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 to strike as many hard blows as ho ona at the
administation. Wo have han nothing tike this passage of arms since the days when
Douglas and Duchanan joined issun on the
L.ecompton question, but in that memorable contest we opine that the Senatorial oham-
pion was a much more vigorous oombatant,
and armed with a far better canse than the and armed with a far better canse than the
Sonatorini l ladiatior in the prosent torrany,
whilie Grant is in many respeots a much stronger President than Buobanan.
The praotionl fffeot of tee quarreil will probably be to make Sumner the central figure
or leader of the Republican or semi-Repub. lican opposition topnblican or sernt, which has has gradi-
ally been developed, by varions incidents and from varions causes, in the Senate and in
the country. Men who on ont care a button
for the San Domingo business, but who hive
private grievances of various descriptions to avenge, will seek the Sumner camp, and nnite with his horde of motley forces. But dissen
sions of this kind are nearly inevitable, and
it is perhapp a piece of good fortuae for the


 Seoted by the American people. In the
Senate. he hatually spurns party obliga-
tions whenever his own bad judgment hap. his associates. As Chairman of tha Com Com
mittee on Foreigu Relations his want or
common sense has been ans trouble nad annoyance. His speech on the
Alabana claims was probably the mos
ridioulons neess of nonsease that was ever
uttered by any man holding thigh
 upon the ang columisition of of oxtravagant eutoge ang Alaska, his
present hostility to upon the acquisition of nseless Alnska, h h
preseat hostility to the acquisition of San
Domingo-whose tertitory may prove of im goconnt of its geographical position, its value
as a nanal station, and the capacity
of its soil to produce unlimited quan
tities of coffee and sugar-is ludi of its soil to produce unlimited quan
tities of ooffee and sugar-is ludi
croanty inconsistent, and it proves wha
the eountry should have known long ago, tha Sumner is totally nuve known long ago, that
vorthy eithor as a partisan leader ontrustworthy either as a partisan loader or as a
stateman. The main pretext of his opposition to the Presidential poliey, viz., that injustice
may be done in some nnexplained way to the warring fnotions of Hayti, is in it itself sapromely abburd, and his whole speech of yesterdiay
proved conolusively that he is infleenced by narrow prejudice or passion, rather than by reason or patriotism. Whatever may be the 4hortoomings, faults, or demerits of the Pre
vident, he oertainly does not doserve the vident, he oertainly does not doserve the
base that has beon lavishod upon him for his San Domingo experiment; and if we are to buy an inch of new soil from any foreign quarter, this apeoulation promises to be more
profitibile than any of those whioh Sumner profiat
nas fav
 to consider the mattor made a repport. The committee atated that the main objoect was to
avoid the aystem of avoid the aystem of mechanioal oramming,
and in a review of the distribution of stadies in the different school departments the de-
fects of the system according, to the ideas of the committee, were pointed ont. There is
no doubt whatever that in all our public no doubt whatever that in all our public
sehools there is at present entirely too much mere cramning and too little real stady The teachers instaed of giving iastraction merely hear reeitations, and the minds of the chill-
dren are overtasked in aequiring an 11 . - igentod dren aro overtasked in acq quiring an ill. -igestod of whioh they have no idea whiatever. The teachera are not altogother to Wlame for this, because under the present system they are of
ascossity obliged to hear recitations in the manner they do, or they could not get
through with the daily rontine laid out for thom, or make the kind of reports npon the Not the of teast of the evils, thereforequired. cramming gyaton is that it haserefore, of the toney to
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