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#### NATURAL HISTORY.

Continued.

CLASS XIV. INFUSORIA, HAS TWO ORDERS:

Order 1. Infusoria Appendiculata includes minute, transparent, gelatinous animals, covered with hair and having horns and tails.

Order 2. INFUSORIA NUDA includes , naked animalculæ, seen only with the microscope, as the Monad, the smallest of living beings, found in vegetable and animal infusions.

These orders, as I have before stated, are again divided into genera. Some orders have two or three genera, and others have a hundred or more; they are therefore too numerous to be mentioned here. I will however take one of these orders, and show you how it is divided into genera. Under the order PACHYDERMA, for instance, the several kinds of Elephants are one genus; the Hippopotamus constitutes a genus; the various breeds of Hogs are a genus; Peccaries are a genus; the several kinds of Rhinoceros are a genus; the Tapirs are a genus; and the Horse, Ass, Zebra and Quagga are a genus.

These several genera are divided, as before stated, into distinct species; thus of the Elephant genus there are two species, one inhabiting Asia and the other living in Africa; so of the Rhinoceros genus there are several species, some having one horn, and some two. The same may be said of the other genera. - I hope the reader may now understand the subject of classification. He will bear in mind that a species includes all the animals in the world of the same kind; thus all the horses in the world constitute a species; all the asses constitute a species, and so on. Those changes which are effected in a species of animals by climate and other circumstances are desigvated by the word variety; thus the several common cares of life surround me.

kinds of dogs are one species, but have! become divided into different breeds, as the spaniel, mastiff, pointer, &c., each of which is called a variety of the dog.

#### BIOGRAPHY.

JOHN LOCKE.

John Locke, a celebrated philosopher, was born at Wrington, in Somersetshire, in 1632. After taking his degrees in arts at Oxford, he entered on the study of physic and made great proficiency. In 1672, when lord Shaftesbury was appointed chancellor, patron was deprived of the great seal. In 1674 he went to Montpellier for the recovery of his health, and continued abroad till lord Shaftesbury was appointed president of the his friend. In 1685 the English envoy suspicion of his being concerned in Mon-1 winding on all sides. mouth's rebellion, which occasioned him to 8vo.; Letters on Toleration, 4to.; Treatise | fields a nearer way, and meet himon Civil Government, 8vo.; and Thoughts concerning Education, 12mo.

#### THE STAG-CHASE.

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." Eccles. 1x. 11.

It was in that delightful season of the year, when the foliage of the trees are unted with yellow and brown; when the leaves are seen flying here and there in the breeze; and when the air of autumn is somewhat freshened with the approach of winter, that I joined in a stag-chase with all the eagerness and buoyant spirits of youth.

I love to look back on the sunny seasons of my youthful days, for they tell me that I have had my share of pleasure, and that I ought not, therefore, to repine when the

And do you think I could find pleasure in such a cruel amusement as that of pursuing a poor terrified animal, and seeing it tom in pieces by dogs ! No! no! I hope my heart was ever a stranger to such a feeling.

The stag-chase of which I speak was

quite a different thing.

I had been playing in the green lane withmy brothers, when our favourite game was proposed, and away started my eldest brother, who, being the tallest, looked the most like a stag, especially as he had stuck two leafless boughs in the band of his cap.

Away he started, and we after him: it was just the place for a stag-chase, Oa that nobleman made Mr. Locke secretary of the right was a very steep bank, rugged and presentations, which place he lost when his broken; but when the stag got to the top. he had the range of a large field. Here, however, his chance of escape was doubtful, for at one place there was a large pool, and the dogs were swift, and kept pietty close to council; but in 1682, that nobleman, to his heels. On the other side was a kind of avoid a prosecution for high treason, with-dingle, or coppies, where the large trees drew to Holland, and was accompanied by had been felled, and many then lay on the ground, stripped of their bark. Here the demanded Mr. Locke of the states, on stag ran among the Lranches, turning und

As we differed in ages, so we varied in keep private, and employ himself in finishing dispositions. I remember my brother John his essay on Human Understanding. At ran faster than any of us, and kept very the close of the revolution he returned to close to the stag for some time, but, at last, England, and was made a commissioner of he was quite fired out, and could not keep appeals, and in 1695 a commissioner of trade up at all. George was cunning enough, and plantations. He died at Oates in for sometimes he hid himself behind a tree, Essex in 1704. His principal works are, and pounced out upon the sta4 suddenly; an Essay on Human Understanding, 2 vols, 1 and then, again he would run across the

> What a laugh we had at Thomas! He ran along holding his head so high, that he did not see a piece of timber lying on the ground till he tumbled over it. I think we all met with some disaster or other, but I shall never forget scrambling up the bank to get over the hedge at the top of it. Three of my brothers were close behind me. 1 had hard work to get up, and caught hold of a stick to help me: the stick was rotten, it snapped in two; down I went, rolling against my brothers, when we all tumbled into the ditch together. Fortunately it was dry, but we were warmly received at the bottom of it by some stinging nettles, which made us hastily retreat, and I repented putting faith in a rotten stick ...

> Notwithstanding all our running, turning. and dodging, we could not catch the stag; for, in spite of all our swiftness and cunning,

he semmered along ahead of us; sometimes turning round, he would stamp his foot, shake his head, and bay the dog: at last we all, except William, felt inclined to give it up; but he was determined the stag should be caught.

William not only played the part of a staghound, but that of huntsman also, for he frequently put his hand to his mouth to imitate the blast of a horn, and gave us a tantivy! tantivy! which animated us all in the chase.

> On, on, we went ; the yellow leaves Were flying in the wird,
> And though the stag was fleet of foot,
> We were not far behind.

Now high, now low; now up, now down; We scamper'd o'er the plain : A brighter, or a happier time, Will never come again !

John, with all i.is swiftness, was tired out; George's cunning was defeated; Thomas had hurt his leg through holding his head too high: and I thought we had better give it up for that day, but William still held on his course : he could not run faster than the rest, nor was he so cunning, his only chance, was in persevering, and he did persevere to the last; for the stag got into a stone-quarry, and finding no way to get out, was turning round when William came up, just in time to lay hold of him before he could escape. We were all breathless, and eager, and hungry as hunters.

Though William had caught the stag, the rest of us boasted as loudly as he did. John said, he should have eaught him, if he could have held his breath long enough,

for he was first in the chase.

George said, he should have had him, for a certainty, had he not turned the wrong way. Nothing had hindered Thomas from laying hold of him, but the piece of timber struction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. over which he had fallen; and I was equally confident, that if the rotten stick had not broken and let me down into the ditch I should have caught him.

"Yonder is old Norris," said William, as we returned through the field; " let us go and tell him what a chase we have had." Norris the woodman, was a cheerful and pious old man, and we liked to hear him talk, for he was fond of young people and always had some good advice for them; ending every observation with a text of tooth, and a foot out of joint.' scripture.

This hardworking, kind old man was a general favourite with us, for we respected him as much for he good sense and piety, as we loved him for his cheerfulness and

good temper.

His face was fuddy, though marked with the wrinkles of three score years, and where he ooce rebuked us with a frown, he encouraged us with a smile twenty times

He rested his broad axe upon the boughs

our adventures, and William did not forget to inform him that he caught the stag when we were all tired.

"Ah! my young masters!" said old Norris, "I too have had my frolics and my stug-chases. Life is something like a stagchase; many a rough hill have you yet to climb, and many a difficulty to go through.

"You may learn something from your

chase to-day.

" You started in pursuit of pleasure, as I and the rest of the world have done afore you; but how short-lived it has been, and how soon are you wearied out! So will it be with all your undertakings, for your days will soon pass away. 'What is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.

" You will find many get a head of you in the different pursuits of life, just as master John there got a head of you in the stagchase, and then, like him, they will lose their breath, and find that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.'

"Many will outwit you, as master George tried to outwit the stag, but it is better to hold on in upright, straight-forward ways, looking above for grace and guidance, that you may 'finish your course with joy, and find the end thereof, eternal life."

"Young master Thomas, who tumbled over the piece of timber, is not the only one, by a great many, who has smarted for carrying his head to high in the world. Pride may be found in every heart. Some people think me humble, but I fancy, at times, that there is as much pride beneath this old red waistcoat of mine, as in the heart of a king with a golden crown on his head, and I pray to Christ for grace against this direful enemy. Have a care of pride, for the Bible says, 'Pride goeth before de-

"No wonder," continued old Norris, putting his hand on my head, "No wonder that you should fall into a ditch when you trusted to a rotten stick: let it be a lesson to you, for there are thousands of rotten sticks in the world, and you may do worse than fall into a ditch of stinging nettles. A false friend is a rotten stick, and will be sure to fail just when you stand in need of support, for \*Confidence in an unfaithful man, in time of trouble, is like a broken

" Riches are rotten sticks, and will break all to pieces, therefore, do not depend upon them; but, of all rotten sticks, the heart is the worst. He who trusteth in it is a fool, for it is, deceitful above all things and

desperately wicked.'

" Master William has set us all a good example, by holding on his way, and neither halting, nor turning to the right hand nor to the left without cause. Let us follow his example, and in our pursuit of a heavenly inheritance which kadeth not away

morits, and mercy, and grace of Jesus Christ, let us all, I say, persevere, for, , He that endureth to the end shall be saved.'

" But I reckon that I have almost tired you with what I have said. May you ever be as happy as you are now, though you must not always expect to be as light-hearted! Some day or other in your after lives, may hap you may call to mind what old Norris said about your stag-chase."

Here he began to wield his axe over his head like a hearty old man, and the opposite hill resounded with his sturdy strokes.

The bright, broad-breasted sun, sunk behind the elm-trees, and we returned home, almost as much pleased, and perhaps more profited, by old Norris's remarks, than we had been with our stag-chase.

LONDON.

The truth of the following picture will be recognized at once by those of our readers who can recall the circumstances attendant on their first visit to the British Metropolis. It is taken from a late number of the

Kuickerbocker Magazine:-

"I never shall forget my entrance into London. It was an epoch in my life. About two o'clock in the afternoon, while we were yet thirty or forty miles from the metropolis, a friend pointed out to me an indication of its 'whereabouts.' A little above the horizon, and as far in distance as I could strain my vision, lay a long line of watery-looking cloud, like the first faint distant view of the Blue Ridge in Pennsylvania, seen when the early morning light touches it in October. This was the smoke cloud that always overhangs London, be the day never so fine or clear-a cloud, the extent and 'volume' of which may be gathered from the fact that vegetation is earlier by a fortnight on the west and south-sides of the metropolis, than at the northern and western sides—a circumstance alone attributable to the severity of the north and north-east winds being mitigated in their passage over London, by the smokes belched from a million of coal-fires into the hazy air. About ten miles from London, the carriages, waggons, carts, indeed vehicles of every description, began to thicken -and very eminence of the highway that overlooked a long onward reach of the road, showed the mass denser and more dense, as it neared the metropolis. 'And this is London, is it not?' said I, as we entered upon a broad, continuous street, and saw others commencing on either side. 'Not yet-wait a bit,' said the bluff alderman-like coachman. We rose a slight ascent: 'That is London!' said the driver with conscious pride, as he pointed his whip -'there's the village l' I turned my headfor with boyish eagerness I had been looking right and left-and before me lay the British metropolis spread all round to the horizon in every direction—a thousand domes, of an oak-tree, while we told a long tale of and which we may all obtain through the towers, steeples, and turrets piercing the

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dim atmosphere-St. Paul's, Westminster derness of mehitecture, thirty miles in cir- religion in India 1774. it defies description: he is not a wise man who attempts it-and I forbear.

REFLECTIONS ON DEATH.

We soon forget them whom the earth has covered. It is an unwelcome and a humiliating reflection, that society feels a degree of interest in the death of its members. Yes! I do believe that the dissolution of a human being usually occasions less affliction than it does gratification. Is there one among you, my friends, who is inclined to question the correctness of this opinion? to him I would thus speak !-"When thou art dead, thy remains must be buried: the hollow ground must be broken up, and the fee or the sexton must be part, Thy body must be accommodated, yea, decorated for the tomb : an order will be given for thy shroud. Some one will serve himself by serving thee, and will make thee a cossin. Thy attendance to the place of sepulture must be arrayed in the garb of grief; and the impending band and flowing scarf will be viewed with complacency. The undertaker will see that due respect is paid to thee and to himself; thy remains will be conveyed with care, surrounded with sable vestments, and with nodding plumes. The beadle will punctually attend with his clothed staff. The funeral obsequies must be performed; thine office and vocation must be filled; and all thy. worldly goods appropriated. Call to mind, then, the benefits thy death will confer, from the fee of the gravedigger to the fortune of thine heirs: now calculate the number of those thou wilt oblige by thy departure; and thou wilt die rich in friends, if their number should exceed it." Alas; such is the end of poor humanity. Most of us have received some pleasure from the reflection that when we are gone our graves will be visited; nor is it grateful to anticipate that a time will arrive when the memorial erected over us will be passed by utterly disregarded and lorgotten; and yet how speedily may that time arrive! In one of my rambles among the tombs, I was much affected by the sorrow of an aged woman, who stood mornfully loking on a grave that had been newly turfed. She measured it with her eye, walked around it, patted the green sod in different parts gently with her fingers, and then, leaning with both hands on her stick, she burst into tears. It went to my very soul. I felt for the old lady; and, leaning on my cane, sighed for very sympathy. Again she walked round the grave, and again she was subdued by her sorrowful emotions. Her heart was full. I could not trespass on her grief, but left her in the same attitude in which I first saw her, look-Toby's Address to his Friends.

Discoveries since 1700.—The old Abbey, the Tower, among them-a wil- steam engine improved 1760. Ancient Spinning by cumserence! It was a sight to be seen, but | steam 1782. Air Balloons; Herschelis | Telescope and four new planets; Recovering drowned persons; Suspenders; Umbrellas, and cut nails 1792. Hydraulic press and Percussion powder; Telegraphs 1794. Galvanism; the names in chemistry 1803. The Argand lamp; boring for water, coal, Sc. 1801. Roman Cement; Gas-light 1813. Sugar cultivated in Louisiana 1899. The Nautical Almanae; Navigation by steam 1810. Printing by steam power; Stercotype plates ; Circular Saw ; Sugar from the root of beet; Anthracite coal; Lithographic impressions 1816. Musical boxes 1817. Sufety lamps; Chain cables 1820. Chronometers verfected : Power looms for cloths, stockings. Sc.; Tread-mills for prisons; the Stomach Pump; Rail Ways; Lead and Coal mines in the U. States; Craniology 1828. Steam guns and carriages 1832. Gum elastic shoes and boots 1833.

### HALIFAX, November 4, 1836.

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR has been pleased, by Proclamation, bearing date this day, to dissolve the present House of Assemby, and to direct the issue of Writs for a General Election, which Writs are to be made returnable on the 12th January next.

The People of this Province are thus again called upon to exercise a privilege of which they are justly proud—to select from among them those whom they consider best qualified to defend the rights which the Constitution has guaranteed to them-to cherish and promote the interests of the Province-and to uphold those principles of order and good government which are necessary to the happiness of Communities.

The Elections will be held-For the County of Picrou, at Pictou, Nov. 14. New Glasgow, 19th

Merigomish, 24th.

Colchester-At Truro, 29th November Londonderry, Onslow and Township of Truro-To be held and closed before Election takes place for County.

County of Halifax - At Halifax, Dec, 5. Margaret's Bay, 9th. Musquedoboit, 12th.-Gaz.

The following are the Candidates already offered:

County Colchester. SGW. Archibald, Esq

Annapolis .... W. H. Roach

Cape Breton...J. B. Uniacke

" Cumberland Gaius Lewis "
Andrew M'Kim "
Isle Madame, C. B. L. O'C. Doyle "

Township of Fictou. Anthony Smith

Supreme Court, Michlemas Term. 1836.

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John McGregor, Attorney at Law, was this day duly admitted and enrolled a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Gustavus Haliburton, A. B. Student at Law, having taken the usual oaths in open ing wishfully on the grave at her feet .- Old | Court, was admitted and enrolled Attorney and Barrister of the said Court.

Charles F. Harrington, William C. Whilden, David Matheson, and Peter Lynch, Junior, 8 udents at Law, having taken the usual onths in open Court, were this day daily admitted and enrolled Attornies of the said Comt.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT—ROYAL TAR BURNT .- 32 PERSONS LOST - THE ME-NAGERIE DESTROYED .- Extract of a Letter from St. John, N. B. October 29,-" 1 am sorry to acquaint you of the loss of the Royal Tar, Steamer, on the 25th October. Captain Reid arrived this morning. On the passage between this Port and Portland, the steam proved not sufficient to propel the Boat. Capt. Reid thought it advisable to come to anchor off the Isle of Hant, in order to have the Boiler washed out; that having been done, they proceeded on their way; when, in a few minutes, a fire was discovered near the Engine. The number of passengers was 90, thirty-two of whom were either drowned or burnt to death.

The Menageric was on board-all the animals were burnt but the elephant."

A Circular from the Deputy Postmaster General at Quebec, gives particulars connected with the robbery of the Mails from thence for New Brunswick and this Pro-A Quebec paper states it to have vince. been the first Mail Robbery which has taken place in Lower Canada, and we have no reason to doubt the correctness of the assertion. There appears to have been a large amount of Paper Money in the Mails which have been taken, which we fear will never be recovered. A Gentleman belonging to the Post-Office Department had proceeded to St. Ignace-he found the Portmanteau, but it had been rifled of its contents. - He returned to Quebec, and immediately afterwards proceeded on the road leading to Kenebeck, and we hope he will succeed in accomplishing the object of his journey.

DIED.

Wednesday morning, Sarah, wife of Mr. Thomas Muhlig, of this town, aged 66 years. Her funeral will take place from her late residence in Brunswick Street, near the old Church, this day, at 3 o'clock.

## STATIONARY. &c.

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November 4. J. MUNRO.



## THE WIND IN A FROLIC.

BY WILLIAM HOWITT.

The wind one morning spring up from sleep, saying "Now for a folic! now for a leap! Now for a mad-cap galloping class! I'll! also a commetten in every place!" so it as provide the fight through a great town, Creaking the signs, and scattering down Shatters; and whisking, with merciless squalls, Old women's honoris and gingerbread stalls. There never was heard a much lister shout, As the apples and oranges trundled about. And the urching that tand with their thier ish eyes. For ever on watch, tan off each with a prize. Then away to the field, it went blustering & humming, And the cattle all wonder'd whatever was coming; It pluck'd by their tails the grave matroniy cows, And toss'd the colls' manes all about their brows, Till, offended at such a familiar salute, They all time'd their backs, and stood sullenly mute.

So on it went, capering and playing its pranks, Whistling with reeds on the broad river's banks, Pulling the birds as they sat on the spray, Or the traveller grave on the king's highway. It was not too nice to hustle the bags. It was not too nice to hustle the bags. Of the beggar, and flutter his dirty rags: "I'was so hold, that it feared not to play its joke. With the doctor's wig or the gentleman's cloak. Through the forest it roared, and cried gaily. "Now, You stardy old oaks I'll make you how!" And it made them bow without more ado, And cracked their great branches through and through.

Then it rushed like a monster on cottage and farm, Striking their dwellers with sudden alarm; And they ran out like bees in a midsummer swarm. There were dames with their 'kerchiels tied over their caps,

To see if the poultry were free from mishaps:
The tarkeys they gobbled, the geese scream'd aloud,
And the hens crept to roost in a terrified crowd.
There was rearing of ladders, and logs laying on
Where the thatch from the roof threatened soon to be
gone.

But the wind had passed on, and had met, in a lane, With a schoolboy who panted and stringgled in vain: For it tossed him and twirled him, then passed, and he stood.

With his hat in a pool and his shoe in the mud.

There was a poor man heary and old,
Cutting the heath on the open wold;
The strokes of his bill were faint and few,
Ere this frolkesome wind upon him blow,
But behind him, before him, about him, it came,
And the breath seemed gone from his feeble frame;
So he sat him down, with a muttering tone,
Saying, "Plague on the wind! was the like ever known?

But now-a-days every wind that blows, Tells us how weak an old man grows !"

But away went the wind in its holiday glee. And now it was far on the billowy sea, And the birdly ships felt its staggering blow, And the little boats darted to and fro. But lo! it was night, and it sank to rest On the sea-birid's rock, in the gleaning west, Laughing, to think in its fearful fun, Hoy little of mischief it had done.

Virtue shall live, when hope shall die, beauty fade, and all the charms of nature disappear. It shall bloom when youth shall change and stars and planets waste away. THE TWO SOLILOQUIES:

OR, THE IDER BOY, AND THE IDEE BOY.
HECOME A, MAN.

O DEAR me! what a terrible trouble it is to learn lessons, and go to school ! Here I have one, two -no, not two, but a whole column and a half of words with meanings, to get by heart: I wish words had no meanings. Well, I suppose I must begin to learn them-p-r-i-s pris, o-n on, prison, "a place where people are confined." Why couldn't they say school at once?—that's a prison I am sure. Well what comes next? P-a-n pun, i-s-h ish, punish: I know the meaning of that word without the book, every body in our house is so foud of using it. " Master Charles," says old cross nurse, " if you will rampage out your clothes in this manner, I shall ask your papa to punish you." "Master Charies." cries Betty housemaid, " you deserve punishing, that you do, scrasing my chairs, and writing on my tables so." Now, they are not your chairs or tables, Mrs. Betty, they are papa's. (), this nasty, ugly lesson, I never shall get it! P-l-e-a-s pleas, u-r-e ure, pleasure, "gratification of mind." Nay, but I am sure pleasure means eating pies and tarts, and playing at bat and ball with all our scholars. I dare say, if Fred Jones had heard me, he'd say pleasure meant having a Read, read, read-1 linte new book. reading. when I am a man, I II never open a book, and I'll never send my children to school, and I'll have a black horse-no, it shall be a gray one with a long tail, and I'll ride up and down street all day long. O, how I wish I were a man now!

Yes, I am a man; and we is me for having been such a little fool when I was a boy! I hated my book, and took more pains to forget my lessons than ever I did to learn them. What a dunce I was even over my spelling! always at the bottom of my class, and my book thumbed and dog'seared, and cried over-the very emblem of duncishnesss. " Do, Charles, learn your lessons," said my father, " or you will be fit for nothing when a man," "Do, dear Charles, give your mind to your books, or I shalt be ashamed of owning you for my boy," said my poor mother; but no, I must give my mind to whipping tops, and eating cakes; and a fine scholar they made me! Now, there was Fred Jones; he liked play well enough, but he liked reading better; and helearnt more out of school hours than ever he did in them. I'red Jones is now, like myself, a man, but a very different kind of man; he has made friends among the wise, the honorable, and the learned. I cannot be admitted to their acquaintance! He can interest a whole company with useful information: I am obliged either to be silent, or talk about the weather and my neighbors. I can make out bills of parcels, but I blunder over a letter to a friend. I

see my error new, but new it is too late I have no time to read, for I must work for my daily bread; and if I had time, I could not new turn my reading to profit!

Behold the bitter fruits of idleness in childhood!

NEVER SAY YOU CANNOT .- There never was an instance of a man of a shrinking disposition having accomplished great things. Drones, or stupid beings, who will not, or possible cannot, exert themselves, may be got along with; but a person who is forever tinkering about something, and will be constantly delving at that and the other, with desperate industry, and yet flinches when he arrices at some difficulty he cannot see through, such a one we desire no acquaintance with; give us the man who having made up his mind to arrive at a given point, danne lessly pushes onward through every obstacle. Resolution is the talis-man that forces the fioodyates of wealth, and unracels the mysters of getting rick.

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