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 THURSDAY, FEBRUABY 25, 1869. What
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marriage marriage in any State must be one of the
deepet inturest, for it is well observed that it
Hesa the the very fonndation of both the pollt lies at the very fonndation of both the politi-
oal superstructure and the sound morality of oal auperstrnot
the community
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sition of
andinat th sition of a lav which is so strict as to lo lean
agalinat the valldity of a marriage is on to do endaring harm. We oannot but esteem
it as a mark of the greater wisdomof the preseat day that the barriers which were thrown
around the ceremony have been gradually dibpensed with, and the form given place to
the intention of the partises. The wide diffor-
ence created by the existing laws from those
which were in force in Great Britaiia, for ex-
 left his repated wife $\$ 3000$. While he was
living with Catharine Erans he aoknowledged her as his wite in the presenoe of a number of
persons, and endorsed on the back of a false
marriage oertificate, in his own hand writing, that it was a certifioate of his marriage. The
foot that he had ooncealed if, that the wifo
Fas so munh his inferior in rank, and that he
frequenty lived away from her for days at a
 reversed all the previons proceedings, and held
that the evidence was suficient to make the
matriage legal. The estate, therefore, goes to Mrs. D'Amarelli and her son.
In this deoision there is muoh to be note as beoing olearly inditative of the law in Ponn-
sylvania. The learned Jodge, in delivering
the opinion, stated that the law should leann towards the legality of a marriage contract,
and if there was a doubt, the fact of cohatitsLion and the statements of the husband
should bind his estate. Jastly, it should
be that the injured party should have the fall be that one ningurea party whould have mastery whiok was oased by
beneft on and
the other party. It follows, from the aature of the marital relation, thast a great deal of
the deoision of the mode of life rests with the
husband. It is for him to determin husband. It is for him to determine how the
shall live, whether they board, and all the othe minutio. Now, if by simply denying a mar-
riage, or even by not mantioning it and kep-
ing his wife in an out-t-the-
howay boardiag-
house, oan vitiate a contract, such as a
marriage, then a blow is struck at all goo
 there need be ne marriage coremony of any
kind to constitute a man and wife. It is the Intention of the parties that is looked to in
this, as in every other case of ontract. This Intention must of course be shown by some
open and notorions declarations. It the parties merely live together, it does not follow that
there is any intention of marriage. Bat if the
man introduces the woman as his wife, and man introduces the woman as his wife, and
does so to his friends, without any denial, then
they oan be considered as much married as they oan be considered as mach nanrridi as
though they had ben married by any bishop
after the pablication of banns. This inuova Lion on the old law is mode, without doubt, in
promotion of the oanse of sound morals, and dis the law of Penngylvania. The case of D'Amarellit
show that it is is mat mere ifotion of the law, bat
shes a living trath, and strikes a blow at that per-
fidy whioh wonld lead a rout to deoeve and
Injure an innocent person. It is but another instanee of the cabes which are on record of
gentlemen flattering themselves that they are
poseesed of a shrewdeess superior to the ordinary raoe of men, when in reality they are
being oanght in their own trap. The deeision of the oase made by the Snpreme Conrt will
do muoh towards securing justice in future
easee. Honors to Jobn C. Breckinridge.
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recenty weloomed John C. Breekinridge, on
his retarn from exile, at a grand dinner his return
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spy and traitor in that arena; he had then armles in deadly array against the Union of seoeesion to the last, flieeing finally like thitef in the night from his native land. to the gratitude of traitors and sympathizer



 With all the subjects of the Crown. Another
contest in behalif of freedom of onnoienoe has
just been inangurated in the Honse of Com. mons, in which Mr. Coleridge, the Solioitor-
General of the new Government, yesterday in the Univeraties. Prom time immemorial
it has ben required of every aspirant for
University honors that he should solemnly
profess, under oath, his belief in "the Father, all his evangelioal competitora in the race for Cambridge, the highest honor within the gift
of that time-honored and exoeedingly ortho-
dox institution of learning. As a matter of
 assuming the grave responsibility of doing
away altogether with the doctrinal testa whioh Only forty years have elapsed since a Catho-
Hio was ifts permitted to take the seat in Par-
liament to which he had been eleoted by the people. The Test act was repealed in 182s, and
in 1829 the Catholio Easunopation aot passed,
againt a grand "No Popory" cry on the part
of orthodox Engillahmen. But oven then a
member of Parliament was still required to take the oath of oflice "on the faith of a
Christian," and by this requirement no
Israilite was anfered to orawl tato the evan-
gelical House of Commons. In 1847, Baron Lionel de Rothschild was returned as one of
the members for the City of London, and
although enceessively reilected he was not permitted to take his seat until 1858, when
Parliament deereed that each honse should
be at liberty to di


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fesees to be both civilizized and Cbrititian.



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