NEWSPAPORIAL ARTFUL DODGING.

A Heavy Journalistic Swindle Dissovered in the Editorial Department of the N. Y. "Herald"-How a Theatrical "Supe" Became an Editor-Special "Herald" News Furnished Privately to the Western Press-An Ex-Correspondent Said to Have Cleared Over \$4000 Per Annum Over His Salary -Discovery of the Plot and Grand Explosion of the Game on Saturday-Five "ditors Discharged.

There has been a rumor prevailing for some time past, in journalistic circles, to the effect that the fires of a volcano were su ouldering beneath a majority of the editorial cuairs in the

Heraid office.
From the fact that these rumors never took a dennite shape in type, but were invariably whispered from one to another in the mingled assemblage of journalists and Bohemians, as they quaffed their midnight "toby" in intellectual conclave, as they gallered each night, after the theatres were on it is was appropriately the theatres were cut, it was suspected by most of the profession that the suspicions of the pretended and wing ones were prompted mainly by jealousy of a certain class of journalists, whose advent, and consequent absorption of a whose advent, and consequent absorption of a majority of the positions of honor, trust, and emolument in the metropolis, created, some time back, feelings of the most bitter hatred and rivalry between the two classes of newspaper men which were thereupon formed in New York.

On Saturday last, however, the truth of these rumors was made apparent by an astounding explosion among the Herald editors and a general cleaning out of the obnoxious classes of the ral cleaning out of the obnoxious classes of the editorial rooms. Five of these individuals were

AN EXPOSE. But although almost every journalist of the great city was aware on Saturday of the reservement of the obnoxious faction which has been during the past two years growing in power, until it finally bld fair to entirely control not only the Herald but every other paper of New York, yet there are but few who have the least insight into the causes that have led to Saturday's overturning on the corner of Fulton and Nassau streets. The a posteriori deductions made from the known results, and the conclusions similarly derived on Saturday night by the critic and Bohemian ale-house coterie, are as wild and as far from the exact truth as the celebrated argument of the savans

decapitated on the spot by Mr. Bennett pere.

in regard to the color of the chameleon.

But a matter which has formed for weeks past such an absorbing topic for discussion and compecture among newspaper men cannot rail to prove deeply interesting to the public as an item of news; so, with our usual enterprise, we undertake to lay be ore the public, as well as the befogged journalists and Bohemians, an second exactly and truly detailing the diffi-culty from its first cause to its disgraceful end.

DURING THE WAR, as everybody knows. Mr. Bennett engaged a lange number of correspondents, one of whem accompanied each army corps in the national service. The armies of the East, West, and extreme South had separate organizations of correspondents, with a recognized chief at beadquarters of each samy. With Resecrans on his advance from Nashville to Chattanooga, the usual number of "specials" was sent, all bailing from the East, with the exception of one, a fellow who had foisted himself on the amiable managing editor, Mr. Hudson, as a bright light of the Western press, and who was installed as what was known as "Headquarters man"—that is, he travelled and messed with Rosecrans and staff, and kept the correspondents posted as to the designs of the generals in moving their corps by certain routes or in a certain manner. It was, in short, the duty of the Headquarters man to attend to the grand ensemble of the strategic movements of an army as seen from the eminence of headquarters, while the correspondents with the several corps gave the details of disconnected operations pointing to the grand

aim of the compaign.

This individual had at this time just graduated from the 'utility" force of a Western theatre to the position of hanger on and small toady to reportorial "riog" in Cincinnati.

But what he lacked in ability he made up in impudence; so combing his hair behind his ears, affecting spectacles and the air of a student, he managed to "rush" hunselt to the chief place among correspondents in the Western army, where he was cordially hated and descised. His first grand operation was after the battle of Chickamauga, when he managed to get the "copy" of every Heraid correspondent into his possession, and then ran away with it to New York, where he rewrote it as his own, and by spinning out the ideas succeeded in making a full and respectable account of the battle. This and a series of similar "sharp" operations gained him a name, and at the end of the war he was installed in an editorial chair. So impudence always thrives, where bashful merit remains in the background to be preyed on.

THE NEW "RING."

Now, whatever may be the hatred entertained for Mr. Bennett by his enemies, none who have the opportunity of knowing will deny that he is very liberal towards his employes. So the Western aspirant found in his position of correspondent abundant opportunity for making money in sums of a bulk which he had probably never before handled. Made an editor, however, he was confined to the limits of a salary, with no chance for perquisites, and no genera's to puff "for money." But bent on his own elevation and profit, he began by artiul means to manage his little game.
First of all, he undertook, it is said, the crea-

tion of a new ring, by assembling about him men whom he could trust, and procuring the dismissal of all whose honesty he feared. To fill the vacancies thus created, he had Western men imported. First came his brother, who was placed in a responsible chair; then his brother in-law, who was made "paste" or "scissors" editor; and several others, among whom was one who assumed the duties of city editor, but who could not actually find his own way through the city, and did not know either its customs or requirements, and was unable to distinguish Madison Square from the Five Points.

This "ring," which had now almost exclusive control of the editorial department, went to work to put their little plan in operation.

THE GAME IN OPERATION. In a short time this select clique of journalists had the greater portion of the special news of the Heraid passing through their hands. The "supe" had in his department the special despatches from the correspondents in the West Indies and South America, and the principal points in these and other despatches falling into he hands of this delectable clique were teleraphed to the Western papers and appeared multaneously with the Herald issue, the contraturs being paid roundly, of course, for their such of trust. This went on for some time, was not discovered, from the admirable manin which the members of the "ring" played me into the hands of the other. The "scissors" of the establishment being in the 'ring," took; special pains to so mutilate the files of the Weste, in papers that the simultaneous publication o. 'tke special despatches East and West could not be observed. Successful thus far, the "rine" u udertook to extend its business; and in order . 'but they might add Washington news to their perwer', they caused the removal of the Washington a correspondent, and the substitution of one of their own kind.

The addition of the emolument from this source they emjoyed for but one week, however, for on Thursd'ny and Friday last their operations became by some means known at headquarters, and on Saturday there was a terrific explosion Weste, in papers that the simultaneous publica-

and on Saturday there was a terrific explosion that overturned all their plans, and left them in a sorry plight. Five editors received notice on Saturday that their services would no longer be required, and thus ends the great Western "ring" shat was to absorb all the newspapers of the city, and "run out" all New York journal-

Relieved from this vampyre incubus, it is probable that the Herald will resume its former

It is understood that Mr. Bennett does not propose to take any legal action in the matter, although, as a conservator of the purity of the

profession of journalism, or at least of the re-spectability of its members, it would seem his duty to prosecute each of these accused carties on the charges of having embezzled from him the legitimate profits and credit accruing from his enterprise and liberality.—Brooklyn Union,

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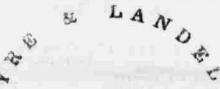
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