

female slaves, dressed them up in various colours, and made them perform, by signal, the duty of knights, pawns, horses, kings, queens, castles; &c. This high chess player saved himself the trouble of moving the pieces. At a given signal, the pieces taken made their exit at the door.

Of these proceedings the Emperor got intelligence, and probably, offended by a rich subject out-doing him in luxury, he affected to be horribly offended—(his own habits gave the lie to this)—at the idea of buying slaves to perform the office of chess men! He fined master *Chum* 3,000,000 of taels, and transported him to the black-dragon-river, for life; telling him, at the same time, that he ought to be infinitely grateful, that his “brain-cup” (or head) was not separated from his shoulders.

*Puffs Erroneous.*—A few days ago M. Robert Montgomery whose new poem on ‘*Woman*’ is at present undergoing cross-examination, sent a note to a certain Editor in the Strand to the following effect—“Dear Sir, I trust you will oblige me with a few *puffs* for my *Woman*.”—The note was directed to Mr. — Strand; and was delivered into the hands of a pastry-cook (thro’ the ignorance of the bearer) of same name in the same street. He also dealt in puffs like (and yet unlike) his namesake; but feeling at a loss as to the *quantity* required and, moreover, understanding the said bearer had no *cash* wherewith to pay, he at once indited the following reply;—“Mr. —begs to thank Mr. Montgomery for his order, and shall be happy to supply his *woman* with any number of puffs as soon as the money is sent.” We are indebted for this whimsical anecdote to a correspondent, who states he has in his possession the original note of the bard.—(From the *Leeds, English paper.*)

“VEGETABLES which are green, should, to be healthy and nutritious, be perfectly fresh. Those who are wilted and stale, are unhealthy, and decidedly worse than none. *All succulent plants*, when used green, are in a rapid state of growth and development. Their stalks, leaves and roots, are full of active juices, which have been recently elaborated; and if the sources of life be suddenly checked by plucking them from the earth, and ex-