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SIR,

**A** PARAGRAPHS in your Magazine of last Month, mentioning a duel between two gentlemen of Ireland, I am led, I from reflecting on the frequency of those unhappy engagements, to trouble you with the following little narrative. I am, Sir, a native of Ireland; of one of the most famous, and have no inconsiderable property in that Kingdom; I was educated in the University of Dublin, where my birth and fortune recommending me to the notice of many young fellows, I entered into the closest intimacy with several; and was looked upon as a sort of chief in every little party of amusement in all. In the vicinity of acquaintance with which I was at this time favoured, I contracted a friendship of the warmest kind with a young man of quality of my own age, whom I still beg to mention by the name of Butler. Perhaps you never possessed so many qualifications to command universal esteem; his person had that possessing something peculiarly the distinction of rank, and to great a degree, that you were created in his favour the moment he appeared, and obliged to do justice to his understanding about his speaking a single word. Joined to this of the clearest heads to the creation; he was fit with the most benevolent of hearts, and was, above all that the most humane and free of his notions, and all that the ancient heathens did imagine of their gods.

Mr. Butler had a sister, poor Maria! near of age, I had another, unhappy Charlotte, close upon twenty two; the friendship subsisting between us, and my producing an equal claim in the eyes of the ladies, and both continually dwelling on the praises of their brothers; it was no wonder that Charlotte, entering the most tender sentiments for him, or that the bewitched Maria should have a favourable eye on me. No to take up your pen, Sir, Mr. Butler and I grew passionately in love with the sisters of each other, and proud to see the opportunity of rivaling, as I may say, friendship, we agreed upon paying our addresses, which were kindly received, and one day pointed for the celebration of the two weddings, the infinite satisfaction of both our families. O Sir, the eve of our wedding day—How may I cry, out with the poet, for ever hated by the fatal hour, for ever dark and comfortable to me. No fun to shed its salutary power, or mark the circling period I was born. But let ill fortune all array'd in tears, be doom'd attendant on the time alone. The church-yard Creech owl bode uncommon fears.

And fight the midnight traveller to stone! Mr. Butler, and I, Sir, had just parted from our friends, and retired to sup at a tavern to take the air, and were surrounded with a select party of two or three hours we passed in the most agreeable manner; when unfortunately an argument arose between him and a gentleman in company, about the superior excellence of lobsters; a trivial debate, has been justly remark'd to produce the most fatal consequences; it was unhappily the case with us—A law Mr. Butler exert a warmth which I fancied rather too vehement, and such the liberty of biting my opponent. The conversation was in an instant changed, and his whole resentment turned against me, he called my friendship for him in question, I made for many severe observations, that I did not avoid a little of the said in my replies; the quarrel of friends is always the most bitter, that would appear indifferent in others, and an additional poignancy from them, and a temper, which would seem trifling in a common acquaintance, is a crime of the most unpardonable kind in a friend; the very consideration that would mitigate, becomes an aggravation of the crime, and the most striking plea why we should not look an error, is constantly the reason why we

will not. This, Sir, was our situation; Mr. Butler thought it hard that I of all men should offer him an offence; although it equally cutting, of all men; so genuine an injury from him; in this frame of mind we proceeded from severity, to civility; still at last he gave me the public lie. There was now but one means of satisfaction left, the company instantly broke up, and Mr. Butler and I appointed to meet at the Phoenix park, by seven the next morning, attended each by a friend.

To say how I passed the intervening night, is impossible; suffice it that I endured the torments of the damned. My anger against Mr. Butler disappeared the moment all our former friendship was recollected, and my heart dropped blood to think when I was no longer offended, of the fatal necessity of seeking for revenge. My love for his adorable sister struck me to the soul; and what did I not suffer in the consideration of his passion for mine; but, alas! Sir, the tyranny of a horrid custom obliged me to suppress every laudable tendency of these salutary reflections, and drove me to violate every suggestion of my reason, every argument of my friendship, and every mandate of my God. The morning came, Sir, and we were both at the appointed place. At least an hour before the time. Poor Butler! I saw his heart was equally distressed with my own, and more than once he complained of a cold, as a wiper that would keep him in spite of his attempts to keep it down. You must know, Sir, that in Ireland, we have much too brute to have any notions of humanity, and that too sensible to bear any ridiculous arguments of justice and truth. 'Tis necessary there to commit a fashionable murder before your reputation can be established, and quite essential if you would possess the esteem of every body to deserve the detestation of all. In a country, situated by this monstrous notion of honour, it is not to be supposed, our friends took any great pains to reconcile us; had there was no possibility of making the first advances ourselves. These circumstances, we retired to our ground, melting with mutual friendship and concern, yet obliged to counterfeit the appearance of hatred and revenge. Pistols were our weapons, Sir, and so little enmity did we entertain, that we each fired first, three several times, both intending to wound the other; and then discharged our pistols in the air. Startled that neither of us aimed, my second cried out to Mr. Butler, "Dimit me, the fellows are afraid of one another." This reflection roused us in an instant, we both discharged when Mr. Butler's ball tore away a piece of my hat, and mine entering his temple a little above the eye, blew off the upper part of the skull, and left him dead upon the ground.

What would I have then given for some mountain to cover me for ever! I tore my hair, beat my face, blasphemed my God; at last recollecting myself I ran to another pistol and should have drove the contents into my own head; had I not been immediately dissuaded by the seconds, who were surpris'd I should feel any concern for the murder of my friend. I was standing holding Sir, in a hand bordering upon distraction, fasting upon poor Butler, and wishing for his fate, for in my lease it was happiness to die. The violent agitation of my spirits brought on an immediate fever, in which I continued senseless five weeks; and the first I heard upon my recovery, was that my unhappy Maria, at the sight of her brother's corpse, had fallen into convulsive fits, which lasted three days, and then carried her off; and that my unhappy sister Charlotte, was confined in her room, having gone distracted upon the first intimation of the accident.

O! Sir, to a mind not utterly deprived, not totally directed of feeling; ten thousand deaths could have been more welcome than the knowledge of these unhappy consequences. Fearful of the effects which the intelligence would have on my temper, my friends never suffered me to read, or a single moment alone, till the late excellent Doctor Berkeley, the celebrated Bishop of Cloyne, consoled me I was in no proper manner to do, and to the admirable labours of that elegant moralist, owing that I have not the crime of suicide to add

to the number of my sisters, the death of my love, and the murder of my friend. Sir, still could not bear the thoughts of remaining here I had sacrificed all happiness in this world, and endangered my everlasting felicity in the next; I set sail for England, and purchased a little garden within three miles of the capital, where I have now resided five and twenty years, reciting no visits, desiring no company, and making no friends. When I look back upon the board of blessings, which I might have possessed, and consider how small a rate I have parted with them all—reflection harrows up my very soul, and points out the wide, wide, differences, between a sense of imaginary honour; and a secret justification of a good conscience; the applause of my foolish acquaintance, and the approbation of my God—I am far from being superstitious, Sir, but I never go to bed without saying I see my poor friend Butler the moment I put out the candle. If, Sir, the repetition of my melancholy story will be of any service to your readers, I shall think my time well employed in transcribing it; but desire I may be known only by the name of yours, and the name of your friend, FERDINAND OBERIN.

PARIS, September 26.

THE King has issued an Ordinance, dated the 15th of July last, of which the following is the substance:

When young Fellows of Family, and be guilty of any irregularities, capable of wounding the Honour, or disturbing the Quiet of their Families, or which are reprehensible by the Police, without being Crimes punishable by Law; it shall be lawful for their Parents or all the Secretaries of State in the Department of the War, and of the Marine, to transport them to the Island of Detourade. If the Parents, which they shall be obliged to deliver for that Effect, are found just, an Order shall be delivered to them from the King, by Virtue of which they may conduct, at their own Expence, those young Fellows to the Port of Rochfort, where they shall be detained in Prison, and maintained by the King's Expence, till they be put on board a Packet Boat, the Commander of which shall be answerable to his Majesty for their safe Custody, and shall oblige them to march with the common Soldiers. At their Arrival at Martinique the Captain shall consign them to the Governor General of that Island, and take a Receipt for them, which, at his Return to France, he shall deliver to the Secretary of State. The young Fellows shall be sent to Erilon by the Governor General, and detained as the common Soldiers, till they be sent to Detourade. On their Arrival there, the Commandant, to whom they shall be delivered, shall furnish them in a fruitful healthy Part of the Island. They shall be lodged in Cabins built on Barrels for them; he shall forbid them the Use of any Sort of Arms; and take all necessary Precautions, to prevent their making their Escapes. They shall be fed as the common Soldiers are, and shall be furnished yearly with Instruments for Tillage the Land, and Seed to sow it, and the Republic shall be for their own Benefit. When shall be sent to Detourade every Year; and in case of Sickness received in the Hospital of Soldiers, they shall be distributed into Classes, as soon as they recover any Signs of Amendment; and the Commandant shall give an Account to the Minister at War, and of the Marquis that he may inform the Parents.

Paris, October 5. The mortality among the Cavalry regts. violently at and in the Neighbourhood of the Bastille, Orleans, Comen, Shens and Calres, die suddenly, without any visible Cause, and if any Dogs eat of their Flesh, they die instantly. On the 28th ult. at Seven in the Evening, Mr. Mellier discovered from the Observatory of the Marine at Paris, a new COMET, which then seemed near to the 16th Stars, Epsilon and Delta of the Constellation Ophiocent. It has crossed in a great Measure, that of the Serpent, and continued both Instant, at Seven in the Evening, was in the Head

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