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Poets' · Corner."

At Home, BY BAYARD TAYLOR. The rain is sobbing in the wold; The house is dark, the hearth is cold; And stretching dream and ashy grey, Beyond the cedars, lies the bay.

My neighbor at the window stands His youngest baby in his hands; The other seeks his tender kiss.
And one sweet woman crowns his blies.

I look upon the rainy wild; There is no fire upon the hearth, And none to love me on the earth

Prayer For Us All.

A SONG FOR THE MILLION. God of the mountain, God of the storm, God of the flowers, God of the worm! Hear us and bless us, Forgive and redress us! Breathe on our spirits thy love and thy healing

Teach us content with thy fatherly dealing-Teach us to love thee,
To love one another, brother his brother;
And make us all free ree from the shackles of ancient tradition, Free from the censure of man for his neighbo Help us each one to fulfill his true mission, And show us 'tis God-like to labor.

God of the darkness, God of the sun, God of the beautiful, God of each one! Clothe us and feed us.
Illumine and lead us!
Show us that avarice holds us in thrall—

That the land is all thine, and thou givest to all Help us to do right all the day and night-To love mercy and kindness; Help us to conquer mistakes of the past; Show us our future to cheer us and arm us, And, God of the grave! that the grave cannot

Tales and Sketches.

harm us!

From Harper's Magazine. PAUL ALLEN'S WIFE And How He Found Her.

[Nore. The leading incidents in the following the names are changed that they may not be recogto his philanthropy and devotion to his profession.— Doctor W——is still enjoying a world-wide reputation. George is settled in a lucrative practice in the country. Paul Allen, a noble and enterprising man, with his lovely and beautiful wife. Maud, are living at their country scat, my near neighbors; and talking with them a few evenings since, they extorted from me—not unwillingly—the promise to write this

office as Doctor W--'s did not consist by after their return from a journey of sever room. alone in his private instructions. The multi- ral weeks, symptoms began to appear to the 'Ail right now!' said Allen, as he return tude of cases of disease which were daily servants in the house, which led them to high ed with his companions to the office. 'How into his very soul, and witched him with its brought there for advice, and which were all among themselves suspicions that all was not long have you been in? presence of his class, made them lamtiar picions found their way into the neighborhood, has kept you so long on the road? We be tioned the subject unless they wished to rouse Now, lie very still."

And yet you would go in a moment on was full of intelligence and energy.

The satisfaction which it gives the old Doc of was to would put the mettle into the dullest of could not answer. He could try. And with long fringes of the lid. A lock of glossy hair, occupied by Hudson and Foshay in discussible the was discussed in the future. Allen, as may drink is rejected, and we are uninjured, must meet face to face, and try titles. The the body up into the city?'

as if they suspected your business.'

'Thought! exclaimed Foshay 'no think- to her bed, from which she never rose. were the same dress she had worn in life, ing about it, let me tell you, Paul Allen.— Of course the whole history of the case and through its folds were displayed the gracelows watched us as if they thought we might that there was no farther hope, they began at have some of their own families boxed up in once to look forward to a post-mortem exama perfect trump at such times, and he man. But when all was over, and it was proposed before him, for beauty and deformity had

up from the sofa, where he had been sleeping her mother. It was a disappointment to the the rude hand of even his favorite Professor out in my history. I shall never forget her measures out our days with a span, and when legislative enactment, creating it or establishfor more than an hour, and rubbing his eyes, Doctor, in which the whole class participated, should apply the knife to her, dead though -and, more than that, I am firmly persuad that span is passed, says 'Return to the earth!' ing it. Sir, there are none—there can be no

'To night?' asked Allen, with a shrug of his shoulders at the tempest without,

No, it is too late to start now,' said Foshay, but it can be don to morrow night. We will say nothing to the Doctor about it beautiful girl as roughly as I can a stalwart the Doctor, again and again, till he heard his came dashing furiously down the street. till we show him the report. What do you man,' I bay, George? At this moment the door communicating with the Professor's house opened, and the

Doctor's voice called, in its usual mild tone, 'Gebrge! Hudson was out with the Doctor about a down by the side of the grave as gently and siderations yielded at once to the efforts to quarter of an hour. He was a sort of confi- carefully as if they were preparing her for her dential spudent in the office. He had been there from his boyhood, and was acquainted

'Dreams do sometimes come true, boys, What is it, George?' exclaimed both the others in a breath. 'Just what you were proposing before I

went out, said George, 'And he wants it done?' inquired Allen. 'Certainly; that is what he called me out for. He had gone to bed but could not hope she will keep you warm, Paul; and sleep. The curious case of the young girl, he they drove off.

Allen on the back.

ways carefully examined and expanied in the as it should be with her. Soon these suswith the inactice as well as the theory of his and at length reached the ears of her father. gan to fear you had been stopped, or met with him to converse, and then it was always the profession. Most of the operations which he But he did not, and would not for a moment some accident. fearn all that could be learned of every case. more manifest. Doctors were called in from out, he sat down by the grate, and in a mo-It was near midnight one evening of the the neighborhood. Some, with course and ment was lost in his reveries again. At length The next spring he took his degree. In winter of which I am writing, that three of unhesitating readiness, declared the cause of rising and laying aside his over-coat, he mount his examination he stood—if I may use the er. the students were sitting in the office in front the rumor true, and he indignantly expelled ed once more to the room where they had expression—head and shoulders above all the of the grate, in which was still burning a them from the house; others withheld their left the body. It was lying extended on the class. He was a man of noble intellect and glowing fire. The wind was howing with opinion, and could say nothing. And thus table, still enveloped in the blankets they had profound study and thought, so that it was out and driving the snow, which was rapidly months passed-months of agony to Mr. forgotten to remove; Allen often says, in often matter of controversy with Hudson and falling, against the windows, and piling it up Mansfield, though Maud seemed unaffected. speaking of the events of this night, that he Foshay whether the memory of Maud Mansin the area, and every thing, even to the foot. She had been told all that was said of her, could never account for the strange feelings field had not produced a general rather than steps of the occasional passer-by, seemed cold but it might sometime be told her by those which had brought him to the room, and a particular effect upon his mind, and whether and dreary in the extreme.

The area, and every thing the room, and a particular effect upon his mind, and whether who love to torture even the innocent with which now drew him almost unconsciously er, when they imagined him thinking of her, 'Confound it!' said John Foshay going to such cruel accusations, and she heard it with or involuntarily to the side of the dead girl. he was not in reality studying out some of

the window and looking out upon the pelting out a tear, while she gave only a calm denial With a feeling of almost tenderness he re- the problems of medicine. The only thing storm, 'I do not feel like going out in such a of its truth. It was wonderful with what moved the covering from the face, and again worthy of remark at his graduation was the night as this. Ugh! it, makes one shudder, indifference and apathy she sat down to her met the same calm, sweet look that by moon- subject of his thesis-"DEATH." When it

town and placed her under the care of Doc- lovelier far, by the mellow light of early pointed. It was a profound and masterly inone of our midnight excursions, John, if the tor W-. After a full investigation of her morning shining in from the sky light. The quiry into its causes—the changes in the sys-Professor only said the word, said Paul case, he declared his unhesitating conviction eyeball did not seem shrunken, and shriveled, tem which produce it, and the changes it pro-Allen, a tall, raw-boned man, but whose face that there was no foundation for the rumors and sunk in, as is generally the case with the duces and the probable and certain signs of against her honor, while, at the same time, he dead, but the deep blue orb was full and its having actually taken place. Jersey last winter, and on just about such a all the resources of his wonderful skill, he ap- | been bound, and he smoothed it back into its | usual, took no part in the conversation. 'I was not with you then,' said Allen, but father persuaded himself that she was better, Drawing a stool to the side of the table, he I remember how you thought all the lady pass and was elated with hopes of her restoration sat down, and, as if bound by a spell, gazed you go, where we shall next hear of Doctor sengers on the ferry-boat were watching you, to health. But these hopes were doomed to for an hour upon the still and statue-like fea. Paul Allen?

'It could hardly be on such a night as him but to wear away the day till his com- seemed to him to be a slight but yet percep- strangers, and with the exception of an occa-

The Professor said he refused him with he air of a king, when he requested the exmination, said George.

Till a late hour at the little public-house in the upon his cheek. He let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist to as upon his cheek. The let of ner wrist The very reason the thing ought to be which they had come, they drove off. One and tearing aside the covering from her chest, done any way, and Foshay. What do you hour from that time they were raising the he placed his hand over her heart, and found say, George—can, it be done? dead body of the girl from its new-made it distinctly beating, but with a slow and dead body of the girl from its new-made it distinctly beating, but with a slow and grave, and the moon, just risen, was shining struggling effort.

'Well-gently as you please, Allen, said

But they were all impressed with the calm and beautiful face of the cornse, and laid it

'I can not think of putting her in that sack,' with all the ways of his preceptor, and was said Allen, when they were ready to go.intrusted with all his wishes. When he re- 'Sentiment, or no sentiment, I do not like it. turned there was a smile on his face, and he. Let me see-it is half past twelve now, and good sleighing. By four o'clock we shall be at the office, and all snug. Now put her on the seat in my sleigh—wrap her up in the blankets from head to foot—and I'll follow The others laughed at the conceit, but read-

'A merry ride to you,' said Hudson. A

aid, was running in his mind, and after ex- There were strange thoughts crowding up Toward evening life seemed to have be alone looked like life. hausting his speculations upon it, and hearing our voices below, he came down to proen a mile with his novel companion. They
did Allen leave his post, when he had breathpose the very thing you were talking about.'

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were no superstitutions fears—no feeling of horcome perfectly re-established. One of the remarkable coincidences in ror at the close proximity of the dead. He life he had been the instrument in saving. great minds, Paul. Put that down to my was too much accustomed to such things, al- But every day thereafter he passed every said Allen. Let us make our arrangements gaze of woman before. And he began to stored to life, build fairy castles in which she was the lady The case which had excited so much inter- of his love, and to dream dreams of quiet three days seemed to have produced a favor- tracted—and she turned her eyes full upon est in the little world of Doctor W-'s home affections and endearments, not with able effect upon her former disease, which the Doctor. office, was this. Mand Mansfield, the only Tjust such an one as her, but with her very now rapidly gave way, so that in a few weeks child of Henry Mansfield, a gentlemen of self. And then he would wake from his she was restored to perfect health. In the shot to his heart, and in an instant he had

before. His reputation as a surgeon, as well mother at an early age, the necessity of act- himself, at the vagaries he was uncontrollafor the actual advantages of the position. - menced. At first there was little to be ob- by seeing the first faint streaks of day begin- new malice to their cruel scorn. But vain as the Doctor was of his well-deserv- served, but that she was more sedate and lining to shoot up in the east. The next ined reputation, he did not allow this varity to thoughtful. Gradually she began to avoid stant he was dashing furiously down the road induce him to retain under his instruction a company and seek solitude, and it was with to the city, all his dreams giving away to the and duties, and assiduous as ever in preparsingle student who, after proper trial, he did difficulty her father could persuade her to see urgent necessity of securing his contraband ing himself for the pursuit of his profession, not believe would in his after-life do creditto his friends when they called. She was often load in the Doctor's house. In a few and he yet lived a dreamy, absent life. Every him as a teacher. It became a matter of found in tears, for which she gould not, or incress he was driving rapidly down Broad- night till a late hour he would sit, silent and course, therefore, that his young men stood would not give any reason. The hue of health way, and before the moonlight had faded thoughtful, with Hudson and Foshay in the

'More than an hour, said Hudson. 'What

met the same calm, sweet look that by moon-light had stolen out from the half-open lids, was announced, all anticipated a fanciful or of his mouth into his brain, and he recover-not a duty, I would gladly avoid. I know, At length Mr. Mansfield brought her to only now made calmer, and sweeter, and metaphysical essay. But they were disap- ed. disappointment, and in a few weeks she took tures and form before him. The grave-clothes

> For the first time in years Paul Allen shrunk from the idea of mutilating a human

this, said Hudson. 'By some incongruity I panions should arrive. In the mean time he tible glow upon the forehead and about the signal case to a poor family, or an accidental thought it was midsummer.'

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The could he made no effort to install himself, he was living on the same dreamy life in which we lived. Then the girl would be taking us up, said Allen, or her lordly old father, which is the most prohable under all circumstanties the most prohable under all circumstanties. They were old hands at the work, and thought he felt her breath had no idle fears to harass them, so they staid close to her's, and thought he felt her breath less indifference in dress, he was almost a till a late hour at the little public house in the upon his cheek. He felt of her wrist to as model of style in every thing he wore, and

> Easy, said Allen. Handle her gently, again in the blankets, and rush to the door tion. Just at this moment a traveling caragain in the blankets, and rush to the door tion. Just at this moment a traveling carbedroom door open. Then hastily returning, The driver had been thrown off some dishe raised the body as carefully and gently as cance back, and the animals, mad with fright. Foshay, and you may sentimentalize over it if it had been a new-born infant, and bore it and with the reins tangling about their heels, toward the house.

The surprise and consternation of the Doctor can not be imagined. But all other confoster the spark of returning animation. She was placed in bed, and slowly and gradually the heart gathered strength, and the breathing became fully established, and she woke to consciousness. , During that whole day Allen never left her side. He could not be induced even to eat, but all day long he held in his the hand of the reviving girl, while with the other he felt the slowly-increasing pulse, or fanned the air to her teeble breath, or ad-ministered the cordials to her lips. The infatuation of the night before had increased suscitation. He seemed to feel and claim a

credit, and if any body asks you in future though he had never been in just the same spare moment by her side, never tiring of perceptible shudder seemed to pass over her, days if you think there is any similarity in position with them before. But the calm, talking to her of her singular escape. And Doctor W—and Doctor Foshay, remem, beauty of the face, as he had seen it in the Maud repaid him with many a languid smile. our this,' said Foshay jocularly, as he patted dim light of the moon, haunted him, and he She was deeply sensible of her escape from self, and with equal care as at first, he let anseemed to feel the look that crept out from a death of the most horrid form, though at other drop fall upon her lips. There was an-

But the state in which she had lain for

From that day Paul Allen was changed. Diligent and faithful as ever in his studies But the advantages to be found in such an father was advised to travel with her. Short sately deposited in the private dissecting and their singular night's excursion. Then he would tell of the calm, sweet look that stole out from her eyes in the dim moonlight laid his finger on her lips.

same almost unvaried dream of those witch-

Well. Paul, said Foshay, 'tell us, before

'I shall fill my place somewhere,' he replied, as indifferently well as here. It mat-

ters little where.'are too old hands at the business to be fright was a matter of careful study and discussion; save for some slight emaciation, the same as his hand and pressing it in a warm and friend-ened at any slight suspicions. Why, the felly grasp, will you never cease dreaming of control of the universe he has made? It the other had full possession. The Constituthose eyes, Paul?'

'Men are not always what they seem. the old trunk for dissection. But George is ination to resilve the mystery of the disease. body. It was not the mere beauty of the one George, he answered, extending his other hand to Foshay. "The time will come when aged the thing most capitally. I say, George to the father, he proudly and resolutely re-heretofore been all one to him. But there we will know each other better than we do Hudson, what are you dreaming about? fused, and she was removed to his residence was a strange infatuation upon him, and he even now. The events of that night were The person thus addressed raised himself in the country, to be buried by the side of wi-hed her back in the grave again rather than not without specific constitutional have mention- she might be. He had almost made up his led I shall see her again. If it had not been at mind to beg that it might not be done; but for that belief, your friend. Paul Allen, would 'Why, then,' asked the stranger, must legal existence without specific legislative en-

large and elegant houses, but this made no

difference in his success. He was standing in his office-door one aftruggling effort. ternoon, just dismissing a poor patient upon le was the work of an instant to wrap her whom he had performed some trifling operawere running wildly and kicking fearfully at every leap. The inmates of the carriage a gentleman of mature age and a very beautiful

lady, evidently his junior by very many years seemed palsied with terror. As they came in front of the office a wheel gave way, and the carriage was thrown over and over and dashed in pieces, while, with a wild short and one mad plunge, the horses disengaged themselves and disappeared down the street. The gentleman and lady were borne into the office, and the lady was laid upon the sofa. It soon appeared that the former was but slightly injured, and he soon revived. But the lady seemed dead. There was no pulse at her wrist, and the heart had rather than diminished by this singular re- ceased to beat. She did not breathe, Her hair fell loosely and unconfined over a neck sort of property in Maud, and repelled every of marble whiteness. Her eves were oven attempt even of the Doctor's wife to his place. -her large, lustrous blue eves-and they

tongue. A moment he stood and watched

'Another !' said he, as if speaking to himed to shoot from her eyes her brow con-

large wealth, and living in great tyle about dream and smile at his own wild fancies, on- mean time, her father had been informed of traveled back the seven past years of his life, twenty miles from the city, in Westchester by to fall away in an instant into the same the facts; but the knowledge of them was and was standing in Doctor W --- 's dissect. County, had been ill for many months before foundationless vision again. He was, on or carefully concealed from all except those who ingroom, drinking into his soul the dim but sketch.]

she came with her father to consult Doctor dinary ocasions, no mi ginative man. On the last we have already seen, were acquainted strange light that flowed out from the eyes to W—. She was a young lady of rare contrary he was noted in the office for his with them. Mr. Mansfield and all his propose that for all these years he had removed to more distant parts, aware that been thinking of nothing else but her. It as a general practitioner, attracted to his of ing the part of lady of the mansion to her bly indulging in, yet still they ran on in spite the restoration of his daughter's health would was no such thing. The truth is, he had alfice a growd of young men who were anxious father's friends, had developed all the quali- of himself. He did not drive as rapidly as only add new causes for scandal among all most forgotten her, although the events of to put themselves under his tuition, as well ties of the mature woman at the age of sev- his companions, so that when he crossed Har- who knew them. They might say the death that might had left a sobering and serious infor the name of having studied with him, as enteen, the period at which her illness com- lem river be was surprised from his reveries and burial of Maud was all fictitious, and add fluence upon his mind which he had never made an effort to rid himself of though there were times when, as if to keep her image from fading utterly away, the same old glamour would gather about him, and he would sit till after midnight thinking of her and her strange witchery upon him. But that one an instant revived the very feelings he had at twelve hours' burial. high as students. He was indefatigable in began to fade from her cheek-her eye lost away in the now fast-increasing light of morn office, taking no part in their cheerful or joe that time. He looked again and the expresular conversation, and rarely aroused to say sion was gone. It could not be the same, he the contents of their letters: but all was exhis efforts to instruct them, and they in their its lustre. Medical advice was sought, but ing he drew up his panting horse at the office ular conversation, and rarely aroused to say sion was gone. It could not be the same, he the contents of their letters; but all was extern were ambitious to improve.

Could he have forgotten her plained when, three weeks afterward, in the

'You are badly injured,' he then said to glamour. His companions respected his her. The gentleman is well. You must mood, and never spoke lightly of it, or men be very quiet. You will be well cared for

There was a long, and apparently deep cut in her temple, which he dressed, and applied performed were done in the presence of some admit into his mind one doubt of his child's Allengmade no. reply to the question, but | ing eyes. The memory of Maud had become | lotions to her injuries. She looked ten thous of his students, and with their assistance, and honor, though, even to himself, they cause of asking Hudson and Foshay to drive his horse an idol in the innermost shrine of his heart, and thanks, and again that peculiar express every opportunity was afforded them to the disgraceful rumor was becoming daff over to the stable while he thawed himself that he seemed to be worshiping day and sion. Paul turned away to her companion, She is safe, he said.

It was a terrible accident,' said the strang-It is wonderful how much it takes to kill. sometimes,' said Allen. 'And sometimes a very little does the

vork,' replied the stranger.

dents, and when the time comes we go out will not go. To that point, sir, it has arrive bear mutilation—injuries of the most fearful ed. The mighty difference between the branch. In the could not determine the nature of the disease. round, and glistened as if a tear had just ris. The last evening the three companions kind. The pestilence passes by us and leaves North and the South requires a settlement, night as this, and what a time we had getting plied himself to the task. For a time the place with his hand, but started back from Midnight drew on and passed. It was near arrives, the mote in the air chokes us—our aspect. The North and the South are oppodisease seemed to be checked. Indeed, her the touch of the marble coldness of the face, three o'clock before they rose to depart. | food becomes the poison that generates distance parties. | would it were not so; but

or resistance.' You are a fatalist, said the stranger.

rapidly from her sight, became dim, and dis-

her features and form as she looked that night was pursued and recaptured, and confined on on the table in the dissecting room; and board of a ship to be transported to the West though he could see much of the same look Indies and sold. From his prison he found now-enough to call back such memoriesyet, after all, it was not entirely the same.-Could a few years of added age make the of habeas corpus, and claimed his freedom. change? He was bewildered. The old The parties appeared and took issue. The gentleman, her companion, was certainly not Henry Mansfield, her father. He asked him

his name, and he said it was Anderson. 'And this is your daughter?' asked Allen. 'No. She is my sister's child. Her mother has been dead many years, and her futher died about a month since.'

'And may I ask her name?' said Allen, rith some besitation.

'It is Mansfield,' replied the other. 'Maud?' exclaimed Allen, turning to look again at her. Her eyes were half open, and there streamed out from them the same calm, sweet look that had so long ago bound him with a spell he could not break. He could for itself. doubt no longer; and again he was lost in dreams far wilder than before.

It was sunset when she woke. She was then carefully removed to the nearest hotel, Justice; and calling God to witness declar-and it was several days before she was able ed liberty inalienable and bondage impossito resume her journey. On one of these ble in these United States. In that immordays I aul was sitting by her, watching every tal instrument—the declaration of American look and motion, to catch one of those glan-ces whose memory was now lingering about his heart with ten-fold more fondness than ev-liberty sacred: and to maintain it pledged er before, when she noticed his gaze, and sud-their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred hon-

just such circumstances as the present.' ing with a half-bewildered stare in his face. and, since the 4th of July, 1776, it has been Can it be possible, she at length said, relearsed annually in the presence of all the

Mr. Allen? He started, while a thrill of almost pain you from the grave, and watched your re- slaves; yet, so universal was the sentiment covery so many years ago.

time, said Maud. Six months from that, time Hudson and len, which, upon being compared, were dis- ry one of the old thirteen States had consticovered to be precise copies of each other!-- tutions except Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Part of them ran thus: Three weeks from this date I shall be in Newquestion when we separated, for I shall then cease to dream of Maud Mansfield's eyes, and not till then.—

A vision of beauty and love has entered into my heart and I have no place for aught else there: I have lived here siz years waiting for business in vain. I am not discouraged, for that I never was. But I shall throw physic to the dora, convinced that I have found a panacea for all diseases that will not

The two friends were sorely puzzled with ery face? queenly beauty of Paul Allen's wife they She lives! said he again, musingly, as he recognized the features of the girl they had stolen from the grave on that winter's night seven years before.

The Slavery Question.

Slavery Unconstitutional and Illegal. SPEECH OF HON. A. P. GRANGER,

OF NEW YORK, In the House of Representatives, April 4th

The House being in the Committee of the Mr. GRANGER said: Mr. Chairman, I am tle becomes a powerful cause, as when the of the most vital importance that can come point of a foil enters by the eye, and pierces before you for discussion-one that brings through the thin, waser-like bone, into the with it the highest interest, the deepest feel rain. ing, and involves principles of the most sa-'And I,' said the other, ' have somewhere cred character. I approach it, sir, with great seen an account of a man who had the whole rejuctance, and prompted to it only by the sir, that Southern feeling is ardent, and on We live our days out in spite of all accidislow and contemplative, passive and yield-All things are harmless. But when the time question, I regret to say, assumes a sectional ease. A single drop of the bane we drank since it is, let us meet it like friends and felbefore and found innocuous, is laden with low citizens of this highly favored Commondeath. We must yield, in spite of remedy | wealth, guided strictly by the Constitution,

cy. The Constitution was made to protect 'Who is not,' he replied, 'who believes in | Freedom or Slavery-one or the other-not an infinite God? one whose knowledge is both. There can be no compromise between boundless, and who has the supreme and sole them-no joint ownership. It is time one or would be charging him with finite weakness tion was formed by the Convention, and to suppose that he left his creation to follow adopted by the people, to secure the inalienmere chance. He either impressed upon the able rights of man. Slavery is incompatible universe some determinate law that governs with those rights. Slavery in the United life and fixes the period of its duration, or States is unconstitutional, and therefore unelse-what is incontrovertibly true-be lawful. Slavery can have no legal existence

and sustaining the Union in every emergen-

Then taking from his pocket another phial, ry, on the ground that it would imply proof and letting a drop fall into a glass, and ad-A quiet seemed almost immediately to Now, sir, put that and that together, and the steal over her. Objects faded gradually, yet "illegality of Slavery is seen at a glance."

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Go back with me, sir to oblinial times. appeared. Her eyelids closed gently over before we were independent and had a Gov ful he had ever beheld. He was thinking of Charles Stewart of Virginia was in England Maud. Now, as the lady lay wrapt in slum-ber, there came back to him the memory of slave absconded and became a fugitive. He means to reach the ear of Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice of England, and obtained a writ

Chief Justice gave sentence as follows: is incapable of being introduced on any reason, moral or political, but only positive law. It is so edious
that nothing can be suffered to support it but positive law. Whatever inconvenience, therefore, may
follow from a decision, I cannot say this case is allowed or approved by the law of England; and the black
must be discharged."

That decision, Sir, was never controverted, and remains, from that day to this, the law of England. It covered the colonies, and condemned Slavery here as well as thore-Four years after, in 1776, this country de-clared its independence, and assumed to speak

The Continental Congress—the most august body of men that ever met—by legal enactment sustained the decision of the Chief independence-in language too specific and positive to be misunderstood, they declared

nly exclaimed, or. This was the first great organic law, and I have seen you before, Doctor! Where has never been repealed. The people indorscan it have been? It seems as if it was in ed the declaration, and sealed it with the blood of an eight years' war. Sir, it has be-Paul made no reply, while she was look, come the political liturgy of the country; with a slight shudder, as if the light were people. In 1778, the Articles of Confederabreaking in upon her recollection-can it be ation were agreed to, the Constitution under which this Government was administer-'It is,' said Paul; 'the same who took ed till 1788. Most of the States then held that Slavery was temporary and soon to ex-And now I owe you my life the second pire, that in the Articles of Confederation not the slightest allusion was made to it. And here, Sir, I ask you to note, that when the Foshav received each a letter from Paul Al- United States Constitution was adopted, eveand not one of those constitutions established or recognized Slavery. Rhode Island and

Connecticut continued on under their old roy-

al charters, neither of which in the slightest degree encouraged Slavery. Up to this time, sir, there had been no rightful authority or legal foothold for Slavery in this country. Slavery was first introduced here without law, by a crime the law calls piracy. Without law it has been tolerated-permitted to remain, until it has attained such a degree of strength and arrogance that it presumes to come here, in this temple of freedom, and rank par with freedom. We have now arrived to the date of our present glorious Constitution; and unworthy be the ingrate who will. not maintain it to the last extremity. And now, sir, comes the question: Did the Constitution create or establish Slavery? Sir. examine the entire document, and mark its general scope, object, spirit and bearing-nay, its very letter, and let it decide whether Freedom or Slavery shall bear sway in this Republic. The Constitution, article one, section nine, on the one hand, says, "No title of nobility shall be granted;" on the other, in the same section, "No bill of attainder shall be passed." Not content with that, it reads, (section ten.) "No State shall pass any bill of attainder." We had revolted from a monarchy where privileged orders prevailed; hence the framers of the Constitution determined to har the door against them.— Sir, a law to create or legalize Slavery, either 'True,' said Paul ; but then that very lit- aware, sir, that the subject of Slavery is one by Congress or any State, would be to pass bill of attainder, and therefore as null and void as would be a bill to grant, a "title of nobility," or to elevate, a class or family by aw above the level, was an idea never for a moment entertained by the framers of the Constitution. And, Sir, a proposition to enslave, degrade and chattelize one class of persons for the avarice or pleasure of another and to attaint the blood and send it cursed with hereditary taunt through succeeding generations, would have been repelled with indigna-

> hibition of Slavery, and cuts it up, root and In the same tenth section it is also written, No State shall pass any bill impairing the bligation of contracts." Now, Sievery ot only impairs the obligation of contracts by wholesale, but actually deprives a large class of persons of the power of making contracts at all. and declares such contracts as they make null and void. Here again Slavery meets a repulse, and is driven from the Constitution. Again, article one, section nine ; The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended in time of peace; the Fugitive Slave Law to the contrary notwithstanding. Now, Sir, what is this writ of habeas corpus, the privilege of which shall not be suspended? Says Blackstona:

tion. Here, Sir, is a direct and positive pro-

"The object of the writ is to bring the body of the prisoner who has been restrained of liberty into Court, who shall determine whether the cause of his commitwho shall determine whether the catheter his commit-ment be just, and thereupon do as to justice shall ap-pertain. It is to be directed to the person detain-ing another, and commanding him to produce the body of the prisoner, with the day and cause of his capture and detention, to do, submit to, and receive whatsoever the judge or court awarding the writ shall consider in that behalf.

It is for the special protection of personal again.

'Dreaming do you say—was I dreaming?' he said. (Well I believe I was. I thought we had gone out into the country on a pleasuant moonlight eventing—you, and I and Paul I hings necessary to ascone. He stood a moment to look once lad taken up the body of that young lad taken up the body of that young lad the country of that the old Doctor was so antious to examine. 'I would sacrifice a cock to "All" would sacrifice a cock to "Esculapius," when she were she would never have awaked. 'I would sacrifice a cock to "Esculapius," when she arrived at the place the follow in the ring day, Allen found the funeral just enter in its of the private of individual liberty, a right to the privilege of