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eation's our Forest, well rooin where we please.
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## THE LIVE GIRAFFE

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Now here's my hand to join the band,
To meet your cr ud to gin glooy land;
But stop awhile, said Pumpkin face,

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| ""My Brethereen and Sistereen :As how I |
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| reckin" yeall know the object of this here |$|$

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| tim as related soon afterwards by one of my companions. <br> Said he: We were in the sladow of eveening returning from a deer hunt, in which we had been engaged the best part of the day; and whien about a mile from the place of our lodging-a clever old farmer's housc-we met a company of men, women and children. all with "Bib and Tucker,' 'and trudging briskly along the narrow, country highway. From the general appearance of the crowd, and the briskness of their movements, it was evident to us that something important was on hand somewhere oresometor in the vicinity, and I | he wants tun. But my brethereen and sistereen, cuming roun tu the question; Bill Snubbs says he is convarted; and my brethereen and sistereen I do believe that Biil has put off the old man and put on the new man. Fur you sec, Bill use tu be a tarnation bad sinnur. Ye know he used tư cuss and swear up tu a sailor, and he used tu go tu musterin, and get drunk, and fight and seratch everybody like a hoss. But, now Bill says he's quit all that sort er carrien on, and he ain't agwine tu cuss and swar and fight like he used tu. That is what makes me believe Bilis conyarted. But my brethereen and sistereen, taint no ase | med. What eise could make him shouider: the plank, and follow the littie witch throcgh the str et to her home. She twice performed the ceremony of "walking the plank and each time thanking him with one of her eloquent smiles. Piesent'y our young hero saw the young lady trip up the mable steps - of a palace of a house, and disappear within its ro e wood entrance. For a full moment he stoed looking at the door, and then, with a wonderful big sigh, tuaned awhy ditposed dof his plank by laying it at the door of an |
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