THE WAR WITH CHINA.

BY THOMAS ROOD, ESQ. "Mistress of herself, though China fall."

Pope. "I can't understand it !" said my uncle, throwing down on the table the pumphlet he had been reading, and looking up over the fire-place at the great picture of Canton, painted by his elder brother when he was mate of an East Indiaman .--- My ount was seated beside my uncle, with her cotton-box, playing at working ; and cousin Tom was working at playing, in a corner. As for my father and myself, we had dropped in as usual sfier a walk, to take cur tes, which, through an old connection with Cathy, was certain to be first rate at the cottage ---"Why on earth," continued my uncle, "why on earth we should go to war about the Opium business quite passes my comprehension."

"And mine too," chimed in my sunt, whose bent was to put in a word and put out an argument, as often as she had an opportunity ; "I always thought Opium was a luling, soothing sort of a thing, more likely to compose people's passions than to stir them up."

My uncle looked at the speaker with much the same expression as that of the great girl in Wilkie's picture, who is at once frowning and smiling at the boy's grotesque mockery of the Blind Fiddler-for my aunt's allusion to the sedative qualities of Opium was amusing in itself, but provoking, as interrupting the discourse.

"The Sulphur question," she continued, "is quite a different thing. That's all about brimstone and combustibles ; and it would only be of a piece if fire-ships, to bombard Mount Vesuvius."

"I should like to see it !" said my father, in his quietest tone, and with his gravest face, for he was laughing inwardly at the proposed Grand Display of Pyrotechnics!

"To go back," resumed my uncle, "to the very beginning of the business ; first, we have Captain Elliot, who wishes to give the Chinese admiral a chop"____

"And a very civil thing of him too," remarked my sunt.

"Eh ! what !" exploded my uncle, as snappishly as a Waterloo cracker.

"To be sure," said my sunt, in a deprecating tone, "it might be a Friday and a fast day, as to meat"-----

"As to what ?"

"As to mest," repeated my sunt, resolutely. +1 have always understood that the Catholic priests and the Jesuites were the first to go converting the Chinese,"

"Phoo! nonsense !" ejoculated my uncle. A chop is a document."

"Well, it's not my fault," retorted my aunt, "If things abroad are called by their wrong names. What is a chop, then, in Chinese-I mean a pork or a mutton one-is it called a document !"

My uncle gave a look upward, worthy of Job himself. He was sorely tempted, but he translated the fising English oath into a French shrug and grimace. My father tried to mend matters as usual. "After all, brother," he said, "my sister's mistake was natural, and womanly-especially in a mistress of a house, who has to think occasionally of chops and steaks. Besides she has had greater blunderers to keep her in countenance-you re- low by

quiet enough, for besides racing up and down St-John street, he had been bullock-hunted all over Islington, and Hoxion fields, and that had taken the wildness out of him. So at first he culy stood staring at the jugs, and mags, and things, as if admiring the patterne."

"And pray, inquired my uncle, "where was Mrs. Starkey in the mean time !"

"Why, the shopman, you see, had crept under the counter for safety, and Mrs. Starkey was in the back parlor, and saw ev. ry thing by peeping through a crack of the green curtain, over the glass door. So the mad Bull stood staring at the crockery, quiet enough ; when unluckily with a switch of his tail, he brought down on his back a whole row of pipkips that hung over head. I suppose he remembered being pelted about the streets; for the clatter of the earthenware about his ears, seemed to put

him up again; for he gave a stump and a bellow that made the whole shop shake again, and down rattled a great jug on his hind quarters. Well, round turns the Bull, quite savage with another loud bellow, as much as to say, 'I should like to know who did that ?' when what should he see by bad luck, but a China figure of a Mandarin, as lig

as our Tom there, a-grinning and nodding at him with its head." "Commissioner Lin," said my father, with a sig-

nificant nod to my uncle. "Mrs. Starkey thinks," continued my aunt, "that

the mad Bull took the China figure for a human creature, and particularly as its motions made it look so life-like,-however, the more the bull stamped and bellowed, the more the Mandarin, grinwe were to send our men of war, and frigates, and ned and nodded his head, till at long and at last.

the Bull got so aggravated, that sticking his tail upright, Mrs. Starkey says, as stiff as the kitchen poker, he made but one ru-h at the China Mandarin, and amashed him all into shivers" "And there you have the whole history," s id my

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"No, nor a wholesome one neither," returned my father, "as the judge said to the woman when she killed her child for not taking its physic. But what have we here-a return of our exports to the Ce-Icstial Empire !"

"The author means to imply," said my uncle, that if the Chinese did not onew and smoke so much opium, they would have more money to lay out on our Birmingham and Manchester manufactures."

"Protty nonsense, indeed !" exclaimed my sunt. "As if the Chinese could smoke printed cottons and calicoes, and chew Brummigen hardware, and cutlery, like the ostriches !"

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"A smash ! where ?" inquired my sunt, who had just entered the room, and imperfectly overh-ard the last sentence. "What are you ta'king of !" "Of a Bull in a China Shop," said my father,

with a hard wink at my uncle.

"Yes; that is a dreadful smash, sure euough." said my sunt. "There was a Mrs. Starkey, who keeps the great Staffordshire warehouse at Smith field Bara-she had an overdriven beast run into her shop only last week. At first, she says, he was

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