

MARCH.

BRYANT.

WITCHCRAFT.

From that moment, the aged, and the pubescent of both sexes, actuated by an extensive assortment of motives—some burning with curiosity, others with love, and others with avarice—were seen flocking to the fatal temple, where dooms were distributed at one and sixpence a piece.—At length an unbucky decree decided the fate of high priestess herself. She had

THE PARTI-COLOURED SHIELD.

It happened one day that two knights completely armed, one in *black* the other in *white*, arrived from opposite parts of the country to this statue, just about the same time; and as neither of them had seen it before, they stopped to read the inscription, and observe the excellency of the workmanship. After contemplating it for some time, "The golden shield," says the black knight, "Golden Shield ?" cried the white knight, (who was strictly observing the opposite side) "why, if I have my eyes, it is silver." "I know nothing of your eyes," replied the black knight, "but if ever I saw a golden shield in my life, this is one." "Yes," returned the white knight, smiling, "indeed, that they should expose a shield of gold in so public a place as this; for my part, I wonder even a silver one is not too strong a temptation for the devotion of some people that pass this way; and it appears by the date that this has been here above three years." The black knight could not bear the smile with which this was delivered; they grew so warm in dispute, that it soon ended in a challenge; they both therefore turned their horses, rode back so far as to have sufficient space for their career, threw their spears in their rests, and flew at each other with the greatest fury and impetuosity. Their shock was so rude, and the blows on each side so effectual, that they both fell to the ground, much wounded and bruised, and lay there for some time as in a trance. A good druid, who was travelling that way, found them in this condition. The druids were the physicians of those times as well as priests. He had a sovereign balsam about him, and composed himself, for he was very skill-

A CHEW OF TOBACCO—*A fragment.*

SLAYELAKE.

The situation of this lake is between the Slave river and M'Kozies in the interior of the North West Territories, runs east and west, distant from Montreal, about 3000 miles, in north lat. 60 and west lon. 110. The extent of this lake is 600 miles in circumference, the breadth may be about 50. It takes its name as is represented by the natives themselves, from the circumstance of a number of them being driven up the river into this lake. Winter continues here with such severity from December until May, that the large rivers are frozen over until then. The snow is commonly from five to six feet deep during the winter. The air is so serene and clear, and the natives and fur traders so well defended against the cold, that the season is not unhealthy although it renders it very unpleasant. The ice in the lake is generally seven feet thick, and the purest spirit congeals. The trees split, and make as if were the report of heavy artillery.—The aurora borealis, is worthy of remark, which is often seen and diffuses a splendid and variegated light; it equals that of the moon beams. In crossing and travelling over this lake the traders are often severely frozen in the parts of the body that are most exposed. A winter never passes without some of the servants of the North West Company being frozen. The spring opens suddenly; in the summer the inhabitants are annoyed by large swarms of musquitoes which in the evening and morning are insupportable, and people are obliged almost to suffocate themselves. The means of defence in travelling, is a gauze well attached to the hat, and let fall over the face. The surrounding shores and the lands for a short distance from the border of the lake form but a dreary prospect.—The forests produce many trees, such as pine, white birch, poplar, aspen, elm and cedar, which last is made a great use of in forming canoes. The plains that are a short distance back from the lake are large, and extensive, and frequented by large herds of buffalo, while the moose and reindeer keep to the woods, that border on the lake. The beavers, which are in great numbers, build their huts on the small rivers and lakes, of which there are a great number, filling into and filling this lake.—The animals whose fur and skin constitute the staple commodities, are as follows, beavers, foxes, otters, martins, muskrats, mink fishes, lynx, wolves, ermines, deer, and buffalo. The only animal any way dangerous, is the grisly bear, which, when encountered,

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