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Poetry.

IF WE KNEW.

BY RUTH BENTON.

If we knew the cares and crosses
Crowding round our neighbor's way,
If we knew the little losses,

If we knew the silent story,
Quivering thro' the heart of pain,
Would our womanhood dare doom them

Let us reach into our bosoms
For the key to other lives,
And with love towards erring nature,

SPEECH OF DANIEL WEBSTER,
In the United States Senate, August 12, 1848,
on the Question of Organizing the Territory
of Oregon subject to the Ordinance of 1787,

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Now, I propose to state as briefly as I can
the grounds upon which I proceed, historical
and constitutional, and will endeavor to use

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When I first came here, it was a matter of
frequent reproach to England, the mother
country, that slavery had been entailed upon

was destined to be formed into States; and
it was then determined that no slavery should
exist in this territory. I gather now, as a

There is another principle, equally clear, by
which I mean to abide, and that is, that in the
Convention, and in the first Congress, when ap-

I have now stated, as I understand it, the
condition of things upon the adoption of the
Constitution of the United States. What has

Mr. Berrien, (in his seat.) Yes, Iowa.
Iowa is not yet in the Union. Her Senators
are not here. When she comes in, there will

Mr. President, what is the result of this?—
We stand here now, at least I do, for one, to
say that, considering there have been already

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mon, and universal understanding of mankind
is esteemed property. Not at all. The truth
is just this. They have, in their own States,

The Southern States have peculiar laws, and
by those laws there is property in slaves. This
is pure local. The real meaning, then, of

Well, sir, what is now the demand on the
part of our Southern friends? They say, "We
will carry our local laws with us wherever we

Now our friends seem to think that an in-
equality arises from restraining them from go-
ing into the Territories, unless there be a law

But sir, let us look further into this alleged
inequality. There is no pretence that
Southern people may not go into territory

The question now is, whether it is not com-
petent to Congress, in the exercise of a fair
and just discretion, considering that there have

only one free State, to prevent their further
increase. That is the question. I see no in-
justice in it. As to the power of Congress, I

I have said that I shall consent to no ex-
tension of the area of slavery upon this con-
tinent, nor to any increase of slave representa-

Let me conclude, therefore, by remarking,
that, while I am willing to present this as
showing my own judgment and position in re-

And then, looking to the operation of these
new acquisitions, which have in this great de-
gree had the effect of strengthening that in-

From the N. Y. Tribune.

"Did the militia stand fire?" asked George
Washington of the messenger who brought him
the first tidings of the fight on Bunker Hill.

Let us, then, be grateful that, for the first
time in our history, a Democratic National
Convention has looked the Slavery Propaganda

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Whereas. That one of the greatest necessities
of the age, in a political, commercial, postal,
and military point of view, is a speedy com-

Resolved, That the National Democratic party
do hereby pledge themselves to use every means
in their power to secure the passage of some

Under ordinary circumstances this platform
would have been swallowed by the select offi-
cers and office-seekers in Democratic Na-

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, June 22, 1859

"MY DEAR SIR: I have received your letter in-
quiring whether my friends are at liberty to pre-
sent my name to the Charleston Convention for the

"To J. B. DORR, Esq., Dubuque, Iowa."
Now, there can be no need of arguing that
this letter is incompatible with the acceptance

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be received with satisfaction if not with grati-
tude. But when the South called for a divi-
sion, and proceeded either to vote by States

The subsequent proceedings of the Conven-
tion—the concerted blot of eight or nine South-
ern delegations because of the refusal of the

CALEB.

Inasmuch as the Hebrew language is not con-
sidered essential to a fashionable education, our
readers will not feel offended if we presume that

The origin of the patronymic of the perma-
nent President of the Democratic Convention is
also remarkable. Custer was that son of Ham

The occultation of the planet Venus, which
attracted so much attention on Tuesday even-
ing the 24th ult., will be followed shortly by

About midnight of Thursday, April 26th,
Jupiter was eclipsed in the northern part of
New Hampshire and Maine, and some of the

IMPORTANT CHANGE.—The Iron City Col-
lege has removed to the splendid halls in the
new College Building, corner of Penn and St.

It is not the produce of study; it comes al-
most as unexpectedly on the speaker as on the

"I am not fond of oatnip," as the little girl
said, when pussy bit off a piece of her nose.