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mond Enquirer frankly admits that there is, or has been a large party at the South willing to return to

been proposed generous terms by Lincoln and Sew? ard. This is the first time that any Richmond journal has admitted that reconstruction was possible The Mobile Register and Advertiser says the people at that end of the Confederacy are willing not only to come back, but consent to a gradual aboli-

sene lamps, are in the habit when going to bed or when leaving a room for a short time, of turning the wick down low in order to save the consumption of oil. The consequence is that the air of the room soon becomes vitiated by the unconsumed oil vapors, by the gas produced by the combustion, and also by the minute particles of smoke and soot which are thrown off. Air thus poisoned is deadly in its effects, and the wonder is that more persons are not immediately and fatally injured by breathing it. Irritation and inflammation of the throat and lungs, headache, dizziness and nausea are among its effects -Boston Journal.

to bring its compensations at last. A gentlema recently from the valley of the Mississippi, says that at St. Louis, in a building formerly occupied as a slave pen, he saw large numbers of rebel prisoners over whom colored soldiers were standing guard. They went to war to rivet closer the chains of the black man ; to-day the black man is master of the position. Says a correspondent :-- "Campbell's slave pen is now a rebel prison. 'Get in dar yerself,' said a colored woman, as she saw the rebel

CHINESE PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE .- When a gentleman feels desirous of taking unto himself a wife he sends to the paternal head of some family containing daughters, for specimens of the sizes of their cet, with the prices attached. One foot is valued, at perhaps two thousand dollars, the next smallest at five thousand, and so forth, according to the market. After the foot (or the lady to whom it belongs) is chosen, she is sent in a sedan chair to the intended husband's house; he meets her at the door, looks into the vehicle to take a view of the fair one ; and if she suits his taste, he admits her. As soon as she passes his threshold she becomes his lawful wife ; but if he likes not the lady, he shuts the door, and she is carried whither she came.

curious mysteries of the air. A word spoken in the focus of our ellipse can be heard in the focus of an principle was oddly illustrated in the great church of Agrigentum, in Sicily. The architect, very probably intentionally, built several confessionals of an elliptical form, with corresponding opposite ellipses, in which, whoever stood, heard all the secrets whispered to the priest. A horrible amount of scandal immediately sprang up in the city ; nobody's sins were safe from getting into unaccountable publicity. The church soon became such a temple of truth that nothing was left to be hid in it. At last, by chance, a discovery was made of the tale-telling tones, and the walls had their ears stopped.

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