

"Did you ever see a collection like this before?"—"No," said Shackford; "the nearest like it, is at my barber's shop the other side of the water. He had a stuffed alligator, the skin of a dog fish, several handsome lizards, and the head of a catamount; the last he sets most store by, as that gives him an opportunity, once a week, to tell the story of the animal's having jumped from tree to tree with a child in its mouth. I have heard the story a hundred times, and he never told it twice alike. I don't care much about seeing these altogether, but love to see them in those parts where they are natural; and that is one reason why I rove round the world so." "Mr. Shackford, what books do you carry with you in your voyages and travels?" "The Bible, Sir, Watt's Psalms and Hymns, and Robinson Crusoe, not many others. I look around and read the book of nature, and generally pick up something worth remembering," was the reply. "I should think," said Sir Joseph, "that you would find many things that would puzzle you in your researches." "I do," said Shackford, "and so does every man I ever saw. Now, Sir Joseph, let me make plain what I mean: can you tell me what animal that is of the Nile, which is born without a tail, without legs, and dies, if he come to his growth, with four legs, without a tail?" Sir Joseph pondered. "Why," said Shackford, "It is a frog. When a *polypog* he has a tail; but when he becomes a frog, he has four legs, without a tail. I placed his birth in the Nile, which deceived you, learned Sir; but you know the frog is found in every mud puddle in creation, as well as the Nile. Now," said Shackford, "I have great love for learned men, but they don't know every thing." Sir Joseph was glad to get rid of the maniac, who had crossed the Atlantic alone in a boat, something more than his friend Cook had done, when the navigator and the philosopher had quarrelled.

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The Duke of Devonshire has in his possession the rosary worn by Henry the Eighth. Upon the four sides of each bead are four circles, within which are carved groups; the subject of each group being taken from a different chapter in the Bible. Nothing can surpass the exquisite beauty of the workmanship of this relic of other days. Every figure is perfect, in spite of the extreme minuteness of their size; and the whole is from the design of that great master, Holbien, who has painted Henry in these identical beads. The rosary is ingeniously preserved from injury, while it is exhibited to full view, by being suspended within a bell glass.

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COMMERCE OF NEW YORK.—List of vessels arrived from foreign ports in 1831, viz:—January 59, February 108, March 140, April 146, May 172, June 139, July 147, August 169, September 167, October 142, November 115, December 130. Total 1634. Passengers by these vessels 31,739. Of the vessels, there were 1204 Americans, 278 English, 8 Spanish, 14 Sweedish, 6 Hamburgs, 25 French, 11 Bremen, 2 Haytien, 18 Danish, 1 Mexican, 2 Brazilian, 1 Genoese, 1 Russian and 3 Dutch. Of these, there were 387 ships, 42 barques, 757 brigs, 483 schooners, 1 ketch, 1 galliot, 1 polacca, 1 felucca, and 11 sloops. Increase of arrivals over year 1830. 124; and of passengers 1515.