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Poetical.

PROGRESS OF THE AGE. LIFE IN 1770. Man to the plow, Wife to the cow, Boys to the barn, And all duss ledso.

Miscellaneous.

MY COUSIN FANNY.

Fanny, my cousin, was a wild, frolicsome sort of a girl, and as full of fun as any I ever knew. She was up to all sorts of tricks, and would play some most humorous jokes on me whenever an opportunity presented itself.

tended to sprinkle Cayenne pepper over the whole, and give the girls a sneeze; to do this I must go to the kitchen after the pepper. Noisily I stole out of the room into the kitchen, found the Cayenne bottle, and was at the point of retreating my steps, when I heard the wild troupe of girls coming pell-mell, as though the old Harry was after them.

General Sherman's Opinions on Recruiting in Rebel States. A Massachusetts State agent, who had applied to General Sherman for information concerning the best places for opening recruiting stations in the rebel States, received the following reply:

Political. THE BUBBLE BURSTING. WHAT SUCH 'LOYAL' MEN AS WADE AND II. WINTER DAVIS THINK OF 'HONEST ABEL.' A Scathing Review of the President's Anti-Union-Restoration Policy—A Mine Exploded Under the Republican Petersburg—A Chief Magistrate Frittering Away all Chances of an Honorable Peace—The Truth Spoken at Last—Mr. Lincoln an Enemy to the Restoration of the Union.

the rebellion, before restoring their power to govern us. His wisdom and prudence are to be our sufficient guarantee. He further says: "And while I am also unprepared to declare that the free State constitutions and governments already adopted and installed in Arkansas and Louisiana shall be not aside and held for naught, thereby repelling and discouraging the loyal citizens who have set up the same as to further effort."

But the bill nowhere proposes to abolish slavery in states. The bill did provide that all slaves in the rebel states should be manumitted. But as the President had already signed three bills manumitting several classes of slaves in states, it is not conceived possible that he entertained any scruples touching that provision of the bill respecting which he is thought to have been unwilling to sign.

are not to be allowed to protect themselves unless their enemies agree to it. The order he proceeded according to the bill is therefore merely at the will of the rebel States; and they have the option to reject it, accept the proclamation of the 8th of December, and demand the President's recognition! Mark the contrast! The bill requires a majority; the proclamation is satisfied with one-tenth; the bill requires one oath, the proclamation another; the bill ascertains progress by registering the prohibition of press; the bill exacts adherence to existing territorial limits, the proclamation admits of others; the bill governs the rebel states by law, equalizing all before it, the proclamation commits them to the lawless discretion of military governors and provost marshals; the bill forbids electors for President, the proclamation and defeat of the bill threatens us with civil war for the admission or exclusion of such votes; the bill excludes all dangerous enemies from power and the relief of the nation from the rebel debt, and the prohibition of slavery forever, so that the suppression of the rebellion will double our resources to bear or pay the national debt, free the masses from the lawless discretion of the rebel leaders, and eradicate the cause of the war; the proclamation secures none of these guarantees.