

three or four inches broad ; these planks serve as supports and skates. The driver has nothing in his hand but a curved stick, which serves him both for a rudder and a whip. Iron rings are suspended at one end of the stick, as well for ornament, as for the sake of encouraging the dogs by the noise which this kind of bells make, and which are frequently jingled for that purpose; the other end is sometimes pointed with iron, to make an easier impression upon the ice, and, at the same time, it serves to excite the ardour of the animals. Dogs that are well trained have no need to hear the voice of the conductor : if he strikes the ice with his stick, they will go to the right ; and when he wishes them to stop, he has only to place the stick between the snow and front of the sledge. When they slacken their pace and become careless and inattentive to the signal, or to his voice he throws his stick at them : but then the utmost address is necessary to regain it, as he proceeds rapidly along, and this is reckoned one of the strongest tests of the skill of the conductor.—*Goldsmith's Customs and Manners.*

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FILIAL AFFECTION OF THE MOORS.
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A Portuguese surgeon was accosted one day by a young Moor from the country, who addressing him by the usual appellation of foreign doctors in that place, requested him to give him some *drogues* to kill his father, and as an inducement, promised to pay him well. The surgeon was a little surprised at first, as might be expected, and was unable to answer immediately ; but quickly recovering himself, (for he knew the habits of the people well,) replied with *sang froid* equal to the Moor's : " Then you don't live comfortably with your father, I suppose ?" " Oh, nothing can be better," returned the Moor ; " he has made much money, has married me well, and endowed me with all his possessions ; but he cannot work any longer, he is so old, and he seems unwilling to die." The doctor, of course, appreciated the amiable philosophy of the Moor's reasoning, and promised to give him