

near half a mile, when the tiger began to relax in his progress and proceed much more leisurely. As they went along they came to a piece of wood that had been used as a wedge, Duff snatched it up, for at that very moment an idea seized him that with it he might conquer his foe. They had gone a little farther when the soldier cautiously extending his hands with their united strength, dashed the wedge into the tiger's mouth, and succeeded in driving it so far in that he could see the animal's tongue. The tiger howled and raged most fearfully, but Mr. Duff aware that this was his only hope of life and liberty was equally desperate, at length the tiger mad with pain and rage relinquished his opponent's leg, and he sprung from his back. It was now a most appalling crisis, for Duff had urged the wedge in, and seized the animal's tongue; his howls and cries of pain were dreadful, and was heard by Mr. Duff's companions, who were unable to guess the reason. At length, with a last and desperate effort, the lieutenant tore out his antagonist's tongue by the root, and then, though exhausted and almost breathless, he took his pen-knife out and succeeded in stabbing the tiger to his heart. Shortly after his companions came up, and were struck with horror and surprise at beholding Duff apparently dead deluged with blood, and the tiger lying by stretched out at length with the wooden wedge upright in his mouth.

They made a litter of boughs for him and bore him to the next Indian village, where they procured medical aid and he shortly after recover-

ed from his wounds and scratches, and was always afterwards denominated "Tiger Duff." His friends went and skinned the tiger and then having had the spotted covering beautifully dressed, presented it to him as the strongest instance of their admiration at his courage.

Duff was killed on the continent a few years after, when he had attained to the rank of Colonel.



## MOSAIC GOLD.

A composition, to which the incongruous name of Mosaic Gold has been affixed, has recently been manufactured in England; its ingredients are as yet unknown, but the effects produced by the mixture have never been equalled, except by gold itself. In weight alone, it is inferior to that metal; it admits of a higher polish, and resists, in an equal degree, the action of the atmosphere and moisture; its price, however, is extremely low, not exceeding, we believe, two pence per ounce in the ingot.—A public company has been instituted for the manufacturing of articles of this composition, of which his Majesty has ordered a large quantity for the embellishment of Windsor Castle. In this age of extravagant piety, it may be interesting to learn, that a passage in the book of Ezra, viii. 27, wherein "copper as precious as gold" is mentioned, induced an enthusiastic individual of the name of Hamilton to commence, about twenty years ago, a course of experiments, which were terminated by this singular discovery, almost realizing the alchemist's reverie of the transmutation of metals.

WE have hitherto been in the habit of giving, in our pages, a brief abstract of the news for the past month. As our limits were straitly circumscribed, we could give very little, and that little, we are assured, would afford but small satisfaction to our readers. The newspapers, circulated sooner than the Magazine, contain all and much more, of public intelligence, than we can insert under that head.

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