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The Wife's Gentle Repose.

One day as Zachariah Hudson was going to his daily avocation after breakfast, he purchased a large codfish and sent it home with directions to his wife to have it cooked for dinner. As no particular mode of cooking was prescribed, the good woman well knew that whether she fried it, boiled it, or made it into a soup, her husband would scold her when he came home. But she resolved to please him once, if possible, and therefore cooked several portions of it into several different ways. She also, with some difficulty, procured an amphibious animal from a brook back of the house, and plumped it into the pot.

At due time her husband came home, some covered dishes were placed on the table, and with a frowning, fault-finding look, the moody man commenced the conversation.

"Well, wife, did you get that fish I bought you?"

"Yes, my dear, I got you a codfish like to know how you have cooked it. I will bet anything you have spoiled it to my eating."

"Takes off the cover, I thought so, what a creature possessed you to fry it?"

"Why, my dear, I thought you liked it best fried."

"You don't think any such thing. I've never liked fried fish, why didn't you boil it?"

"Well, the fish was so big, I had to fry it, but I have boiled some also."

"So saying, she lifted up the cover, and lo! shoulders of a cod nicely boiled, were neatly deposited in a dish, a sign of which would have made an epicure rejoice but which added to the ill-nature of the husband."

"A pretty dish, this," exclaimed he, "boiled fish! chips and porridge!"

If you had not been one of the most stupid of women, you would have made it into a chowder!"

His patient wife, with a smile, hurriedly placed a tureen before him containing an excellent chowder.

"My dear," said she, "I was resolved to please you. Here is your favorite dish."

"Favorite dish, indeed I dare say it is an unpalatable wishy-washy mess. I would rather have a boiled frog than the whole of it."

There was a common expression of his, and had been anticipated by his wife, who as soon as the preference was expressed, uncovered a large dish near her husband, and there was a large bull-frog of portentous dimensions and pugnacious aspect stretched out at full length. Zachariah sprung from his chair not a little frightened at the unexpected apparition.

"My dear," said his wife, in a kind, entreating tone, "I hope you will at length be able to make a dinner."

The King of Delhi's Mode of Execution.

It appears from a Journal of a European traveller, that a new and fearful mode of execution has been adopted by the king of Delhi. The instrument of execution is thus described:—A box, each side of which is fifteen feet square, is constructed of timber eighteen inches thick, dovetailed together and braced with iron rods. The outside of the bottom of the box is covered with a plate of beaten iron one inch in thickness. The interior is filled with perfect granite weighing in the aggregate several thousand tons. A machine is erected after the manner of an ordinary elevator, but of course on an enormous scale, and of tremendous strength. The mass is raised by powerful machinery cast in Birmingham, for the express purpose, though it is to be presumed that the mechanism by which it was furnished had no idea of the horrid purpose for which it was intended. The human victim is placed upon a block of granite of a corresponding surface buried in the earth immediately beneath the enormous mass, and covered with a plate of iron. At a signal given by the executioner, the executioner touches a spring, the mass falls, and the victim crushed at once, is suddenly annihilated, and spread out like a sheet of pasteboard. The huge weight, being again raised, the flattened body is withdrawn, and dried in the sun. When completely prepared, it is hung over the wall of a public building, there to serve as a warning to the multitude.

A New Gold Discovery.

A gentleman residing near Golden Grove, Barton county, informs the editor of the Greenfield Southwestern, that several Frenchmen have leased a considerable quantity of land in Golden Grove, (about fifteen miles from Greenfield,) for the purpose of commencing digging for gold in the spring. Very extensive gold diggings are found there, excavations near twelve feet deep, and extending about a half mile in length, and banks of dirt nearly as high as a man's head, with traces about as thick as a man's body are found growing in the banks. We are told that California miners have examined these old diggings, and say there is every appearance in the world of gold, save the shining tint itself, this quartz rock and black sand is found in abundance. When these old excavations were made, and by whom, is a profound mystery to the natives, and with perhaps forever remain such.

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