

The consequence of this was, that he became very ill, and refused even this food. His mistress took him out of the cage, but instead of jumping about, he lay down, and rested his head on her feet. In a day or two he recovered, and arrived safely in England. But poor Sai did not live long there; he died a few weeks after his arrival, whether from the effect of his previous starvation, or from the coldness of the climate, is uncertain.

## LESSON LIX.

### FLAX AND HEMP.

dis-solve	tight-ness	em-bed-ded
o-per-a-ti-on	ap-pear-ance	prin-ci-pal-ly
ma-nu-fac-tu-rer	fi-bre	ve-ge-ta-ble
fre-quent-ly	in-stru-ment	em-ploy-ed

The vegetable matters employed for clothing are chiefly of two kinds; the fibres of some plants, and the downy substance in which the seeds of others are embedded. The plants from whose fibres thread and cloth are principally made of *flax* and *hemp*. Flax is an annual plant, bearing pretty blue flowers; a field of flax in blossom has a very gay appearance. It is allowed to grow till the seeds are ripe; then the whole plant is plucked up by the hands, cleared of its seed-vessels, and laid in little bundles in pits full of water, to rot. This process is necessary to dissolve the substance which holds the fibres of the bark together, and it is the most disagreeable part of the business, for