

brass-ball galore for the dragoons, and, for the "rifles," some soort iv a black mixture that smelt like sperits, and made their belts look as polished as a naygur. The bacon I purvided did them a power iv good. The cavalry was like aldermen, wid the "Hampshires," and the little black Kerrys gev the infantry that hard, wholesome look the army doctors admire so much. Bad seran to them same black Kerrys, Phelim, I had to hand out my twenty good lookin' goold sovrins on account iv them. What do you think, after the honor I did the spalpeens, by bringin' them here, six iv them, instead iv waitin' to be slaughtered like gentlemen, bolted clane out iv the camp wid nearly the whole army, horse and foot, after thim. Sure they might as well have been huntin the Prooshin' eagle; and iv the last heavy fall iv snow does'nt make the Pyrenees too stiff for thim, as the blackguards headed south, I darsay the whole half dozen is at Gibraltar by this time. As the day drew near there was great excitement at Varsales about the purcesshin, and particularly about the soort iv music they'd have, so I thought I'd do thim another kindness, and give thim the benifit of my experience on both points. I tould thim iv all the grand state funerals I had seen from Lord Kilwarrin's, in '99, to the Duke iv Wellington's, in '52, but, somehow or other, the style would'nt shute, and the way we have at home iv