, ran in words of tenderness, "Will you not give off the track near Altona, on Thursday me the child, and let me take care of it night last, and before the train could be instead of yourself?" my flesh may remonstopped the stove was upset by the jolting strate, but my heart says, "Lord, take it of the car, and the mail bags were set on and adapt it." I have lived long enough fire. The baggage master, who had the since the taking away of my children, to mails also in charge, was in one part of the find that it is better as it is, than tha car, and made a narrow escape with his they should have remained with me. I life from the fire and smoke. About thirty have seen a great many cares and troubles mail pouches and the baggage of about for a person of my years, but I bear witeighty passengers was destroyed. The ness that God has put no trial upon me, remnants of the mails were scraped togeth- which has not been good for me to endure.

Somebody says "devil" is a mean the d and it is "evil," remove e and it is "vile," remove the v and it is "ill," remove i and I remains, which has the aspirate

"If a girl were to fall in love with ago, had three children at a birth.

Popping the Question.

Fair Sally and her lover Mat. Close by the fire in silence sat : A dish of apples rosy faced, Was tween them on a table placed. In vain poor Mat essayed to speak, While blushes mantled Sally's cheek-For well she knew what Mat would say, If he could only find the way To him she cast a sidelong look, Then from the dish an apple took, And dettly slicing it in twain, She passed half to the silent swain Mat looked confused, then brightened up, And said as he the apple took, "Now. Sally, dearest unto me As kind as to this pippin be-You've HALVED the apple-pray HAVE me!

Romantic Elopement on an Ox-Sled.

of one of the combatants seemed almost bar. I've never seen nor hearn from that of the old man struck him, and he sobered simultaneous. One of the reptiles had bar since, but he has my best wishes for down as though a shower-bath had tailen on his head "Come, Susan," he said, taking her hand, "let's go home and see it How Douglas Help Mr. Lincoln's Hat - out. Lord! won't he be mad?" And he A Cincinnati paper gives the following in- drew a sigh and switched up the caule

Postmaster's Fces.

From remarks which we frequently hear.

as to the pecuniary value to the incumbents of Chief Executive, Mr. Lincoln removed the subject is about as little understood as any other connected with post-office matters. For instance, quite an intelligent merchant recently insisted, in our hearing, nom to the postmaster." The facts are Senators and Judges crowded in, and to simply these. This matter of the compensation of postmasters is entirely regulated and controlled by law. All offices where him. Again it was dandly uneasily, and as the commissions amount to \$2,000 and upwards, are designated as salary offices, \$2. 000 being the maximum pay allowed from that source, and an additional \$2,000 to be taken out of the recipts for book rentsmaking \$4,000 the highest compensation to any postmaster. A larger sam than this cannot be realized without resorting to acts made criminal and felonous by laws of Congress, and punished by the severest penalties. Even were a postmaster inclined to take the risk of such penalties, as well as the ruin of private and official character. such are the checks and restraints now enforced, that the "pickings and stealings" which many outsiders so flippantly talk about are entirely out of the question .-And if it were not so, the indulgence in such practices would involve perjury, as a postmaster is required to make oath that he has kept nothing from the government in fees or emolaments of any kind, to which 238 clerks, 117 penny-posts, \$1,000 900 observations on spirits, and in no case had annual revenue collected, and its \$150,000 he found that any deleterious body had any, more than some other offices, with perhaps a dozen clerks, a few thousand col- but these are caused by the fusel oil which lections, and required sureties of one-fifth is produced by the fermentation of mixed the amount. We intend soon to prepare a grains. American distilled liquors, when statement of the emoluments received an allowed to become old, are less deleterious eral States,-Holbrook Mail.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS AT WASHINTON .- The astonished hackmen say "these Black Re- medical profession. Ot these, Dr. Hays publicans are poor trash, for they are walk- says that the newly distilled spirits, of the ers. They walk to the white house, they most common kind, often contain salts of walk to the Capitol, they walk to they Navy Yard, they walk to Georgetown, they walk the avenue all day, and then walk to a ball, and walk home, and take another walk after they get there to straighten their legs before going to bed. Such chaps are good for shoemakers, but a poor set for the hackman. One of these prairie chickens can word any way it may be written. Remove walk down any hack in Washington -Guess they all walked in here from Califor-

delivery. A lady in that city, a few nights cask may, therefore, be considered highly

A Terrible Romance.

being found in her possession, she was But I started out to tell a story, and I am brought to trial. In her defence she could going to do it. only assert her ignorance of the manner in | Well, "In life's morning march when The Detroit Press relates the following, which the property came into her trunk my bosom was young," I wooed and won for the truth of which it youches, but we and protested her innocence. She was the beautiful and accomplished Miss Ann found guilty, and the sentence of death was Dash. The difficulties of the courtship I An ox team attached to a lumber sled pronounced upon her. The hangman's of- will not here enumerate, for they will not critter' kep' moseyin' round the bar'l .- of Justice Hard's office. The couple dis- mediately conveyed it home, and was pro- far and near, assembled at the mansion of On a sudden the trees quivered all over, Last he came to the bunghole, put his nose mounted and entered the office where they ceeding to dissect it, when he perceived a the old man Dash to witness the ceremony. and two sturdy cables rushed at each other, in, smelt mighty perticler, and gin a mor- made known their wishes, and requested slight warmth about the heart. By prompt and "trip the light fantastic toe." It was a These cables were the two inveterate foes strous loud snort. I soon seen it was a bar to be married immediately The expec use of proper remedies he restored the sushanging by the last ring of their tails, each of the woods, who had lived there from tant bridegroom said he had come to town pended animation. In the meantime he ing's end and aim"-was ours. When a had sent for a trustworthy priest, and when couple really love, their day is the happiest the unfortunate girl opened her eyes she of their lives; and if they should be unforspposed herself in another world, and ad- tunate in after life, they look back to that dressing the priest (who was a man of day as a bright oasis in the desert of their marked and majestic countenance.) ex | memory. About two o'clock in the mornclaimed: "Eternal Father, you know my ing the company broke up, and we went to parent immobility, they would crush and do, for, you see he couldn't travel then - er, and had done considerable courtin' on innocence; have pity on me?' In her bed. * * * * each others's rings, and under this seeming. So I jist waited a spell with great flutterba- the sly, concluded to get married. They simplicity believeing she beheld her Maker she continued to spe for mercy, and it was snove. some time before she realized she was still in the land of the living. The surgeon and other fall asleep beside his vanquished foe, shouted at the top of my voice. The bar the bride an unreasonable number of times priest, being fully convinced of her innocence, she retired to a village far distant a woman who snores?" I was miserable. from the scene of her unjust punishment. I thought over Pope's complet : if by mutual agreement, loosened their hold the bar full speed. Now my hope were respectable persons among the spectators The community subsequently became acquainted with her story, and the author of mer station, till the hostilities should be re- break the bar'l all to shiverations, and lib- He was especially elate on the newspa- her misery became an object of reproach sumed. The war-cry was a kind of stifled erate me from my nasty, 'ity prison. And per question. "Put'er in," he said, in a and contempt, though it does not appear

Where Shall We Be?

been forgotten and passed into oblivion, our to be-"you can bet." I sat up in the bed. bodies moulded into earth, and moss and and from thinking, I went to talking : ivy growing upon our tomb-stones?

like proud fabrics over the earth have pass did not know that she snored !" sed away-their emperors kings, princes | About this time I noticed that she had and statesmen laid low in, the dust-their quit snoring, and was shaking the bed with thrones subverted, and their sceptres bro- suppressed laughter.

Where shall we be when the little birds. merry songs forever, the brooks larget their had been sold.

complaining, and zephyrs their whispers ? oceans, lakes and rivers will be dried up? athwart the heavens, or play among the about me." clouds, and the thunders cease to roll in the "Well," said 1, "I will make the same vaunted depths of air? When hills and promise again, if you won't snore; but I'll flowers have passed away?

When a pall, black as the clouds that over o'er Stygian lake, shall weil the sun, obscure the moon, and wrap the world in

tomb, the dead, both small and great. When the white cloud, the angels, and where then, shall you be?

Poison in Spirituous Liquors.

In a communication to the Medical Sugical Journal, Dr. Haves, State Assayer of Massachusetts, states that he has made seen that the New York post-office, with its a somewhat extended series of analytical bonds, under an honest administration of been added by manufacturers to distilled get cooler air, when he is fed with species its duties, cannot be made to net much, if lionors. Cases of sudden poisoning by low priced common spirits frequently occur nually at the large post offices in the sev- than most of the foreign brandies. In newly distilled spirits, however, there is a source of great danger which should be generally known, as it is of special interest to the copper, of lead or tin, derived from the condensers in which the vapors are reduced to a fluid form. The quantity of copper salt contained in the bulk usually taken as a draught is sufficient to produce the minor effects of metalic poisoning, and the cumilative character of these poisons may even lead to fatal consequences. In the "old spirits" examined by Dr. Hayes, he found that those metalic salts had all deposited to the bottom of the cask. New spirituous liquors and the dregs at the bottom of the poisonous.

A Snoring Wife.

In the year 1766, a young girl of very Talk about your scolding wives and your prepossessing appearance from one of the smoky chimneys, but the ain't nowhereinterior provinces of France, was placed at they ain't a circumstance! I would rather Paris in the service of a man depraved by have a chimney that emits smoke enough all the vices of that corrupt metropolis - to cure the whole family, and be forced to Smitten with her charms, he attempted her live with a dozen Xantippes all togetherruin, but was unsuccessful. Incensed at let them be ever so much predisposed in his defeat he determined on revenge, and, favor of "sprinkling" with (un) "holy wain furtherance of his desisgn, secretly plac- ter"-than to have to "put np" with snored in her trunk articles belonging to him, ing wife! Oh! The very idea makes a and marked with his name. He then de- nervous man tremble from the top of his nounced her to a magistrate, who caused stove pipe hat to about a foot below the her to be arrested and the missing articles soles of his boots! A snoring wife! Boo!

Before I got to sleep, Nancy began to

I was dumbfounded. "Great God!" I mentallay ejaculated, "is this a reallity ?-Is it possible that I am bound up for life to

"Oh! thoughtless mortal ever blind to fate. Too soon dejected and too soon elate !" Here I had been just a moment before in ecstacies over the possession of, as I tho't, a treasure! Can I love her? I asked of my heart. And the answer instantly came :-It is impossible!" I debated with myself whether or not I should "secede." but snor-Where shall we be when our names have ling was not a ground of divorce. It ought

"I can't and won't stand this. I'll just Where shall we be when the Empires, get up and leave, let the consequences be Kingdoms and States that are now reared what they may. I loved her, I know, but I

And I began see that I was sold. There never was a poor wight before nor since which sung so sweetly, have hushed their that rejoiced more at discovering that he

"Why," said she, "I thought you promis-Where shall we be when the fountains of ed to take me for better or for worse, but here you are raising a row, and threatening When lightening will no longer flash to leave me at the first little fault you find

wife ter, minutes !"

A Chinese Kitchen.

Charles Dickens in his weekly paper is Tartarian gloom? When the great arch- telling curious and cruel stories about Chiangel, with trumpet and sonorous voice nese cookery. When anxious to cook a shall summon from their coral beds, be- lamb in the highest style of the art, the Chineath the slumbering waves of the mighty nese it is said, build a low mud wall, inmain, the marble sepulchre and the mossy closing a space of two or three feet across, and another wall outside, forming a circus of about two feet, wide, in which they set the glory of His Father shall descend, the pots containing wine, vinegar, soy sauce, throne be set; the Judge be seated, the and so forth. In the inner space they light books opened; and the myriads that have a good fire, and in the circus thus prepared, lived on earth since the beginning, all put a live lamb. The lamb naturally becalled to indgement? And when the scythe comes thirsty from the great heat of the fire and glass of Time will be laid by, the just and drinks what he finds as he runs backtaken home to God, natures's grand laws ward and forward in search of means of destroyed, and amid confusion and conster- escape. When the drinks are all swallownation of element, the vicked driven to ed and dried into the animal's flesh, the dreary domain of eternal night-reader, lamb becomes exhausted, falls down dead, and in a very short time is completely Turtle may be prepared according to the

same authority, by placing it over the fire in a pot of water, in the lid of which there is a hole large enough to allow the turtle to put his head. As the water becomes hot, the turtle naturally thrusts his head out to wine and soy sauce, which he drinks readily as a relief from the heat. This goes on as long as he has strength to keep his head up, and as the turtle does not part with life easily, he seldom, fails to go on stuffing himself till he is cooked.

Why are the people of Texas like cinnamon trees? Because, the bark of her Twiggs is worth more than the body.

Not a word more of reproachesforget and forgive. Remove is but instant traufication, but forgiveness is pleasure

To the man of strong will and giant energy, possibilities become probabilities and probabilities certainties.

Nightmare-To prevent this disagreeable feeling, it is merely necessary to sleep with your right toe in your left ear .-A young man living in town says it is a

Verry sorry, sir," said a pretty shopkeeper to a horrified swell, "but we have