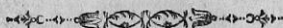


it is dangerous to be abroad : Those who happen to be, lie down on the snow and thus secure themselves. In these seasons, their is no chase—the animals submit themselves to hunger and security, and so does man. There are no wells at Yakutsk, for it is found by experiment, that the water freezes at 60 feet depth. People of these regions therefore are obliged to use ice and snow. They have also ice-windows—glass is of no use to the few who have it : the difference

in the state of the air, within and without, is so great, that the glass is covered on the inside with several inches of ice, and in that situation, it is less luminous than ice. The timber of the houses splits and opens with loud cracks—the rivers thunder and open with broad fissures—all nature groans beneath the rigorous winter. Just at the turning of this cold season, I travelled last winter 2600 versts, about 1800 English miles, on the river Lena.”



MONTHLY MISCELLANY.

For the AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

PERHAPS nothing would have a greater tendency to disengage our hearts from the things of *this* world, and cause us to place our affections on the other, than a *realizing view of death*: to this end, it hath been frequently recommended, and often attained. The illustrious CHARLES V, took a most *unusual method* to obtain this. Having resigned his kingdoms to his son PHILIP, and this too not in an advanced state of life, he retired, for the more free enjoyment of the exercise of religion, to the monastery of St. *Justus*, near Plazencia, in *Spain*, and soon after resolved to celebrate his *own obsequies before his death*.—“ He ordered his tomb to be erected in the chapel of the monastery. His domestics went thither in funeral procession, with black tapers in their hands. He himself followed in his shroud. He was laid in his coffin with much solemnity. The service for the dead was chaunted, and he joined in the prayers which were offered

up for the rest of his soul, mingling his tears with those shed by his attendants. The ceremony was closed with sprinkling holy water on the coffin, in the usual form, and all the assistants having retired, the doors of the chapel were shut. He then arose out of the coffin and withdrew to his apartment, full of those serious sentiments which such a solemnity was calculated to inspire.”—*Robertson's history of Charles V.* CLERICUS.

Sept. 24, 1788.

ANCDOTE of the late Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON.

SOON after Sir William had been appointed superintendant of Indian affairs in America, he wrote to England for some suits of clothes, richly laced. When they arrived, HENDRICK, King of the Mohawk Nation, was present, and particularly admired them. In a few succeeding days, Hendrick called on Sir William, and acquainted him that he had had a dream. On Sir William's

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