

a finger dipped in it rub the teeth and gums, which are afterwards to be washed with warm water. This tincture not only allays the toothache, but preserves both the teeth and gums, and makes them adhere to each other.

## ANECDOTES.

A Commercial traveller lately left an article belonging to his wardrobe at an inn, and wrote to the chambermaid to forward it to him by the return coach; in answer to which he received the following:—

I hope, dear Sir, you'll not feel hurt—  
I'll frankly tell you all about it:  
I made a shift of your old shirt,  
And you must make a shift without it.

A gentleman having a horse that started and broke his wife's neck, a neighboring squire told him he wished to purchase it for his wife to ride upon. 'No,' says the other, 'no—I will not sell the little fellow, because I intend to marry again myself.'

## A SHORT STORY.

AS TOLD BY MATTHEWS THE COMEDIAN.

My friend and myself when in Devonshire were visiting an acquaintance, who had a daughter not remarkable either for her wit, beauty or accomplishments. She had passed the grand climacteric, and was certainly on the wane; but her heart had lost none of its susceptibility to *le grand passion*. She had for ten years been conspicuous for her dress, airs, and 'beau-catchers;' but alas! she had toiled at night at balls, routs, and levees, but had caught no beau. Being as vain as she was simple, we thought her fair game for a quiz. 'Miss Lucretia Elvira,' said I, 'have you heard of the late act of parliament, by which all ladies with *small mouths* shall be allowed to marry two husbands?' 'No sir,' said she (SCREWING UP HER MOUTH IN A PUCKER)—'what a *curis* law!' 'You are wrong, Edward,' said my friend to me; 'those ladies with *large mouths* are to be allowed two husbands.' 'LAW ME!' exclaimed she, (opening her mouth as *big as a bucket*;) 'what a curious law!'