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To the Patrons of the "Bedford Gazette,"

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A certain sprite that dwells below— 'Twere wrong, perhaps, to mention where;

Each New Year's morn he makes his bow— Though sprite he be, he's not unwill;

But if with smiles you pass him by, And do not pay the usual quarter;

Now here he is, he's brought you news Just fifty-two times in the year—

One year ago I passed the doors, And all was joy and life within;

Now widowed mothers through the land Are mourning sons and husbands slain;

And mounds mourn their lovers lost, Who sleep on many a Southern plain;

And far away, in Northern forts, The pines groan beneath his chain;

Above them floats the starry flag, Our fathers bore on many a field;

Then freedom mildly ruled our land, And tyrants—only cross the sea—

And hurl each despot from his throne, Though fenced with bayonets of steel;

Show him 'Thy might, as 'Thou hast shown Thy love for Christian martyrs' zeal—

"Awake, ye hills!" a voice rings out, And freemen rise on every plain—

Give us the days our fathers knew— These days of peace, when Hope divine

Her halo 'round our country threw, And bade her sons their strength combine.

Give us the days when gold again Shall take the place of worthless paper—

Give us the hope, to freemen dear, That when the grip of war relaxes,

Our land shall be of Bastilles clear, And we released from odious taxes.

Call back the dead!—the honest dead, That now repose in peaceful slumber!

While high and low, each trust is filled, With men unfit for public station;

Yes, far and wide Corruption's friends, Are honored, oft, with great orations,

The negro lover whines his plea, While Sambo grins his approbation;

All this I've sung, one year has brought, One year, alas! of grief and gloom—

When North and South again shall join; And white-winged Peace her pinions spread

Over tropic vale and northern hill, And every bitter feud be dead.

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The Schoolmaster Abroad.

Are Schools Better than they Were?

Much discussion has been had on the question whether the Common School is really benefited by the means which have been so freely used for its improvement.

Now, there was much, very much, in the old schools which no modern improvement has made better or can make better.

They are better in that they recognize the humanity of the pupil, and assert in all their plans the essential fact that the more nearly the teacher gets to the child,

They are better in that they do not oppress the memory with a host of words which have no connection in the pupil's mind

They are better in that the very rudiments of knowledge are made a constant feast instead of a hated drudgery

And yet once more, they are better in that they have done much to introduce better systems of government, and have substituted the means which keep the family

must go on with equal step. And if a 'To

Denm' or an 'O Jubilate' were to be celebrated by all nations and languages, for any one advance and conquest over wrong

Morals and Manners in our Schools. From the observation and experience of my whole life and especially from diligent inquiry among the most intelligent men

I have invariably directed all the rhetoric that I possess against these vices; but the difficulty of eradicating evil habits is very great, and can only be accomplished

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liberty to hundreds of Northern prisoners. We trust the tale may be true; but we blush at the thought of commending an American administration for undoing, so far as it can, the work which no American administration ought ever to have done.

We shall not dwell on the specific enormity of specific cases which stand out from the dark record of the American Bastille with peculiar and dramatic power to startle the consciences and to move the sensibilities of mankind.

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circumstances under which the bill was passed, they conclude as follows: The protest against the refusal of the House to permit the consideration and discussion of the bill as an arbitrary exercise of power by the majority, unjust to their constituents, and derogatory to its character as a legislative body.

First. Because it purports to deprive the citizens of all existing peaceful legal modes of redress for admitted wrong, and thus compels him tamely to submit to the injury inflicted, or to seek illegal and forcible remedies.

Second. Because it purports to indemnify the President and all acting under his authority for acts admitted to be wrongful, at the expense of the citizen against whom the wrongful acts have been perpetrated in violation of the plainest principle of justice and the just precepts of constitutional law.

Third. Because it purports to confirm and make valid by act of Congress arrests and imprisonments, which were not only not warranted by the Constitution of the United States, but were in palpable violation of its express prohibitions.

Fourth. Because it purports to authorize the President, during this rebellion, at any time to arrest any person, and anywhere throughout the limits of the United States to suspend the privileges of the writ of habeas corpus; whereas, by the Constitution the power to suspend the privileges of that writ is confined to the discretion of Congress alone, and is limited to the places threatened by the dangers of invasion or insurrection.

Fifth. Because, for these and other reasons, it is unjust and unjust: an invasion of private rights; an encouragement to violence, and a precedent fall of hope to all who would usurp despotic power and perpetrate it by the arbitrary arrest and imprisonment of all who oppose them.

Sixth. And finally, because in both its sections it is a deliberate, palpable and dangerous violation of the Constitution, according to the plain sense and intention of that instrument, and is, therefore, utterly null and void.

Letter from Major Jack Downing. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1862. To the Editors of the Caucasian: Sus—Wal, ef I ain't been bizzy since I writ you last, I wouldn't say so.

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long, there warn't a mortal man, high or low, that could have got him to do it. He would have died afore he would do it. His conscience told him warn't right, and his them kind of men that are great men, an will save our country, ef it ever is saved."