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Homo sum, humani nil à me alienum puto.—TERENCE.

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NEW SERIES OF BOXIANA.

BENEFIT AT THE TENNIS COURT FOR THE LANCASHIRE WEAVERS.

IN commencing this Second Volume of the NEW SERIES OF BOXIANA, it is due to the FANCY to premise—that in all cases of CHARITY, or in rendering assistance to the *distressed*, no class of men have offered their exertions with more readiness of disposition, or lent a *hand* with greater sincerity of heart, than the Boxers of the PRIZE RING.

Owing to the shortness of the notice, the Spring Meeting at Newmarket, and most of the sporting Noblemen and Gentlemen being out of town, the receipts did not amount to anything like the sum of money received on similar occasions. However, when it is taken into consideration that only a few hours were allowed to apprise the Sporting World that a Benefit would take place on Monday, May 8, 1826, for the starving manufacturers in the North, the sum collected will satisfy the public that the Fancy mustered at the *scratch*, to subscribe their *mites* in behalf

of so laudable an undertaking—to relieve the distresses of their fellow-creatures. The announcement of the above meeting was rather *premature*, but the “will for the deed” repaired the fault; more especially several benefits having been advertised for the pugilists; and, to prevent their interests being injured, Monday was selected as the most convenient day. *Mr. John Jackson*, who is a host in himself, and who likewise never *tires* in the cause of charity or humanity, either to assist an individual, or to devote his exertions in a public cause, had no time to call upon one half of his numerous friends in the higher classes of society; but he nevertheless produced £12 : 3s. : 6d. lamenting that the notice was so short. Honest *Tom Cribb* secured the *tip* at the doors, the amount of which was £45 : 9s. deducting £13 : 2s. for expenses; the proprietor of the Tennis Court liberally reducing his demand to one half of the usual charges;—leaving a clear sum of *thirty-two pounds*.

The Pugilists all exerted themselves to give satisfaction. *Goodman and Jones, Latham and Lennox, Ward and Bitton, Jem Burns and White-headed Bob, Gybletts and Holt, Youngham and Redman, Josh. Hudson and Richmond, Tom Belcher and Tibbetts, Harmer and Reuben Martin, Teasdale and the Bristol Youth, Scroggins and Deaf Davis, &c.* *Dick Curtis* apologised to *Mr. Jackson* on account of ill health, and expressed himself sorry that he was not able to lend a *hand* on so worthy an occasion. At the conclusion of the sports of the day, *Harry Holt* came forward, and, in a neat speech, returned thanks for the handsome manner in which the friends of humanity

and the Ring had come forward on this interesting occasion. "It was not the first instance (he said) in which their liberality had been called forth in the cause of humanity; and that their numbers were not greater, he attributed solely to the shortness of the notice which had been given. As a second benefit was in contemplation, however, for the especial assistance of the Spitalfields Weavers, he had no doubt much more would be done—at present, 'the will must be taken for the deed,' and their friends in Lancashire would judge, from the promptness with which they had come forward, that if their purses were not overflowing, their hearts were in the right place. They had given their mite, and if every other class in society, perhaps laying claim to greater generosity of disposition, were to follow their example, the cries of the hungry would be appeased, and happiness and content would take the place of positive privation and misery." (*Cheers.*) He added his sincere hope, that at the next benefit, which would be duly announced, those who were now absent would vindicate the well-known character of the Pugilistic School, by a crowded attendance and liberal contributions. For his own part, he anticipated a *bumper*. (*Applause.*)

The amount of the receipts were transmitted to the Committee appointed for the management of the subscription in the city.

TOM CANNON,

DESIGNATED AS

THE GREAT GUN OF WINDSOR.

Well stored is our CASTLE, a long siege to stand,
 To *parley* or *fight*, we can all take a *hand*;
 Like *trumps* stick together, afraid of no plot,
 But beware of being *floor'd* by TOMMY'S *grape-shot*!
 To banish dull *Care*, or to roar out a *catch*,
 Take part in a GLEE, or, making a MATCH,
 Chaunt the pleasures of Sporting—the charms of a Race,
 And ne'er be at *fault*—at a MILL, or the Chace!

Then let us be merry,
 While drinking our Sherry,
 For friendship and harmony can't last too long,
 Be still our endeavour,
 That nothing shall sever,
 The LADS OF THE FANCY at the CASTLE so strong.

ERON, so renowned in the annals of literature for classical taste and learning, gave birth to our hero, on the 14th of March, 1790; but as it does not follow, that “a man born in a stable should become a horse,” so it appears that TOM CANNON did not shew any great anxiety to become a Professor of Languages at the above venerable foundation for the instruction of Youth. Tom's *Daddy* and *Mammy*, perhaps, might have entertained the sensible idea, that

“A little learning is a dangerous thing!”

therefore, the *brains* of Young TOMMY were never cudgelled to obtain a knowledge of the *Alpha* and *Omega*; although it has since turned out, in his career



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denominated the

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through life, that he possessed a great predilection for *head-work* !

The boyish days of CANNON were distinguished for his love of activity; and TOM, amongst the boys of his own class, was a sort of *Cock of the Walk* in Eton, whenever a foot-race, a jump, or a boxing-match was the object in view. CANNON did not confine himself to any particular branch of trade, "to earn an honest penny;" but, just as it suited his inclination, he filled alternately the characters of *Fisherman* and *Bargeman*: and no individual in the neighbourhood of Windsor was more successful in casting his nets for a prime supply of fish; or distinguished for *tugging* his barge over the watery element with ease and celerity than our hero, singing with all the gaiety and independence of a Lord: reminding the spectator of the happy, merry fellow, so admirably delineated by the Poet:

There was a jolly miller once lived on the river Dee,
He work'd and he sung from morn till night, no lark so blithe as he;
And all the burthen of his song for ever used to be,
I care for *nobody*, no not I, for *nobody* cares for me!

Exactly so with our jolly bargeman: he worked hard, lived well; and by his industry appeared anxious to add that delightful little word INDEPENDENCE to his character. TOM was a blade full of life and spirit; fond of SPORTING in a variety of shapes; and posted his *half-bull* or his *goldfinch* upon any event with all the confidence and knowledge of a betting man.

TOM soon became acquainted with the "use of his bunch of fives," from the numerous skirmishes he was engaged in with the military quartered at different