

all thought that the frigate would go down at her anchors. I was in bed, under the effects of mercury to cure a stiff attack of fever, when Clapperton jumps down into my berth with only a pair of nankeen trowsers on, rolled up to his knees—Well, old fellow, get up, says he, 'I'm come for you, there's no time to be lost, we must make a swim of it; we're old cronies, you know, and I would rather save you than any man on board.' 'It's of no use,' said I, 'water will kill me, I may as well lie here, but take the Captain's commission, his decoration, and his mother's picture, and save them; so he tied them in a handkerchief round his neck, and was actually forcing me out of my cot, when the gale began to lull. D—n it, Clapperton was made of the right stuff, depend upon it; and his death is a great loss to the service.'

**SUPERSTITION IN THE INDIANS.**—He (Frazer) was engaged to superintend some Arrawaks who had agreed to work at the dam which formed the lake, but they declared that they would not commence their labours until the Water-Mamma was appeased;—this is a sort of mermaid, believed by the Indians to inhabit the fresh waters of Guiana, and to be possessed of malign influence.—"I told the Arrawaks," said Frazer, "that instead of appeasing the Water-Mamma of the Tapacooma creek, I knew how to catch it," so I set to work and stuffed a bear-skin jacket with straw, and put it into an old puncheon full of water in a dark corner.—Three of the Arrawaks were persuaded to come and see it, which they did in fear and trembling, and no sooner had they looked into the puncheon than they fled, fell sick and actually died, though we took the greatest pains to explain to them the trick that had been played them.

**MEN WITH TAILS.**—Every body in Scotland has heard of the single absurdity which deformed the philosophical character of Lord Monboddo—his belief that the human race were originally gifted with tails, which were only pinched off by the midwives.—Kaines was a complete contrast in manners to this learned judge, being plain, and blunt of speech, with a strong Scottish accent; while Monboddo was quite a courtier of the *ancien régime* well-bred, and ceremonious. On one occasion, in Edinburgh, when Kaines and Monboddo went to dine with a friend, a girl of six or seven years old, who was in the drawing-room, archly and slyly attached a fox's brush to Monboddo's skirt; and the ceremony of who should first proceed to the dining-room, as usual, produced some demur, Monboddo insisting that he could not possibly precede a senior lord, till Kaines, spying the trick which had been played on his friend, exclaimed, "Gang in, mon, and shaw's your tail!" pushing him forward. Of course the laugh was irresistible, but Monboddo could not enjoy it, as, through fear of giving him offence, he was not informed of the joke.—*Chambers' Scottish Jests.*

**FRENCH BLUNDERS.**—A French author, who recently published a "Tour through England," calls plum-pudding, *poudin de plomb* (lead pudding), and translates Shakspeare's Winter's Tale, into Conte de Mr Winter! The Minister Pitt, he says, was

called Billy, because he introduced so many Bills into Parliament.

It would appear that the valuable art of lithography is neither of European origin, nor of so recent a date as is generally conceived. It has been practised for ages in Thibet, both at Djacchi-loumbo and H'lassa. In the former town especially it has been applied for the purpose of publishing an anatomy of the human frame in sixty plates. It will be news to most of our readers to learn, that the arts and sciences, to the extent at least of what is known and practised of them in China, are disseminated throughout Thibet, and that the principal Chinese works in history, astronomy, physic, and other branches of human knowledge, have been translated and published in that extensive dependency of the celestial empire.

**SAGACITY OF WILD ELEPHANTS.**—A small body of sepoy's stationed at an outpost to protect a granary, containing a large quantity of rice, was suddenly removed in order to quiet some unruly villagers, a few miles distant, who had set the authorities at defiance.—Two of our party happened to be on the spot at the moment. No sooner had the sepoy's withdrawn than a herd of wild elephants, which had been long noticed in the neighbourhood, made their appearance in front of the granary. They had been preceded by a scout, which returned to the herd, and, having no doubt satisfied them, in a language which to them needed no interpreter, that the coast was clear, they advanced at a brisk pace towards the building. When they arrived within a few yards of it, quite in martial order, they made a sudden stand, and began deliberately to reconnoitre the object of their attack. Nothing could be more wary and methodical than their proceedings. The walls of the granary were of solid brick-work, very thick, and the only opening into the building was in the centre of the turraced roof, to which the ascent was by a ladder. On the approach of the elephants, the two astonished spectators clambered up into a lofty banyan tree, in order to escape mischief. The conduct of the four-footed besiegers was such as strongly to excite their curiosity, and they therefore watched the proceedings with intense anxiety. The two spectators were so completely screened by the foliage of the tree to which they had resorted for safety that they could not be perceived by the elephants, though they could see very well, through the little vistas formed by the separated branches, what was going on below. Had there been a door to the granary, all difficulty of obtaining entrance would have instantly vanished, but four thick brick walls were obstacles which seemed at once to defy both the strength and sagacity of these dumb robbers. Nothing daunted by the magnitude of the difficulty which they had to surmount, they successively began their operations at the angles of the buildings. A large male elephant, with tusks of immense proportion, laboured for some time to make an impression, but after a while his strength was exhausted, and he retired. The next in size and strength then advanced, and exhausted his exertions with no better success. A third then came forward, and, applying those tremendous levers with which his jaws were

armed, and which he wielded with such prodigious might, he at length succeeded in dislodging a brick. An opening once made, other elephants advanced, when an entrance was soon obtained sufficiently large enough to admit the determined marauders. As the whole herd could not be accommodated at once, they divided into small bodies of three or four. One of these entered, and when they had taken their fill they retired, and their places were immediately supplied by the next in waiting, until the whole herd, upwards of twenty in number, had made a full meal. By this time a shrill sound was heard from one of the elephants, which was readily understood, when those that were still in the building immediately rushed out and joined their companions. One of the first division, after retiring from the granary, had acted as a sentinel while the rest were enjoying the fruits of their sagacity and perseverance. He had so stationed himself as to be enabled to observe the advance of an enemy from any quarter, and, upon perceiving the troops as they returned from the village, he sounded the signal of retreat, when the whole herd, flourishing their trunks, moved rapidly into the jungle.—*The Oriental Annual for 1834.*

**THE GOLDEN RULE OF LIFE.**—Live on what you have—live, if you can, on less; do not borrow either for vanity or pleasure—the vanity will end in shame, and the pleasure in regret.

**CURIOSITY.**—Every man has in his own life follies enough; in his own mind, troubles enough; in the performance of his duties, deficiencies enough; in his own fortune, evils enough, without being curious in the affairs of others.

#### Facetiae, &c.

**MARCH OF TEMPERANCE.**—On Wednesday a young cyprian, named Margaret Waln, a very fair candidate for the vacant berth in Coldbath-fields, at liberty by the death of the late *Lady Barrymore*, was brought before Mr Alderman Horsfall, in the Police-office, charged by a watchman with having been found beastly drunk in the streets, amusing herself by accompanying her sweet voice on the window-shutters of the peaceable inhabitants by kicking and thumping. On looking over "the black-book," the alderman found that the lady had fifteen times been committed for drunkenness! She was accordingly consigned to Kirkdale for a month.

A caricaturist at the commencement of the present century represented the Emperor Paul with a decree in each hand. On one paper was inscribed "Order;" on the other "Counter-order;" and on the forehead of the Autocrat, "Dis-order!"

It was rumoured that a certain poetess has lately become so excessively sensitive, as to shudder at the thought of cruelty even to inanimate objects. One afternoon she rushed into a confectioner's shop, in a high fever, and shrieked—"For goodness' sake, send away the man from your door with that unfortunate wheel-barrow with only one leg!"

Fabia Dollabella, a Roman lady, saying she was only thirty years of age, Cicero answered, "It must be true, for I have heard it these fifty years."