

should be the unconscious means of causing his own to be imbedded with it.

Entirely new means of massacring were invented, the edge of the guillotine is so soon blunted. He imagined the *noyades*, (a new method of drowning,) the name of which is become inseparable from his own ; bateaux were constructed purposely in the port, the purpose of which was well known, people flocked to see them on the stocks. They were curious things and new these valves ; twenty feet in length which opened to precipitate to the bottom of the water, the unfortunates destined to that mode of death, and on the day of their trial there were almost as great a crowd of spectators on the beach as when a vessel is launched, whose masts are wreathed with flowers, and triumphant colours hanging from all her yards.

Oh ! thrice cursed be those men, who, like Carrier, have applied their imaginations to inventing variation for death, for ways of destroying man are but too easy to man ! And cursed be those who, without theory, have committed unnecessary murders ! They are the cause that our mothers pronounce the words revolution and republick with trembling ; synonymous to them with the words massacre and destruction ; and our mothers who make us men, and at the age of fifteen, who among us, when coming from the hands of his mother, does not shudder at the words revolution and republick ? which among us has not had all his education to go over again ere he could coolly look upon those figures which he had so long regarded as fatal—93 ! To which among us has it not required all the strength of twenty-five years to look steadily on the three great colossus, of the revolution, Mirabeau, Danton, Robespierre ? But finally we have become habituated to their sight, we have studied the ground on which they walked, the principle on which they acted and involuntarily have we recalled those terrible words of another epoch : That each of them fell but because he wished to stop the cart, while the executioner had yet work to do ; it was not they who passed beyond the revolution, but the revolution who passed beyond them.