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 human life, and do not yet seem tired of
the task assigned them. Nicknames are the convenient, portable tools by which
they simplify the process of misccief. and
get through their job with/ the least time nit rouble. These worthess unmean
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 The priest cals the lawyer a cheat, th
awyer beknaves the divine. The
trenchman hates the End he is an Englishman; and the Englishman hates the Frenchman for as good a rea
son. The Whig hates the Tory, and the
Tory the Whig The Tory the Whig. The Dissenter hates the
Church of Engian man, and the Church
of England man hates the Dissenter, as it they were of a different species, becaus
they have a different deigation. Th Mussulman calls the worshipert of the
Crose 'Christian dog', spits phis fac
and kicks him from the pavement, virtue of a nickname; and the Christia
retorts the indignity upon the Infidel an the Jew by the same infallible rule
ight. In France they damn Shakespear in the lump, by calling him a barbarpe and
we talk of Racine's verbiage with inexpres documents on the subject put together
And yet Mr. Southey asks triumphanty
Cs it to. be supposed that it is England
our Engiand to whom that war was ow
ing? As if, in a dispute between two
countries, the conclusive argument, which
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| of dislike connected with it, from their having no settled ground to rest upon |  |
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| The mind naturally irritates itself against an unknown object of fear |  |
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| we should lest, by stopping to examine, we should |  |
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| lest, by stopping to examine, we should find that there is no excuse for them |  |
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| most ungovernable when they are blind- |  |
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| the ignorance, and the ill nature of man kind on its side. It acts by mechanical |  |
| sympathy on the nerves of society. Any |  |
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| No matter how unreserved the imputa- |  |
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| tion, it will stick; for, though it is sport to the bystanders to see you bespattered |  |
| they will not stop to see you wipe out the stains. You are not heard in your own |  |
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| defence; it has no effect, it does not tell, excites no sensation, or it is only felt as a |  |
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| disappointment of their triumph over you. <br> prejudices are inflam |  |
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| Their passions and prejudices are inflamed by the charge, As rage with rage doth |  |
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| which is a very sober, mamkith sateGive a dog an ill mame end hang him, is an |  |
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| proverb. A nickname is the heaviest stone that the devil can throw at a nian |  |
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| It is a bugbear to the imagination, and, |  |
| though we do not believe in it, it still haunts our apprehensions. Let a nick |  |
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| dearest friend, and let us know that it is |  |
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| ever so false and malicious, yet it, will answer its end; it connects the person's |  |
| you think of them with pain together, or |  |
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