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Returning for some leagues through this wild part of the camp amidst the thick broom to the place where I lived, I suddenly emerged on a bullock-cart track. A man was lying in the road; and some bullocks, drawing a cart from the opposite direction,-that was approaching, on seeing him, had just then bolted to one side, out of the road. Not knowing whether he was a murdered man or drunk, I approached him cautiously and spoke to him, and found he was a drunken Irishman, and, with his knife, ready to fight any one. I, of course, gave him elbow room, and passed on,

I have seen many drunken savages, in the shape, in particular, of English runaway sailors, and have witnessed them fighting with their teeth, and tearing pieces out of each other's

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