

THE CORNER.

McCLELLAN AND BEAUREGARD.

Russell, "Our Own," correspondent of the London Times, gives the following comparison between McClellan and Beauregard in his last letter:
To my mind there is something of resemblance between the men. Both are below the middle height. They are both squarely built, and famed for their muscular power since their college days—Beauregard, indeed, a man and thin-bird; McClellan is full and round, with a Napoleonic tendency to embonpoint, thickened by incessant exercise. Beauregard sleeps little; McClellan's temperament requires a full share of rest; they are both Spartan in diet, studiously quiet—Beauregard is rather saturnine, and if not melancholic, is of a grim gaiety; McClellan is genial even in his reserve. The density of the hair, the squareness of the teeth, and the out lines of the features are points of similarity in both, which would be more striking if Beauregard were not of the true Louisiana Creole tint, while McClellan is fair complexioned. Beauregard has a dark, full, student's eye, the dullness of which arises, however, from its formation, for it is full of fire, and its glances are quick and searching. McClellan has a deep, clear eye, into which you can look far and deep while you feel it searches far and deep into you.

Beauregard has something of pretension in his manner; not hauteur, but a folding armed, meditative sort of air which seems to say, "Don't disturb me; I'm thinking of military movements." McClellan seems to be always at leisure; but you feel at the same time you ought not to intrude too much upon him, even when you seek in vain for the grounds of that impression in anything that he is doing or saying. Beauregard is more subtle, crafty, and astute. McClellan is more comprehensive, more learned, more impressive. Beauregard is a thorough soldier; McClellan may prove to be a great general. The former only looks to military consequences, and disregards popular manifestations; the latter respects the opinions of the world, and sees political as well as military results in what he does. They are both the creatures of accident, so far as their present positions are concerned. It remains to be seen if either control the current of events, and if either the artilleryman or the cavalry officer of the old United States army there is the stuff of which history is moulded, such as that of which the artilleryman of Brienne or the leader of the Ironsides was made.

A Lawyer's Trick.—A shrewd trick to identify the handwriting of a party in a suit was resorted to in a case tried in the Supreme Court to-day. A man, his wife and son, made a joint note, all three signing their names. When the note came due it was repudiated, and the holders commenced suit. No difficulty was found in regard to the identity of the signature of husband and son, but no one could be obtained to identify the handwriting of the wife. In this dilemma the counsel for the holder of the note got an Express moneyed envelope, in which he put a subpoena. A boy was sent with this envelope and a receipt book to the house of the lady. The lady fell into the trap, received the envelope, and signed the receipt in the boy's book. When the trial came on the lady did not appear. The boy, however, produced the book, and the signatures being compared, they were found to be the same, and a verdict rendered against all three.—N. Y. Express.

A PERSIAN FABLE.—A Persian had a pet parrot, and, previous to going to India, he asked Poll what present he should bring her. "No present," said the parrot; "only when you see my brothers dancing on the greensward, tell them how I pine in a little prison." The merchant journeyed and delivered the message, and a parrot immediately fell dead from a tree. The merchant returned, and immediately told his parrot, who fell dead from his perch on hearing the news. The merchant, with tears, picked up the body and cast it out, when to his surprise, the parrot revived, and flew to a tree, singing—"The Indian parrot taught me to die to be free. One day, O master, thou shalt so gain thy freedom!"

THE BRAHMIN AND THE PANS.—There was a Brahmin in the city of Vana, whose name was Deva Varman. At the equinoctial feast of the Dussera, he obtained for his duxina-gift a pair of flour, which he took into the shade among the pots, staff in hand. As he thus deemed he began to meditate—"I can sell this meal for ten cowrie-shells, and with them I can purchase some of these pots, and sell them at an advance. With all that meal I shall invest in betel-nuts and body-clothes, and so make a new profit by their sale; and so go on trafficking till I get a lake of rubies—what's to prevent me! Then I shall marry four wives—and one at least will be beautiful and young, and she shall be my favourite. Of course the others will be jealous; but if they quarrel, and talk, and trouble me, I will labour them like this—and this—and therewith he flourished his staff to such a purpose as to smash his meal-dish and break several of the potter's jars. The potter, rushing out, took him by the throat, and turned him off; and so ended his speculations.

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