Blind and naked thou didst wander, Greping 'mid the noon-day sun; Fancied pleasures quickly grasping— Seeking rest, but finding none.

All around the light was shining,
Light of life and liberty;
Dazzling was its spreading brightness,
Yet no ray illumined thee,

O my soul, what sudden terror, What emotion sways this breast? Hath some blaze of passing splendour Shown thee thou art sorely press'd?

Shown what dangers hover round thee; Shown what fiends thou hast within; Shown thee death and hell expecting; Shown the awful guilt of sin?

Yes, thy vision slowly opens;
Thou canst see, though dim thy sight;
Faintest raps of light are striking,
Soon shall they dispel the night.

Soon the morning light shall cheer thee, Then meridian beams shall shine; Soon recovered thou shalt revel, Joying in the light divine.

Faith ere long shall give thee courage; Hope shall bid thy doubtings cease; Love shall soon dismiss thy terror. Love that reigns with endless peace.

THE SNAKE. (From Sharpe's Magazine.)

There is not in all probability a more lovely spot on earth than the feud-rent Island of St. Domingo. Nature, as if to compensate to herself for the deficiencies, both moral and physical, of its human features, has lavished upon every other object, both animate and inanimate, a profusion of beauty and brightness, The birds, the butterflies, even the very insects which the truth. are generally known by the name of reptiles, are unusually brilliant in colour and graceful in form .circuit of an apartment, fills it thoughout with a strong tiful, varied and odorous.

Nor are the grander features of the country less attractive than its natural productions. Primeval the anxious husband. forests, stupendous mountains, abundant rivers, majesleaping and bounding from the heights-nothing is he stole noiselessly to the rug of his slumbering wife. wanting to complete one wide and continuous landscape | The eye of a negro is quick even in the darkness; and of surpassing beauty and magnificence; while within he had not bent over the bed more than a moment, as the elastic atmosphere to which they form so many forehead, and his knees trembled, as the truth became graceful mirrors.

the lovely district of Mirabalais, and distant about plained. thirty leagues from the capital of the Island (Port-au which excludes all other vegetation from beneath its nourished her infant. their tangled maze the rude barrier beyond.

solitary ajoupa, or hut, whose low roof, thatched with the earth senseless. palm-leaves, peeped out like some gigantic bird's-nest When day dawned, the dead mother was still lying

upon its threshold; vigorous parasites were trailing husband. over its roof, flowers bloomed about its entrance, and the traces of animal occupation were visible, although decay had as yet made no progress in the frail erection. It was evident that only a short time had elapsed next day dawned the ajoupa of Rheimbeau was tensince its inhabitants had abandoned it; and it stood antless. so smilingly amid its leafy covert, and on the border of a far-extending patch of sugar-canes, that my informant's cariosity was excited as to the cause which could have induced the tenants of such a dwelling to seek elsewhere another habitation.

His inquiries were soon answered. This little cabin had been the happy home of a young and able-bodied negro, named Rheimbeau; who, with his wife, a handsome and active negress, a son of ten years old, and an infant to which she had recently given birth, were an infant to which she had recently given birth, were its contented tenants. On the birth of his second child the negro had resigned the larger of the two rooms of which the hut consisted, to the sick woman rooms of which the hut consisted, to the sick woman and her baby, and occupied with his elder boy that which was devoted to the common uses of the little household. For a few days all went well. Mother and child progressed rapidly in health; and peace and humble happiness made this primitive dwelling the abode of joy. But, ere long, that joy was damped; and, as the sturdy negro went forth to his daily toil, it was with a heavy and anxious heart. Morning after morning he saw his wife, who had parted from him with comparative cheerfulness on the preceding evening, sad, attenuated, and drooping; while the infant, originally plump and vigorous, was evidently withering without any apparent cause.

The young mother uttered no complaint for herself; but she wept bitterly as during the commencement of the day she discovered that Nature had withdrawn from her the means of nourishing her child, whose feeble cries appeared to reproach her for her helplessness; nor was it until the return of noon, that, weak and exhausted as she was, she found herself enabled to supply its wants. Yet still she struggled against the mysterious ailment by which she was oppressed; and still she persisted in expressing her simple wonder at the attenuated condition of her babe, which she declared never left her bosom throughout the night; but after draining the tide of life from the breast upon which it had been rocked to sleep, passed with unerring instinct to the other, and never ceased from dusk to dawn to surfeit upon the lacteal tide; while she herself, overpowered by the demand made upon her strength, sickened, and even fainted beneath its per-

tinacity. Rheimbeau, whose whole heart was centred in his little family, grew daily more depressed and hopeless. In vain had he consulted the wise women and cunning

men of his tribe; their charms had wrought no remedy; and the work of death was still going slowly on, when on a sweet summer night a strong desire grew upon the elder child, who lay sleepless on the mat beside his father, to look upon his infant brother as he slept. Accordingly the boy rose stealthily, in order not to disturb the rest of the family, and passed into the inner room. With noiseless steps he approached the mat of his mother, who lay in a deep and heavy sleep, with her baby upon her arm; but he did not pause to look upon the features of the infant, nor upon those of its slumbering nurse. He shuddered convulsively, stood for an instant incapable of motion, and then glided from the room as silently, and far more rapidly than he had entered it, and throwing himself down once more beside his sleeping father, crept terror-stricken to his bosom.

Rheimbeau, awakened by the sudden contact, and feeling that the frame of his son was convulsed by some strange terror, demanded hurriedly the cause of his alarm; but it was a considerable time before the boy could sufficiently control his horror, and command his voice, to explain the nature of his dismay. This was no sooner done, however, than the negro started from the earth. The night was nearly spent, and the sun was rising behind the mountains. In an instant his hatchet was in his hand, and he bounded into the chamber of his wife, and approached the bed. But he saw nothing there to excite either his vengeance or his terror; with a light hand he drew aside the covering which veiled the mother and her babe; they both slept in peace; and after gazing on them for a moment in thankfulness of heart, he looked earnestly round the chamber in search of a concealed enemy. Finally, convinced that a frightful dream had for a time obscured the reason of his son, he returned, and chid him severely for the folly which had led him to assert so horrible a tale; but the continued declarations of the which made Victor Jacquemont, the celebrated tra- boy filled him with doubt and consternation, and he veller, love to designate it "the paradise of the world." resolved on the following night to convince himself of

Enforcing upon the trembling lad the importance of silence, above all towards his mother, he threw on his Among other winged wonders, the Islane is celebrated rug, collected his implements, and went forth to his for a large fly, or rather gnat, which, by making the daily toil, with a heart ill at ease, and yearning for the gloaming. That was a long, long day to the anxious Scent of roses, whence it derives its appellation of the Otto-of-rose Fly." India itself does not produce more gorgeous butterflies, and is even exceeded in their the setting sun; another moment, and the blossoms of variety. Land tortoises are to be found in profusion the wild jasmines glowed like burnished stars; another, in the woods; and fish, in wongerful varieties and and the surface of the lake caught the blended colours quaint forms, in all the deep bays and rivers. Flocks of the western hemisphere, and glittered like one wide of parrots and paroquets make the forests vocal; hum- mosiac of jewels. He soothed his suffering wife, ming-birds and fire-flies are rife among the flowers; caressed his haggard and pining child, breathed over and those flowers are in themselves exquisitely beau- both the prayer of an aching heart, and left them to their rest. And then night fell; and all the inhabitants of Mirabalais slept the sleep of weariness save

Yet still for awhile he controlled himself, and the tic waterfalls, fruitful valleys, irrigated by torrents night was half spent, ere once more grasping his hatchet, the mountain-barrier, known as Les Mornes, are an before he detected a black mass coiled up between his abundance of small fresh-water lakes, as blue and clear wife and her nursling. A cold dew started upon his evident. The mystery was unravelled: the exhaus-In one of these luxuriant and laughing valleys, in tion alike of the mother and her child was at once ex-

Rendered desperate by horror, Rheimbeau clutched Prince), is situated a pleasant valley, traversed from his weapon more closely, and prepared to strike his end to end by a rapid torrent, which, after fecundising formidable foe. Not for an instant did he quail. the soil, loses itself at the extremity of the leafy gorge | The strength of the husband and the father was in his in one of the limpid lakes already described; so calm, arm, or he might well have shrunk before so formidaso waveless, and so untroubled, that at twilight it looks ble an antagonist, for the mysterious intruder was a like a sheet of liquid silver, in which the rising stars a huge snake of the largest and most hideous species, are reflected in golden spangles. Palm-trees of pro- known at St. Domingo, as la Madelaine, which had digious strength and height, crowned with their maple- nightly resorted to the mat of the nursing mother, in like blossoms; thickets of mauritias, (a species of palm order to surfeit itself upon the milk which should have

shade, and carpets the soil with its own withered | The reptile was still feeding when the negro reached leaves,); date-trees; magnolias, with their large lily- the bed-side, but a start of horror which he could not shaped blossoms gleaming through the deep-green and repress disturbed it from its unnatural occupation; highly-varnished foliage, like chalices of perfumed and it raised its flattened head angrily, and turned its alabaster; and magnificent catalpus, revealing among fiery eyes upon the intruder. A blow from the uptheir jagged and polished leaves the golden clusters of raised hatchet smote it upon the instant, but, as it the wild ebony tree. The primrose-coloured flowers recoiled, its envenomed teeth fastened upon the sleepof the odier of Canada are mingled with the blossoms ling child, and then it made a fruitless effort to escape. of the blue honeysuckle, in which the negroes delight Unconscious of the misfortune which had overtaken under the name of coali, and which marries its scent him, and attributing the cries of the infant merely to with the more pungent odour of the white jessamine; the terror of its sudden waking, Rheimbeau struck while floating curtains of creeping plants, weaving again and again at the unsightly serpent; when sudthemselves into a dense mass, as they clambered over denly the mother also threw off the weight of the untrees, and plants, and rocky prominences, obscure by natural torpor by which she was nightly oppressed, and springing from her rug amid the blows of her Nothing, in short, can be more beautiful than the husband and the shrill hissing and heavy writhing of aspect of this lovely valley: and yet, although no charm the wounded snake, the miserable truth burst upon is wanting to make it the chosen site of many a rural her in all its horror. Already enfeebled by exhausdwelling, in the year 1846, when it was accidentally tion, she could only make an effort to save her child traversed by an English resident in the Island, to whom | -an inert and swollen mass was raised for an instant I am indebted for the singular anecdote which will in her arms; she gave one wild and piercing shriek make the subject of my paper, it contained only one clutched the shapeless infant to her breast, and fell to

from among the dense foliage amid which it was emof her child resting upon her bosom; while a few And even this humble and isolated dwelling was paces from them a black and tangled mass, breathless abandoned when the foot of the white stranger paused and motionless, betrayed the vengeance of the bereaved

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