

any good. They must go to pot, that's certain; and the sooner I get rid of the fat ones, the better."

So saying, he singled out the

orator as one of the prime among them, and sent him to the butcher the very next day.—*Mrs. Edgeworth.*

A N E C D O T E S.

EXTRAORDINARY FIDELITY—NEGRO BOY.

During the American war, a gentleman with his family were coming in a ship, under convoy, from the East Indies: his wife died while on their passage, and left two infant children, the charge of whom fell to a negro boy, seventeen years of age. During the voyage, the gentleman, on some account, left the ship, and went on board the commodore's vessel which was then in company, intending, no doubt, to return to his children. During this interval they experienced a dreadful storm, which reduced the ship in which the children remained to a sinking state. A boat was dispatched from the commodore's, to save as many of the passengers and crew as possible. Having almost filled the boat, there was just room, as the sailor said, for the two infants, or for the negro boy, but not for the three. The boy did not hesitate a moment, but placing the two children in the boat, he said, "Tell massa that I have done my duty." The faithful negro was quickly lost in the storm, while the two infants, through his devoted and heroic conduct, were restored to their anxious parent.

Queen Charlotte, who heard of the circumstance, requested Hannah More to write a poem upon it; but she begged to be excused, saying, that "no art could embellish an act so noble!"

GOING TOO FAR.

When James II. went to mass, the Duke of Norfolk carrying the sword of state, stopped at the chapel door, and let the king pass. "Your father," said the king to him, "would have gone farther."

"Your majesty's father," replied the duke, "would not have gone so far."

Theory and Practice.

Dr. Green of St. John's College, trying to skate got a severe fall backwards. "Why doctor," said a friend who was with him, "I thought you had understood the business better."

"Oh," replied the doctor, I have the theory perfectly; I want nothing but the practice."

How many, in matters of a much higher and more important nature, are in the doctor's predicament! How many fully understand the theory of religion, and lack only the practice!

True Philosophy.

Adrian the co-adjutor of Ximenes in the government of Castile, was greatly disturbed by the libels which were circulated, concerning them; while Ximenes remained perfectly easy. "If," said he, "we take the liberty to act, others will take the liberty to talk, and write.—When they charge us falsely, we may laugh; when truly, we must amend."