" I dreamed that I sailed to a sunny land, Where the skies were always blue Where roses and lilies bloomed fresh and fair, And the north wind never blew. And I had a home .- a beautiful home, --On that lovely distant shore, The woodbine and star-light jessamine twined

With the ivy around our door-There was fragrance borne on every breath Of the fresh and balmy breeze, And music soft in its murmuring sound In the tops of the lofty trees; And beautiful birds of the sweetest song, In the rainbow's colours drest.

Flew fearlessly down to eat from my hand,

"And mother, dear mother, you, too, were there, But not with that sad sweet smile, For sorrow and sickness alike were unknown In that happy and joyful clime. Your cheek was no more so deadly pale, And your brow was free from care, And your voice had a calm and a peaceful tone

' My brother, my own twin-brother, was there With his dove-like deep blue eyes, And he smiled, as sweetly he used to smile, When he looked on the starry skies And we played again at our merry old games, And gathered the dewy flowers, And wreathed them in garlands around your brow

As with me you knelt in prayer.

" Dear mother,-oh! could it be all a dream? Or is there a sunny land, Where sometime we all together shall dwell In one happy household band? Can I have been, in the still midnight hours, To my brother's distant home? Is it far away over those rugged hills.

"Not over those hills, my own darling child, Not over the deep dark sea, Is the land where thy lovely brother will dwell Through a long eternity.

This beautiful earth will fade like thy dream,-Time seems but as one brief day,-'Tis only above-'tis only in heaven

Things change not nor pass away."

ILLUSTRATED BY AN INFIDEL. (From the Churchman's Monthly Penny Magazine.)

rary character in France at the close of the last century, was an avowed Liberalist and unbeliever in tants with that of ancient times. We are informed by inhabited by little crustacea. Such are the leading Divine revelation. At the commencement of the the philosophical geographer Strabo, that the territo-French Revolution, he wrote some popular works in ries of Yamnia and Joppa, in Palestine, alone were of the history of animals.—Vol. ii. pp. 124—128 defence of moral and political doctrines, founded on the wretched system of Materialism then in vogue. And even toward the close of life, in 1819, we find 3,000. From the accounts we have of Judea in the him the author of a publication, in which, according to the language of modern Liberalism, the Scriptures accurate, that country must have contained 4,000,000 of the Old Testament are treated "with great free- of inhabitants. (Travels, vol. ii., p. 370)-"From dom"-it might rather be said with blasphemous contempt. But Volney was a very intelligent and From what cause is the fortune of these countries so accurate observer, and the descriptions which he gave strikingly changed? Why are so many cities desof the countries through which he travelled, and troyed? Why is not that ancient population reproespecially of Egypt and Palestine, were considered to duced and perpetuated? - I wandered over the be the most spirited and correct of any which had yet country; I traversed the provinces; I enumerated appeared. To illustrate the Word of God by all this, the kingdoms of Damascus and Idumea, of Jerusalem was of course as far as possible from his intention. and Samaria. This Syria, said I to myself, now al-He merely relates what he saw and heard. If there most depopulated, then contained a hundred flourishbe any coincidence between his statements and the ing cities and abounded with towns villages and predictions of Scripture, it must therefore have been wholly undesigned on his part. If a witness to their truth and fulfilment, he must have been an unpreju- ages of abundance and life?" &c.—Ruins, ch. xi. p. 8. diced and an unavoidable one. In point of fact, however, the agreement even in minute particulars is most remarkable—so much so, that it becomes quite fulfilling a prediction recorded above three thousand instructive to compare the prophetic denunciations years before, in the very book which he despised and respecting Palestine-once the "glory of all lands" deigned not to consult. "The generation to come of -and the countries adjacent, with the merely des- your children that shall rise up after you, and the criptive details and observations of this sceptical stranger that shall come from a far land shall say, philosopher. A few simple quotations will furnish some idea of its nature and extent.

"Then shall the land enjoy her Sabbaths so long as it lieth desolate." (Lev. xxvi. 34, 35.) "I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs." (Isa. xlii. 15.) "The field is wasted, the land mourneth, for the corn is wasted, the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth." (Joel i. 10.) "Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers." (Isa. xxxii. 15.) "The art of cultivation," says Volney, "is in the most deplorable state, and the countryman must sow with the musket in his hand; and no more is sown than is necessary for subsistence."-"Every day I found fields abandoned by the plough." "The earth produces only briers and the State penitentiary. The Rev. Mr. Hedge, late

Ruins, p. 7 .- Travels, vol. ii. p. 442.

prey." (Exek. vii. 21.) "If so be it yield, strangers of the penitentiary. May God have them in his holy shall swallow it up. Israel is swallowed up: now keeping always! To add to the interest of the scene, subjection, and the Persians had contended for the possession of it,—"In the year 622," says Volney, had started promptly from her home, for the double éstrangers." - Travels, vol. i. 336, 367.

the robber shall enter into it and defile it." (Ezek. = vii. 21.) "The spoilers are come upon all high places METHOD OF OBTAINING THE SPONGE. through the wilderness. - Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders." (Jer. xii. 12, xv. 13.) "Who gave Jacob for a spoil and rocks in various depths between three fathoms and Israel to the robbers? Did not the Lord against thirty. When alive it is of a dull bluish black above, whom we have sinned." (Isa. xlii, 24.)-"When and of a dirty white beneath. There are several the Ottomans took Syria from the Mamelouks, they qualities, possibly indicating as many distinct species. considered it as the spoil of a vanquished enemy .- The best are taken among the Cyclades. The sponge According to this law the life and property of the divers, however, are mostly people from the islands vanquished belong to the conquerors. The Govern- of the Carian coast; from Calymnos, and the islands Ware made to order. Gilding, Silvering and Engraving. Old ment is far from disapproving of this system of robbery | between Calymnor and Rhodes. They go in little Gold and Silver bought. and plunder, which it finds so profitable." "Precau-fieets of caiques, each of six or seven tons burden, and tions" (against neighbouring maurauders) "on the manned by six or eight men. The season for the part of travellers, are above all things necessary in the fishery lasts from May until September. All the the whole frontier of the desert." ("All high places one to three minutes. They descend to the bottom at through the wilderness.") "Arabs are plunderers of various depths, between five fathoms and twenty, or On the slightest alarm the Arabs cut down their (the

precincts."-Travels, vol. ii., pp. 370, 380.

was prophesied, "If ye walk contrary to me, &c., I diver may bring up fifty okes of sponges in a day. A will make you few in number, and your highways shall very large sponge may weigh two okes. The weight be desolate." (Lev. xx. vi. 22.) "The highways lie is calculated from the sponges when they are dried. bridges over the greatest part of the rivers or torrents, feet. When dried, the sponges are strung in circles. town and town there are neither posts nor public chief markets for them are Smyrna, Rhodes, and conveyances. Nobody travels alone, from the inse- Napoli. curity of the roads. One must wait for several travel- The Sponge fisheries were probably conducted lers who are going to the same place, or take advantage among the ancient Greeks as they are now. Hence, of the passage of some great man who assumes the information being obtainable with facility, we find a office of protector, but is more frequently the oppressor full account of the sponge in the writings of Aristotle. of the caravan. The roads in the mountains are ex- He appears to have been deeply interested in its histremely bad; and the inhabitants are so far from tory, on account of the link it seemed to present belevelling them, that they endeavour to make them tween the animal and vegetable natures. Therefore more rugged, in order, as they say, to cure the Turks the question, whether sponges possessed sensation, of their desire to introduce their cavalry. It is re- is discussed by him more than once, and left undemarkable that there is not a waggon or cart in all cided; the statements for and against their capacity Syria." — Travels, vol. ii., p. 417-419.

of the fierce anger of the Lord." (Jer. xii. 13.) for either view. Aristotle distinguishes sponges "From the state of the contributions of each pashalic, under two heads, those that might be cleaned, and it appears that the annual sum paid by Syria into the those which could not. Of the last he states that kasna, or treasury of the Sultan, amounts to 2,345 | their substance was compact, but perforated by large purses, equal to £122,135 sterling. We cannot be canals. They were more viscous than other sponges far from the truth if we compute the total of the and when dried, remained black. The description Sultans revenue from Syria to be 7,500,000 livres, exactly applies to the common coast line sponges of (£312,500 sterling.) i.e., less than a seventh part of the Ægean, useless for economic purposes. His acwhich it yielded in tribute to Egypt long after the count of the sponges of commerce is more deailed. close of the Old Testament prophecy."-Travels, vol. He distinguishes three varieties: those which were

22.) "Then said I, How long? And he answered, compact, and stronger than the others. These last until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the were rarest, and used to be placed in helmets aid in houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, boots, as protections from pressure for the head and and the Lord have removed men far away and there feet. They all grow on the rocks, adhering not by THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY be a great forsaking in the midst of the land." (Isa. one point only, nor by the whole surface, but by the vi. 11, 12.) "Therefore the inhabitants of the earth coasts which become suddenly deep. He attributes (land) are burned and few men left." (Isa. xxiv. 6.) the superior fineness of texture in these deer-sea Constantin Francois Volney, a distinguished lite- may well excite our astonishment; but this will be in- water in such places. When alive, and before they formerly so populous as to bring 40,000 armed men into the field. At present they could scarcely furnish time of Titus, which are to be esteemed tolerably whence proceeds such melancholy revolutions?-

> when they see the plagues of that land, and the sickness which the Lord hath sent upon it, Wherefore hath the Lord done this unto the land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?"

> > CONFIRMATION IN A PRISON. (From the New York Churchman.)

The Bishop of Missouri, in his address to his Clergy at the annual convention, relates the following incident :-

"One of the occasions of Confirmation was so novel, and so deeply interesting, that I may be pardoned for speaking of it more distinctly. I allude to that in wormwood."—Velney's Travels, vol. ii. p. 413.— Rector of Grace Church, Jefferston city, had acted as Chaplain to the prison, and was prepared to present "And I will make your cities waste and bring your to me fifteen of the convicts for confirmation. At his sanctuaries to desolation." (Lev. xxvi. 31.) "The request, immediately after the adjournment of the last palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city Convention, I visited the prison in company with a shall be left, the forts and towers shall be dens for number of Clergy and Laity. The officers of the ever." (Isa. xxxii. 14.) "The defenced city shall institution received us very kindly, and in a little time be left, and the habitation forsaken and left like a the prisoners were all assembled in the large diningwilderness." (Isa xxvii. 10.) Volney says, "the room, where, after Divine Service, fifteen of their palaces demolished—the ports filled up—the towns number were confirmed. The demeanour of all predestroyed—and the earth, stripped of inhabitants, sent pleased me much, and the visible emotion of seems a dreary burying-place." "At every step we those making their vows to Heaven was deeply affectmeet with ruins of towers, dungeons, and castles, with ing. Imprisoned within the walls separating them fosses-frequently inhabited by jackalts, owls, and from the rest of the world, these poor men had found scorpions." There are a prodigious quantity of ruins, dispersed over the plains in the mountains, at this day deserted. "-Ruins, p. 8.—Travels, vol. ii. 336-338. "And I will give it into the hand of strangers for a a group of such penitents. They were the penitents shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein I found in the prison house an aged mother who had is no pleasure." (Hos. viii. 7, 8.) "The waste arrived from a great distance to visit her imprisoned places of the fat ones shall strangers eat." (Isa. v. son. The young man had been a convict for some 17.) After the Romans had held the land long in time; she had just learned the fact, and with a "the Arabian tribes, collected under the banners of purpose of visiting her child, and imploring his pardon Mahomet, seized or rather laid it waste. Since that of the governor. The son was among the number period,-torn to pieces by the civil wars of the Fata- confirmed; while, with a heart whose emotions were mites and the Ommiades; wrested from the califs by too big for utterance, the old woman trembled and their rebellious governors; taken from them by the sobbed as she looked upon her kneeling child. Turkmen soldiery; invaded by the European crusa-ders; retaken by the Mamelouks of Egypt, and ra-as I walked with that old mother towards the village, vaged by Tamerlane and his Tartars, it has at length fallen into the hands of the Ottoman Turks." Judea God pressed upon me: with an amazing love He drops has been the scene of invasions "which have introduced a succession of foreign nations (des peuples the beggar in his hut, the wayfaring pilgrim by land and sea-yea, upon the poor prisoner in his cell .-"And I will give it into the hands of strangers for In the multitude of his mercies there is this also, that a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil— he sheweth his 'pity upon prisoners and captives.'"

From Spratt and Forbes's Lycia.

The sponge of commerce is found attached to countries exposed to the Arabs, such as Palestine and men dive in turn. They remain under water from peasants) harvests, seize their flocks, &c. The peadepth, and it is doubtful whether they can work, in sants with good cause call them thieves. The Arab such case. Some years ago a diver asserted he had Toronto, Jan. 28, 1847

makes his incursions against hostile tribes, or seeks bent a rope round the beam of a Turkish frigate, sunk became a robber from greediness, and such is in fact engaged in raising the guns of some of the sunken his present character. A plunderer rather than a ships, confirmed his statement, by finding the rope still warrior, the Arab attacks only to despoil. - "There is bent round the beam. In deep water, a rope weighed no safety without the towns nor security within their by a stone is let down, by which the divers ascend when they have gathered the sponges. They carry No country possessed such numerous and crowded nothing about their person except a netted bag, which highways as Judea-"The land was full of horses, is attached to a hoop suspended round their necks; neither was there any end to their chariots,"-but it in this they place the sponges. In a good locality a waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth." (Isa. xxxiii. 8.) A sponge is dried in the sun, after being cleaned in sea-"In the interior part of the country," says Volney, water; fresh-water rots it and turns it black. The there are neither great roads nor canals, nor even slimy or animal matter is stampted out by the diver's however necessary they may be in winter. Between They are sold at twenty-five drachmas an oke. The

of feeling are, however, fairly put forward. The same "The spoilers are come up on all high places, &c., question is debated among naturalists at the present -and they shall be ashamed of your revenues, because day, and, as anciently, there are not wanting advocates lax and porous; those of thick and close texture and ii. p. 360.

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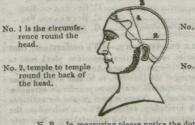
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