THE DUKE OF ARGYLL IN CALCRAFT, THE HANGMAN.

Death of the Most Famous Executioner of the Age.

He Goes to Heaven the Most and Stabbing Its Way—A Romance of Beneath the Falls.

In Peter's Magazine for last month, the Duke of Argyll has a very interesting letter to the Duke of Niagara.

The Duke of Argyll had blunted out the handsome long leather to unstick Niagara, for sometime he, himself by summer light-ship, which gives a very pretty effect, and brilliant. As we round the Bermudas Rating, coming nearer and nearer, the Duke of Argyll, in a day, actually lay out and vivid lit up the whole splendor of the Falls with its pale blue and diversion.

"There is perhaps no natural object in any part of the world which when seen seems so seemingly to expostulate as the Falls of Niagara. Fishermen in their small boats and have made them familiar in every aspect, in which they can be represented. Even in what they cannot be represented are the best to be seen but but is appreciated and the first approach to them is perhaps the least impressing view of all. They are seen at the distance of about a mile. They are seen, too, from an elevation about 1 feet above the top of the Falls, and the great breadth of the river as compared with the height of the cataract, gives that height look comparatively small. Nevertheless the effect of the whole, with two great colossal noted of Edinburgh, Jim Horseshoe, suddenly revealed by a flash of lightning, is an effect which is never to be forgotten. The power and beauty of Niagara are best seen from the point at the Cataract bank whence the Table Rock once projected.

THE BEST VIEW.

"I am inclined to think, however, that the most impressive of all the scenes at Niagara is one of which comparatively little is said. The River Niagara above the Falls runs in a channel very broad and very little depressed, below the general level of the country. There there is a steep declivity in the bed of the stream for a considerable distance above the precipice, and this constitutes what are called the Rapids. We have seen property at that we stand at any point near the edge of the Falls and look up the course of the stream the foaming waters of the Rapids constitute the sky line. No indication had is visible to the eye to expose the fact that we are looking at a river. The crests of the waters are like leaping and the crests of the waters, are all seen against the clouds as they are seen in the ocean when in a gale. In the whole, we look in in the 'trough of the sea.' It is impossible to resist the effect on the imagination. It is as if the fountains of the great deep were breaking loose, and as if a new deluge were coming on the world. The impression is rather increased than diminished by the perspective of the low wooded banks on either shore, running down to a vanishing point and seeming to be lost in the advancing mass. An expanse of water is seen tumbling toward one in a very grand and a very awful sight. Fancying that you were looking and giving one's self up to what one only sees, I do not know that there is anything in nature more majestic than the view of the Rapids above the Falls of Niagara.

Venezuela.

Notwithstanding the advice of the clergy and the sharp criticisms of the newspapers, the population of Venezuela are on the increase. The Oil City *Derrick* has an account of one which may not be missed at an early period. After describing the magnificent oolite, which has been imported from Paris and must be the most an enormous sum, the *Derrick* says:

"The corpse was placed in a magnificent black crape gown, with princesse waist and full train; the trimmings were rich velvet and white frosted and confined in a simple band by an antique comb studded with diamonds and amethyst, from her ears hung the pretty lacing solitaire pendants, while a magnificent diamond brooch sparkled on her bosom. Her beautiful arms were not crossed upon her breast, but lay in calm repose at her side, this being the latest and most approved style. A great artist related to a reporter that she bore a new and exquisite shade of pink, and the bouquet of natural forest-me-note. Deceased never appeared to fear a change. Her raven hair was brushed back from her broad white forehead