WEARE ALL EQUAL BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION,"-James Buchanan. Montrose, Susquehanna County, Penn'a, Chursday Morning, March 25, 1858 Volume 15. Mumber 12 3. J. Gerritson, Jublisher. the purse and turned away. Mr. Thompson did not say a word, and the youth kept on, A Startling Confession. met me with a most profound bow, and was excuse the box, with which, for lack of timely New York to practice, and wants to know a THE LOST PURSE. Sunny Memories. bout renting an office there. So I told him : Mordecai Paine, a saddler doing business deferentially about my health. The bar-keeper bowed reverential when I passed I stammered out some bewildering ac-A friend related to me a simple story not fasting glad he had done right; yet at the in South Ninth-street, was called home from "Certainly, he would have no difficulty in BY MYRTA MAY. getting one, though it was rather late in the long since, which I think is worth talling season." "Yes, I know that," said he; "I ought to maar by, and it was the presence of the hero have been on hand at the first of March. But that called the circi matences to mind. same time almost ready to cry at the receph's work shop on Baturday morning by a him. The bar room idlers all respectfully knowledgments in reply to this barangue, rose to their fact, (staring hard meanwhile,) apparently to the disappointment of the as as I walked through. The chamber-maid dropped as many as fifty courtesies one after apother, when I happered to meet her in the tion he had met with. messenger who brought the melancholy intelli-Sunny memories! how ye linger When he reached home, he sank into a gence that his wife, Barbara, had taken ar-Round my throbhing heart to-night! socic for the purpose of comitting suicide, and was then at the point of death. He haschair, and leaned his head upon his haud. 'Why, what's the matter, Abel,' asked his Now the PAST, with mystic finger, you really thin's I could do something in that Abel Morton was a youth of about seventened to her bedside, and found her in more agony of mind than of body. She declared that Traces dreams and visions bright. mother, in alarm. een. His mother was a widow, and he an hall, and so overwhelmingly civil was every lack of previous warning, I was upprovided body, that I half imagined I had stepped out with any speech to make. way ? And about how much do you think But before he could answer, they were both only child. They lived in part of a small hut in the out-skirts of a village, and werelvery t will be worth ! Sunny memories! ye are winging startled by hearing a horse trot up to the there was something on her mind which she of free-and-casy America into courteous Recovering himself a moment after, the spokesman blandly introduced himself as Gen. I told him how there was a great difference door. It was Mr. Thompson. He entered wished to confess to him before her departure, To my heart your silent way; in the rents, that they ranged from fifty dol-lars up to five hundred, or even eight hun- widow had been quite sick, set that Abel had Smith, and then proceeded to introduce in interiors in the busic to the source interior in the source interior interinteriori interiori interiori i without ceremony. He bade the widow a with the hope of obtaining his forgiveness. O'er my path a glory dinging cheerful good morning, and then took a seat. 'I've come on business, and I'may as well proceed at once,' Then turning to Abal to asked! On looking round, I preceived the bouse Brighter than the opening day. itself was marvellously changed, over night. townsmen. Softly comes the shadowy even. The scrubbing-brush must have been busy since day-light for the floors were freshly Then turning to Abel, he asked : she had made known her offence: With its gift of peace to me, "Are your engaged at present ?" "Ah, Mordecsi." said she, "you remember 'No, sir,' said the youth eagerly, for the our large white pitcher was broken coms time The dull chain of cares is riven, scoured, and the windows glistened with ever he could get work to do, and thus far managed to find feed enough to keep bimself be chairman, Dr. Davis, Sir, the other for me." And my fettered soul is free. polish, while the furniture was "set round" I could not help thinking it would be ago; I pretended to you that the cat broke in the primest kind of order. The landlady, member." aan spoke very kindly. and his mother alive, though they suffered although it was the slatternly hour of eight | [I'he Deacon and the Doctor grasped my long time before he could do business enough Unseen hands are gently lightening "Ob, my dear," said Mr. Paine, "don't Would you like something to do !' much with cold. to warrant him an eight hundred dollar office. Every burihen from my hearthand until I thought they would never leave o'cluck in the morning, was arrayed in ma-As the spring opened, Abel tried to find 'Oh, yes sir. I spent all the day yesterday But before the colloquy proceeded further, it was broken off by the landlord's bringing the jestic black silk, and her cap, with its multi- off shaking it. Twice did the Deacon open concern yourself about such a trifle. I had All within my spirit brightening, looking after work. . My mother is not work, but was not successful. He picked up tudinous cherry-colored ribbonds, was mirac- his mouth as in act to speak; twice were his a few jobs, now and then, but the proceeds vell, and I must earn something." forgotten the pitcher, and it matters not how As the gloomy clouds depart. information, that it only wanted fifteen minulous to behold. Mine host evidently had on emotions or his modesty to much for him and it was broken." were barely sufficient to purchase enough of the coarsest and cheapest food. Clothing they 'Can you write ?' Care I for the world's cold scorning utes of the time for the down train, and his Sunday black suit, and had thrust him-"There is another matter said Mrs. P. after the mouth closed again without utterance. 'Yes sir.' that they were waiting to escort me to the cars. self into a clean shirt, starched to an ex- Meanwhile, others pressed forward to be in-While these sunny visions stay? Having by this time come to the conclu-sion that Smithburgh was one vast asylum and all its population lunatics, I submitted was worse, leave his mother. But this latter some hesitation. "The six silver spoons which "Pretty well ?" tent that kept him perpendicular as a grens- troduced and shake hands in turn. I ma le you believe were stolen by the Yankee I am blest, until THE MORNING 'Yes, sir. My mother has taught me more clock mender; I pawned them to raise mo-ney to pay the milliner for doing up my pink "Squire Staples, Sir, a great friend of yours Drives the blissful dreams away. han I should have learned at school.' It must be, thought I, that this is county and an original Jackson man from the start ; 'You can cypher then ?' 'Yes sir. I have been pretty thoroughly as he could not do. fair day; or perhaps they are going to have Mr. Tompkins; our clergyman, Reverend Mr. resignedly to the programme that seemed mark-Clouds may lower dark above me, satin bonnet.' One afternoon he went into the village, ed out for me. I walked out, the crowd within Peterson, Mr. Betts, Mr. Dobson, Mr. McGuire, "Never mind it, my love," said Mr. Paine Underneath the thorns be atrewn. a wedding in the house. ar as cube root.' and spent several hours in hunting for work, "By the way, what was the firing for, last Judge Jenkins, (one of our first men, Sir,) respectfully following, and the crowd without encouragingly. "I hope heaven will forgive None be left to know or love me, 'Can you drive two horses ?' cheering vociferously as I made my appearance, but found nothing to do. Some seemed to Captain O'Flynn of the Smithburg Guards; night ?' I inquired. Yes sir, I drove the stage from here to you as freely as I do. I've a blessing all my own. Captain O'Flynn's Smithburgh Guards turn him away, because he looked so ragged, "Oh! a mere six pounder, sir! but the Mr. Jacobs, Mr.-a-(I forget your name)-ah! After a short pause, Mrs. P. began again: frandborough a good many times, last while others said they never employed any were drawn up in a line before the door, in best we have in Smithburg. The boys thought | Mr. Simpkins, a highly respected draper and .Sunny memories! alway hover "Your best razor, which you missed last their gorgeous uniform of yellow coats with one outside of their own householde. Faint winter.' they must have in Smithourg. The boys thought they must have it out in honor of your arri-clothing merchant of our place, Sir—not one of our folks politically, but we shall have him 'Then I think you are just the man I want. Round this restless, throbbing heart, green facings, and blue pantaloons with a red and sick at heart, Abel bent his steps homesummer, and made so much ado about, I stripe down the side, and were standing in ward. He had left the village and was turn-obedience to the order "Present arms!" They ing into the narrow lane that led to his humble Till life's " fitful fever" over In a few days, I shall have some sauce to send swapped it away to the pediar for a tortoise val.' "In bonor of my arrival!" ejaculated I. shell comb." Every earth-dream shall depart. to the city and as yet I have engaged no one

MY ADVENTURES IN SMITH-BURGH.

BY JOHN BRADSHAW.

I found myself invested, that I could only "Make you a pair before Saturday night. sir," said the shoemaker.

by the next train." "Oh ! well, now I think," replied he, "here strenuous efforts to get up that breakfast. -is an uncommon nice pair that may-be'll There were broiled ohickens fricas-ed; there was a huge turkey; there was a roasted sirfit. They was made for a gentleman that

loin of beef; there was a cold leg of mutton, didn't take 'em : too small across here, you Try 'em on, sir ! Ah ! yes, so exactly. and a hot-leg of veal ; there were ham and eggs, and ham without the eggs, and eggs Why, they fit like-like they'd been made for without hain; pork and beans; beefsteak; cutlets and chops; cabbage, beets, cauli-

They did fit tolerably well, so I bought flowers, tomatoes, and other vegetables, ad In five minutes I was seated aboard the cars in Chatham street, and in half an libitum ; sausages; homminy, oysters and hour more, was steaming and rattling away clams; salmon and shad; buckwheat cakes, biscuit, and johuny-cake; pickles to any exout of the city, toward my destination. 1 was going on a collecting expedition to that teat; pies, cake, and sweetmeats; and what socluded " little rural paradise," Smithburgh, else it ever entered into the head of a coun which, as you are aware, is situated about a try housewife to put on a breakfast-table, and hundred miles back of the City Hall, and is a great deal that never was thought of beabout the same number of years behind the fore, for any such purpose. And my solitary chair was the only one seat for this repast ! metropolis in the " modern improvements."-One of the Smithburghers was in debt to my It was appalling.

For attendants, I had the landlord and the if work for the party is wanted I am the employers, (the great house of Naryred and landlady, the young

taken all aback.

"Yes, your Excellency. But breakfast i ready. Will your Excellency walk in !"

My arrival ! my Excellency ! I was so as-

conished at the sudden distinction with which

once, and turning round to see the reason. I

Breakfast was bardly over, before there

Advancing to the verge of this opening,

"Mr. PRESIDENT and respected Sir: This

is a proud day for Smithburg. Unexpected

as was your coming; it is welcome-welcome

to our homes, our hearths, and our bosoms.

Long have we watched your gigantic career,

came a rap at the door, followed by the an-

ing through the key-hole.

one of these days, yet; (a laugh and a sig-nificant nudge from Mr. Simpkins;) Mr. Schnuphausen, one of our hardest workers, Sir-true as steel and regular as election comes wheeled into marching order; the drum and round; Mr. Hodges, Sir, the editor of the Smithburg Weekly Messenger /" Smith took me by the arm; the other com-"My only regret, Sir," said the latter lumimechanically walk in, and seat myself at the nary, s lean, cadeverous young man, with a strong odor of Monongahela whiskey, "is that marched to the railroad station, a crowd lin-

> "it is of no consequence," began I. Oh I" said he, interrupting, "you may say hat, Sir, but I cannot suffer so important an event to pass without an extra. I will come out this afternoon ; already in type ; goes to press at one o'clock."

were befitting celebration, and urgent en-Well, I declare," here broke in Generaltreaties that I would repeat the visit when Congress adjourned. Smith, "if there an't the post master at last. Arrived at the cars just in season, I parted Thought it was about time you was getting from my hospitable friends on the platform, with more hand shakings, and a whispered round. Here, Sir," said he, taking the new comer by the arm and leading him up to me. entreaty of 'Don't forget the office,' from my 'here is a gentleman that is bound to stand by you through thick and thin. "This is Mr. shabby genteel friend; and as the train moved off nine stontorian cheers from the assembled Higginbotham;" his face beaming with satisfaction, grasped me by both hands. "My dear Sir, I am under everlasting obligations to you. It will never be forgotten. And

monstrations aboard the train; and half

to take charge of that department. For the

home, when he detected something peculiar fife struck up "Hail Columbia," General upon the roadside. He picked it up and found it to be a small knit purse. It was quite heavy, mittee men divided between them the honor and the jingle of the contents was too sharp by carrying my carpet beg; the citizens pair and clear for copper. ed off by two behind us, and away we The poor youth did not stop to open it

then, for it was already dusk, and he knew I buy up fruit and berries to send to the city, 'Alas ! no wok,' the willow murmuring alougside, and General Smith, all the way, pouring into my cars the deep gratitude ed, as she saw the cloud upon the boys face. 'No,' he replied, 'I tried all around, but i of the town for my whit, the equally deep rewas no use."

gret that they had not had time to get up a 'Never mind, Abel, God is gord. We shall not suffer as those do who have no trust in Him."

'But how does he help us mother ?' asked Abel, in a faitering voice.

us through many tria's and has given us hope kept the money. and courage. He has preserved to me a true

dollars a day for a week at a time. When thing on my conscience," replied the fair penitent." "Go on, go on," cried Mr. Paine, "I told you I could forgive everything at such a the receipts are considerable. How should 'I could be with my mother at nights, sir ?' time as this." " Mrs. P. resumed : 'Then I should like it very much-very "You remember our boarder, Simon Drake,

"The deuce-well, well," said Mr. Paine

recollecting himself, "that is all done now and can't be amended. Think no more of

"I could not leave the world with such a

who ran up a bill for six weeks, and thes much, sir. And if I serve you, I shall serve went off in a hurry without paying a cent. 'I have no fears on that account,' said Mr. He and I had agreed to elope together ; but Thompson with a peculiar look. 'I am fully he changed his mind at the last moment, and

satisfied of your honesty. I saw you pick up ran away without me." "Fire and fury! do you tell me this!" There was a slight shudder starting thro' the youth's soul, for he could not help thinkeried Mordecai in great excitement. " But, as you are dying, I won't reproach you. I'll leave 'In many ways, my son. He has preserved ing what would have been the result, had he you now to settle the affair with your own conscience."

"Stay and hear one thing more," cried the and virtuous child, and has held us clear resumed the gentleman. 'First, I looked uprepentan: Barbara. "The dose I took this from many sufferings which afflict our fellows on Samuel Stephens. He is poor and I morning was intended for you. I put it in sathering actually drowned the locomo live's from many superings whild affict our tenows: ou camber Stephens. It is poor and I morning was intended for you. I put it in Look at Mrs. Tyndal; see her with all her thought him capable. I dropped my ruse your cup of coffee, in my hurry to get the wealth suffering tortures that I would not with my name plainly written upon it, where thing done, I gave you the wrong cup, and miration by my mornings' experience, that I suffer for worlds. See her only son, a poor, he should find it. He did find it, and kept took the right one myself."

half expected to be greeted with similar de- miserable inebriate, and in prison for a it. Next I tried Lot Pole and he did the oared Mordecai, as he flung drunken crime. For what would we explace temptation in a poor youth's, way .; but room. In the entry he met the apothecary change our noble-consciousness of right and I would give employment to those who most who had sold Mrs. P. the fatal powder. This honor need it, and as there is ample temptation in medical man had heard of the commotion at Abel made no reply. There had been something bearing down heavily upon his the work I must have done, I thought I had Paine's house, and suspecting the cause of it, mind-romething which lay in his pocket a right to try them. But you have proved he came to administer hope and comfort to and sent forth a serpent song of plenty.— yourself trustworthy, and I am glad of it. And the afflicted. But the lead was removed. He drew the now, if upon trial, you suit me, I will pay you . "Dou't be "Dou't be alarmed. Mr. Paine." said he. ' the drug I sold your wife was nothing but purse from his pocket, and laid it on the table forty dollars a month and board you. What magnesia. I judged that she wished to desay you to that ? oy his side. But poor Abel knew not what to say .-stroy herself, and I tricked her in this way to 'What is that !' said the widow. as she heard The sum named was enormous to him. He save her life." he sharp clink of the coin. "You swindling rascal," shouted Paine, 'A purse-I found it on the road.' had wondered if he should get as much as how dare you client a, customer il that fifteen. Found it ? Ob, did you find it ?' shameful manner, and obtain her money on 'Forty !' he whispered fearful that he had 'Yes, my mother. In the road, just at he turn of our lane. It lay in the footpath.' false pretences ! Begone." misundesrtood him. And with this exclamation he violently 'Yes. Forty dollars a month. Will not that A candle was lighted and the purse emptied. ejected the astonished 'apothecary from his answer.' t contained twenty silver half dollars. front door. The man of physic, supecting, of course, that poor Mordecai was deranged, 'Oh-yes, sir. It is more than I had ex-'Ten dollars,' whispered Abel. 'Perhaps'we pected-much more." can find who lost it.' seat two officers to provide for his safe keep-'Then you will be better 'satisfied. I like 'Isn't there some name on the purse !' asked ing. His relation of the preceeding dialogue, to have those who work for me satisfied, and his mother. however, soon obtained his discharge. then if they do wrong, I am not to blame.

we will commence the first month to-day.'

Until the sound of his horse's tramp had

died away in the distance both mother and

widow arose and sank upon her son's bosom.

'Oh! Abel-God has blessed us wondrously.'

past two years I have lost considerable by

dishonest men. The man who carries my

produce to market has considerable money to

collect ; sometimes it will average a hundred

you like the place?

'Yes.'

my purse.'

vou faithfully."

Company, of whom you have doubtless heard, in l'earl st., just below Fulton.) The afore in ribbons and jewelry, and the bar-keeper, in said Smithburgher was rumored to be on the blue cost and brass buttons, and an enormous eve of "suspension," hence my burned jour- display of risband. They all four bustled ney. Be it remembered that these events oc- about, running over each other in their eagercurred two years ago, at which era debts were ness to serve me, while the host, rubbing his hands, and smiling apologetically, remarked : still collectable. "Sorry we have nothing better to give

"The shades of night were falling fast," when the train deposited my carpet-bag and you, sir; but you coming so privately, last myself at the Smithburgh station. I was night, took us rather by surprise. Hope you'l be able to make a breakfast sir." soon ensconced in the tavern; an ambitious I ate breakfast in amaze, cogitating wheth wooden structure, very garnishly white, and es these extraordinary attentions could be the very lavish of piazza without, which qualities were counterbalanced by its being very dirty result of the wide-spread fame of the house and very cramped for room within.

store of my delinquent debtor, I did not find without being aware of it. At any rate, the come round and see you quietly in this way. him; and a very brief conversation with the breakfast was substantial, and no illusion. I people whom I did find, served to inform me inwardly resolved I would always patronize linve, thought I to myself, turning a town that I had come on a fruitless errand. He this tavern, whenever I came to Smithburg. had not only suspended, but had decamped Presently I observed indications that out of Smithburgh into parts urknown. He was not only an object of attention, but of was a dead loss, so far as Naryred and Com- curiosity. Faces, as of persons standing on with Dr. Davis at my left elbow; "knowed pany were concerned. All that could be chairs, appeared behind the three panes of done with him, was to put him down on the glass over the door, staring intently at every he's just the picture of himself i debt side of the profit and loss account. mouthful I took. When I looked, the faces gain, that is, without the horse." suddenly ducked out of sight. When I look. There was nothing for it but to go back. ... ed away they re-appeared, or were succeed "And when does the next train go down ?" by others, staring in turn. The window inquired I of mine host at the Hotel.

"No train down till 11,55 A. M.," was the opening on the street was darkened all at Jast my luck. No money, no assets, no curt lesponse.

surprised a crowd of urchins, piled in tiers, collection and no train. I should have to stay flattening their noses against it with intense staring, all of whom vanished as I looked. fourteen hours longer in this dismal country The landlady by incautiously opening the tavern. Tired and very ill-humored; after door which led to the kichen, caused a sudnodding an hour over the same paper I had den rustling and scampering, and a supressed read the day before in town, I took my canscream, which led to the irresistible conclusion dle, and took myself off to bed. that a bevy had been taking turns there, star-

"It must have been near midnight, when I was suddenly roused up by a thundering explosion.

" BANG !"

nouncement that some gentlemen were wait-Bewildered and sleepy. I sat up in bed, trying to make out whether Naryred and ing to pay their re-pects to me. By this the out siders of the circle. Company had "burst," and were unable to time I was past being astonished at anything, "Would you have any obje pay ten cents on the dollar; or whether I was so I unhesitatingly desired them to be shown aboard a Mississippi steamer which had "col- in. The door was flung open, and in bustled lapsed a flue," and was about to be scalded a pompous looking elderly man, in black juilgment, our election is going to go ?" broadcloth with a huge gold watch seal dangwith hot steam ; or whether-----

ling from his fob, s gold headed cano in his "BANG !" suddenly went a second exploband; and a pair of gold spectacles astride sion, and, I made out to comprehend that something was being fired off under my window.

Jumping up, I rushed to the sash, and another, short, stout and smiling, followed. | your pardon, for making the inquiry." peered out. Sure enough there was a crowd Behind them came, I should think, nearly of men and boys, gathered round what looked the entire population of the village, of all like a dilapidated anvil, ramming it down ages, sorts and sizes, squeezing in so as to for a third discharge.

complety fill the poom, only leaving a re-spectful circle, about three feet in diameter, It must be election day in Smithburgh, thought I, and they are rejoicing over the rein front of me; and every one of them starsult. Confound the successful candidate, ing at me as hard as he knew how. whoever he is, making such an infernal rack-

the pompous man, with one arm extended at Just then one of the youngsters looking right angles to his body, and the other thrust up, caught hight of me, standing in my shirt baneath his cost-tails addressed me after this at the window. He hurriedly spoke to the fashion : others, and then one shouted :

" Boys : let's give him three cheers."

And they did.

" Hoo-oo-raw !"

" Hoo-oo-oo-raw !" "Hoo-oo-oo-ra-a-a-aw !"

whether shedding your life blood in your I shrank back, and crept shivering into bed just as gun number four went off, amid another set of cheers. One and thirty times did that infernal piece go off; I devoutly praying each time that it might burst and so stop. Then there were more cheers. Then there was a bonfire blazing up so suddenly a cracked fiddle and a wheezy clarionet.--At last, the Babel quieted down; and I, wondering considerably what it was all about;

fell asleep. But if I was mystified about the doings of

the night, I was considerably more puzzled tender to you the hospitalities of Smithburg, here." by the goings ob of the morning. My bost and the freedens of the city, tuning you will Ab! thought I, he is thinking of going to. The prisoner was acquitted, of course.

"Higginbotham always was sound as a nut" wondered whether the city hells would strike remarked the General; "tan't likely he'll up a peal of welcome in honor of my return. change now he's got the commission." "Are you on the way to Washington,Sir ?" and whether ishould find the Common Coun

here interposed. Deacon Jones. ade of N. Y. S. M. waiting at the depot to ea-"I' Oh! no," said I. "Going up to Concord, perhaps, Sir," said cort me to the City Hall.

Nothing of the sort transpired, however. Squire Staples. I also disclaimed this imputation, wonder-Nobody took any particular notice of me, either ing what the duce I should be going either on the train or when I got off of it. I had quite sunk into my original insignificance. place for.

be oppressive."

apparatus was located.

company generally.

remarka.

devil."

l left.

work to be done in that sitooation of hisn,"

said Mr. Dobson, an honest, farmer-like look-

ng man, clad in sheep's gray, addressing the

Here a dead silence ensued for a brief time.

Saw you were traveling privately like, and I walked home to my lodgings without exciting any attention in the street .- Reaching perhaps wanted to avoid observation, otherthere, I pulled off my boots. which had proved of Naryred and Company, or whether I had wise we should have got up a celebration for When I went over in the evening, to the really achieved a distinguished reputation you. Thought you'd prefer to have us just rather tight, and sat down in easy slippers to Some writing on the inside of the lining Queer ideas of quiet these Smithburghers of one of the boots attracted my notice. took it up and read, in a large round hand, topsy thrvy out of a regard for privacy ! "Know him !" here burst out an energetic "Franklin Pierce."

The mystery was explained ! In hastily little man who had been conversing sotto voce purchasing ready made boots, I had bought a pair made for the President .-- When I set. him ! I'd a knowed him anywhere. Why, them out over night to be blacked at the he's just the picture of himself right over a-'Smithburgh Hotel.' the waiter had read the name, and communicated the important "Your Excellency is a younger looking secret to the landlord, from whom it had man than I expected to see," said the Rev. spread like wildfire through the town. I had Mr. Prterson; "your onerous duties.do not wear upon your health, I trust ! They must been passing with the Smithburgers for Pre sident Pierce! I have not ventured to show myself in "Ah! yes," said Dr. Davis, whose plump

oily appearance testified that he took but little Smithburgh since. I have never heard of of his own medicine, "brsin, Sir, brain,"signi-General Pierce's going there either, so I suppose they are not undeceived to this day .ficantly tapping the spot where his own mental Knick. Magazine. "I reckon there's a right smart deal of head

FORENSIC ELOQUENCE. Gentlemen of the jury, the scripture saith-'Thou shalt not kill.' Now, if you hang my client, you transgress the command as slick as grease, and as plump as a goose egg in a

"Yes, Sir !" "Thats a fact; and "Faix ye loafer's face. Gentlemen, murder is murder, may say that same," chimed in a chorus from whether committed by twelve jurymen or by an humble individual like my client. Gentle-"Would you have any objection, Sir," said men, I do not deny the fact of my client Mr. Hodges, dropping his voice to a whisper, having killed a man ! No such a thing, gentlemen; you may bring the prisoner in 'guilty;" the hangman may do his duty; but will that "to indicate which way, in your experienced

exonerate you? No such a thing; in that "Why, really," replied I, "living as I do. case-you will be murderers. Who among and talking so little part in politics, I----" you is prepared for the brand of Cain to be "I understand," said he, uodding and interhis nose. His face was very red, but a stern rupting; "I understand, quite right; in your stamped upon his brow to day ! Who, free-

determination was written on every feature exalted position, one can't be too cautions of men-who in this land of liberty and light ? of it. A lank solemn visaged individual, and what he says. You are quite right. I beg Gentlemen, I will pledge my word, not one of you has a bowie-knife. No, gentlemen, your pockets are odoriferous with the fumes of cigars and 'tobacco. You can emoke the the insiders of the circle appearently being

tobacco of rectitude in the pipe of a peaceful talked out, and the outsiders too much awed by the dignity of the occasion to venture any conscience, but hang my unfortunate client, and the scaly alligators of remorse will gal-"I wish Lootenant Reed was here," at length lop through the internal principles of the observed Squise Staples; "he'd a been deligh- animal viscors, until the spinal vertebres of ted. Probably you didn't know him, but he your anatomical construction is turned into

fought with you in Mexico. He's a giant of a railroad for the grim and gory goblins of a fellow, six feet two, and a perfect dare despair. Gentlemen, beware of committing murder ! Bewaie, I say, of meddling with the and good nature.

It struck me that, although I had never eternal prerogative! Gentlemen, I abjure you been in Mexico, yet, if this belligerant lieute- by the manumitted ghost of temperate sancticant entertained the impression that he had ty, to do no murder ! I abjure you, by the fought with me, there, he might possible want name of woman, the mainspring of the tickto fight with me again in Smithburg. So ing time piece of time's theoretical transmi-I mentally hoped he would not return before gration, to do no murder! I abjure you by the love you have for the esculent and cond

country's cause upon the farvid plains of "May I beg the honor of just one moment's meatal guato of our native pumpkin, to do no Maxico, or in boldly guiding the helm of the private conversation," entreated a shabby murder ! I abjure you by the American Eagle Ship of State, among the tempests that geneel personage, drawing me saide by the that whipped the universal gamecock of crea-threatened momentarily to wreck her on the coat-button. "I am an attorney and counsel- tion, and now is roosting on the magnetic shoals of the fathomless abyss! But we knew lor at-law; but business is poor here. By the telegraph of time's illustrious transmigration, the eye of the locky American Eagle was fixed way, I ought to mention that I have always to do no murder 1 And lastly, if you expect upon you; and the result would justify our worked bard for the party, and never dreamed to wear storemade coats if you ever expect house had caught fire. Then there was predictions. We knew that the a shafts of asking anything. Any body will tell you free dogs not to bark atfyou; if you ever ex-"Hail Columbia" and "Yankee Doodle," on of vile calumny which were aimed at your so. But what I was going to ask you, was, pect to wear boots made of the free hide of Sevoted head; but we knew also that they whether, if I come down your way, there the Rocky Mountain buffalow, and, to sum rankled agaiast an impeutrable shield, which would be any chance of my getting an office I up all, if you ever expect to be anything but rankied against an impentione shield, which would be any counce of my getting an onice i up all, if you ever expect to be anything but would quench them forever into to the I wouldn't think of such a thing if it wasn't a speaking, loading, rascally, braided small ground. Sir, you are welcome. In the name, for my straightened circumstances. There and on the bestift of my fellow-citizens, I really don't seem anything for me to do up

cil and General Sandford with the first Brig-

She took it as she spoke, and upon the in

side of the clasp, which was lined with red morocco, she read, 'John Thompson.' John Thompson was one of the wealthiest nen in the place. He owned a very large farm, and besides supplying a large amount of milk to eustomers, he raised large quantities of garden sauce and fine fruit, which he-

sent to a neighboring city. 'Oh ! how easy he could spare it,' whisper away. d Abel. 'It would be no loss to him.' 'That is so in a measure, my son,' said the child sat in perfect silence. At length the widow, solemnly. 'His would not be the loss: but we should lose-oh, how much !'

'We mother ? Aye, my boy. Should you keep this-

should we keep it-where would our honor the youth. be ! The next time you met Mr. Thompson, + 'Not that - not that, my son. Oh ! it was sting in your soul-Oh, would you keep it, Abel ?

'No; my mother, I would not. No, no-I'll carry it back this very night.'

'You may wait until morning, for you must get me some wood now.' The purse was laid away in a place of safety, and on the following morning Abel started basket for his mother, and Mr. Thompson off bright and early, and walked with a light gave him an order on the tailor for a new suit

and buoyant step, for he was satisfied with of clothes. the work he was doing.

not long in discovering that he had won a Mr. Thompson lived in a fine, large mansion, on the top of a gentle eminence, at a treasury in his new hand. Abel sold more produce than had ever been sold before from short distance from the read, and was surthe place, and he got better prices; or at least rounded by a park of noble trees. Abel took his way up to the neatly graveled walk, and he returned to his employer far better. And that was not all. The business was kept met the owner upon the broad piazza. -

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square-even to to fraction of a penny-every 'Do you wish to see me, sir?' asked the day; so that any moment Mr. Thompson host. He was a kind, generous looking man ; stout and corpulent, with a face full of health could tell just how he stood. But there was but one difficulty. The pro-

ducer often wished for the assistance of his 'Yes, sir,' answered Abel promptly, at the same time ascending the piszzs. 'I found a produce agent in the evening, especially when purse last evening, and on opening it we found he had any accounts to make out. 'So he talked with his wife, and it was soon arranged vour name upon it? that the widow Morton should come and find 'And who is we ?' a home beneath their roof .- She had grown 'My mother and me, sir.' 'Then you did not think you needed the stronger and the flush of health was again upon her cheek, since her son had afforded her the many comforts she needed, and she ac-

'Sir ?' returned the youth with an inquiring cepted the new offer with pleasure. Abel 'Seeing that you bring the money to me I could now spend all his time in his employer's interest, and the happiness of all concerned

suppose you had no use for it.' 'Use for it, sir ?' repeated Abel, at a loss was greatly enhanced thereby. how to understand the man. Oh ! God knows I saw a wealthy man walk to highouse and we had use for it, but not so much as we have as he stood and gazed around upon his broad or our honor and truth.'

Thompson in the same peculiar tone, 'Afraid ! what do you mean ! Do I love their happy ories of "papa ! papa !" my mother because I'm afraid to hate her ! It was Abel Morton ; and the old lady was brought your money back because it's your's his mother. He was an honored, happy man,

and not mine.'

So, suppose you come up and look around If General Barnes was not possessed of very superior legal attainments; yet as a The poor widow felt it her duty to say lawyer, he had the happy faculty of impressomething before the kind man left, so she sing his clients that justice and law were turned towards him and opened her mouth, with them in all cases. We have a happy and then-began to cry. Mr. Thompson understood it. He took her by the hand, and illustration of his talent in a letter from a bade her be of good cheer, and then hastened friènd : .

A rough countryman walked into the office of General Barnes one day and began. his application :

"General Barnes I have come to get your advice in a case that is giving me some tronble."

"Well, what is the matter ?"

Suppose I had kept the money,' whispered "Suppose now," said the client, "that a man had one spring of water on his land. you'd fear to look him in the face. You not the money; though the money, like a and his neighbor living below him was to could not look at him with the happy cons- mirror, reflected yourself. It was the stern build a dam across a creek running through. ciousness of your own innocence. There integrity of your soul. You couldn't have both their farms, and it was to back the wawould be a taint upon your character-a kept it. The simply carrying back of ten ter up into the other man's spring, what ought dollars was little to be compared with the to be done !"

"Sue him, sir, sue him by all means," said principles involved. He saw your honor,your truth-and for what you are he has bired the General, who always became excited in proportion to the aggravation of his clients. Abel went up to the great house, and soon found something to do. When he returned home at night, Mrs. Thompson sent a covered give me the case, and I'll bring the money basket for his mother, and Mr. Thompson from him; and if he hasn't a great deal of

property it will break him up, sir." "But stop, General," cried the terrified applicant for legal advice, "it's me that built The busy senson came on, and Mr. T. was the dam, and it's neighbor Jones that owns the spring, and he has threatened to sue me." The keen lawyer hesitated a moment before he tacked his ship, and kept on.

"Ah! Well, sir, you say you built a dam scross that creek. What sort of a dam was that,-sir !"

"It was a mill-duit." " A mill dam for grinding graib, was it ?" "Yes, it. was just that."

"And it is a good neighborhood mill, is i 17

"So it is, sir, and you may well say so." " And all your neighbors bring their grain there to be ground, do they !" "Yes, sir, all but Jones."

"Then it is a great public convenience, is it not 12.

"To be sure it is. I would not have built but for that. It's so far to any other mill; sir.'

"And now," said the old lawyer, "you tell me that that man Jones is complaining just. because the water from your dam happens to put back into his little spring, and he is threatening to ane you. Well, all I have to acres half a dozen children broke away from say is, let him sue, and he'll rue the day he "Were you afraid to keep it ? pursued Mr. an old lady, who had been playing with them, ever thought of it, as sure as my name is hompson in the same peculiar tone.

A Dutchings caught a hornet in his hand, but dropped it and exclaimed : "Pe chapers, what kind of death do your pirts have for striot Honor and Truth had been his guide in Ameriky !"

Thus speaking Abel handed the gentleman through life.