

insurance broker, that I should take a wonderful deal of killing—that I should bear a week's—a fortnight's—nay, *month's* fat-tening!—that I was, in short, a “fine lively turtle, and would keep very well till the dissolution of parliament.”

Such being my sentence, I was plunged into this vile recep-tacle, in company with seven other turtles worse than myself; seven strangers to my name and race—diseased, infirm, incurable fishes, whose foul contact embitters those last moments; which we would fain devote to studying, like Cæsar, to fall with decency. Every day the feeblest and most unwholesome of my companions is drawn forth from captivity, and transferred from cold to boiling water—from the tank to the turtle-kettle: while I—in honour of my liveliness—am destined to a protraction of misery!

But I shall not expire unavenged!—Dread as is the destiny of the turtle kind, a glorious retribution is fated to appease our manes. Vainly do our enemies court repose on the downy couches of the Mansion House, or the pulchus of Alderman-bury. Nightmare—dyspepsia—liver complaint—APOPLEXY—rising like a covey of phoenixes from our martyred ashes, strike consternation into the elders of the city, and flap their wings over the heads of the Common Council. Let my Lord John Russell look to himself!—So surely as he shall taste of the turtle-pots of Egypt, so surely will I

Rise again

With twenty mortal murders on my crown,
haunt him in the heat of debate, and “sit heavy on his soul” amid the tremors of a division. Let him swallow but so much as a spoonful of me, and (by the shades of my murdered kindred!) “we will meet again at Philippi.”



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NEWEST LONDON FASHIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 1833.

While the march of intellect advances, that of fashion retro-grades. Our Sovereign Lady, by one of those amiable caprices so beneficial to trade, has enjoined her fair votaries to appear in robes and coiffures very similar to those worn by the belles of Louis the Fourteenth's time. Some of these toilettes prove that those ladies understood the science of dress as well as the beauties of our own day; but it must also be owned, for the credit of these last, that in reviving old fashions, they have considerably improved them.