GREAT BATTLES OF THE WORLD.

REPORTED BY MEN WHO WITNESSED THEM.

BENDIGO AND BURKE.

A Notable Battle That Was Fought Fifty five Years Ago

According to the articles, William Thompson, alias Bendigo, and "Deaf" Burke were to meet within thirty-five miles of Nottingham on Shrove Tue Feb. 12th, 1839. It was decided to pitch the ring as near Appleby as possible, and if practicable to have the men in the ring at ten o'clock. In the interim all sorts of vehicles were pressed into the service, horses were at a high premiune, and the most ludicrous shifts were made to procure conveyances. In some instance mourning coaches, and even a hearse. were irreverently brought into use, while nags of the most unseemly description were drawn from their privacy and honored by being hooked as leaders to post-chaises, or harnessed to any out-of the-way kind of vehicle that fortune dic-Beds and other accommodation were also difficult to procure, and, as in times of yore, hundreds, de necessitate, sat up all night to be up early in the

Long before dawn on Tuesday multitudes were progressing towards Appleby, and at nine o'clock the assemblage in front of Burke's domicile was immense. The crowd continued to increase steadily until the arrival of a cavalende of " swel from the direction of Leicester, which gave the signal for departure, as in and upon these were the patrician sup-porters of the Deaf un. It was nearly porters of the Deaf 'un. It was nearly half-past twelve before the actual arrival of Bendigo was made known, and at that time, upon a moderate calculation, there were not less than 15,000 persons present of all degrees, the aristociacy forming no inconsiderable portion. From some inex-plicable delay it wanted only a quarter to one when Burke entered the ring, attended by King Dick and Jackson, a good humor and confidence could be taken as indications of success his friends had no reason to grumble. While waiting for the arrival of Bendigo an incident occurred which produced considerable laughter; it was the approach of a well-dressed and not unlikely woman, who, forcing her way through the well-packed mass of spectators, ran up to the roped arena, and, seizing the Deaf 'un by the hand as an old acquaintance, wished him success, and, but for the intervening rope would no doubt have added an embrace She then seated herself in front of the inner circle, and waited the issue of the inner circle, and watted the issue of the battle, subsequently cheering her favor ite throughout his exertions. Shortly afterwards Bendigo made his sabaan annidst deafening shouts, attended by Peter Taylor and Nick Ward, and, walk ing up to Burke, shook him heartily by The men then commenced hand. their toilets, and on being stripped to their drawers a subject of much contention arose; Bendigo, on examining Burke's drawers, discovered a belt round his waist, which he insisted should be taken off. In vain did Burke and his friends assure him it was merely a belt to sustain a truss which he wore in consequence of a rupture, and, as it was below his waist, was of no importance; in vain boo, did the referee pronounce it to be perfectly fair; Bendigo was not to be driven from his point, and it was not till the obnoxious belt was taken off that he was satisfied. The belt was exhibited, and fully corroborated the opinion of the referee as to its perfect inutility as a means of defence.

The signal had been given, the men threw off their great coats, and, advan-cing to the scratch, thew themselves into position; and now, for the first time, a superficial estimate of their condition could be formed. Burke presented all that fine muscular development for which he is famed, but he was pale, and it us most forcibly that his fle wanted that firmness and consistency, the are consequence of perfect training, and to the attainment of which the mod which he passed his time was anything which he passed his time was anything but conducive; still he was playful and confident, and regarded his adversary with a look of conscious superiority. Bendigo, in point of muscularity, was re-ferior to Burke, especially in the shoulders, arms, and neck, but he appeared in per-arms, and neck, but he appeared in per-Bendigo, in point of muscularity, was incondition, and firm color of his skin was healthful; his coun tenance exhibited perfect self-possession. and wore an easy smile of confidence The current odds, on setting-to, were six to four on Burke, with plenty of takers. In Nottingham, where the physical qual ities of Bendigo were better known, the odds had been as low as five to four

THE FIGHT.

Round 1.—The position of Burke was asy and unconstrained. He stood rather square, his left foot in advance, and his arms well up, as if waiting for his antagonist to break ground. Bendigo, on the contrary, dropped his right shoulder stooped a little, and, right foot foremost, ned prepared to let fly left or right as the opportunity offered. After a little manouvring, he made a catching feint with his left, but found the Deaf' un immovably on his guard. They changed ground, both ready, when Bendigo let go his right, and caught Burke on the ribs leaving a visible impression of knuckles. More manoguvring. Ber Bendigo tried his left, but was stopped. The Deaf un popped in his right, and caught Bendigo on the ear, but soon had a slap in return from Bendigo's right, under th eve, as straight as an arrow (Cheers for eye, as straight as an arrow. (Cheers for Bendigo.) Both steady. Bendigo made two or three feints with his left, but did not draw the Deaf 'un. Each evidently meaning mischief, and getting closer to both, by mutual consent, got to a rally, and severe hits, right and left, were ex-changed. The Deafun closed, but Bendigo broke away, and turning round re newed the rally. Heavy exchanges followed, when they again closed, and trying for the fall both went down in the cor-(There was a cry of first blood from Bendigo's left ear; but, though very red from the Deaf 'un's visitations, the referee, who examined it, decided there was no claret.)

2.—Both men showed the symptoms of the "ditto repeated" in the last round, although no great mischied was done, nor was there much advantage booked, each having given as good as he got. The Deaf un resumed his defensive position, and was steady. Bendigo again tried the factoried his like evidently desirous of testing the last evidently desirous of the state of the sign of the state of the sign of th

equal vigor and good will. Bendigo, rather wild at the end, closed, and after a sharp struggle, both down. (The Deaf 'un's chere armie, before alluded to, now cheered him, but, indifferent to her blandishmenta, he was carried to his corner piping a little from the severity of his exertion. Bendigo, on reaching his corner, seemed freshest, and exhibited less impression from the blows which he had received than his antageonist.

3.—Both came up strong on their pins, but the Deaf un's face, especially on the left cheek, was greatly flushed, and other marks and tokens of searching deliveries were visible. The Deaf 'un looked serious, and coughed as if the contents of his pud ding-bag were not altogether satisfied with the disturbance to which they had been exposed. Sparring for a short time, when explosed. Sparring for a snort time, when Bendigo let go his right, but was stopped; it was a heavy hit, and the sound of the clashing knuckles was distinctly heard. Well-meant blows on both side stopped. The Deaf 'un again coughed. Again the Deaf 'un stop Bendigo's right, but did not attempt to return. He now seemed the bear unsupported in the new seemed to gain a little more confidence, and exhibited a few of his hanky-panky tricks, making a sort of Merry Andrew dance making a sort of Merry Andrew dance; but his joility was soon stopped, for Ben-digo popped in his left and right heavily, and got away. The Deaf 'un changed countenance and was more serious; Ben-digo again tried his left-handed feints and dago again tried his left-handed feints and was readiest to fight, but the Deaf 'un stood quiet. (Even bets offered on Ben-digo.) Bendigo closed in upon his man, who waited on the defensive; but defensive system was inexplicable, for Bendigo jobbed him four times in succession with the right under the left eye, on the old spot, jumping away each time without an attempt at return on the part of the Deaf 'un, and producing a fearful hillock on the Deaf 'un's cheek-bone. The Deaf 'un seemed paralysed by the stinging severity of these repeated visitations and his friends called on him to go He made an attempt with in and fight. his right, bat was short; at last he rushed to a rally, and some heavy hits were ex-changed; Bendigo retreated, but kept hitting on the retreat. The deliverirapid and numerous, but those of were rapid and numerous, but those of the Deat 'un did not tell on the hard frontispiece of his opponent. They broke away, but again joined issue, and the rally was renewed. The jobbing hits, right and left, from Bendigo were terrifie, and the Deaf 'un's nose began to weep blood for the state of his left ogle, which was now fast closing. (The question of first blood was now decided.) Bendigo broke away again. the Deaf 'un following, but Bendigo, collecting himself, jobbed severely, the Deaf 'un apparently making no return, and almost standing to rece He looked round and seemed almost stupefied, but still he kept his legs, when Bendigo went in and repeated his right handed jobs again and again; he then closed, gave the Deaf 'un the crook, threw him, and fell on him. (The seconds im-mediately took up their men, and both showed distress, especially the Deaf 'un, who was obviously sick, but could not relieve his stomach, although he tried his finger for that purpose. All were astonished at his sluggishness. He seemed completely bothered, and to have lost all

4.—The Deaf 'un now came up all the worse from the effects of the last rutting round, while Bendigo scarcely showed a scratch. The seconds of the Deaf on called on him "to go in and fight!" he obeyed the call, but again had Bendigo's right on his damaged peeper. Bendigo fought on the retreat, hitting as he stepped back, but steadying himself he caught the Deaf 'un on the nose with his right, and sent his pimple flying backwards with the force of the blow. The Deaf 'un rushed in, hitting left and right, and in getting back Bendigo fell over the ropes getting back Bendigo fell over the ropes

power of reflection and judgment.)

and out of the ring. (The fight had now lasted sixteen minutes; the Deaf 'un had all the worst of it, although Bendige from his exertions exhibited triffing symptoms of distress.)

5.—The Deaf 'un came up boldly, bg all his cleverness seemed to have left him. Bendigo, steady, was first to fight, pop ping in his right; exchanges followed, and in the close both went down, Burke unpremost.

6.—"Drops of brandy" were tried uit the Deaf un, but his friends secunds have "dropped down on their luck. Sil he came up courageously, although is right as well as his left eye was punkel. Counter-hitting, in which Bendigos right was on the old spot. A close at the ropes the Deaf un trying for the fall, but also some pulling both went down and is harm done. (Three to one on Bendigbut no takers.)

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8.—The Deaf 'un showed worful put ishment in the physog, although not cruck Again did he make a despairing rule stopping Bendigo's right, but in the set ond attempt he was not so fortunate, is Bendigo muzzled, closed and thus him.

9.—1. Desf 'un's game was now clear by all but up, for while he showed and prominent precise of the severity of he strategonist's visitations to his nob, the latter was but little the worse for was. The Deaf 'un, however, wis determined to cut up well, and again rattled in he and right, Bendigo retreating and jobleg as he followed, and at length hitting his as he followed, and at length hitting had down with a right-handed blow on the primple. The Deaf 'un, with one had and one knee on the ground, looked up but Bendigo stood steadily looking at his and would not repeat the blow, showing and would not repeat the blow, showing and would not repeat the blow, showing the properties of the

perfect coolness and self-possession 10, and last. The Deaf 'un, go distressed, still came up with a determine ation to produce a change if he could in-fighting. He rushed into his man, his ting left and right, but receiving hear jobs in return. He forced Bendigo his back against the ropes, and, as he him in that position, deliberately bu him twice, when both went struggle for the fall. Jem Ward imme ately cried "Foul!" and appealed to t ree, who refused to give any dec until properly appealed to by the upires. He stepped into the ring, who he was followed by the umpires, when was again appealed to, and at or declared that Burke had butted, and the state of the state therefore Bendigo was entitled to tory—a judgment in which, it is due say, the umpire of the Deaf 'un, althou anxious to protect his interests, in the most honorable manner he concur. Several of Bendigo's frie wished no advantage of this depart from the new rules to be taken, fore ing that a few more rounds must the Deaf 'un; but the decision of the " feree was imperative, and thus ended contest which disappointed not only backers of the Deaf 'un but the admin of the Ring generally, who anticipate the Deaf 'un's part a different issue, least a better fight. With regard to the butting, of which we have no doubt, on is that it was done inter ally, and for the express purpose of t

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