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termanded the order." They were two sons of the Green Isle. Said one, "Phat is this about the pinsion reform?" "It's jist this," was the reply. 'A lot of fellers do be gittin' pinsions that don't deserve thim. And so they are goin' to give finsions only to thim as were mortally wounded, and they will

git thim for iver."

story of a Yarmouth Captain who was the proud possessor of a small schooner, in which he plied the coasting trade. Upon one occasion when his vessel was lying in port, it seemed good to the Captain to give her a coat of paint, and to embiazon her name which was Maggie, upon her bow. The Captain, whose confidence in the painters of Yarmouth was apparently not of the strongest kind, decided that he would do the work himself. His first effort was made from a float; but when he came to painting the name on the bows, he found the bows were too high for him to reach. Not daring to trust himself to a swinging time, while Madane de Stael, when stage, he threw himself down upon his busy sewing, always twirled a green leaf stomach on the foredeck, and reaching down over one of the sides, did the lettering in that way. After finishing his task on one side, he went ashere to get a view of the results of his efforts. This

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The Earl of Chatham was most eculiar in habits; these, no doubt, were engendered by his hypochondriacal nature. On one occasion in midsummer he wished to have snow, and adopted with salt to make things have a wintry appearance, and doors and windows were kept shut to keep out the biting cold. How long this whim lasted the historian does not record.

Of William Wilberforce it is narrated that he frequently became so absorbed in conversation in evening companies as wholly to forget himself. He would lift himself from his chair in his earnestness, move forward a little, and gradually approach perilously near the edge. It was a tradition in fashionable English circle that he had fallen several times to the floor; but in families where he was loved it was the custom to station one of the older children behind his chair to move it forward as he moved, and guard him against peril. Some who afterwards became leaders in English society retained among the pleasantest memories of their childhood the recollection of such services rendered to this brilliant

and eloquent converser. Rossini, the composer, when engaged with any great composition, invariably shaved himself in a most fantastic way to prevent his going out of doors. Sir Isaac Newton, one of the greatest and most logical thinkers of his time, was yet one of the most absent-minded of men. This latter habit led him into many curious mistakes. At times he fancied he had dined, while as a matter of fact he had not left his room for hours Once he boiled his watch instead of an egg; and on another occasion, while sitting close to the fire, he ordered it to be removed, owing to the heat, but the thought never occurred to him that he

would be cooler if he would but move his chair backwards. In addition to these we are told that Humboldt generally wrote while holding the paper on his knees; that Schiller was found of the perfume of decayed apples: that Goethe admired the flavor of fried beetroot. Mendelssohn, when pleased with anything used to chew a corner of his pocket handkerchief, Coleridge always held the person with whom he was conversing by a button of his coat; hence, he was nicknamed the great "buttonholer." Marie Antoinette, when eating bread-and-butter, kept a nosegay by her side, which she smelled from time to

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