



George Cruikshank: The Boa Desolator.

It overlays the continent like an ugly Incubus, sucking the blood and stopping up the breath of man's life. It claims Mankind as its property, and allow human nature to exist only upon suffrance; it haunts the understanding like a frightful spectre, and oppresses the very air with a weight that is not to be borne.—William Hazlitt