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A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT. A TERRIBLE PUNTSHMENT.
The toilowing is the way of ac The lollowing is the way of ad-
ministering the knout: Conceive
a robust man, full of heaith. This
man is condemmed to receive fifty man is condemned to receive fifty
or one hundred blows of the
knout. He is conducted, half naknout. He is conducted, half na
ked, to the place closen for this
kind of execution; his hands are kind of execution; his hands are
hound together, with the palm
inid flat against one another; the haid flat against one another; the
ords are lreaking his wrists, but no one pays the slightest attention
to that. He is laid flat on a frame, inclined dingonally, and at the ex-
trenities of which are fixed iron rings; his hands sare fastened to
one end of the frame, and his feet to the other; he is then stretched
in such a mauner that he canno make a single movement, just to dry. This act of stretching th vietim causes his bones to crack
and dislocates them. What doe that matter! In a little time his
bones will crack and be dislocated in a very different manner. At a distance of five and twenty paces
stands another man. It is the pub. lic executioner.
instrument of punishmentknout. This knout consists of yards long and an inch to fid pering off at one end and broad a he other; the small end fastene two feet long. The sigual is given
The executioner advances a few steps holding the knout in both hands, while the long thong draga
along the ground between his legs. On coming within alout oner he raises the knout towar the top of his head and then draws it down with rapidity toward his knees. The thong flies and whis-
tles through the air and descendles through the air and descend-
ing on the body of the vietim, irines. In spite of his state of ten-
sion the poor wretch bounds as if grasp of galvanism.
teps, and repents the craces many times as there are blows to
be inflicted. When the thong velops the body with its edge, the into strips as if if with a razor, bu the flesh in that case, is not cut but crushed and ground, and the bloo spurts out in all directions. The
sufferer becomes green and blue like a body in a state of decompo
sition. He is now removed to the hospital, where care ist taken of him, where he disappears forever in t is fatal if the justice of the $\mathrm{C}_{2}$
or of the executioners desires it be so.
A few minutes after the no bells rang, Tuesday, a gray horse in a collar and harness, and a ston one of the Lewiston hotels. Th
buffalo robe was young man and a plump you woman garnished with a brida wannet. He helped her out of theorted into the wagon and escorted into the par
lor with her a round green box After he had driven off and put up the team at the stable of a nva hotel, he rejoined bis mate and ex pressed a desire for a condiential
interview with the landlord. Th latter presented himself, and the
young man said: "Me and Harriet was married this morning. W have started on a little excursio
Before we left home marm put $a$ little dinner, and we brought coffee-pot along. Now, we'd like to beat the coffee and have a table to little sugar'n milk." The land lord led the innocent pair into the dining hall and seated them at a table with other guests, and they cook the cover off the little green box with celerity. They had a giorious carraway eng heeir dough squash pie, and broad slices oheese. If their wedding tour had


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