

For the purpose of forming a guide in the forest, a direct course is pursued from one house to another, or from one settlement to another, and the first traveller carries in his hand an axe, and as he walks on, takes a chip off the trees that lie directly in his track; and by proceeding from one of those trees so blazed or marked to another, any future traveller may be guided safely to the end of his journey. It was a fine morning when Smith took his departure. "Come Cæsar," said Smith, "you shall keep my spirits alive, the snow is not deep and the distance only five miles."—He took leave of his family, promising to make no unnecessary delay, but to return on the following day. He travelled about a mile from the house, when the sky became clouded and shortly after the snow commenced falling heavy and thick. I now return to the hut. Nancy and George observed anxiously the

change of the weather, they feared it would prevent Smith's seeing the blaze, and that he would wander from his course. At night the wind blew bleak from the north west, the snow drifted and the cold was intensely severe. Every heart in the lonely hut, throbbed with anxiety for Smith. Yet there was a hope that he had reached the end of his journey, the woods were well known to him, and the distance but short. About mid day Cæsar was seen coming from the edge of the clearing. He looked thin and exhausted, they watched for Smith, hour after hour passed but he did not appear. About sun-set George left the hut. He followed the dog's track for a mile, when he beheld his father's corpse lying on the snow—

"Stretch'd out, and bleaching in the northern blast."

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Selected.

HOURLY STAGES.

By the introduction of these now essential conveniences for the man of business, as well as the man of leisure, the condition of many persons is materially improved. No less than five hourly stages now leave the city for the adjacent towns, travelling in as many directions.—Persons, whose business requires them to be more or less in the city, are by means of these stages enabled to take a cottage or board during the summer months in the country, thus enjoying the health and comfort of a country residence. To others they afford a ready transportation from or to the city, and offer to all a great facility, if pleasure only prompt them to change their location. An occasional traveller in one of the many stages that leave the city of London for the suburbs, in a speculative essay on the subject of short stages, thus humorously describes some of the events connected with his excursions,

and closes with quite an interesting story, which will recommend itself to the reader's attention, from its artlessness as well as the brevity with which it is related:

It occasionally affords me no little entertainment, while I listen to the animated discussion that frequently prevails in these "leathern conveniencies," to guess the peculiar occupations and habits of those by whom it is carried on. Practice has, I flatter myself, conferred upon me tolerable skill in this respect. I have sometimes been led, by very slight indications, to form conjectures which subsequent inquiry has proved to be well founded. I have detected a stock-broker, by his remarking, that the barometer 'looked up;' a solicitor by his 'demurring' to the observations of a gentleman on the opposite seat; and an artist, by his praising the 'fine tone of color' of an iron-grey horse that passes us on the road. Candor, however, com-