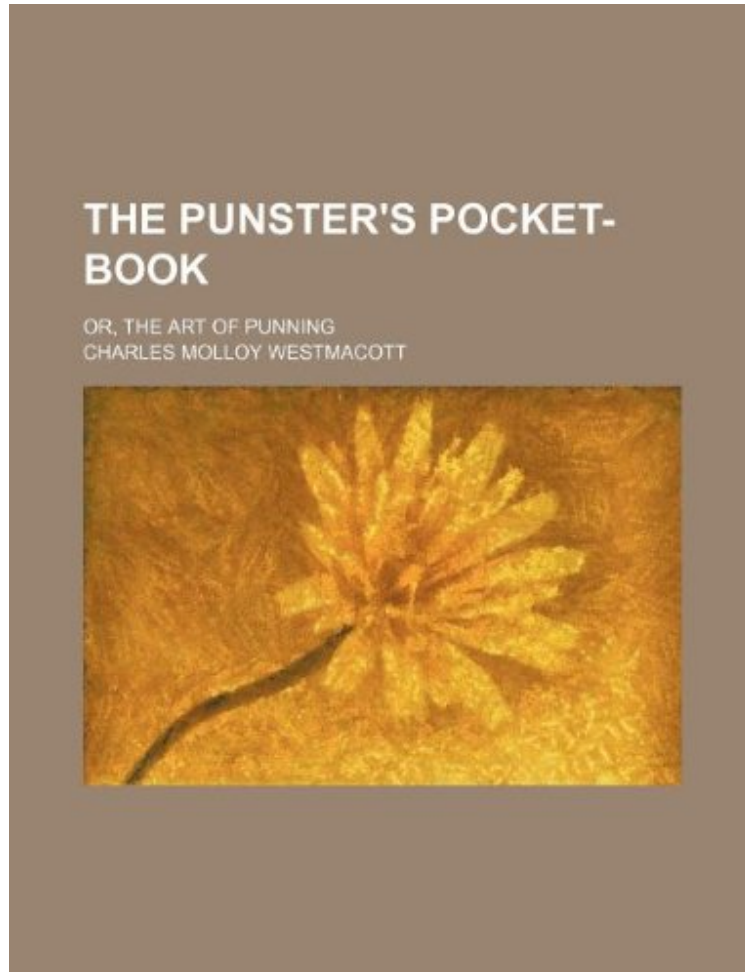


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camp bedstead, observed that his Grace " had not room to turn himself." The Duke immediately replied, "When you have lived as long as I have, you will know that when a man thinks of turning in his bed, it is time he should turn out of it." THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE Being told that a great public defaulter had married his kept-mistress, observed, "That fellow is always robbing the public." TM ROGERS ON TASTE. When the Marquis of Hertford opened his splendid hotel in Piccadilly, Mrs. Coutts was one of the visitors present--much to the annoyance of certain of our fair nobility. In reply to an observation of hers, upon the splendour and magnificence of the furniture and decorations, Rogers archly remarked, that, " besides splendour, there was so much good taste in the ornaments and society--every thing in the rooms was so chaste and delicate." LADY HAMILTON. The beautiful Lady Hamilton having at her table given " Mr. Abraham Goldsmid" as a toast, and Lord Nelson only half filling his glass, she cried, "Come, come, my Lord, you must not sham Abraham.' JACK BANNISTER AND THE GOUT. A friend consoling with the comedian during a sever...