

gation, by preserving him. He proposed taking him back in the evening, and changing his dress; and promised to adopt him for his son. He concluded with extolling his gallantry in the highest terms, and with observing, it was a pity a person of so much honour should be a rebel. Frazer answered him thus: The Scots do not fight against their King, because they are disloyal, but because they are commanded by those they serve. Their lords have a right to their duty; and they are taught from infants to believe, that their first virtue is obedience there---He paused and wiped away a tear, and then continued---none had so much right to that compliance as mine: Nor could I have accepted of your proposed friendship, but that I saw him fall. Now I am free: And if you will receive a friendless orphan into your protection, I will be as faithful to you as I have been to him.

The person he had preserved was moved extremely with his speech: There was something in the manner more than the words that charmed him; he kissed him, took him back with him, changed his habit, and brought him to England, where his interest obtained him a free pardon. Frazer lived with this man of honour as a son; the family consisted of themselves and a daughter, a lady of forty-seven, not more distinguished by her amiable temper, than by an air of melancholy, which never forsook her countenance. The father told her often the story of his rescue. The wretch, said he, who dishonoured you,

sought my life for the resentment I had shewn against his barbarity: What I have said, continued he to Frazer, must reach no other ear, but you are as a son: This is the cause of that lady's melancholy; she was deluded under an engagement of marriage; she had a child, whom the abandoned creature caused to be destroyed, and he would now have added my murder to his son's, had not you prevented, because 28 years since I sought to bring him to justice. How long revenge will live in bad men's minds!

As they spoke together upon the subject, they compassionated the infant. Frazer was strangely moved with the recital. Perhaps, said he, if my memory would reach to my infant years, some such a fate was mine. He repeated on this occasion the strange obscurity of his birth; and shewed a scar upon his throat, which he added, some inhuman hand had given before the time of his earliest memory.

They left him without ceremony, and they returned in a moment. When the old man spoke thus: Hear pleasing and unpleasing things together: The person from whose sword you saved me, was your father: There is your mother; kneel to her for a blessing.

The narrator was permitted to relate this story by those most nearly concerned, the names being concealed. What a catastrophe for tragedy? One can hardly avoid looking upon the righteous parricide, as the appointment of Divine Providence.

## NEW AND CURIOUS DISCOVERIES ON BEES.

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**W**HEN the trees begin to bloom, and the flowers to display their sweets, the diligent bee usually commences its forages on every tree and flower which yields a proper aliment.

Then take an old hive, with the remains of the comb on the sides, or if it has none, place some shreds of wax towards the roof of the hive, in several places, and hold them awhile over lighted straw, that they may melt and spread about; you will find the bees to work in such a hive preferably to another, and that they will immediately build, upon this ground of wax which you have laid, that which they have gathered. Observe, that when there is a great deal of wax, they laid it on towards the center, and when a little, on

the sides; they build their comb perpendicularly from the roof to the floor, which the heat increasing towards the bottom of the hive, renders their wax quite soft.

They will not only make their symmetrical cells with the wax of their own gathering, but also with that which has been supplied to them; this I know by frequent experience, having laid a piece of wax in the hive, and soon after nothing of it was to be seen. How much wax a bee can carry at once may be seen, especially in the first week's of a new swarm appointed to form the comb; in which they are so diligent, that they often drop somewhat of what they are bringing before they have secured it, and the particles they thus drop are not unlike that kind of dust which