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THE
LAST DYING SPEECH,
AND TRAVELS,
OF
WILLIAM WALKER.

Who was executed at Tyburn, near the city of York, at the last Assizes held for that County, for the wilful Murder of his Sister, Miss Mary Walker, where he likewise gave a particular account of his Travels among the wild beasts in the inland parts of Africa.

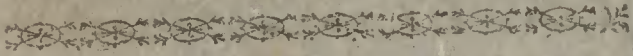
His pious Exhortation to the numerous Spectators, and a copy of the Prayer used on that mournful occasion.

To which is added,

THE PIUMBER.



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Good People,

I Was always very wild from my childhood, and run away from my father sixteen years of age, and then bound myself apprentice at the city of Bristol to the sea but not liking my master, I only staid with him six months, when I ran away from him and then bound myself to another master at Liverpool, for four years more, where I behaved myself very well and was very well loved by my master and mistress, and made three voyages, one to the West Indies, and

ther to the coast of Guinea, another to America, in all which I was very successful, and saved fifty pounds, which made me very fond of my place; but in the fourth was cast away three times, before we made the port, and I lost every thing I was worth in the world, which almost broke my heart, and all our ship's company were all lost, except the first mate and myself, who being expert swimmers, got with great difficulty on shore in a most desolate uninhabited country on the coast of Africa; where travelling for the space of eleven days, through those dreadful deserts, and having nothing to subsist on, but each about a dozen of biscuits and a bottle of brandy a-piece, which we had saved from the wreck when the ship was cast on shore. At night we were obliged to get into a tree for fear of the lions and other wild beasts that made the elements echo with their hideous howlings, in pursuit of their pray. At last quite spent by the fatigues of our tedious journey, we arrived at an English factory, where finding a ship bound for Liverpool, and the captain having many of his men cut off by the barbarous inhabitants, were very glad to let us work our passage, when we arrived at Liverpool. I found my mistress dead, so did not know what to do, being destitute of money, except of a single shilling which was given me by the mate, having only a

half crown left for myself.

Looking over the news-paper, I cast my eye on an advertisement addressed to me, in which I was requested to make the best of my way to my father's house in Yorkshire which I most unfortunately complied with; for at my arrival at my father's, I found nobody but a beautiful young woman, whom at that time I did not know to be my own sister, but fell desperately in love with her, and wanted to have to do with her, but she refusing me enraged me to such a degree, that I was determined to enjoy her by force, for which purpose I threw her upon the floor, when her head, from the violence of the fall, striking against the floor, her brains were dashed out and lay splattered about the room, in a manner too shocking to behold. I was for some time so struck with astonishment, that I did not know what to do, at last was determined to conceal the body by burying it in the garden, which I accordingly did, but all the pains I took to wash off her blood which was flown about the room, and upon my cloaths were without effect. The rest of the family presently coming home, and seeing the floor and my cloaths in so shocking a condition and no sister to be found, began to suspect what was the matter, and one of them went and fetched a constable, and had me immediately taken into custody, and carried before

Sir George Rich, a justice of Peace, where
 confessed the whole affair; and was com-
 mitted to York castle, to take my trial at the
 next assizes, where I was cast and condemned,
 and am now to receive a just reward for so
 barbarous and inhuman a crime. Having
 proceeded thus far he fainted away, but on
 coming to himself, the executioner was go-
 ing to perform his office; when the unfortu-
 nate wretch requested to say a few words
 more, by way of exhortation, which being
 granted, he spake as follows:

Good People,

LET the fear of the Lord at all times oc-
 cupy your minds, and I earnestly en-
 treat you all that are here assembled, to take
 warning by my unhappy exit; beware of the
 enemy of your souls, who goes about like a
 roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour;
 of all avoid the lusts of the flesh, for that is
 the bait he generally lays for the young and
 unwary. In my infancy my fond parents
 gave me the best instructions and admoni-
 tions, but getting as I grew up, among a
 number of my companions of my own age,
 their examples and persuasions, in a little
 time, destroyed all the good maxims I had
 been taught by my honourable parents; so
 that as I came to riper years, not regarding

God's holy word, nor the good admonition of my parents, but wilfully breaking the sabbath, delighting more in an ale-house with bad company, than at church, I fell a slave to lustful desires, and through the temptations of lewd women I grew extravagant, and often robbed my father to satisfy their insatiable desires, till at last being ashamed to look my dear parents in the face, I ran away and left them, as I mentioned before, which almost broke their hearts having no more children left to comfort them but my poor sister, whom I have so cruelly cut off in the prime of life, which I must fear will bring the aged heads of my parents with sorrow to the grave.

Here he burst into tears, wringing his hands, and still exhorting the young men that were witnesses to his wretched and untimely end, to beware of drunkenness, swearing and whoredom, as they love their peace here, and their welfare hereafter, for these were the things from which sprung all his future heinous crimes, and you are in danger of the same if you shun them not quickly.

THE PRAYER.

O Eternal and merciful Lord, look down on us we beseech thee, in the multitude of thy mercies, upon this thy servant,

those sins thou art justly displeas'd. O let him not cast away his hopes in thee; nor place them any where else, nor let the wicked deliver of mankind any longer prevail against him; be with him in the hour of death, and give his exceeding comfort. O wash his sin-
 k foul from the guilt of blood, in the precious blood of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; so that his sinful life may be ended, and as he departs from thence, thou mayest receive him in the arms of thy mercy, through the merits and mediation of our Redeemer.

After this he seem'd more compos'd, and a small gleam of light seem'd to enlighten his sin-darken'd soul; and then began to pray with the Minister, with redoubled fervency, saying the Lord's prayer and creed, singing a penitential psalm, and the lamentation of a sinner, and then pray'd by himself, commending his spirit to a merciful Creator, when he was launch'd into eternity; which caus'd the tears to flow from the greatest multitude of spectators that has been remember'd these many years, on such a melancholy occasion.

After having hung the usual time, his body was cut down and then he was hung in chains, as a dreadful monument to all such wicked wretches.

THE PLUMBER.

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A Plumber I am, and I work for m
 Nor asham'd of my craft tho' a deal
 in lead, (cow

And men of my calling tho' that they'll n
 May always be found from the cot to th
 throne. (his nois

The lawyer so grave, with a swang
 With his hums and his ha's and his ekes an
 also's, (hea

With each knotty point he is searching h
 He'll find that like me he's a dealer in lead.

The captain perhaps may desire a po
 glazier, (brazie

Because his bluff countenance comes from th
 Though he struts in his lace, and swaggers
 red, (lead

Yet his brains like his bullets are nothing bu

Let no loving damsel a plumber despise,
 For his lead soon will melt at the beam o
 her eyes, (him in bec

And be brisk as quicksilver when she find
 Though all the day long he's a dealer in lead

And be, &c.

FINIS.