

shall make me believe, that the same word of the Most High, which con-signed to the moles and the bats the idols of Chaldee and Babylon, and dragged down the lying father of Gods and men from his own Capitol, and the battlements of his "Eternal City," must yet arrest its victorious wheels on the banks of the Indus or Ganges, and admit the trident of Siva to share with the Cross, a divided empire?— [This testimony is peculiarly valuable.]—*Bishop Heber's Charge to the Clergy of Calcutta.*

#### THE LAPLANDER AND BRUIN.

IN attacking the larger animals, such as bears, the Laplander experiences considerable difficulty and risk to himself, as it is necessary to make a very near approach to the animal, which, if not wounded in a mortal part, and at once disabled, turns immediately upon its antagonist. This, it may be conjectured, must frequently happen, the dependence being on a single ball, not much exceeding a good sized shot.

When this is the case, the animal turns to the place whence the smoke proceeds; and if the ground be favourable to his pursuit, easily overtakes his adversary, who then has little chance of escape, except there should be a tree near, under which he can take refuge, and puzzle the bear by dodging behind it. The skill and address necessary in the

pursuit of the bear, and its comparative scarcity in Finmark, render the killing of one of these animals the most honourable exploit a Laplander can perform; and it is a constant source of triumph to the successful adventurer. The Laplanders have besides exalted ideas of the sagacity and talents of the bear, and treat him in consequence with a kind respect and deference, which they do not pay to any other animal. It is a common saying among them, that the bear has twelve men's strength, and ten men's understanding; and their superstitious ideas lead them to suppose, that it perfectly comprehends their discourse. It is a frequent custom with them to speak to the beast, when about to attack it; and one instance of this occurred during the time I was at Alten, on the mountains above Knafional. A Laplander being in pursuit of wild rein-deer with his rifle, suddenly encountered a bear; and his piece missing fire, he addressed it, as Mr. Klerck related, in these words: "You rascal, you ought to be ashamed of attacking a single man: stop an instant till I have reloaded my rifle, and I shall be again ready to meet you." The bear, however, which was a female, thought it prudent not to wait, and made an immediate retreat with two cubs which she had with her.—*A Winter in Lapland.*

#### VARIETIES.

##### SEVERE RETORT.

THE following retort was exceedingly severe; indeed, so much so, that Mr. Sheridan never forgot nor forgave its author, Horne Tooke. It is best to relate the anecdote in the latter gentleman's own words: "Shortly after I had published my *Two Pairs of Portraits of Two Fathers and Two Sons*, those of Earl Chatham and Mr. Pitt, of Lord Holland and Mr. Fox, I met Mr. Sheridan who said with a saucy, satirical air, "So, sir! you are the reverend gentleman,

I am told, who sometimes amuses himself in drawing portraits?" "Yes, sir," I replied, "I am that gentleman; and if you will do me the favour of sitting to me for yours, I promise you I will take it off so faithfully, that even you yourself shall shudder at it!"

##### DRESS OF THE WOMEN IN THE PROVINCES OF HOLLAND.

IN the country round about Amsterdam, the favourite head-dress is a *bandeau*, of silver gilt, encircling the