

stewed frogs." "Mother iv Moses, Ginerall, you don't say so," ses I, beginnin' to feel as if I was gettin' say sick. "It's the truth I'm tellin' you, Thadeus," ses he, "but you look wake, try a glass iv brandy." The sperits brought me round, but my confidence in the victuals was shook, and I only played wid my knife and fork till the fruit came on the table. To think, Phelim, iv me, an Irishman, and a Christian, after all the trouble St. Patrick took banishin' varmint from the Island, comin' here to forrin' parts and devourin' them! Bedad, I'm afeerd it'll lie heavy on my mind, Phelim, but sure the way they wor disguised the saint himself wouldn't know whether it was from an egg or a tadpole they came. Durin' the dinner we had'nt much conversation; a few remarks about the weather, latest news from Berlin, how they would resave us in Paris, and a little genteel civility as regards the eatables, but when the waiters was gone and the "nourishment" began to go round, we got quite confidential. The king was mighty anxious to know what we thought iv him in Ireland. Iv coorse I had my manners about me, and told him we doated on him, only it wouldn't look well to show it too much, afeerd the people would think we wor runnin' after him when he was up in the world. "Oh, faith," ses Bismarck, laughing, "you have disguised your feelins' splendidly in that