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MY FATHER'S GHOST.

On a stormy March evening, in the year 17-, I found myself benighted upon a lonely road, which ran through one of the most sparcely settled districts of North-Eastern Virginia. The clouds, which had been lowering all the afternoon, gathered at twilight into tempestuous masses, which swept madly before an east wind, and soon

overspread the entire heavens with one im-penetrable veil of gloom.

The rain rushed down in torrents and so blinded was I by its force, that I literally could not see the head of my horse in whose sagacity and sure-footedness, however, I was ready implicitly to confide. The storm raged for three hours with uninterrupted fury, and I began to despair of finding shelter for the night, when a feeble glimmer on the left, proceeding apparently from the summit of a steep hill, apprized me of the vicinity of a human dwelling. At the same moment, my animal quickened his pace, and in a short time stood panting be-fore the entrance of a house, which, in the imperfect light of a lantern that swung in the front passage, seemed to be of considerable size and pretension. I dismounted, and knocked loudly at the door. There was no answer. After a pause I knocked again. Still, no answer. Were the inmates dead, or had they, like myself, lost their way in the storm! For full five minutes I pounded the panels of the heavy oak door, shouting at intervals until I was quite hoarse and exhausted. At last there was a stir within. The stairway creaked under the footsteps of some person descending to the first story. The movements were slow and cautious, as of one who anticipated meeting a foe. In a moment or two they are you?" said a quavering voice from the ed nises, thought I, who fears an inroad upon his iron chest! I explained my position, and besought shelter and hospitality stood before me a hale and stalwart man of

"Sir," said he, with an evidently Herculean effort to recover his composure, "I beg your pardon—this is a wild neighborhood -burglaries are common-and-and-in

I followed my host, who, with a singular uncertain gait, (not the gait of an intoxicated man,) led me up one flight of stairs to an apartment which I presumed to be the drawing room. If so, it had evidently not upon which we walked, defaced rather by neglect than age, gave out a dry musky traordinary size, were completely mil-dewed, and a huge chandelier depending from the ceiling, and enveloped by several thin wrappers of gauze, looked wholly dim and

the centre, and adorned in several parts regular strokes. with elaborate bas-reliefs by no means in-Hastening to light one of these, my con- man and a Christian to prevent. guished. This simple accident appeared by entered the room. to give him the most intense concern. I could bear his teeth chatter in the dark, certainly most strange and startling. Grovand he fumbled so long about the floor attempting to regain the lamp, that I was of the Virgin, lay the man whom I sup forced to come to his assistance. I had a posed to be the master of the house, gath-box of matches in my pocket, a few of which ered up into a heap, with a leathern thong were dry, and with one of these I succeed- held loosely in his right hand, and the

I tried to re-assure him by assuming a

such an establishment in the back-woods," The man mumbled something in reply, No sooner had I perceived this scroll than fell languidly back into a seat.

I followed his example, and for five minutes neither of us spoke. During this in- ed up the first page and glanced greedily terval, I repeatedly observed that my com over it. Incapable of reading consecutive panion's eyes were fixed upon me in a fur-tive, suspicious manner. He was dreadfully nervous and uneasy, shifting his po- what into the following shape:

I observed that, having ridden thirty miles in the course of the day, I was both hungry and weary, and that, therefore, supper and a bed would be immediately acceptable. The negro signified his comprehension of my wishes by a grunt, left the room with some alacrity, and returned in a short time bearing a waiter loaded with cold ham, and two decanters of wine.

I made a considerable meal, and was then shown into a snugly furnished chamber, enlivened with a roaring fire, and pre-senting an appearance of comfort, and even

I thrown myself upon the bed than a strange restlessness took possession of every limb. The mattress on which I lay was soft and downy, and yet I could not have been more uneasy had I reclined upon a couch of thorns. Exhausted to the last degree, but unable to close my eyes for a mo-ment, I tossed and tossed for hours, until I ment, I tossed and tossed for hours, until I became aware by the burning heat of my hands and forehead and a parched feeling in the throat, that I had contracted a raging fever. I was constitutionally liable to this disease, which never failed sooner or this disease, which never failed sooner or later to affect the brain, and I now knew by a ringing in my ears that I was about to be attacked by delirium. Gradually, my fancies grew fantastic. Unearthly faces grinned out from the embers. The flicker-ing shadows on the wall leaped up towards me, waving what I imagined to be the tawny arms of savages, performing a furi-ous war dance. Then, from amid this motley group, there rose a low wailing sound, which resembled the cry of some tortured victim, pleading for release and mercy. Now, with regard to the quicklyswaying savages and the grotesquerie of their wild movements, I entertained that half consciousness of illusion which seldom but the wailing sounds I profundly felt to be real. The dancing became more rapid and reckless; the weird figures increased meeting a fee. In a moment or two they denly they seemed to dart towards the door, coased altogether—everything was silent as through which they disappeared, doubtless before. I now grew impatient, and taking in chase of their victim, who, as I thought, the butt of my riding whip, which was making a desperate effort to escape, bound with iron, struck against the door furiously and without intermission. "Who retreated. In a state of unbounded excitethre you!" said a quavering voice from the ment, I sprang to my feet, and rushed interior. "What do you want? go away— madly after the shadows. A light was still go away. I've nothing to give you -go away. I've nothing to give you -go burning dimly in the reception room, which, let me observe, was in immediate proximity to my chamber. I dashed up and down to my chamber. I dashed up and down the evening before. He brought in an expectation of the magnetic proximity to my chamber. I dashed up and down the evening before. He brought in an expectation of the magnetic proximity to my chamber. I dashed up and down the evening before. He brought in an expectations were distributed by the unceremonious entrance of the negro who had served me on the evening before. He brought in an expectations wilderness. His family consisted of twin transce of the negro who had served me on the evening before. He brought in an expectations wilderness. His family consisted of twin transce of the negro who had served me on the evening before. 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Previously there had been no definite syllabification, but now I could catch the meaning of words, pronounced in a plaintive, beseeching manner, accompanied by deep groans, and the occurrence at in-tervals of what I took to be the blows of short, I did not know I should have to some dull and weighty instrument. Under deal with a gentleman. You're welcome, the instinctive conviction that I was about to be brought in contact with what was actual and tangible, the delirium which possessed me became at once intensified and systematic. I determined to penetrate the mysteries by which I was surrounded, and especially to decipher the riddle of the blows been put to its legitimate uses for a long and wailings, which grew louder and more period. Heavy layers of dust rested on the painful every instant. Evidently, they ischairs and ottomans, and the rich carpet sued from the room above me, and this room I now determined to find. Stealing cautiously into the corridor, I crept with a odor, excessively pungent and disagreeable. swift and quiet pace up the stairway, and The mirrors, of which there were four of exspeedily reached the door of the apartment

whence the singular noise proceeded. I was now enabled to hear everything which passed within. There could be no doubt that a cruel and personal chastisement was being inflicted upon some one. Groans of The ceiling itself was of most remarkable deep anguish and hourse petitions for pardon construction. It was concave, very lofty in were interrupted only by the repeated and

Fever developed into frenzy as I listened. artistically conceived. Two tall wax It was easy to persuade myself that nothing candles, in ponderous silver candle-sticks, stood upon the mantle piece. less than murder was about to be commit-ted. That, of course, it was my duty as a ductor happened to stumble. The lamp seized the handle of the door, which, to my fell from his hand, and was instantly extin- surprise, yielded to the pressure, and quick-

The spectacle which met my eye was ed in illuminating the room. The face of blood flowing freely from his side and my companion was even more ghastly than shoulders, which were perfectly bare. He was motionless, and I perceived upon approaching nearer that he had fainted away. gay and frank manner.

A taper was burning on the table before him, in the blaze of which lay a mysterious seems to be! I had not expected to find looking scroll, marked at the top with a cross, wrought, I imagined, with red ink. pulled the bell rope with violence, and then all care for the condition of my host was superseded by a burning desire to possess myself of the contents of the paper. I snatchly, for I was dizzy and dim of sight, the document before me resolved itself some-

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every possible position, repeating them to himself in a tone of abstracted inquiry. All at once his manner changed to an air of the wildest terror. Springing up like a mad-man, he waved me off with outstretched arms, shricking out, "Have you come to torment me before the time! Fiend that you are, would you drag me to a lower hell latin exoreism, "Conjuro te-scelestissimaconjuro tel 1 "

In one of those fantastic changes of mood o common under the influence of delirium. I now grew heartily tired of the scene, about which I thought there was a vast deal of mummery, so, tossing the scroll, which I had all along retained, scornfully from me, I reeled back to my chamber. Towards morning I was visited by a deep, but unrefreshing slumber. It was late in the day when I awoke, rational, but greatly exhausted. My first impulse was to attribute the events of the night to disorder and ex-citement of brain. I knew from experience how startling and vivid a fever dream might be, but in the present instance a trivial circumstance demonstrated that I for the purpose I have specified, and in confirmation of this there stood the uncorked bottle of cologne upon a chair within reach of the bedstead. My speculations were distributed by the unceremonious enver distributed by the unceremonious enveronious enver cellent breakfast, which he arranged on a ed in the civil wars of that unhappy pe side table of mahogany, presenting at the riod, ravagances, which were materially exagge-rated by an inflamed imagination, After Emily Montaign, the old man's ward,

tials by copious draughts of coffee. crept over me. The window curtains, stircondition of absolute and rayless oblivion.

was with a feeling of awful depression-a was respectfully, but firmly, refused. sensation of almost suicidal gloom. Darkness was all around me-thick, palpable damp, chilling me to the very soul. 1 at- an unheard of indignity. tempted to move, but imagine my horror towards me with tongues of flame. Then

discernable, and in the midst of it a pale hu- unto him desolate." man face peering anxiously down into the dungeon. I recognised my host, and saw at sought the garden in which the fatal conthe same moment that a rough wooden flict had occurred, and there the tender ladder communicated with the apartment grass just sprouting upon the mound, he above. My first foolish impulse was to call beheld a new-made grave, with a rude for aid and deliverance, but I instantly sub- head stone of wood, bearing the familiar dued it, and determined to resort to strata- initials A. E. L., deeply carved, and colored, gem. I lay perfectly still, searcely breath- as he thought, with the dead man's blood ing. After the lapse of some minutes, the Thenceforth, Louis became a misanthrope. ladder commenced to creak, and I observed A more utterly wretched creature existed my host descending cautiously and pausing not upon the face of the earth. He re-

sition every moment, and looking from
time to time keenly towards the door. At length, a brawny negro, his servant, I prelength, a brawny negro, his ser

"Is that your property?" he inquired, pul-ling a cambric hankerchief from his bosom,

and extending it towards me.

"It is my property," I replied.

"And the initials—the initials! what do they signify? Your name, sir, for God's

sake your name!"
"My name is La Roche—Augustus Ed-

ward La Roche!"
The effect of this announcement seemed

was revealed to me some days subsequent to the singular catastrophe which I have re- tials. corded. The explanation is briefly as fol-

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March evening of 175—. The proprietor's father was a certain Monsieur Auguste La that I am now the sole proprietor of my Rorbs who had loft ble covering the consistant record.

I would merely observe, in conclusion, that I am now the sole proprietor of my Franklin greatly relieved by telling to Mr. dentally sought shelter on the tempestuous

same time his master's compliments, with the hope that my fever had subsided! How, before her husband's departure from France. I asked, did his master know that I had suffered from fever? The fellow opened his rous, and manly, well skilled in woodcraft, eyes in the extremity of astonishment, in- and with considerable general information forming me that I had been sleep-walking, derived from their father, who, himself, a and had come nigh murdering my host in scholar, faithfully grounded them in the the entry. The explanation satisfied me. "humanities," and whatever else was then I really then had committed certain ex- considred necessary to the education of a

rated by an inflamed imagination, After Emily Montaign, the old man's ward, the necessary apologies, and thanks which matured, as the years passed, into a maiden I charged my attendant, (who, by the way, of exquisite beauty. Louis and his brother was not the stupid creature I had supposed | Augustus Edward La Roche both very natuhim,) to convey to his master, I partook rally fell in love with her. In the course sparingly of the meat and bread before me, of time what had been a mere boyish fancy making up for this neglect of the substan- assumed the most passionate strength and earnestness. The brothers became deadly Somewhat refreshed, I sunk back upon rivals, and the hatred which grew up be my couch. By degress a strange lethargy tween them, it was terrible to witness. As for the fair Emily, she could not conceal her red by a faint wind, and waving to and fro preference for Augustus, and that the girl's with a monotonous motion, stole upon my love was sincere will at once be conceded senses with the effect of low, regular and when I mention that Louis, being by a few mournful music. Soon all consecutiveness hours the senior, was looked upon as the of thought was lost, and I lapsed into a heir of his father's estate. Upon the death of his parent which occurred about the period to which I now refer. Louis formally When next I woke to a sense of life, it offered his hand to Emily Montaign, and extorted from her a haughty confession o her attachment to Augustus, whose chamdarkness. The atmosphere was cold and ber he instantly sought, subjecting him to

"Were you fifty times my brother." exand dismay, when the dull clank of chains claimed the insulted party, snatching his informed me that I had been bound hand rapier from the wall, "you should answer and foot. My brain was dizzy and vacant, for this!-Come with me, sir, if you be a and the effort to penetrate the dreadful man!" And Augustus rushed out of the mystery of my situation, resulted into a se. house like a maniac. Louis followed him cond attack of delirium in which the dark. more calmly, but with a deadly purpose in ness suddenly became luminous with blue lis soul. They met in an adjacent garden, and red meteors, and winged serpents flying and a ferocious conflict took place. At length, Augustus fell, pierced through the occurred another spell of total unconscious-ness. I was aroused at length by a slight sound survivor fled from the scene. He abandonabove my head. Upon glancing upward I ed his home for months, and when with perceived a ray of light glimmering from partially disordered reason, he ventured to the ceiling. It gradually increased until return, it was only to find that Emily had return, it was only to find that Emily had an aperture like that of a trap door was disappeared, and that his "houss was left

Led on by a resistless fascination he Having reached the floor, he groped to strictest tenets of Romanism. In vain he wards the place where, reclining at full sought to exercise the fiend within him by length, I rested as one dead. He felt my fasts, vigils, and cruel bodily torture.

in my right hand, but on the folds of a cambric handkerchief, saturated with eau slightest ado, if he ventured to escape.

de cologne, which I had mechanically bound around my forehead to soothe the raging headache of fever.

"Now, sir! release me!" The wretch took a small iron key from the pocket of his waistcoat, and unlocked the manacles with which I had been confined.

yield a support to himself and his wife. Sometime in the autumn of 173-, I, Augustus task and the conducted the debate not only with great ingenuity and eloquence, but with equal politicus and engineer, and had just attained my liteness and candor, and was answered in the initials of my name were distinctly worked in black and blue thread. The intensity of the man's gaze fettered me as with ininvisible chains. At length with a moan, not of pain or anger, but of deadly suspense, Oppressed by fatigue as I was, it would naturally be supposed that sleep would have risited me unbidden. But no sooner had the light. He held the initials in the lowest daylight which flashed the cheerily upon me, sternly demanded and it cannot therefore be a matter of wonder. slain thirty years before.

name to his urgent questioning, nothing | shared. But of this more in another place. could have been more natural than the catastrophe which ensued. Why I should

A few more points remain to be unridto me miraculous. The tall, athletic man, dled. My father never wholly recovered iniquissima-atqu miserrima-conjuro te! to whom I had made so natural a commu- from his wound. It left him with shatternication, started back with an indescribable ed nerves and a morbid dread of his brothgesture of fear and loathing, and uttering er, whom he now looked upon as a hardenne sharp shriek of anguish, fell at my feet, ed villain capable of any atrocity. He de-The explanation of this mysterious nar- viction that he had murdered his nearest rative, which, let me assure the reader, is kinsman, and therefore he caused a mound not a fiction, for I have it in my power to to be erected, resembling the packed earth for the declaration. demonstrate the truth of every word of it, of a grave, headed by the wooden cross was revealed to me some days subsequent which I have described as bearing his ini-

> sperially refer to the sources whence these to the king personally and some were too a gentleman of French extraction owned various startling facts have been derived, and the gloomy old mansion in which I agei- whereby they were finally combined into a of slavery, During this eliminating pro-

had not been moring altogether in a region of phantasy. The cambric han kerchief Roche, who had left his country upon the phantasy. The cambric han kerchief revocation of the edict of Nantes.

[And now the sole proprietor of my branking greatly reflected by the sole proprietor of my branking greatly reflected no longer enveloped my head, nor could I find it either beneath the bed clothes or in any quarter of the chamber. Now I was any quarter of the chamber. Now I was absolutely certain that I had, just after retiring, made use of the handkerchief for the purpose I have specified, and in confort the purpose I have specified and in confort the purpose I have specified and into the back woods, and with the remains information in my power.*

The Declaration of Independence.

-Many popular impreessions concerning the Declaration of Independence," are derived from fourth of July orations and pic-tures, both of which are apt to mislead as does the picture of "the First Prayer in Congress." Nine out of ten suppose that some where about noon on the fourth of July 1776, Congress passed the vote affiming the olonies independent, and that the old bellringer in the steeple of the State House, received the intelligence of this event, was seized with a sudden enthusiasm to swing the old bell, to ring out the news to the neople in such a loud joyous manner as put the quiet citizens of Philadelphia in a wonderful excitement. Then there was the signing of the Declaration, we have a picture of that too, which teaches us how the representatives of the Colonies vied with each other in putting their names to the immortal instrument, so that before night the famous parchment, the original paper, engrossed, and signed as we now have it!

A few facts gleaned from various sources will be interesting as rectifying these impressions about this famous transactionhis crisis in human affairs. On the 10th of June, 1776, Mr. Harrison, of Virginia, eported a resolution, part of which is said have been a literal transcript of the instruction given by the Convention of Virginia to their Representatives in Congress, nd which was moved on the 7th of June n Congress by Richard Henry Lee. Mr. Harrison's resolution embodying Mr. Lee's in these words: "Resolved, That the consideration of the first resolution be postoned to Monday, the first day of July next: nd in the meanwhile, that no time be lost, n case the Congress agree thereto, that a committee be appointed to prepare a decla-ration to the effect of the said first resoluion, which is in these words: 'That these Inited States are, and of right ought to be free, and independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British frown; and that all political connexion beween them and the State of Great Britain s, and ought to be, totally dissolved." This resolution was adopted.

On the 11th of June, Thomas Jefferson, ohn Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and R. R. Livingston, were apcointed a committee to draft the Declaraon. Richard Henry Lee, as the original nover of the resolution for declaring the Coloies independent, would have been named as chairman of the committee, but, unfortunately for himself, he received intelligence of sickness in his family, which made it necessary for him to be absent before that committee was appointed. Jefferson had nounced his father's faith, and espoused the the reputation of being a brilliant writer, and succeeded to the place of honor. The elder Adams, in his auto-biography, says that he saw and read the original draft limbs, which were rigid and clammy, and What, meanwhile, had become of Emily of the declaration, and he speaks in terms day."

Dickinson, a brother of Gen. Philmon lickinson, of New Jersey, an officer whom Washington frequently mentions with honor, was a strong debater and a sincere pat-riot, acknowledging the grievances complained of, but lacking that stern and hero-ic spirit that animated such men as Adams, planation of the treatment to which I had been subjected. The man's answer was strange enough.

der that boths ha hoods should have taken being the planation of the treatment to which I had been subjected. The man's answer was reassume its mortal body) of the brother, whom it was his firm belief that he had as certain to end not only in greater evils whom it was his firm belief that he had slain thirty years before.

Everything tended to strenghten his suspicions, and when at length I revealed my other representatives from Pennsylvania

Dickinson's speech produced a profound impression, and this is not to be wondered have been dragged, and then incarcerated, I cannot divine. Who can account for the vagaries of a madman? to show. John Adams, one of the most fluent and powerful speakers, answered Dickinson, and it cannot be too much regretted that not a scrap of that speech remains, except perhaps the tradition out of which Mr. Webster made one of his most splendid paragraphs. It was on the 1st of July that the newly elected delegates from New Jersey, of whom Dr. Witherspoon was one, took their seats and voted a solid vote

The next day, July 2d, the paper was again read and subjected to a severe process, which sifted out some paragraphs. It is not necessary that I should enter Some were thought too disrespectful tomore minutely into my family history, or wards the english people, some too hostile son, who refused to sign. Willing and Humphreys, two delegates from Pennsylvania, purposely absented themselves to avoid signing. These three gentlemen were de-capitated forthwith by the Convention of Pennsylvania, then in session, and men elected in their place who would sign. Of the other Pennsylvania delegates, Franklin, John Morton and James Wilson, signed the declaration at once, and Robert Morris, the remaining delegate was absent on public business and had permission to sign

It is a fact worth knowing, that the delerates from New York were willing to sign, out waited for instructions from home, which they received and put their names to the leclaration on the 15th of July.

Matthew Thornton did not take his seat

Congress until the 4th of November, and

at that time he signed the declaration. The original paper, as interlined and mended was given to the Secretary of Congress to be engrossed on parchment, and this engrossed copy, the one in the Patent Office, was again signed by most of the members on the second of August, and at different intervals afterwards by the rest. Can any one tell whether the real original is yet in existence?

These facts are gleamed principally from the Journals of Congress, Tucker's Life of Jefferson and the work of John Adams.

The passage on negro slavery, which was erased from Jefferson's original draft, is not published in books accessibly to the most. has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life and liberty in the persons of a distant peodoubt but, indirectly, it will prove of great ple who never offended him, captivating benefit to the community at large. When and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere, or to incur miserable death in s the warfare of the Christian King of market where men should be bought and sold, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to proribit or to restrain this execrable commerce. And that this assemblage of horrors might want no fact of distinguished dye, he is now exciting those very people to rise in arms among us, and to purchase that liberty of which he has deprived them, by murdering these people on whom he has obtruded them; thus paying off former crimes committed against the liberties of one people with the crimes which he urges them to

commit against the lives of another." Tucker, in his life of Jefferson supplies this remarkable passage, together with all the changes made in the original draft of

Gordon, in his history of the Revolution, statement. says the reason why the first of July did not become Independence Day, was that

teresting anecdote. It occurred in 1798; and illustrates Marmont's firmness and self-respect. An invasion of England was then meditated. Bonaparte, who then won his first Italian laurels, was named "Commander-in-Chief of the army of England." Marmont was attached to him as Aid-de Camp. Bonaparte wishing to have accurate information concerning the defensive prepara-tions of the English, was turning over it his mind the means of procuring it. The

his mind the means of procuring it. The story says:

"A. M. Gallois, a man of respectability and distinction, had a mission to England; for the purpose of exchanging prisoners. Before setting off, he came with M. Talleyrand to General Bonaparte's house, Rue de la Victoire. Suddenly the doors of the cabinet opened; the General called me, and no sooner did I find myself the fourth in this calinet than he said to me the carrier. this cabinet than he said to me, 'Marmont, M. Gallois is about to go to England with a commission to treat for the exchange of prisoners; you will accompany him; you will leave behind your uiform; you will pass as his secretary, and you will procure information of such and such a nature; you will make such and such observations, &c. And he detailed to me my instructions. I listened to him without interrupting him; but when he had finished, I answered, 'General, I re; fuse to go.' 'How! you refuse to go!' said he. 'Yes, General, I continued: 'you give me the commission of a spy, and it neither belongs to my duties nor accords with my tastes. M. Gallois fulfils a mission which is openly recognised; mine would lie beyond the sphere of honorable recognition; My departure with him would be known to all Paris, and it would be known in England that his pretended secretary is one of the principal officers of your staff—your confidential aid-de camp. Unprotected by the law of nations. I should be arrested; and either hanged or sent back with infaand either hanged or sent back with infa-my. My life as a soldier belongs to you; but it is only as a soldier that I am bound to lose it. Send me with twenty five hus-sars to attack a fortress, I would go without murmuring, though certain of falling, be-cause that is my profession. The present case is different! He was confounded by my answer, and dismissed me, saying, shall find other officers more zealous and and Gallois were gone, the General called me and said, 'What were you thinking of to answer me in that way before strangers? General, I answered, I am aware of the pain my answer must have caused you, and of its apparent impropriety; but permit me to tell you, you had rendered it necessary; you had not hesitated to make an offensive proposition to me in their presence, and I could only wipe out the stain by also repelling it in their presence with indignation.
If you had spoken to me of it en tete-a-tate; I should have discussed it with you in a manner accordant with the respect I bear you and the sentiments I owe to you.' He understood me, but for a long while after treated me with great coldness. Duroc, to whom I had narrated this scene said, 'I am thankful that it didn't happen to me, for I should never have dared to refuse him. Sulkowsky, who witnessed the explanation. dreading lest the mission should devolve on him, hastened to prevent it by saying; General, not one of us would-have accepted it.' Nothing more was said on the subject, and every one was saved from the obloquy."

NOVEL BEQUEST .- At a recent sitting of the Senatus of the University of London; the assembly was congratulated on a recent decision of one of the higher courts, by which the University became entitled to a bequest of \$100,000, under the will of the late Mr. Thomas Brown, of Dublin, to found a hospital for the investigation and cure of That passage is as follows: "He, the king, diseases of quadrupeds and birds useful to we consider how much we are dependent on the lower animals—as they are called their transportation thither. This practical for food, clothing, and many of the comwarfare, the opprobrium of Infidel nations, forts of life, who shall say that every improvement on their physical condition must Great Britain. Determined to keep open a not benefit the lords of the creation? In this locality, we are sorry to say that the condition of the quadrupedal slaves sadly needs the watchful care of the philanthopist and the legislator. We fear, however, that it will be some time ere this sanitary reform will obtain the attention it requires.

REGULARLY SOLD .- The New York corespondent of the Boston Journal stated in a letter, a short time since, that a large party of Irish Catholies had attacked and demolished the walls of a Presbyterian Church in New York, in the presence of an immense crowd, attracted to the spot by the deed, and that no arrest were made, &c. A clergyman of Lawrence, Mass., wrote to the Mayor on the subject, and received a reply denying the truth of the statement. "Had any attempt of the kind been made," says his Honor, "I should have used every resource in my power to prevent "neither the colonies nor members being such disgraceful proceedings, and to pre-unanimous, it was postponed till the next serve the peace and protect the property of But when did the venerable bell; still of course "The Old Brick Church," then in