HYPOCRISY.

Dissembling fiend! The soul of sin Dwells, smoothly screened, thy mask within, Thou shell of Virtue, fair to see, Thou plausible iniquity, Thou lie, in Truth's white robe arrayed, Thou Proteus of Guilt's masquerade. Thou smilingest of deadly evils, Thou sum incog. of all the devils-

O, keep aloof From mine and me, Thou cloven hoof, Hypocrisy!

Thine is the smile of which her crown O'er tempted Purity cast down; Thine is the ostentatious prayer Good angels heavenward scorn to bear; Each honest hand thy hand that grasps. Were better a nests of asps; And who trusts thy word or token Leans on a reed to find it broken.

Of fiends the worst, Approach not me, O, Saviour cursed Hypocrisy!

I've seen thee at God's altar stand. And give fond truth a faithless hand, Marked thee at church, one day in seven, And all the rest offending heaven : Listened while well thou played'st the part Of patriot with a traitor's heart; And noted many a foul exactor Ape, with thy aid, the benefactor.

Demon, avaunt! Stand off from me! I hate thy cant, Hypocrisy!

The veriest scoundrel, boldly bad. Is worthier than a knave, saint-clad; And Satan, with satanic face, Less dangerous than with front of grace. The hottest corner of the pit Awaits, we're told, the hypocrite; For he, to hide his soul of lies, Steals shining raiment from the skies. Wrongs bold as vile, We fight or flee;

But 'ware thy smile,

Hypocrisy!

SCRAP BOOK.

" SLANDER," says St. Bernard, " is a poison which blots out charity both in the slanderer and in the person who listens to it; so that a single calumny may prove fatal to an infintte number of souls, since it kills not only those who circulate it, but also those who do not reject it.'

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An old bachelor, on seeing an engraving representing a man kneeling at the feet of a woman, said: "Before I would kneel at the feet of a woman I would encircle my neck in a rope, and stretch it. Do you not think it would be the best I could do?" It would undoubtedly be the best for the woman," was the sarcastic reply.

ET TU BRUTE !- Continental papers are amusing themselves over a little anecdote purporting to come from London. It was when the Prince of Wales was at Malta, they say, that he received the invitation present at the in his honour at the Crystal Palace, and he replied -"With great pleasure-on condition that my brother of Edinburgh does not play the violin."

A one-legged Welsh orator, named Jones, was for a moment successful in bantering an Irishman, when the latter asked him, "How did you come to lose your leg?" "Well," said Jones, "on examining my pedigree, and looking up my descent, I found there was some Irish blood in me, and becoming convinced that it was settled in that left leg, I had it cut off at once." "Be the powers," said Pat, "it would have been a deuced good thing if it had only settled in your head."

"Every man," said Mark Lemon one evening at his club, "bas his peculiarities, though I think I am as free from them as most men—at any rate I don't know what they are." Nobody contradicted the editor of Punch, but after a while Albert Smith asked, "Which hand do you shave with, uncle?"
"With my right band," replied Lemon. "Ah," returned the other, "that's your peculiarity; most people shave with a razor."

A genuine "down-caster" was lately essaying to appropriate a square of exceedingly tough beef at dinner in a Wisconsin hotel. His convulsive efforts with a knife and fork attracted the attention and smiles of the rest of the company, who were in the ame predicament as himself. At length "Jonathan's" patience vanished under his ill-success, when bying down his "utensils," he bursts out with, "Strangers, you needn't larf-if you hain't got no regard for the landlord's feelings, you orter have some respect for the old bull!" This sally "brought down the house."

SHUGGLING IN THE OLDEN TIME.—The Rev. Donald Macleod, in a note to the life of his beother, relates an anecdote illustrative of smuggling in the good old days. An old woman whose "habit and tepute" were notorious was being tried by the Sheriff of Argyleshire. When the charge had been fairly proved, and it fell to the judge to pronounce the sentence, he became unusually fidgety, and thus addressed the prisoner-"I dare say, my poor woman, it's not very often you have fallen into this "Deed no, shirm," she readily replied, "I ba'ena made a drap since yon wee keg I sent your-

KNEW HIS BUSINESS.—The witness had served in one of the Indian regiments, and had come home from the war with both arms shot off. He lost one arm at Fort Donaldson, and the other at Look-out Mountain. When he came forward to testify the clerk commenced to administer the oath. "You solemnly swear—" "Stop! step!" interrupted the judge (new installed) with overpowering dignity, "the witness will hold up his right hand when he is sworn," "Your Honour," replied the clerk, meekly, "The man has no right hand." "Then let him hold up his left hand." " If your Honour will remember, the witness has no left hand either. He had the misfortune to lose them both in battle. Perhaps the clerk thought by this last bit of information to bring the judge down from his height of displeasure; but reckoned without his host. "Then tell him to hold up his right leg. A witness cannot b) sworn in this court without holding up something! Silence I all of you! This court knows the law, and will maintain it." The witness was sworn

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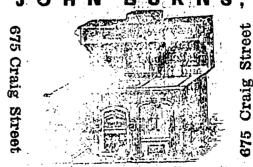


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