

*Fresh and Salt Water.*

IT is said, that when the wind is easterly, the water of the Baltic sea is so fresh, that victuals may be dressed with it; at north-east, it begins to change, so that by dipping several times you may get a bucket of fresh, and one of salt; but when westerly, it is altogether salt;

*Surprising Proof of Healthiness.*

THOUGH the air of Greenland is very cold, yet it is so healthy, that the inhabitants are very rarely troubled with any disorder; and even those who are attack'd by a fever, are notwithstanding able to dine upon a piece of salt beef.

*Severe Climate.*

THOUGH Russia is the largest country in Europe, two thirds of it are covered with snow all the year. The air is sometimes so very piercing, that the inhabitants lose their noses, hands and feet; their spittle freezes as it falls from their mouth; even trees often burst with the violence of the cold: notwithstanding the summer is so very hot, that great lakes are often entirely dried up, and that the inhabitants faint as they pass along the streets.

*Fact upon Fact.*

AT Turnham Green lives a barber who the inhabitants esteem for his wit: he was sent for one day to shave the late Mr. Churchill, who lived in that neighbourhood: to excuse himself, he said he had been busy ever since five o'clock in the morning, which happened to be the day the Westminster militia was reviewed. Mr. Churchill asked him how many he had shaved, "Sir," replied the barber, "you make the hundred and fifteenth." "That is a great number," replied Churchill, "in so small a place. But I remember a gentleman in your way who used likewise to draw teeth, (that lived in a small village in Essex, of which I was curate) drew as many teeth one morning as completely paved a court yard larger than that (pointing to his own, which was twelve yards long and ten yards wide) and that he and his wife finished the work the next morning before eleven o'clock." "Yes," says the barber, "my wife helpt me to comb the wigs, and make the lather."

*A surprising and magnanimous Anecdote of William Tell.*

WILLIAM TELL was an illustrious Swiss patriot, chief instrument of the revolution which delivered the Swiss Cantons from the German yoke in 1307. Griser, the governor of these provinces for the emperor Albert, having ordered him under pain of death, to shoot at an apple placed on the head of one of his children, he had the dexterity though the distance was very considerable, to strike off without hitting the child. The tyrant, perceiving he had another arrow concealed under his cloak, asked him for what purpose? To which he boldly replied, "To have shot you through the hart, if I had had the misfortune to kill my son." The enraged governor now ordered him to be hanged; but his fellow-citizens, animated by his fortitude and patriotism, flew to arms, attacked and vanquished Griser, who was shot to death by Till; and the association for the independency took place that instant, which has been since known by the name of the United Provinces of Switzerland.