

further without great danger. The interior of the house, its isolated situation, and the ferocious countenance of the host would have alarmed any other man but Lord B****. He entered however, fully determined to profit by the shelter that Providence offered him. He found himself in a low room filled with smoke, and remarked, around a table covered with pots of porter, a dozen of individuals wrapped in large cloaks, and who fixed their scrutinizing eyes on the two new comers. Lord B**** without being disconcerted, asked for a room in which to pass the night, he was told that there was but one to be disposed of that, contained three beds, one of which was already occupied. He requested to be shewn to it, and the hostess accompanied them to take sheets &c. She then left the room strongly recommending them not to approach the third bed. Faithful to their promises, they went to bed and were soon in a sound sleep. The next morning Lord B**** arose the first and went down stairs to hasten the preparations for their departure. His nephew, now alone, softly approached the mysterious bed, and hearing no sound, unclosed the curtains and saw a corpse. Lord B**** soon returned and his nephew went down in his turn without speaking; the same curiosity seizing the uncle; he looked, and beheld the same spectacle. The carriage being ready our two travellers departed: the half of the day had already elapsed when Lord B**** said to his nephew. *Did you see what was in the bed, John?*—*“Yes I saw!”* replied the other. There ended their conversation, and the subject was not again mentioned during their journey.—(*Dunkirk Journal.*)

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Before proceeding to consider the aqueous phenomena of the atmosphere, we will just observe, in explanation of the seeming digressions from the prescribed routine of scientific illustrations which the subjects of these essays present,—as, for instance,