## Donth's Corner.

THE TENT BY THE WAY-SIDE. ship's company found themselves thrown on a dangerous coast, their vessel ing on the coast; they had to make their way inland, hoping by their utmost exertion to reach the country to which they were bound. How much time their journey might take up, they could not guess; but the direction they had to take was well known. They set out, loading themselves with such provision as they had, for the journey.

They travelled day after day; their supply was running short; and they lay down to sleep, at the close of the sixth day's journey, with fears and anxiety respecting their food for the next day: their provision baving scarcely lasted them so far.

On the seventh morning they awoke, and behold, they saw a tent placed by the wayside, of which they knew nothing, the evening before; it offered pleasant shade, and contained a rich supply of provision, o which they were not slow to partake, speaking in high praise of whoever it might be that had provided this welcome refreshment for them in their urgent need.

They spent the day here, and scarcely thought of journeying further, lest they should not find again such hospitable entertainment. But after a night's rest, which they enjoyed in a happy freedom from care and solicitude, they found, on awaking, that the tent had disappeared, and only a quantity of food remained, packed in loads for travel-

up the ready-made burdens, and set out, filled with wonder and with fresh courage. Doubts and uneasy thoughts arose again, as their provision came to be less savoury, and to run towards an end, towards the close of another six days' travelling. But they were filled with fresh joy, on the morning of another seventh day, when the tent was found pitched again by the way side, ample store of food and refreshment, with cool shade inviting to a day's rest, even as the first tent had afforded them. They broke out in loud thanksgiving to the unseen Benefactor by whom such care was taken of them, and they all agreed that it was well worth six days' bearing the heat and burden of their pilgrimage, to meet with such a token of their being cared for, and watched over, on the seventh.

They found the tent to have vanished again on the following morning: but food and drink enough to be there for six days' journeying, if they husbanded carefully, and suffered none to waste. With joy and gratitude they set out again, quite confident that the seventh day would bring them again rest and refreshment, if their journey should not be brought to an end before the six days came to a close.

Many, many days continued their journey. and great was their longing for the country where they knew a home to be prepared for them; but when they began to understand that it was the Lord of that country that was making all the provision for them which had so far preserved their strength for this pilgrimage, and that He must know best when it was time for them to enter into their home, they cheered up, and spoke courage to one another. Yet did they often also say: How unspeakable must be the delights of the country itself, where our home is prepared, when the resting-places in the very journey thitherward are so sweet and comforting!

As the TENT BY THE WAY-SIDE to the ship-wrecked company, travelling from the dangerous coast to a distant home, so is the SABBATH to the Christian, when once he has come to taste the strengthening and refreshing influence of its thankful, thorough, and spiritual observance. But better than the most blessed of earthly Sabbaths will be that everlasting rest which remaineth to the plenty of signs and gestures, we contrived people of God. [HEBR. IV. 9.]

JOURNEY FROM INNSPRUCK TO VERONA. Continued.

Not far from Merano, on a rocky height, lies the village "On the Tyrol," the further end of which opens an enchanting prospect into the valley of the Upper Adige:-the view combines the wild beauty of the Alps with the charms of the richest cultivation; Italy and Germany seem to be mingled together, and the eye descends from the snow-capped mountain till it rests on the luxuriant vines at the foot of it. The valley contains villages, castles, and ruins; and among the latter are those of the ancient Terioli, erected by the Romans, from which the modern name of the whole country, the Tyrol, has been formed. Here I did enjoy the treat which I had promised myself, too early, while ascending the height of Mount Branner.

In this valley the Adige finds its course south-east-wards, and we had to follow the river when we set out on Monday, to the city of Botzen, (pronounced Boat-

The road is diversified with villages country-seats, rich vegetation, both fruit and flowers; strange lizards and gaudy butterflies are seen in all directions, and the mule and donkey have almost wholly taken the place of horses.

The nearer approach of the city indicates itself disagreeably to the traveller by the high walls which border the road on each side, confining both the view and also the dust; so that in dry weather one has to pass through a cloud, as often as a wheel-

at every corner, also remind the passenger to carry the Marlborough bag? I'm only twere modestly proposed; and as their nethat he finds himself in a country abundantly blessed with the rich produce of fields and gardens. Crucifixes and statues of saints set up in public places produce a lost, and only a small supply of provision more painful sentiment. A strange exhi-saved, with which they could not risk waitbition of devotion and superstition struck my eye at one corner, where a huge cross was raised, bearing a representation of our Saviour, with his arms extended; this was a permanent piece of idolatry; but from each of the hands of this carved image there was at this time suspended a heavy ear of Indian corn. What the design of this appendage was, I did not ascertain: it is to be hoped that it was intended as an expression of gratitude towards the divine Giver of the fruits of the earth; but the well taught Bible-scholar laments to see so very proper an acknowledgement connected with so fli grant a violation of the second command

The Italian and German languages are found here on the signs of shops, and on public notices; both are very generally spoken by the inhabitants. We felt that ve were advancing into Italy, on the following day, when we left Botzen, to proreed on our journey; and very glad we were, to think ourselves not in Germany when we met a train of hand-cuffed young men, escorted by Austrian soldiers, and carnt that this was the way the mintary authorities marched the recruits from the Italian provinces to their depots, to prevent their making their escape from the hateful service into which they are pressed by the conscription. It happened that I was sketching the old ruin of Salurn, when the escort passed by; a consequential Corthe prosecution of their journey; they took poral, looking at me, said to the men under is command: "If it were war-time, we should soon make that inquisitive fellow swing!" I was glad it was not war-tune, I must confess.

> To our surprise, we found our next restng-place to have a thoroughly German name again: Neumarkt (Newmarket;) but we had some trouble to make our stock of Italian do for the needful communication with a bargeman who offered us a free passage on the Adige all the way to Verona. We certainly were slow to comprehend the nature of the bargain he proposed; but we made it out fully, in the end, and it was this: He had to be up late that night to make himself perfectly ready for a start on the following day, and he wanted a good night's rest, not to be interrupted very early in the morning; but it would not do for him to neglect his duty of attending early mass at Church; if, however, we two of us would undertake to attend mass by way of proxy for him, that would do instead, and we should have a free passage in his barge, to return the obligation. We were half shocked and half amused at the offer, when it was fully interpreted to us; and of course we de clined it, signifying our nuter disapproval of such attempts at vicarious godliness. We ought to have felt much more grieved than we did, at this discovery of perversion in the religious sentiments of a people The proposal did not strike the people about us as a strange thing at all; and at that we had no reason to wonder, remembering how the celebrated Galileo, when the Inquisition condemned him to recite every week the seven penitential Psalms, consented to be relieved from that duty by his daughter Maria whose, filial devotion as well as abject superstition, is apparent in her eagerness to perform the service in her venerated parent's stead.

We preferred setting out for the celebrated city of Trent on foot, and our repeated attempts at speaking German with the travellers whom we overtook brought it more and more forcibly to our minds, that we were really in Italy, though not yet over the frontier of the Tyrol. The answer to our questions uniformly was, "non capisco"—I do not understand; but, with such Italian as we knew, and to pick up a little information here and there, and made our way pleasant enough, till we entered into the streets of the city which, being narrow, gloomy, uneven, and dirty, tended but little to remove from our minds the painful impressions awakened by the historical recollection of that Council which, (being summoned by Pope Paul the third, in 1545, upon the urgent call of the Emperor Charles the fifth who perceived that it was absolutely necessary to reform abuses in the Church, if the separation of Protestants was to be prevented) met only to place in the clearer light, the corruptions in doctrine which the Popes were determined to maintain: the Council was spun out to the length of eighteen years. and was closed in 1563 with curses agains all heretics-that is, against all those to whom the truth of God is dearer than the inventions of men.

To be concluded in our next.

RALPH ALLEN, THE BATH POST BOY. It was in the early part of the last centuones by poor boys, who received a halfpen-

town and Marlborough, at the above-mentioned rate of wages. The road was long and rough; and three thick layer that covers the carriage road good boy; and man-of-all-work, much to

older, and wiser, I hope,"

clerk, who happened to be out of temper timation, but in office also, as, in three years that morning. "But step in here," he con- latter his entrance, he succeeded the senior tinued, pointing to another room,

eathem will see what you're fit for." Mr. Leathern was a quiet, elderly gentleman, who had kept the post-office for retired to a small property he had purchased several years in the rich and gay city of in the country. Two years more, and Ralph Bath, which was, at the period of our story, himself began to think of purchasing prothe resort of all the fashionables of Britain, perty also. There was a large sterile farm, especially in the summer season, resembling, called Combe Down, in the neighbourhood in that respect, what Brighton has since of the city, which the last three tenants had than his clerk had done; said he considered [declaring that their labour and money both him tall enough for the business; and then were lost on such an unprofitable spot; and le person who would give him a character certificate the post-office could not employ The boy answered that his name was Ralph Allen; that his father had been a poor tradesman, but he was dead, and his mother supported herself by taking in washing; and "I wasn't brought up here, sir; tine work from the gentry; and here's a much wonder and many surmises, to break certificate from a kind gentleman, the vicar up the ground in all directions, as if in Park. Here, on the slope of one of those of our parish; I used to run errands for search of a mine. him, and he said it might be useful to me."

"This is to certify that Ralph Allen is a hope will continue to be so-William Warburton," said the postmaster, reading aloud. "Well, that's a good certificate, aloud. though the writer is unknown to me; but you on trial."

After several exhortations to be careful spines of Bath. of the mail, and walk fast, that he might arrive in time, Ralph Allen was duly equipped with a leathern bag, suspended by strap over his shoulder, containing all the letters and newspapers in those days transmitted to Marlborough, and sent forth to

earn the halfpenny per mile. ed journey, through sun and shower, going ed. and coming to the entire satisfaction of the A or waggoner, and he was preferred accord-This was a source of additional from twopence to a farthing, as the case Pope, might be, or the liberality of his employers . "A dictated. How the short time allowed between the close of his daily duty and his nightly rest was usually spent in his mother's poor but clean garret, nobody could tell. Mr. Leathem, who had by this time a high opinion of his postboy for general good conduct and correctness in his station, inquired one morning, while Ralph waited

for the mail, what book was that protruding from his pocket? "It's the 'Universal Spelling Book,' sir," said Ralph, suddenly, as he pulled out the well-worn volume. "I try to learn at home in the little time I have, and can now

"That's well, my boy," said Mr. Leathspend their leisure time so."

"And, sir," continued Ralph, now encouraged to speak out, " I'm trying to write, too, and have got the master of the Blue-Coat School to give me a lesson sometimes for doing his message, sir."

"You'll be a clerk yet, Ralph," said the postmaster, laughing. "But it is a good endeavour, and I hope you'll succeed; but

mind, be careful of the mail." His employer's words turned out true though spoken half in jest. Ralph continued to earn, by every honest though small way within his reach; his carnings were saved to purchase an old book when he could not borrow it, or supply himself with pens, ink, and paper; by which he at once amused and improved his few leisure hours in reading, or even spelling, to his mother, when her day's toil was also done, and practising the chance lessons he could obtain from the schoolmaster. Reading was at that period a rare thing in his class, and chean books of instruction were equally so; but, from the spelling-book, Ralph ry, when the mail was transmitted from the Allen advanced to the dictionary and gram- Ralph Allen was one of uninterrupted prosprincipal towns of England in charge of a mar; from 'strokes' to writing a good fair mounted postman, with holster pistols and hand. His savings also increased by slow saddle-bags, and carried from the smaller degrees, for both he and his mother were ones by poor boys, who received a halfpen-prodent; and Ralph only wished for the a few years, owing to the better arrangements ny a mile for scrying the post-office in all time when he might aspire to some better introduced by him in the transmission of mails, weathers, that the post-master of Bath situation and be enabled to add to her rest and various postage regulations, which have informed all whom it might concern, by a and comfort. Five years had thus passed printed bill in the window, that a smart, away; Ralph Allen had grown almost a active lad of fifteen; or thereabouts, was man when all the message-senders of Bath, required to carry the mail between that amongst whom he was well known, rejoiced, even amid their regrets that they must look out for another carrier, to hear that Ralph Allen had been promoted, through pass through a cloud, as often as a wheel-days had already passed, during which the the kindness of Mr. Leathem, to a clerkship carriege of any kind has stirred up the mail was carried by the postmaster's own in the Bath post office, and was actually Entering into the city, at last, the dust, in- his discomfort, and the manifest dissatisfac. duties at the post-office window. After this, deed, does not prevail, but the high tion of the good people of Marlborough, to his mother washed nothing but lace and houses, ranged in parrow streets, do not whom their letters came several hours too cambric, and Ralph was as steady and present a pleasing view to the eye. The late; but no candidate for the situation had configured walks, on each side of yet presented himself. At length, on the with the mail on his back. His salary was many of the streets, makes up, however, fourth morning, which was that of a sultry comparatively small, but his prudence was many of the streets, mances up, nowever, fourth morning, which was that of a sultry comparatively small, but his prince was for the gloom which at first seems to have July day, a thin, muscular, intelligent-look-spread over the place; for they afford ing boy, dressed in the habiliments of ear. discovered that Rulph had something in the shelter from the heat of the sun at one lier years, which he had evidently outgrown, bank. His habits of reading and thought to combe Down, having nothing to regret, and I wish to have the meadow of Mr—

fourteen yet, but 1'll always be growing cossity was seen, they soon obtained the summit of his early ambition -a well and cant who demands the meadow, and also sanction of the superior authorities, and "And may be worse!" muttered the raised the young clerk not only in their es-" and Mr. | clerk, Mr. Burton, by whom his application for the carriage of the Marlborough hag had been so ungraciously received, and who now ecome. He spoke to the boy more civilly successively left in disgust and weariness, nquired what was his name, where his the landford offered it for sheep-grazing on parents lived, and if he knew any respecta- the very lowest terms. Great was the astonishment of all who knew him, when or honesty and sobriety, as without such a Ralph Allen became the purchaser of these poor and barren acres. Some said the young man's brain was turned with the books he read, and even his mother shook her head, and hoped it would turn out for the best; but Ralph gave up his situation in the postoffice, collected around him workmen and but my mother came in hopes of getting tools, and commenced, not without creating

that never could be cultivated.

"No," said Ralph, "but I expected, and, thank Providence, I have found, a good stone tecture. Here Ralph retired about middle we will let it pass for this time, and take quarry, which will repay me, and be useful life, leaving the field of active industry to to you good town ;" and he pointed to the

thronged to the new quarry; and scarcely a gentleman's house or public building of any description could be commenced in Bath without a supply of stone from Mr. Allen, a: Day after day he performed that appoints the Bath post-boy was now deservedly call-

Mrs. Allen had long given up washing, postmasters of Bath and Marlhorough, and gone to reside at a neat cottage which Roads were not then so convenient for travel. her son built out of the first produce of his lers, nor time so precious with the public as quarry; and many of her former employers at present; but Ralph was never known to satuted the good old woman as she passed loiter by the way, nor arrive an hour too to St. Mary's Church in black sarsenic sac, late, which could seldom be said of other high-heeled shoes, and velvet hood, like a postboxs. Travellers between the towns respectable lady of the period. About this soon began to know him on the road, and time the works of the great Dr. Warburton remarked from stage-coach, waggon, or were attracting public attention, and much saddle-the only modes of conveyance in talked of in the best society of Bath. Ralph those days-that his conduct was always Allen brought the latest published volume careful and steady; and people who did not home one day, and found his mother seattravel trusted him with small messages, in led in the small parlow with his old friend, consequence of their reports. If a lady Mr. Leathem, who was about to retire wanted a fushionable cap from Bath, or a from public tusiness, and had called to notable housekeeper some trifle which could see them, " What books you do huv, be bought cheaper in Marlhorough, Ralph Ralph !" said the old women, who had Allen was known to be a soberer and less always a suspicion of her son's extravogance exorbitant carrier than either the coachman on this point; and she pointed to a large book case, where Dryden, Tillotson, and at the best authors of the preceding age, migh gain, which increased every day, till the boy be seen in their works, closely ranged to generally reached his destination in either gather. " It was only last week," continued town laden with parcels of all sorts and the good old dame, if that you brought home sizes, for the carriage of which he received that book about fame, written by one Mr.

And, don't you know, mother, who is the writer of this volume?' said Ralph "Don't you remember Mr. Warburton, the parson of our own Greasley, in Nottinghamshire, who gave me the certificate which I presented to you, Mr. Leathem, ten years ago when I wished to be post-boy to Marlborough ?"

This was true; the vicar of Greasley became the celebrated Dr. Warburton, afterwards bishop of Gloucester; and it was said Mr. Leathem's family kept that certificate like a sort of relic.

" Ralph Allen's making his fortune," wa the usual remark of every body about Bath, He tries to vex me, and has built a great when the quarry was mentioned; and it had place for swine close to my walk. So, when the quarry was mentioned; and it had when I go out, I hear first grunt, grunt, which he has been favoured since he commenced by a most confidently hopes by a em; "I wish the rest of our boys would whole property of Combe Down, which so and then squeak; but this does many farmers had called a dead loss, was found to be one vast bed of the best building

Ralph was making money fast, and his deposits in the bank increased every year; but his aims did not end there—the experience of his former situation in the post-office was at length employed to some purpose. Sundry useful arrangements and inventions had long ago made his name and abilities known to the authorities of that department. At the period of our story, the post-office in almost every county was farmed by some wealthy or enterprising person, who took its whole revenue and expenses in his own hands, paying to the Government a certain sum annually, according to his contract. Rulph, who had acquired a considerable acquaintance with all the details of the business and had, besides, the good opinion of the most influential functionaries, proposed to vest the small fortune already gained by the Combe Down quarry in a post-office contract for all England; and his proposal was accepted. From this period, the career of perity. Under his administration, the post-ofice revenue, even in that age of comparatively little letter-writing, was almost doubled in introduced by him in the transmission of mails. made his name celebrated as one of the few who have conferred benefits of a lasting kind on their native country. But Halph Allen was destined to become if possible still more honourably known to fame. From his carfiest youth he had cultivated his mind, as well as improved his fortune; as without the former endeavour, the latter would have been but half success, though wealth had been gathered like the sand. His post-office con-tract in a short time realised such an income as made the proprietor one of the richest men in the neighbourhood of Bath.

too many books. But having gained the "You are not the first. I have an applihonourably won fortune—he determined to enjoy it agreeably to his own refined taste, in the munificent encouragement of arts and literature. He had acquired general respect as well as riches; and as his fortune raised him gradually in the scale of society, had won the esteem, and formed the acquaintance, of men relebrated for their talents, and still famous through their works. Pope, Fielding, Swift, and Goldsmith, were umong the number of his friends; and the titled and fashionable paid a natural tribute to merit and success by including Mr. Allen in their most

select society. The country round Bath is one of the finest districts in England, being divided with beautiful wood-crowned hills and broad green meadows: one property, in particular, popularly called Prior Park, had long attracted Ralph Allen's eye from the barren slopes of Combe Down, and there, he often said, he should wish, if fortune permitted him, to build a mansion worthy of the scene. This project was at last put in execution. The possessor of the estate rained his affairs by carelessness and extravagance in London; it was, in consequence, offered for sale, and Ralph Allen, Esq., became the purchaser of Prior wood-covered hills which he had so often "Neighbour, do you expect to find a pot admired, a splendid mansion was creeted of gold in that farm?" said un old farmer to under his own superintendence, whose beausensible, honest, industrious boy, and I him over the fence one morning, where he tiful Corinthian portice and tasteful decoraand his men were delving at a rocky spot tions were the theme of praise among all the lovers of art; the former, especially, being still regarded as unrivalled in English archiyounger and more needy aspirants; here, also, he gathered round him the most polish-" My stars !" cried the farmer, " he's not ed society of that fashionable neighbourhood, mad after all I' And so thought all Ralph's and many of the authors, the purchase of neighbours, when buyers came and workmen whose works had once astonished his mather. Mr. Allen is well known to all conversant with the literature of those times as its judici-

> phie Bishop Warburton. The facts of this story, though not so generally known, belong to real hip, and are verified by his contemporaries. Prior Park has now become a Roman Catholic college; but its romantic situation and fine Corinthian columns are still reckoned among the attractions of the district; and they offer a lesson of how much may be achieved by well-directed energy and persevering produce.

ous and munificent patron, and in particular,

as the attached friend of that somewhat irri-

table poet, Alexander Pope, and the philoso-

[We should just like to be able to say that Ruph Allen was pious, and that it was the fear of God, faith in Christ, and obedience to the directions of the Holy Spint that made him steady, industrious, and fit to be trusted The above account of him says nothing on that point, and we must hope the best. But it is right to remind those who read this, that a man may be useful and prosperous as Rainh Allen is here described to have been, and yet be forgetful of God, careless about his own soul, and miserable in the hour of death, because lie has lived without God, and dies without hope.]

ROTHSCHILD'S ADVICE TO YOUNG BUSI NESS-MEN. - I wish my children to give mind, and soul, and heart, and every thing, to business; that is the way to be happy It requires a great deal of boldness and great deal of caution, to make a great fortune; when you have got it, it requires ten times as much wit to keep it. It I were to listen to all the projects proposed to me, I should ruin myself very soon. Stick to one business, young man; stick to your brewery, and you may be the great brewer of London; be a brewer and a banker, and a merchant, and a manufacturer, and you will soon be in the Gazette. One of my neighbours is a very ill tempered man. mour.

[Make the concerns of the soul as much the great thing of life as Rothschild made business, and how to get rich; and his advice will apply then.]

THE PAINS OF SCHPTICISM .- David Hume, after witnessing in the family of the venerable La Roche those consolations which the gospel only can impart, confessed with a sigh that "there were moments when, amidst all the pleasures of philosophical discovery and the pride of literary fame, he wished that he never had doubt. The Business of Life. By CATHE-RNIE SINCLAIR.

THE ENLIGHTENING POWER OF FAITH :-Such was the care with which the Bible was studied by the Emperor Alexander of Russia that when he first began reading the Holy Scriptures, as often as the meaning seemed obscure, he put a cross before each verse which he could not understand. These at the commencement were very numerous, but the pious Monarch said On the second perusal many crosses were erased, and since then they are di-minishing continually." Ib.

ACCOUNTS FOR ETERNITY .-- When the Rev. Mr.—once heard an infideljesting-ly say, "I always spend the Sunday in settling my accounts," that venerable minister turned round and said, in accents of solemnity never to be forgotten, "You may find, sir, that the day of judgment is to be spent in exactly the same manner !! Ib.

THE CASE ALTERED .- A fow days ago wag meeting a peasant, who was on his way to Bordeaux on business, said to him, "What are you doing here? They are about to divide all the lands of the rich, Mrs. Allen had lived to see her son's pru-dent conduct and perseverance rewarded to put down your name for your share." The an extent of which she had never dreamt; pensant set off at full gallop, and, on arrivand the good dame closed her days in peace ing at the mayor's, said, . Monsieur le spread over the place; for they afford in the half of the sun at one shelter from the heat of the sun at one time, as well as from the death of the sun at one time, as well as from the death of the wast quantities of the rain at nother. The wast quantities of ear, which in an ability to invent seedful in the pleasant cottage of the line and above the mend ow of the line, as there is to be discovered that Rulph had something in the pleasant cottage of the discovered that Rulph had something in the pleasant cottage of the discovered that Rulph had something in the pleasant cottage of major, and comfort in the pleasant cottage of major, and comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and above the mend ow of the line and above the mand comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comfort in the pleasant cottage of major, and comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comfort in the pleasant cottage of major, and comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and above the mid comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comfort in the discovered that Rulph had something in the comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comfort in the pleasant cottage of major and thought in the line and comfort in the discovered that Rulph had something in the comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comfort in the pleasant cottage of line and comf

you garden with it." "My garden! my garden! my garden!" said the peasant, in a fury, "I will go and get my musket ;" and he set to watching his garden day and night. There is a host of persons like this peasant; they wish to share the property of others, but to keep their own .- Gazette de France.

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