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It is said "When rogues fall out, honest men get their dues," and the old adage seems about to find additional verification in American History. The dead cannot be harmed or benefited by what is said of them, but the living may have a sad satisfaction in justice, even though too late to save life.

The unexpected assault of Beast Butler upon Bingham, of Ohio, in the House of Representatives, wherein he declared that Mary E. Surratt was innocent of the crime for which she was executed, and that Bingham knew it, took the world by surprise, although the assertion did not astonish any person who is at all conversant with current history.

That Mrs. Surratt was foully murdered to subserve political ends, no one who is at all sincere now denies—but that Butler should be the one to bring the accusation against a political colleague to whom he is bound by the cohesive power of public plunder, was scarcely to have been expected.

The revelations made by the Beast show up somewhat of the secret history of the case, but do not yet reveal who was aiding and abetting John Wilkes Booth in the killing of the "*late lamented*," or who, perhaps, was the instigator of the crime.

Butler's assertions in regard to Booth's diary remain undisputed—for Bingham's assertion that *he* knew nothing of it, that *he* did not cut out the missing leaves, only amounts to a denial that he was *particeps criminis*, that he was not party to the suppression of the evidence—the only evidence, it may be, which could throw a gleam of light upon the real facts of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Taking a political view of this quarrel, a very pretty one as it stands, it affords pleasure to every true lover of his country, as proving that, cover up their petty dissensions as they may, the discordent elements of which the present party in power is composed will eventually cause its downfall.

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