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OUR SLAVE STATES.

A JOURNEY THROUGH TEXAS; or a Saddle Trip on the Southwestern Frontier; with a Statistical Appendix. By Frederick Law Olmsted, author of "A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States," "Walks and Talks of an American Farmer in England," &c. &c. New York: Dix, Edwards & Co.

We resume our quotations from this interesting book, and in so doing have no doubts of pleasing our readers.

TO SAN ANTONIO.—QUI VIVE!

We spent a week in this camp, visiting and visited by the settlers, examining tracts of land, and collecting such agricultural information as we could; the general results of which have been tabulated above. We then rode over the rocky hills again, and followed the Comanche Spring road to San Antonio. During the last night's camp, some miles below the Spring, we were disturbed by some noise in the night. Going out, we could discover nothing but the growling dog; the horses were feeding quietly at their stables. Shortly after we heard what might be a smothered foot-fall, but after a more thorough search, returned to our blankets again. While we were building the fire, after morning dawned, a well armed party came up, consisting of an American, with two negroes, and a small pack of hounds. The negroes crouched at the fire.

"Morning, gentlemen," said the white man. "Good morning, sir." "Travlin'?" "Yes."

"Wall, I swar you came near not travlin' much further, last night."

"How so?"

"Well, you see, I've lost my horses since a week ago, and ain't as how a new settler, I couldn't very well afford to do without 'em.—Late last night, I heard bells around, so I went and roused two of my niggers, and told them to see if that want our horses rangin' back again. Well, they went out, and by and by came back almighty scared, sayin' they'd follered 'em by the hills over the hills this way, and had come into a Mexican camp before they knew it. Well, I knew as honest Mexicans could have any good business over here, and I just put on my boots, and told 'em to call the rest, and get the dogs, and I got the guns, and we set out to see who was so. When we got here, I kinder scooted round to see what I could, and I tell you I didn't like the looks o' 'em. I told part of 'em to go down the road round the hill, and I went up with the rest that way, and when we got covered up with the hill we made a fire and lay round till daylight, keepin' watch o' 'em. Tell ye what, if ye'd budged much, you'd have got some buck-shot in your stomachs, you may bet on that. Them's likely animals you've got there."

"Yes sir."

"Well I'll go long. Han't seen a pair of gray horses, have ye, with a bay mare with 'em?"

"Moral: (For prairie travelers.) Never mind what's stiring, lie quiet in your blankets."

"HEAPS" OF BEARS.

While in the mountains, the settlers told us, with fresh excitement, the story of a great bear hunt, which had but recently come off.—The hero was one of the German hermits, named P., a famous sportsman. Not long before, he had had a personal difficulty with a bear, in which, after the animal had drawn his fire, he closed with the hunter, now armed only with a knife, upon a rocky ledge, and attempted either to throw him over the precipice, or to force him, in pure vengeance, to roll down the steep with himself. Almost crushed with the hug, P., with his one free hand, had succeeded in giving the bear seven deep stab, and left him dead upon the verge. On the last occasion, he had wounded a bear, who took to his heels, and disappeared in a pile of rocks. Following with all his speed, P. found a hole, down which the bear seemed to have dropped. Convinced that his shot had been fatal, yet unable to enter the cavity, he pried a large stone over the mouth, and went for assistance. His but-companion returned with him, and they at first attempted to smoke the bear out. Not succeeding in this, they battered the edges of the aperture till it was large enough to enter. Then, held by the heel, P. went on his hands in search of his booty. After some not very pleasant groping he found the carcass, and, attaching a rope, it was hauled out, a magnificent bear, worth a good deal in cash, and much more in glory. But while half-smothered in the cave, he had heard an indistinct growl, at no great distance, which indicated that more fun was to be had, if properly applied for. It was a hazardous experiment, but one exactly suited to P.'s humor, to enter, and have a hand-to-hand fight in the dark with the growler, whoever he was.

Arming himself with a freshly capped and cocked Colt, and placing a knife between his teeth, he crept cautiously in again. The passage shortly became narrow, and he soon reached a turn which he could only pass feet foremost. Retreating a bit, he turned himself, and pushed on. On clearing the obstacle, he found himself free, and heard now close before him, the steady breathing of a bear.—It was a darkness of Erebus, but lit or miss he resolved to have a shot. Aiming, deliberately, at the sound, he fired two barrels, then took himself out as fast as hands and knees would carry him. But no stir followed, and it was impossible to tell the result.

Piling the rocks again over the aperture, the two returned to their hut, manufactured of waxes from a bee-tree, and calling a neighbor or two to see the sport, went again to the den. Armed now with a torch, P. forced himself to where he had been before, and saw his bear lying dead. It was dragged out.

After a congratulatory and recuperative draught of whiskey all round, P. resolved on further explorations. He found, beyond the scene of his last adventure, a narrow cleft in the rocks. He had hardly squeezed himself into this, when he suddenly found his hand in contact with a third bear.—dead. It had probably been smothered by their smoke. This, too, was got out amid an excitement that made the woods ring with echoes.

But if three bears had been found, that was no reason why there should not be more beyond. Creeping down again to the cleft, he squeezed in, head foremost, as before. He had not progressed far, when he was met with a savage roar, and the glare of a pair of mad eyes in motion before him. He attempted to fall back to recover himself, but one of the neighbors, who had made up his mind to have a finger in the pie, was close behind, and prevented, by his entangled body, any quick retreat; so, aiming hurriedly between the eyes, he fired. Before his excited senses had recovered from the reprobated and smoke, he saw the eyes again in a different place, this time fixed in a steady gaze. He fired again. The echoes over, nothing more was to be seen or heard. Advancing cautiously once more, he came upon two warm carcasses, both shot between the eyes. Here was the end of the cave. He had killed the whole of the Boin family.

A REFORMED ABOLITIONIST.

We were invited, when we arrived, into the ladies' sitting-room, to dry our wet clothes at

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(From the Louisville Journal.)

A DREAM.

BY M. LOUISA CHITWOOD.

I'd a dream last night, 'neath the moonbeams white—
I gazed on a rushing river;
On one bank was a pine, on the other a vine,
And it seem'd in this strange, strange dream of mine,
That they reached toward each other forever.

The pine was high, looking up to the sky,
With the sunlight over its streaming,
And bright birds flew its branches through
And bees and zephyrs and light and dew
Were o'er and about in my dreaming.

But the vine was low, and the river's flow,
And the shadowy vale under it,
Were filled with a moon, and its life was lone,
Till the pine sent down a strange sad tone,
And the vine crept up to hear it.

And it said, "O tree, I have envied thee,
Thy life is so full in seeming;
From this gloomy vale where my heart doth fail,
And the blooms of my life are few and pale,
I have thought thee blest, in my dreaming.

Then whispered the pine, "thine life of mine
Is dreary, is isolated;
For something I miss I've the sunlight's kiss,
And the song of the bird's, but it is not this—
I am lone, I am all unattain'd."

"To the outward sight my life is bright
As the dawn on a rolling river;
I look above, but I yearn for love
To fly to my heart like a gentle dove;
And fold its wings forever."

Then the vine grew glad, a sweet hope had
From its lonely life upstart;
"O lonely pine I will round thee 'twine,
Each blow at thy heart shall strike first through mine—
But the tree and the vine were parted."

And the lofty tree, so it seem'd to me,
Bent down to the gentle twining,
But the river's roar swelled over the shore
Deeper and darker than ever before,
Till the vale with waves was shining.

And the lowly vine in this dream of mine
Crept up to the angry river;
As the waves were hope's dark caves
Scop'd by the sunbeams into yawning graves
To part them, any, and forever.

Said the vine below, "I have blossoms of now,
For these shall they sweetly bloom;
Their odors soft I will send thee off,
By the summer breeze as it floats aloft
To rest thy lonely bosom."

And the pine bent low, "yes, be it so,
For fine fate bids us sever;
I will sing for thee, when each other tree
Hath lost its music, oh, trunk in me,
I will love thee, love forever."

So the tree and the vine in this dream of mine,
On each bank of the rushing river,
Looked on fate as star unto star,
Nor time nor fate their faith could mar—
One true, they were true forever.

A GIANT IN THE TOOLS.—One who ventures abroad in the winter time anywhere, is likely to have some experiences, pleasant enough may be, in the recounting, but far otherwise in the gaining. A western winter however, has its peculiarities; the winds have a wider sweep, and will carry snow farther and drift it higher than amid the sounding woods of Maine or the granite gorges of the East.—In this amusement they b-tray a decided penchant for Railroad tracks, smothering up with a gust or two the deepest of "cuts," and swathing in the whitest of bandages, the wounds that locomotive man has made upon the bosom of the mother of us all.

To see a great engine with its Cyclopaean eye that pierces the dark like the scimitar of Saladin; with its muscles of tempered iron, that can work their way around the wide world and never tire; that can trample out the grandest of lives like a kernel of grain on a threshing floor—to see such a thing trailing a town after it over the prairie, one moment, and the next panting and shrieking before a handful of snow, rushing at it in a cloud of black breath and white, and coming bolt up and stock still, is a lesson in humility worth learning. The man there with his hand on the bridle, may loosen the curb as he will, the steed the Prophets sang of, is as powerless as the dead chargers of Solomon. He flings open the frosted window of his lookout and says nothing; there is nothing to say. The engine is awaiting the shovel; levitation comes after the minnows! And while it waits there, ten chances to one, a keen little puff comes out of the North, and freezes the arteries of the monster as it waits; and there it is, with its soul of fire within its ribs of steel, as potent as a wheelbarrow.

A pitiable sight is it, indeed—an Engine in a drift, or a ditch, or anywhere except exactly on the track, not a rag of a red flag to flutter a challenge, well wooded and watered, and meeting creation on the way.

We saw a Locomotive, the other day, delighting in some such name as "Whirling Thunder," brave with burnished brass and steel like a warrior in armor, dead in a ditch. Like an awkward elephant it had stepped thro' a little toy of a bridge, that it had gone over by night and by day, a thousand times or more, at a stride, and there it lay, the brook babbling unrebuked around it—the brook, that in its palmy days, it could have swallowed at a draught or two, and breathed out in a cloud as white as a fleece after the washing. Its very strength is a burden to its helplessness, and there it lies waiting the lever and the chain and the force of men, and the brook laughs at its calamity.—[B. F. Taylor in Chicago Jour.]

CLINCHING HORSE-SHOE NAILS.—A correspondent of the Farmer's Cabinet relates the following:—"As once I passed through this town, one of my horse's shoes became loose and I went to the shop of a smith named Love-lace, to get it fastened; the shoe was nearly new, and had become loose in consequence of the nails having drawn out of the hoof, although they had been clinched in the manner universally practiced. The smith remarked that all the other shoes were loose, and would soon drop off, when I requested him to take them off and replace them; and then did I perceive the difference made which he adopted for fixing them, which I will here detail. As far as he drove the nails he merely bent the points down to the hoof, without, as is customary, twisting them with the pincers; these he then drove home, clinching them against a heavy pair of pincers, which were not made very sharp; and after this had been carefully done, he twisted off each nail as close as possible to the hoof; the pincers being dull, the nail would hold so as to get a perfect twist round before it separated. These twists were then beaten close to the hoof and filed smooth, but not deep; or with the view to rasp off the twists of the nail. "Oh ho!" said I; "I have learned a lesson in horse shoeing." "Yes," said he, "and a valuable one; if I were ever to lose a single shoe in a long day's hunt, I should have to shut up my shop; my business is to shoe the horses belonging to the hunt, and the loss of a shoe would be the probable ruin of a horse, worth perhaps a thousand pounds; but I never am fearful of such an accident." "Simply because you drive home and clinch the nails before you twist them off," said I. "Yes," re-

plied he, "by which I secure a rivet, as well as a clinch." The thing was as clear as the light of day, and I have several times endeavored to make our shoeing smiths understand it, but they cannot see the advantage it would be to themselves, and guess, therefore, it would never do in these parts; but if my brother farmers cannot see how it works with half an eye, and have not the resolution to get it put into practice, they ought to see the shoes drop from the feet of their horses daily, as I was once accustomed to do. Now, let any one take up an old horse shoe at any of the smith's shops on the road, and examine the clinch of the nails which have drawn out of the hoof, and he will soon perceive how the thing operates. In short, if the nails are driven home before twisting off, and the rivet, formed by the twist, be not afterwards removed by the rasp, I should be glad to be told how the shoe is to come off at all, unless by first cutting out the twist?

MARRIED POLITENESS.

There is much of truth, as well as of that kind of philosophy which comes into every day requisition, helping to strengthen and brighten the ties of social affection, in the following brief article taken from the "Ladies Enterprise":

"Will you?" asked a pleasant voice.

"And the husband answered, 'Yes, my dear, with pleasure.'"

It was quietly, but heartily said; the tone, the manner, the look, were perfectly natural and very affectionate. We thought, how pleasant that courteous reply; how gratifying it must be to the wife. Many husbands of ten years' experience are ready enough with the courtesies of politeness to the young ladies of their acquaintance, while they speak with abruptness to the wife, and do many rude little things without considering them worth an apology. The stranger, whom they may have seen but yesterday, is listened to with deference, and although the subject may not be of the most pleasant nature, with a ready smile, while the poor wife, if she relates a domestic grievance, is snubbed, or listened to with ill-concealed impatience. Oh! how wrong this is—all wrong.

Does she urge some request? "Oh, don't bother me!" cries her gracious lord and master. Does she ask for necessary funds for Susy's shoes or Tommy's hat! "Seems to me you are always wanting money!" is the hand-some retort. Is any little extra demanded by his masculine appetite, it is ordered, not requested. "Look here, I want you to do so and so; just see that it's done;" and off marches Mr. Boor, with a bow and a smile of gentlemanly polish and friendly sweetness for every casual acquaintance he may chance to recognize.

When we meet with such thoughtlessness and coarseness, our thoughts revert to the kind voice and gentle manner of the friend who said, "Yes, my dear, with pleasure." "I beg your pardon," comes as readily to his lips when by any little awkwardness he has disconcerted her, as it would in the presence of the most fashionable stickler for etiquette. This is because he is a thorough gentleman, who thinks his wife in all things entitled to precedence. He loves her best; why should he hesitate to show it, not in sickly, maudlin attentions, but in preferring her pleasure, and honoring her in public as well as in private. He knows her worth, why should he hesitate to attest it? "And her husband he praised her, faith holy writ; not by fulsome adulation, nor by pushing her charms into notice, but by speaking as opportunity occurs, in a manly way, of her virtues. Though words may seem little things, and slight attentions almost valueless, yet, depend upon it, they keep the flame bright, especially if they are natural. The children grow up in a better moral atmosphere, and learn to respect their parents, as they see them respecting each other. Many a boy takes advantage of a mother he loves, because he sees often the rudeness of his father. Insensibly he gathers to his bosom the same habits and the thoughts and feelings they engender, and in his turn becomes the petty tyrant. Only his mother, why should he thank her? Father never does. Thus the home becomes the seat of disorder and unhappiness. Only for strangers are kind words expressed, and hypocrites go out from the hearth-stone fully prepared to render justice, benevolence, and politeness to any one and every one but those who have the justest claims. Ah! give us the kind glance, the happy homestead; the smiling wife and courteous children of the friend who said so pleasantly, 'Yes, my dear, with pleasure.'"

DRAINS, UNDER OR OPEN.—Under drains we consider too costly where land is worth but fifty dollars per acre, and as we can do very well without them we will recommend a much cheaper course. We are decidedly in favor of open drains on all farms with the exception of cart-ways, where something in the form of a bridge is needed—and we will give our reasons.

In the first place, open drains are not half so costly as covered drains. Open drains in any of our bog or peat meadows may be cut three feet wide and three feet deep for twenty-five cents a rod—and so in proportion when the ditch is cut wider or deeper. A ditch in such meadows four or five feet wide, makes an ample fence for cattle of all descriptions. It is, therefore, better where a fence is wanted than a covered drain.

In addition to the first cost of covered drains there is the liability of clogging and choking by which the costly drain is rendered worthless or the owner must be at the cost of opening and repairing. The drains are strongly recommended in some papers, and they may be as good as any under drains. But are we sure that tile drains will be permanent and effectual? We are confident that they also fail in favor of under draining in the saving of land—for under drains take up no room! The farmer has his whole 160 rods for his acre, and not a foot is lost. How important this consideration may appear to the farmer of a single acre, we may not say,—though we may guess. There are locations where open drains would be quite a nuisance—but generally they are not in the way—and farmers can contrive to go by them, or bridge them, where a passage is wanted.

We regret that so much has been written on the importance of under drains compared with open sluices, because many farmers have been led to engage in such expensive operations, supposing that under drains were the only kinds worthy of attention.

Our own experience of many years is in fa-

vor of open drains. They are cheaply made and easily cleared out. When they are partially choked up the place is readily seen, and there is no need of procuring scientific surveys at a high price to find where the defect is in the under-ground pipes.

Extension of Bank Charters.

We have received a copy of the Bill extending the charters of sixty-five of our Banks to October 1, 1867. This act must be accepted at a special meeting of the stockholders held on or before the first day of August next, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast on a stock vote; and if accepted, written notice must be given to the Secretary of State, on or before the first day of September next.

The bill also makes the following general provisions concerning Banks:

From and after October first, cashiers are required to make monthly returns, similar to the semi-annual.

Hereafter no banks are to issue bills to the amount of more than fifty per cent. of its capital stock actually paid in, and exclusive of that owned by the bank; unless such bank shall have in its vaults at the time of such issue, one dollar in specie for every three dollars in bills issued, over and above capital stock; nor shall the circulation of any bank, at any time exceed the capital stock paid in, exclusive of that owned by the bank and the specie in its vaults. But when any bank shall make a special deposit of specie in the Suffolk Bank, Boston, and shall take and retain a certificate of such deposit, such sum, not exceeding three thousand dollars, shall be considered as in its own vault, and any bills actually redeemed by any bank in this State, at any bank in Boston, to be forwarded to the bank which issued them, shall not be deemed to be in circulation after such redemption.

Weekly balances are to be made by cashiers, showing the amount of specie on hand and bills in circulation. Banks over-issuing, are to forfeit to the State ten per cent. on the amount over issued.

The Bank Commissioners are to examine the weekly returns from time to time, and when over-issues as above are discovered, to order payment forthwith. If the order is not complied with, within ten days, legal action is to be taken by a complaint to the Supreme Court.

If upon hearing of the complaint it shall appear, that such Bank has over-issued and not paid the forfeiture, within the time above prescribed, it is to be placed under injunction till the forfeiture and costs shall be paid. And if the order of the Court is not complied with, within such time as it shall fix, the injunction shall be made perpetual, and receivers appointed to close up the business.

Every Bank must keep on hand in its own vault, at least five per cent. of its capital stock in specie.

Banks must destroy their bills in the presence of a disinterested Justice of the Peace, and are to make a record of the number and denomination of the bills destroyed, and to make oath of the truth of the same before the Justice, to be certified by him on the record, with the fact that he witnessed their destruction. Any Directors, violating this provision, are severally to forfeit the sum of five hundred dollars to the use of the State.

WEBSTER'S OPINION OF BYRON.—The following is Webster's opinion of Byron as we find it expressed in one of the letters in his "Correspondence":

"I have read Tom Moore's first volume of Byron's life. Whatever human imagination shall hereafter picture of a human being, I shall believe it all within the bounds of credibility. Byron's case shows that fact sometimes runs by all fancy, as a steamboat passes a scow at anchor. I have tried hard to find something in him to like besides his genius and his wit; but there was no other likeable quality about him. He was an incarnation of demonism. He is the only man in English history for a hundred years that has boasted of infidelity and of every practical vice, not included in what may be termed, what his biographer does term meanness. Lord Bolingbroke, in his most extravagant youthful sallies, and the wicked Lord Littleton, were saints to him. All Moore can say is, that each of his vices has some virtue or some prudence near it. Well, if that were not so in all, who could escape hanging? The biographer, indeed, says his moral conduct must not be judged off by the ordinary standard! And this is true, if a favorable decision is looked for. Many excellent reasons are given for his being a bad husband, the sum of which is that he was a very bad man. I confess I was very much rejoiced then, and am rejoiced now, that he was driven out of England by public scorn; because his vices were not in his passions, but in his principles. He denied all religion and all virtue from the house-top. Dr. Johnson says there is merit in maintaining good principles, though the preacher is seduced into violation of them. This is true. Good theory, is something. But a theory of living, and dying too, made up of the elements of hatred of religion, contempt of morals, and defiance of the opinion of all the decent part of the public—when before has a man of letters avowed it? If Milton were alive to recast certain prominent characters in his great epic he could embellish them with new traits without violating probability."

THE DEVIL FLOORED BY THE POPE IN THE BODY OF A YANKEE MEDIUM.—A letter from Florence, Italy, dated Dec. 23d, says:—"Most people who have heard of table-rapping mediums, 'Dan Hume,' whose phenomena set all Boston, London and Florence agast with ghostly fear; but few, perhaps, have heard of his final 'success.' While here he met with a Polish Count of immense wealth, who took him into his family, carried him to Rome, converted him to the Roman Catholic faith, put him into the Jesuits' College, where, his phenomena being pronounced 'the works of the devil,' he was formally exorcised by the powers of the church, according to the prescribed forms, which are sufficient of themselves to drive a sane man mad. The Pope then blessed him, and gave him a silver medal, on one side of which is the image of the Immaculate Virgin; and on the other Beelzebub making tracks 'in a devil of a hurry.' With this talisman upon him, Hume's spirits no more come and go as he pleases; but he has a snug berth in a noble family, an ample stipend, and indefinite prospects of further pecuniary and social satisfaction, provided he continues to keep in the

good graces of his new patrons, and eschews 'raps, trances, and unknown tongues.'"

John P. Addams, or Yankee Addams, (so called, because of his unrivalled personations of Yankee character) while playing in a piece deemed obnoxious, offended the audience, who unanimously hissed. The eccentric comedian stepped to the footlights and thus addressed the audience:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have spoken nothing but the text of the play—and as an actor I am bound to speak what the author sets down for me. Are your hisses intended to reprove me for speaking the language written, or are your hisses intended to condemn the author?"

"Cries issued from all parts of the house—the author—the author—the author!"

"The author!" we don't hiss you, we hiss the author!"

"Go on, Addams!" "Go ahead, old fellow!"

Quiet was restored and the play was about to proceed; when an inquisitive old gentleman cried out, "Who is the author?"

With a coolness seldom equalled, the comedian replied—"John P. Addams."

The audience for a moment were dumfounded, but a hearty laugh ensued, and turned the tide in favor of Addams.

COURT AND CONSTITUTION.—Judge TANEY requests the American people to believe that the framers of the Constitution did not know their own minds. For the same Statesman who drew up the Constitution, (which he says forbids Congress to prohibit Slavery in the Territories,) adopted the Ordinance of '87, which prohibited it in all the Territories we then had. The Ordinance was passed in July, 1787—the Constitution was framed in September of the same year. The same States, and the same men ratified both. And one of the first acts of the first Congress under the Constitution was to reaffirm the Ordinance, and to again prohibit Slavery! Which are the best interpreters of the Constitution, the opinions of Mr. Chief Justice Taney, or the ACTS OF JEFFERSON, MADISON, HAMILTON, MUNROE, ADAMS, AND WASHINGTON? They created the Constitution, and the Constitution created Chief Justice Taney—the play which now affects to despise the skill of the Potter.

PARSON BROWLOW AND HIS JONESBORO' CUSTOMERS.—The last Knoxville Whig contains a characteristic and pathetic appeal from its editor to his former customers at Jonesboro', where the Whig was originally published. He offers to take bills on the Bank of East Tennessee, which are worth twenty cents to the dollar, in full payment and adds:

"Persons wishing to square up with us can now do so. If, however, they wish to get off at a cheaper rate, they can withhold even these bills, and we promise during the coming year to receipt them in full through the paper, for ever, and file our claims against them in the High Chancery of Heaven, and let them settle with their God in the world to come."

And to leave all without excuse, we further agree to take Shanghai chickens, hoop skirts, boot-jacks, broom corn, baby-jumpers, fishing tackle, patent medicines, sucking pigs, frozen cabbage, old clothes, Colt's revolvers, second-hand tooth-brushes, ginger-cakes, parched corn, circus tickets, or any other article found in a country retail store.

SQUATTER SOVEREIGNTY.—At the recent session of the bogus Legislature of Kansas an act was passed providing for a convention to frame a State Constitution. This act was vetoed by Gov. Geary—on the ground that it makes no provision for submitting the Constitution to the people for acceptance. Yet notwithstanding this veto, the act was passed by a unanimous vote.

This shows the practical working of the much vaunted "popular sovereignty."—The bogus Legislature of Kansas dare not pass a law, submitting the question of the acceptance of a State Constitution to the people—notwithstanding all their hue and cry about framing their institutions in accordance with the views of bona fide settlers. Such a proceeding as this is unparalleled in the history of our government—and is in direct conflict not only with its whole theory and practice, but also with the high swelling pretensions of the advocates of squatter sovereignty. It reveals the real nature of the pro-slavery plotters, and the hollowness of the worshippers of that modern "Diana of Ephesus," squatter sovereignty.—[State of Maine.]

CONGRESSIONAL MANNERS.—On Saturday morning a gentleman and his wife took seats together in the Northern cars at Washington, but the gentleman was obliged to leave for a moment to look after his baggage.—On his return, he found the Hon. Albert Rusk of Arkansas sitting in his seat, to whom he explained that it was his seat, and his wife who occupied the place beside him. Mr. Rusk refused to leave. The gentleman persisted urgently in claiming his seat, when the Hon. Member rose, and drew his bowie knife. A fight seemed inevitable, but the general feeling manifested itself so strongly against Rusk that he put up his knife and agreed to leave the seat, it permitted to retire with the honors of war. The lady was so frightened that she was barely saved from fainting. Rust left the cars at the Relay House, and went West.

JUSTICE TANEY'S LOGIC.—(To the editor of the N. Y. Courier and Enquirer.)

The Missouri Compromise is unconstitutional, because it was a compromise; ergo the Constitution of the United States was a compromise; ergo, a compromise is unconstitutional, because it recognizes mutual relations and dependencies; ergo, mutual relations and dependencies are unconstitutional, because they recognize a Republic; ergo, a Republic is unconstitutional, because it recognizes the unconstitutionality of arbitrary power.

Lieut Maury has published a partial report of the statistics of the great January snow storm.

The storm moved in the teeth of the wind, from North Carolina to Maine, in about 26 hours. Lieut. Maury suggests that if a proper system of weather reports were sustained by the government, New York might have had from 18 to 20 hours notice of the approach of this storm, and much damage to outgoing shipping might thus have been avoided.

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USING CORN FOR FUEL.—A farmer in Illinois, on the Grand Prairie, where wood is not to be had and where coal is worth thirty cents a bushel, and corn the same, got out of fuel while the roads were so bad that he could not haul coal, and in the emergency of the case tried burning corn in the ear in his stove in place of coal, and found that it not only succeeded but that it was actually cheaper to burn corn than coal, and that it not only makes a hot fire but a cleaner one than coal.

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