Death's Choice. BY MES. SIGOURNEY.

The shadowy monarch, on his throne or skulls, Sate, wearied and displeased.

My cheerless task,

Since he of Eden felt a brother's hate, Down to the brow that blanches as I speak.

Hath known no respite. Would that there With whom to trust my care awhile, and snate One moment of repose. Ho! ye who wait! Give notice that with him most worthy found By previous deeds to waste the race of man, King of Terrors will delight to share

The glory of his kingdom.

Mighty winds, Swollen high to earthquake violence, and ton Of many waters, like wild, warring seas, Proclaimed the edict, while the lightning's spea Wrote it in flames on ev'ry winged cloud; Yea, with such zeal the elements conspired To publish the decree, methought there lurked In each some latent, lingering hope, to win

The Passions came, Throned in their storm-clouds, and with varied

The several natures, boasted how to quell Life's feeble springs.

But to their claims stern Death Gave credence cold.

Thundering, or elequent, as beseemed

Next fleshless Famine stalked, Followed by fierce, unpitying Pestilence; Still ever in their ears a mournful sound-The weeping of the nations.

Loudly shrieked A martial trump, and on his bannered car, War, like a sovereign, came. Unnumbered spoils Were strewed around him and the blood of mer Flowed, as a river, 'neath his chariot wheels. His eagle eve the promis'd honour scann'd, As an undoubted right. But still pale Death Ponder'd, and spake not, till, with haughty

pride,
The candidate withdrew, and trembling earth Shrank at his kindled wrath,

There is a pause,
As if none dare in that foil'd champions steps Essay to thread. At length a bloated form Mov'd slowly on, with mix'd and maddenning

But, ere the footstool of the throne he pressed Death, with a father's fondness, hastened down Embraced, and in the seat of empire placed. Great was the wonder, but none dare gainsay For, with a fearful shout, all Nature's foes-Disease, passions, wars, and sins-confessed INTEMPERANCE their king, and at his feet Their boasted, time-cemented trophies cast,

Miscellaneous.

Antiquities of Central America.

The American remains-less superb yet more marvellous, than those of Assyriaform altogether a modern topic. It is true that a collection of treatises larger than the library of Don Quixote has been compiled to discuss the original peopling of America, the pre-Columbian discoveries, the Canaanand the possible arrival of an antidiluvian structing any buildings better than huts, or

covered; not so massive as the Egyptian, not so delicate as the Greek, but neverthebold as Lepsius. The tumuli and fortifica- of lofty hills. a nation not polished or learned, yet enno- of ruin arrived. bled by grandeur of idea and high artistic acquirement. Humboldt described a por- portant results of Mr. Stephen's exploration, tion of these remains; but the greater part - National Magazine. eluded his examination. Captain Dupaix's work, published in 1834, first attracted European attention to the subject. Del Rio and Felix Cabrera had indeed preceded

thirty years these memorials of Noah's sacred obligation. ancestors were buried a greater depth than ancestors were buried a greater depth than before. Again they have been ascribed to drums beating, from the rendezvous on the a Cyclopean, to a Greek, to a Roman origin opposite side of the river, and soon entered but these suppositions have given way, because nothing of a European type is disceeding a little way, a halt was agreed upon; coverable in the conception or workman- for many of the merchants had stayed beship of the artists of ancient America. To hind, saying their last adjeus to their famiconnect them with colonists from China lies, and making additions in their merchanand Japan is more safe, because these coundise. Haj Hamed, who possessed several tries are scarcely known; but is it logical to camel-loads, and had been among the first find analogies between what is known in to be ready at the place of meeting, repined one part of the world and what is unknown at this delay. in another? To the Hindu monuments they have certainly little likeness, because when a boy, by going in company with his they have no excavations, or enlargements father to the shrine of the Prophet; but this of natural caverns, and the style and sub- was the first journey he had undertaken jects of sculpture belong to quite another since. His impatience, therefore, may be order. The Pyramidal form has suggested excused, He had started with the idea of an Egyptian derivation; but in America making a fortune; and was impatient to be the pyramids are solid masses of earth or doing. Besides, there was his promise to masonry. They never stand alone-they Kodadad. If he forfeited that, his credit are often natural eminences faced with stone was gone forever. Accordingly, he spent -and each one bears a temple on its summit. The vast quarried masses used in halt, sitting by the road side, counting the Egyptian architecture are never found in stragglers that came in, and jeering them did not appear. "We must allow him an America, the only specimens being the idols for their tardiness. "This young man," and altars, which are almost all monolithic. said some, "believes that time was made Kodadad. The muezzin chanted the hour Some vague resemblance may be traced in only for him. What matters a day more or of noon. The merchant called to his slave

on; but it was a contrast inevitable from the nature of the two countries, and supplies no argument to either side of the discussion. On the banks of the Nile bright ruins stand, near no shadows but their own, glowing in every tint of the sky, visible by a surprising accident. A huge mantle level waste." In Mexico, Chiapas and Yu- had time to struggle he was cast on the are saddened by the stains of damp, vege- goods, in complete darkness. At first he fare saddened by the stains of damp, vegetation chokes their passages, and the way-farer may stand one hundred feet from the ruins of a great city without perceiving where one stone stands upon another. A screen, entangled and fantastic, droops along the colonnade of trees; leaves and brilliant ears. He tried to speak; but no answer flowers, with birds as bright, clinging and was returned except renewed laughter .fluttering among them, are trained into an Presently, those who carried him set him opervious network, so that the traveller, if he way is known to him, must break through the tall solemn idols, the quaint-wrought al-

of beauty and ruin that lies within the echo of his voice. The figures of animals-monkeys, crocodiles, elephants, and birds-are frequently distinguishable in the American sculptures, besides those of men and women, apparentle of different ranks, and exhibiting a great variety of costumes. Death's heads are mmon, with crowds of emblematical orms; but these are seldom grotesque, and never abominable, as in New Zealand and India, nor is the subject often of a martial ture, and look as if iron instruments had been employed, though none have been found. Arrow-beaded chisels of very hard covered by Mr. Stephens. The alters and idols are nearly all on a gigantic scale, most variety, but seldom with an attempt to rethe founders of these structures, and that great numbers of laborers were employed which was great, did not amaze him, and one collection of ruins, comprising over an area nearly equal to that of the arch is never found, corridors as well cham-

a complete single plan, being spread This is my father's kiosque. He has given ite, Phoenician and Scythian immigrations: great Pyramid Ghizeh. The form of the race. But until lately, the architectural an-Robert. and durable as the Roman. The same matiquities of the Western world composed no smoothed to a surface with cement as hard son, for instance, affirms in his confident terial was also used for floors. Very fine way, that the ancient inhabitants were ut- stucco, laid somewhat thickly on the walls. terly rude, illiterate, and incapable of con- is painted in colors so good as to remain and motionless. Several men, came hurraising any monuments nobler than mounds climate. Red earthenware of baked clay. of earth. Since the doctor wrote, a rich highly polished, and terra-cottas of graceful and valuable field of investigation has been and classical outline-among which the facovered containing human bones, perhaps relics of sacrifices. An immense command of mechanical power must also have been less, works of beauty and power, with a possessed by the builders, since the quarhistory, still illegible, written on them, for ries which supplied stone for these erections ation at the lady of the place. She met

tions in the valleys of the Mississipi and It would not be more interesting to disthe Ohio, the mummies in the caverns of cover in what way the nation that has left ruined structures in Arkansas and Wisconsin. of such arts, than to ascertain how it was the fragments in Texas, and the wonderful that their works were suddenly checkedand various groups of monuments in Central their civilization paralyzed. Evidently America and Mexico; mountains hewn into they were stopped in full career: for the ranges of terraces, pyramids surmounted by chiseled blocks are lying at the bottom, or temples, gigantic idols and altars covered on the edge of quarries, or half way to their with elaborate sculpture, with elegant uten- destination; some of the sculptures are unvealed the existence, at a distant period, of that the race was labouring when its hour We have thus given, in outline, the im-

Mercantile Probity.

him ; but the announcement of their dis- dinars of the merchant Kodadad, he swore At length however, a merchant about to procoveries had excited little or no curiosity. by the faith of the prophet to return the ceed to Baglad, made him an advantageous the Provinces. Lord Kingsborough afterwards published sum within six months of that time, and offer for the whole of his stock, and he was an ambitious book at £80 per copy; but fixed the hour and day. He was a young enabled to depart, after having realized a the matter was not original, and the book was to the general public, almost as inacceswas to the general public publ was to the general public, almost as inaccessible as Central America itself.

The travels and researches of Stephens and Catherwood, who opened the way to many followers, have certainly added much information on this subject. Neither they nor any others, however, have instructed us in the mystery of those American ruins.—

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Petra and Pæstum are at last intelligible, but Uxmal and Palenque are still free quarbut under the many asseverations said that at the appoint
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sickness, robbers, unforeseen delays? He a huge sycamore to wait patiently until the morning.

When light came, he remembered his ters for antiquarian dogmatism and poetical ed time he would present himself at the kiconjecture. Dupaix believed them to be osque of the merchant Kodadad, on the because he designed to the merchant Kodadad, on the because he determined to he cancers, whose gnawings so fearfully tell cancers, whose gnawings so fearfully tell promise to Kodadad. He was to pay the osque of the merchant Kodadad, on the bundled dipars at noon. He determined to Neuralgia, Toothache, that agony swell. antediluvian, because he found some colos- banks of the river, and lay before him a sal images buried in the earth! This hundred golden dinars. The money was earth he cleared away, and in less than lent without interest, and payment was a

He had earned his title of Haj, or Pilgrim, regret our impatience. There are evils by of reeds came floating along the misty wa-

rial age. Wooden beams, for example, are tating his companions, and reclining, lazily, is a reed of lead." The Merchant who found serving as lintels, and perfectly under the shadow of trees on the green wished to pass the time, told him to break cayed. Wood it is true has been found in grass, listening to the songs of the birds and the reeds. He did so, and lo! a hundred Egypt, solid and sound after three thousand the gurgling of the stream, began at length glittering pieces of gold fell suddenly upon years; but it was never exposed to the air, to roam uneasily about. He saw that anthe pavement of the kiosque! or employed in building, except in clamps, other sun would set, and perhaps another, This story, which is told in many different connecting two stones. The climate in and behold them still in the lap of the same ways, illustrates the Oriental idea of mer-

so long. Mr. Stephens, in fact, points out the tents remained unstruck; the people rethe monuments as the work of the people clined in groups; the camels and horses golden dinars, came to its destination in whom the Spaniards found, or of their not were dispersed here and there; and the lazy some miraculous way: the Prophet being very remote progenitors. Many accounts describe them as then being erect and entire; and it is thought that the barbarous were dispersed nere and there, and the lazy some miraculous way: the Prophet being tinkling of their bells showed that they, at always deeply interested in the good deeds any rate, were enjoying themselves. The of his servants. The young merchant was not without his reward. His credit was in havor of the conquerors, in their search for treasure, produced their overthrow. The discovery of one or two images of pure gold he counted in his memory the numbers of marriage. And it will surprise none but incited them to this devastation. One striking contrast between the American and

afar, reared like visions on the "lone and was thrown over his head; and before he catan, they are buried in forest! their walls ground, and rolled up, like a bale of his own

down; the bounds that confined him were loosened, the mantle was whisked away, and. hese laxuriant defences before he can see to his suprise, he found himself in a beautiful selemn idels the quaint wrought al. tars, the wall high but broken, the confusion of beauty and ruin that lies within the echo

Haj Hamed was too thoroughly an Oriental not to understand his position, after a few moment's thoughts. He had evidently been watched during his progress through the forest, by the inmates of some harem unencumbered by male attendants, who in a spirit of fun made him prisoner. The incident is not an uncommon one, if we may believe narrators: but it generally leads to disagreable results. Our merchant felt uncomfor able. The merry girls were quite capable, kind. Religion and loyalty appear to be sentiments displayed. The carving is uspond. He looked around for the chief among them rather anxiously, and soon recognized her in a very young maiden, who. after having laughed with the rest, had flung green stone were the only instruments dis-der a tree, and was gazing at him with inherself carelessly on a pile of cushions un-

" Lady," said be, assuming a humble atintricately wrought in bass-reliefs of endless titude, "this is not wise nor well. I am a present the whole human figure. That quire care and watchfulness, and beg to be released."

She seemed annoyed that her beauty, replied :-

"Fear nothing. There is no danger .it to me, and I live here with my maidens unmolested. There is a guard of slaves at the gate: but they only appear at a signa

understanding the motive, again cast the mantle over Hamed, and bade him be silent vivid after centuries of exposure in a moist riedly; but were dismissed with jeers and mockeries. In a few moments, the merchant, more dead than alive, was uncovered and classical outline—among which the fa-vourite tripod form often occurs—were dis-had permission to depart, By this time, however, peauty had hegun

to exert its influence; and Haj Hamed, in-

stead of rising, remained gazing in admirno decipherer of their hieroglyphics has were often at a considerable distance, and his glauce, at first, with a disdainful exbeen found so learned as Champollion or so enormous monoliths were raised to the tops pression; but, according to the Oriental dea, two such souls have secret sympathies from the influence of which neither can escape. No sooner did their eyes meet in a Kentucky, the inscriptions at Dighton, the these monuments was cultivated to the use full gaze, than both felt faint at heart. The lady turned very pale, and leaned her head upon the cushion; the maidens, raising the trembling Hamed, led him to her side. They talked for hours-not of themselves, but of love-and expatiated eloquently on the happiness of meeting, whilst the attendants played on their lutes, or sang songs ilsile, for domestic and religious use, have resound at the outer gate, announced that the father of the maiden, whose name was Leliah, had come to visit her. Haj Hamed returned bowed down and heavy hearted to the encampment. He proceeded upon his journey, which was prosperous but tedious. Month after month passed away after his arrival at Damascus, and most of When Haj Hamed borrowed a hundred Hamed's bales still remained on his hands.

> hundred dinars at noon. He determined to hasten to Tarsus on foot over the mountains, for he knew the general direction in which it lay. Many hours of travel were before him; but he was light of foot, and at length beheld in the distance the minarets of the city, and the winding course of the river. Suddenly, the landscape darkens. Clouds seemed to come out of every valley, and to inundate the plain. The rain fell : the wind blew. He hastened onward, clutching the leather purse in which he carried his wealth, and invoked the assistance of the Prophet. When he reached the banks of the river, he heard, through the mist, a muezzin proclaiming the hour of noon from a distant mosque. The water was turbulent. No ferry-boat was in sight. It was impossible to cross. Haj Hamed prayed; and an sible to cross. Haj Hamed prayed; and an idea came to his mind. He plucked a large reed, and hollowed it, and placed therein a three times as much as the 25 cent bottle. and the 31 bottle contains three times as much as the 25 cent bottle; so that money hundred pieces of gold, and tied other reeds to it, and floated his raft upon the stream,

and confided in the mercy of God. Now, it happened that Kodadad, remembering Haj Hamed's promise, had gone to his kinesone that ha Now, it happened that Kodadad, rememhis kiosque that day, to wait for his money. The wind blew; the rain fell. The debtor hour's grace; for the storm is violent," said Mr. Stephens, indeed, was unwilling to search for the origin of these works in any period so remote. He urges several circumstances against the theory of their immemo-

America, damp and destructive to timber, valley. He climbed the mountains, endea- cantile probity. Turkish merchants, in encouraging rank vegetation and the rapid vouring to distance his thoughts, and when their dealings among themselves, are famous growth of trees, which in many places have ever he obtained a glimpse of the encamp for keeping their engagements with scrupuburst through the masonry, render it improbable that the wooden lintels could last discern signs of a forward movement. But Hamed is often cited as a model. Of course, the Egyptian ruins has been sternly insisted price, and revelled in the anticipation of gi-turned out to be the same very imprudent



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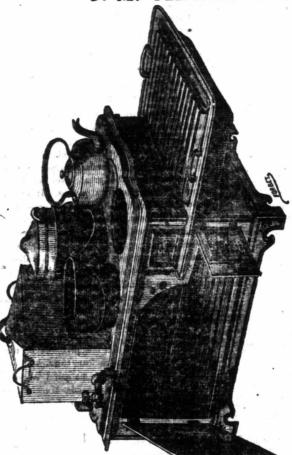
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