nal intimacy. During the winter of 1860-61 he attended a meeting of the leading men of both parties in the city of New York, to consider what measures were necessary and practicable to avert an armed collision between slave states. To the north he urged reconaround him the fearful and disastrous consequences of a civil war, whatever might prove its ultimate result. To the south he urged a deference to the will of the majority and a respect for the provisions of the federal constitution, within which they would be sure of adequate protection for themselves that outside of the constitution they would expect protection for neither

When the war did come Mr. Tilden asadviser of Mr. Dean Richmond, then at the head of the democratic party of New York, and who was accustomed on all important questions to visit Mr. Tilden in his retire ment and seek his counsel.

At a meeting held at the house of General Dix, just after the first call of President present and participated in the discussions which took place. He then and there expressed the opinion that they were on the eve of a great war, and maintained that inst ad of 75,000 troups Mr. Lincoln should lamediate service and the other half to be put in camps of instruction and trained for impending exigencies. Unhappily that gen. eration had seen so little of war and had rapidity with which the war spirit, once was not competent to appreciate the wisdom bably have prevented the necessity of any further increase of military force.

To Secretary Chase and his friends Mr. Tilden insisted that the war ought to be carried on under a system of sound finance, which he did not doubt the people would cheerfully sustain if the government would conduct. He said to the secretary of war :

You have no right to expect a great military genius to come to your assistance. They only appear once in two or three centuries. You will probably have to depend upon the average military talent of the country. Under such circumstances your only course is to avail yourself of your numerical strength and your superior military resources resulting from your greater progress in industrial arts and your greater producing capacities. You must have reserves and concentrate your forces on decisive points, and overwhelm your adversaries by dispro-portionate number and reserves

His advice was not taken, but he had the satisfaction, within a year after it was given, of hearing the secretary of war acknowlsecure its adoption.

Mr. Tilden's later political labors are familiar as household words to the people of the United States. He grappled with and overthrew the Tweed ring wnich was the most powerful and corrupt political combinination ever established in this country because it had its support in a political combination of the worstmen in both the demopratic and the republican parties who were equally powerful at Albany and New York. For this signal service to the country the people of New York showed their appreciation by electing him to the governorship of the state by a majority of over 50,000 votes over the accomplished and popular Dix who courageous as his previous political exploits promotion of the best interests of the people. The fierce opposition to his nomination made of duty have made him enemies in his own party. But the enmity of ambitious and ready to take their places will succeed to corrupt men will detract nothing from his estimation in the judgment of the people who look quite through the surface of such

CLERICAL ADVERTISING .- An illustration of the desire existing with most people to "keep their names before the public" is shown in the case of Rev. J. S. Groves, of Lowa, who, it seems, was not exempt from its influence. For some time past the memmers of his church, in Maquoketa, have been receiving anonymous letters, charging him with numerous sins, and hinting at shocking depravity on his part. The letters were regarded by the flock of the pastor as evidence of the malice of evil minded persons who, instigated by the devil, were seeking to destroy his usefulness, and the effect naturally was only to increase their confidence in him. They determined that the slas derers should be ferreted out and punished, and they set detectives to work to trace the author of the anonymous commums duplicity he was compelied to acknowledge the authorship of the damaging charges. His object, of course, was to excite an interest in his favor, and extend the usefulness of his labors. It is doubtful whether his congregation will see the force of his excuse or overlook the adoption of so questionable a mode of advertising.

## An Old Letter.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LETTER TO HIS WIFE ON ACCEPTING COMMAND OF THE AMERI- Purifies the Blood, Removates and

We have been favored with the following extract from the "Private Memoirs of Washington," (now in course of publication,) which comprises the letter written by the venerated Father of his Country to Mrs. Washington, on the occasion of his accepting the command in chief of the American armies. The letter bears date 18th June,

1775,-National Intelligencer, PHILADELPHIA, June 18, 1775. My DEAREST: I am now set down to write to you on a subject which fills me with inexpressible concern, and this concern is greatly aggravated and increased when I refleet upon the unensiness I know it will give what were then termed the free and the you. It has been determined in Congress that the whole army raised for the defence ciliation and forbearance, appreciating as of the American cause shall be put under he d d more clearly than most of those my care, and that is necessary for me to proceed immediately to Boston to take upon me the command of it. You may believe me, my dear Patsy, when I assure you in the most solemn manner, that, so far from seeking this appointment, I have used every endeavor in my power to avoid it, not only from my unwillingness to part with you and and for their property; but he warned them the family, but from a consciousness of its being a trust too great for my capacity, and that I should enjoy more real happiness in one month with you home, than I have sociated himself with and was the private the most distant prospect of finding abroad, if my stay was to be seven times seven years. But as it has been a kind of destiny that has thrown me upon this service, I shall hope that my undertaking of it is designed to answer same good purpose. You might, and I suppose did, perceive form the tenor of my letters that I was apprehensive I could not Lincoln for 75,000 troops, Mr. Tilden was avoid this appointment, as I did not pretend to intimate when I should return; that was the case. It was utterly out of my power to refuse this appointment without exposing my character to such censures as would have reflected dishonor upon myself and given have called out at least 500,000, half for pain to my friends. This, I am sure, could not and ought not to be pleasing to you, and

must have lessened me considerably in my own esteem. I shall rely, therefore, confidently in that such limited means of comprehending the Providence which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me, not doubting but lighted, will spread among a people, that it that I shall return to you in the tall. I shall feel no pain from the toil or the danger of of this advice, which, if adopted, would pro- the campaign; my unhappiness will flow from the uneasiness I know you will feel from being left alone. I therefore beg that you will summon your whole fortitude, and pass your time as agreeably as possible Nothing will give me so much sincere satisfaction as to hear this, and to hear it from your own pen. My earnest and ardent de have the courage to propose it. At a later sire is that you would pursue any plan that period of the war he was invited by the is most likely to produce content, and a tolgovernment at Washington to give his ad- erable degree of tranquility, as it must add vice as to the best methods for its further greatly to my uneasy feelings, to hera that you are dissatisfied or complaining at what

I really could not avoid. † As life is almost uncertain, and common prudence dictates to every man the necessity of setting his temporal concerns while it is in power, and while the mind is calm and undisturbed, I have, since I came to this place, (for I had not time to do it before I left home,) got Cononel Pendleton 1 to draft a will for me,by the directions which I gave him, which will I now enclose. The provision made for you in the case of death will, I hope, be agreeable I shall add nothinfi more, as I have several letters to write, but to desire that you will remember me to edge its wisdom and lament his inability to your friends, and assure you that I am, with the most unfeigned regard, my dear Patsy

Your affectionate, GEORGE WASHINGTON. \*Prophetical as to the duration of the con

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The Declaration, being adopted, was next hostility to find the bottom of it. Mr. Tilden to be signed, and here again we come upon is a born leader of men and under his keen an equally hopeless contradiction in testidirection the coming campaign will be waged mony. This same Thomas McKean wrote on the field of his selection, and we do not in 1814 to ex-President Adams, speaking of on the field of his selection, and we do not in 1814 to ex-President Adams, speaking of the Declaration of Independence, "No man SECURE AN AGENCY and \$30 or \$100 per week signed it on that day,"-namely, July 4th, 1776. Jefferson, on the other hand, writing HOMESTEAD some years later, thought that Mr. McKean's memory had deceived him, Jefferson himself asserting, from his early notes, that "The \$20 Declaration was reported by the Committee, agreed to by the House, and signed by every member present, except Mr. Dickinson. But Jefferson, who was also an octogenarian seems to have forgotten the subsequent signing of the Declaration parchment, until it was recalled to his memory, as he states, a few years later. If there was a previous signing of a written document, the manuscript itself has long since disappeared; and the accepted historic opinion is that both these venerable witnesses were mistaken; that the original Declaration was signed only by the President and Secretary, John Hannications. The success of the detectives cock and Charles Thomson; and that the mications. The success of the detectives general signing of the parchiment copy took was immediate and astounding. They discovered that Mr. Groves himself was that identical individual who as an anonymous that fifty-our of the fifty-six names were letter writer had been making accusations appended on that day; and that it was af-against the currector of Mr. Groves as pas-terward signed by Thornton, of New Hamptor, and when confronted with the proofs of his duplicity he was compelled to acknowled white, who was, not then a member, and by M. Kan who was, then the said of McKean, who was then temporarily absent. Jefferson used to relate, "with much merriment," says Parton, that the final signing of the Declaration was hastened by a very trivial circumstance. Near the hall was a large stable, whence the flies issued in legions. Gentlemen were in those days pecu-liarly sensitive to such discomforts by rea-son of silk stockings; and when this annoy-

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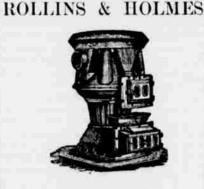
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