 $\frac{\text { 8ateindar Mossixa, May }}{\text { 22, }, 1800 .}$ $A$ good atory used to be told by (a) think) Pierce Eagan the elder, whic
is a gem in ita way. The Bishop of 1 Was a man of eminently social and
congenial habits, and, could heartily approciate a good joke. An ececentric of any kind would bring more joy to his heart than a bundred liturgles or orisons, and when he came across any
thing of the kind he gave it his entire attention. One warm day in summer
he was traveling in a part of Lancashire, and had stopped at a hostelry to his journey. After taking a snack of funch, he wandered out in a pleasant
little grove that stood convenient to Hearing the sound of voices, he cen Through a hedge of bushes, ned beheld a man sitting on the root of a large
tree, with two hands deale for a game of eards, and giving vent to excited
ejaculation. "A lunatic reverance and
eonghed slightly. The man raised his head, but his
eyes were not devoid of reason, and he bowed rospeetfully to the sliepherl. "My son," saud the Bishop, "you
meem quite beside yourself. May Iarl what you are engaged at 9 "
"Centainly," replied the man having a rutber with God," man's lunacy, and at the same time he
saw no harm in pursuing the subject. the Bishop," blandly. plied the man, throwing the caridown in disgust ; I already one pound four and-sis."
"And how do you pay And how do you pay your losses?"
"Oh, he always sends some good person, to whom I make over the
amount for the poor. I see you are a it as you think proper," and he coun. ted out of a well filled purse the amount accepted without seruples of any kind. good day and returned to the inn. The money was judiciously thaid out fer
claritable porposer, For many days the ece his tighty friend again. He hap pened to be going the same way soon
after and passing that spot forbidden to olergymen, viz: the tap room of the
tavern, be belield his acquaintance solacing himself wath a tumbler of ne-
gus. His reverence sat sentry for some time in a window above, and atter while saw the man emerge from the
inn and diseppear in the grove. Donning his chapecu, he tollowed in the mann an before, neated on the root the nann an before, neated on the root of a
troe with the pasteboards spread out before him.
pleasantly, "how runs the luck to-day "Better, better thank yon," repliei and have just won a large stake-forty
"Apd how does God pay you," said
his reverence, with a pleasant amile at the man's foolish theory.
He sends along some rich person, and," groping in the pockets of his coat tail, "they give whatever I have
won." The hand came out of the poekot with a jerk, and there waya
vilhinous little black pistol, cocked and primed, ntaring his reverence un. plensantly in the face. His clerical peed his pocket book betore the drop ordinary gamester.
said heould say about twenty pound," "but your timepiece will ectlle the difrerenea." Of came the Bishops wateh, "That's a fine ring you y ding despondently "reep it;" ading seventeen pour remember, allow. you are still a trifte in my debt, but you may do with it as you did with the
Keepung the little weapon conven. iently aimed, ho backed out of sight and Jisappeared.
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