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TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1860.

The P. R.

[For The Press.]

Not an uninstructive record might be made of the various opinions that have been held respecting the relation of soul to body, and of the practical embodiment of such opinions in customs and systems. From Plato to Herr Teufelsdröckh there has been a class which has considered the body as prison-house to the soul, and as such to be conquered in its appetites and passions; to be used only to be cast aside when the end of the use is attained. On the other hand, there has been a class with opposite tendencies, unfolding exclusively the idea that the appetites of the body are legitimate, and therefore to be indulged and fostered. The masses have always marched under this banner, from the Epicureans to the prize-fighters. However different the means adopted, their principle has been the same—exaltation of the corporeal. The highest results, resulting from some copy of Bacchus, Yelling, cat like taunts and obscene choking, to bestow on his second's knee.

Now, both these theories which have dignified the speculative and practical worlds are, true, so far as they represent the *principle* that underlies each; both are false so far as they embody the abuses which the follies or the lusts of men have grafted on them. It is right to subdue the body to the soul, if man is other than a digesting-sack, if he has any interest beyond present feeding. Cicero's declaration in the elegant Latin of his "Somnium" is nothing more than an expression of a universal belief: "It is not the form which can be pointed at with the finger, but the whole mind and soul of a man that is the *man*." To develop, then, this inner nature, and give to its control every passion that would interfere with its highest culture, seems to form man's highest duty. But to discharge it thoroughly, every *bodily* power must also be developed; for thus shall the soul best gain strength to complete the mastery it has begun. All honor, then, to physical discipline, since it is physical subjugation.

This question of the relation of the physical to the psychical must be forced upon the attention of every thinking man to-day. News has come to us of an uncommon exhibition of animal strength, for which the actors had been severely and continuously trained. So far, well. But news has also come to us of the motives, the modes, and the issues of the contest; our *cage* is a cry of horror.

Given now two splendid specimens of physical force, two stalwart athletes, whose rounded, brawn, and toughened sinews excite our highest admiration of lusty manliness. Under those braced and hardened muscles are elasticity and tone of nerve; the men are not machines, but intelligent actors: the sturdy power of every movement is almost hidden by the instinctive grace of life's quick volition. A few hours hence, two heaps of swollen and mangled carcass, two masses of jellied flesh, all semblance of humanity smashed from their faces, lips, eyes, cheeks split into, ribands, or, hanging in bloody flabs. Is more than one verdict possible to any decent indictee? Does not every heart sicken at the loathsome details peddled by the papers, even to manly editions? When in conjunction with these disgusting *results* are put the motives—money and brutal passion—when we consider that all this is read by millions who learn to gloat over blood at a distance, and thus grow familiar to blood at home—we cry out: It is time to stop this; if Christian *sentiment* in the nineteenth century cannot forbid that imbruted men should buckle and hew each other to horrid manglement, Christian *law* must.

Why, the world has never before seen the like! The contests at the Grecian games were inspired by the semi-noble motive of emulation, and in their actual results rarely presented a shocking spectacle. Boxing and the pancratium were, for the most part, in disrepute; and, when they occurred, were softened in their effects by the exalted contests in music and poetry. The gladiatorial fights of Rome—offspring of sons besotted Emperor's brain—were *forced* upon their hapless subjects. But here are men *voluntarily* gorging each other for gold, revelling in a ferocious barbarity which barbarians would blush to own. If they were determined to do the world a good service by ridding it of their brutish presence, and would then tear each other to pieces in some *corner*, certainly we could offer but very faint strictures. Whatever objections lie against capital punishment have no force in the mutual dismemberment of two brutes. But when all this is done in the open light of day, amid a crowd of applauding spectators, numbering many millions on either side of the Atlantic—when it is done in the name of "manly courage," "pluck," "bottom," "muscular development," and our children are urged impliedly or avowedly to like "spirit"—in the name of humanity we enter a protest.

Recognising fully the intimate connection between brawn and brain; conceding everything that the most strenuous advocate of the "fancy" could urge in behalf of exercise and "training," we do yet say that such exhibitions as prize-fights, enlisting the worst passions—cupidity and hate—in their support, can have no other than the most degrading effect, not only upon those immediately concerned, but on all who are familiarized with its sickening details. We do again distinctly state that in the case of Plato *versus* Epicurus, Plato has the loftiest right; that Epicurus is right only so far as assists his loftier brother. The development of body is not an *end for itself, but a* means for something higher. Health, strength, vigor, elasticity of nerve-tone, are so many helps to lift us *above* the prize-ring.

In conclusion, let any man who recognises a higher than a physical manhood speak earnestly against this brutality, forming public sentiment so far as in him lies. Law is but a gauge of public feeling; if the one be true, the other cannot be false and will not be lax. T. C.

Prime Cost of Gas.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PRESS:" In a leading article in your columns, this morning, it is stated that the cost of coal-gas at this time, at the City Works, is *ninety-five cents* per thousand cubic feet.

I fear that you, with many others, have been misled by the statements floating through the journals of the day, which are designed to reconcile the community to the present wasteful and oppressive administration of our city gas affairs.

The Chief Engineer, in his official report for the year 1859, states that the quantity of gas manufactured was five hundred and sixty-two millions of cubic feet, of which sixty-eight millions were lost or consumed at the factory; the net production four hundred and ninety-four millions of cubic feet of gas, the cost of which, including gas repairs and *incidentals*, and *excluding* services, street mains, works, and interest on capital, &c., was $764,183.02, being equal to more than $1.54 per thousand feet.

When you remember that the gas consumers *must* pay, in addition to the cost of gas, an interest per annum on eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars, being the cost of the various local works bought by the trustees, together with interest on an investment of millions of dollars in works, service pipes, meters, &c., you will see that there is not much profit at the present price of gas, when made from coal. At the same time, you will as readily perceive that the patronage and immense disbursement of cash under control of officials of the city trust sufficiently explain the uneasiness excited by the public discussion of the proposals of the water gas innovators, to make gas at reduced rates.

The Water Gas Company offer to save $200,000 per annum to the public, and offer to give security for the fulfilment of their undertaking; but the money and patronage are wanted in "*Incidental*" schemes by our coal gas potentates; hence the opposition to any interference with "vested interests" by those who now control them.

APRIL 30. ANOTHER TRUTH.

New Music.

Frith, Pond, & Co., New York, have published three new songs, duets for soprano and tenor, composed by J. Remington Fairlamb, of this city. These are "A Young Maiden's Thoughts," "Forget thee, dear Susie?" and "Oh, smile upon the fallen." Of these, the first is decidedly the prettiest—the music being harmoniously expressive, and precisely adapted to the character of the poetry.

"The Home of Happier Days," composed and arranged for the piano by Mr. Fairlamb, (published by Beak & Lawton,) is also much above the usual run of ordinary songs. The words have meaning, and the music has a decided character and sweetness of its own.

In a few days, Mr. Fairlamb will leave this city, where he has been organist in one of the principal churches, on a visit to Europe to complete his musical education. His stay will probably extend over several years. We expect to hear as well of him in the future as in the past.

Northern Home for Friendless Children.

—The annual celebration of the opening of this institution will take place this afternoon at 3½ o'clock. Addresses will be delivered, in addition to exercises in singing, &c., by the children. We bespeak for our fair friends, who take so much interest in carrying on the philanthropic work, for which the Home was *designed*, a large concourse of our best citizens on the occasion referred to.

The Cincinnati Platform.

The following is the substance of that part of the Cincinnati platform upon the slave issue in the Territories:

1. Desiring the co-operation of all who regard the Union under the Constitution as the paramount issue; repudiating all sectional parties on slavery, whose purposes, if consummated, must end in civil war and disunion, and adopting as the only sound and safe solution of the slavery question, for the conservation of the Union, *non-interference by Congress with slavery in State or Territory, or in the District of Columbia.*

2. That this was the basis of the compromises of 1850, and was rightly applied to the organization of Territories in 1854; and by the uniform application to the organization of Territories and the admission of new States, with or without slavery, as they may elect, the equal rights of all the States in the Territories will be preserved, the original compact of the Constitution maintained, and the perpetuity and expansion of the Union over the continent secured.

3. That we recognise the right of the people of all the Territories, acting through the legally and fairly expressed will of a majority of actual residents, and when the number of their inhabitants justifies it, to form a Constitution, with or without domestic slavery, and to be admitted into the Union upon terms of perfect equality with the other States."

THE DRED SCOTT DECISION.

The following are such extracts from the Dred Scott decision as bear upon the issues before the Convention:

"The powers of the Government, and the rights and privileges of the citizen, are regulated and plainly defined by the Constitution itself. * * * The Territory belongs, in fact, to the United States, but the Government and the citizen both enter it under the authority of the Constitution, with their respective rights defined and marked out, and the Federal Government can exercise no power over his person or property beyond what that instrument confers, nor lawfully deny any right which it has reserved." * * * *

The Constitution provides that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, and property, without due process of law," and if Congress itself cannot do this, it is "beyond the powers conferred on the Federal Government, it will be admitted, we presume, that it could not authorise a Territorial Government to exercise them. It could confer no power on any local Government established by its authority to violate the provisions of the Constitution. And if the Constitution recognises the right of property of the master in a slave, and makes no distinction between that description of property and other property owned by a citizen, no tribunal acting under the authority of the United States, whether it be legislative, executive, or judicial, has a right to draw such a distinction, or to deny it the benefit and provisions of the guarantees which have been provided for the protection of private property against the encroachment of the Government." * * * *

And the Government, in express terms, is pledged to protect it (property in a slave) in all future time, if the slave escapes from his owner. This is done in plain words—no plain to be misunderstood. And no word can be found in the Constitution which gives Congress a greater power over slave property, or which entitles property of that kind to less protection than property of any other description. The only power conferred is the power coupled with the duty of guarding and protecting the owner in his rights. * * * *

It was not only within the scope of its (the General Government's) power, but it was its duty to pass such laws and establish such a (Territorial) Government as would enable those, by whose authority they acted (the people of the several States) to reap the advantages anticipated from its acquisition.

And, in the opinion of the judge, the prohibiting acts are founded in sound public policy, and ought to be enforced. Those acts apply to all persons directly or indirectly concerned in the importation of African slaves, either in manning or navigating slave vessels, or furnishing funds, provisions, or equipments for such vessels.

"But when the negroes have passed into other hands after importation, then they come under State jurisdiction, and are subject to the same rights and disabilities as other free negroes in the respective States in which they may be found. He who holds one of them, claiming him as a slave, can be proceeded against, under State law, in the same manner as if he claimed any other free negro as his slave. This argument was sustained by the citation of many authorities involving analogous principles; as in the case of merchandise, when the importation has been completed and the goods have passed into other hands and become subject to taxation; also, of persons who have emigrated into the country under the passenger laws, and have passed into the masses of our population.

"As it was not pretended by the district attorney that the Africans who were the subjects of these indictments were held by the importers, but, on the contrary, as that officer admitted that the defendants were in no way concerned in their importation, his honor held they were guilty of no offence under the prohibitory acts of Congress, and therefore the demurrer to the indictment must be sustained."

The French Milliner in the Witness Box.

Madame Lareine ascended into the pen, and took her place, after delivering herself of a stately scoop to the judges and the court, like a grand dame of the reign of Louis XIV. She did not give their lordships any trouble about taking her seat—not she! When her attention was called to the various acts of cruelty, both of speech and act, with which Mr. Barber was charged on account of Mrs. Barber's alleged extravagance in dress, she clasped her hands in an emphatic way, and exclaimed: "Ah! *Mon Dieu! c'est infame—le barbare!*"

She then explained to the court that the usual Parisian calculation for a lady's dress varied proportionately with the family income, and that the amount of the *dot* brought by the wife was invariably taken largely into account. Upon an income of 25,000 francs she could positively affirm—assuming two children—that a lady was economical who only expended 10,000 francs on dress. Mrs. Barber, in her opinion, was entitled to expend, at the least, 4400 per annum on this object. The sum of 2200 per annum was a *misère*—it was *maigre—lepreuse!* Was 225 too much for that evening robe of white satin? Assuredly not! The court must take into account that there were *bouillonnes* of the same under the skirt, which was necessarily of tulle, which was again adorned with *bouillonnes* and a frill of silver lace. She saw no mention of the *corsage*, which was *de rigueur*. And then their lordships would readily see that there must be a bow to match at the front of the body. For a terry velvet bonnet, trimmed across the front with a scarf of the same, five guineas were a *bagatelle*. No! these would be no blonde inside. "*Fi donc! quel genre!* The outer dress—petticoats, sleeves, collars, cuffs, gloves apart—she could not set a lady's little corner comforts down at less than 260 per annum. In answer to Dr. Lobb, in cross-examination, she intimated to him that she had been speaking hitherto of *ladies*; but she was quite prepared to admit that the wife of a small lawyer—a *petit avocat* like him (Dr. L.)—might dress herself for 240 per annum. But then she must be *aux expedians*, and devote her whole attention to turning, dyeing, and making shift. Would Dr. Lobb like to ask her any more questions? or any other gentleman? No? Then, *Ma foi! Bonjour!—London Paper.*

A CLEVELAND PAINTER IS HEIR TO £10,000 IN ENGLAND.—Mr. F. W. Furniss, for the past two years a journeyman printer in the city, called for Europe in the schooner R. H. Harmon this morning. He goes to Europe to look after £10,000 which belongs to him. His great aunt died near London last September, leaving the above sum to Mr. Furniss' mother, and, in case of that lady's death, the money was to go to her eldest son. Mr. Furniss' mother died some years ago at Quebec, which fact, it is supposed, his great aunt was not aware of at the time she made her will. Mr. Furniss learns that efforts are being made in England to break the will, but he has positive assurance from high legal authorities that he can readily establish his right in the premises. He is an industrious and intelligent young man, and carries with him across the Atlantic the best wishes of the craft in Cleveland.—*Cleveland Plaindealer.*

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SENATE.

Sundry memorials and petitions were presented.

On motion of Mr. FITCH, the Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George T. Brandreth, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims, to which the bill for the relief of Mr. Brandreth was previously referred.

Mr. LANE, Republican, of Oregon, moved to take up the bill for the relief of Aaron Dodge.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Arkansas, moved that before the Senate adjourn it be till Saturday next. Carried.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the Senate adjourned till Wednesday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, addressed the House in favor of his bill. The friends of protection seized on the payment of the public debt, which was consequently small, as a pretext to impugn the duties. Whenever free trade had been tried the result had proved the wisdom of this policy.

We should not abandon the advantages gained in that direction.

Mr. TALEY, of Massachusetts, explained the position of the majority of the Republican party in Congress on the action of the Convention party as being descriptive of the position of the country, as well as reference of the great political party of which they were members. They were not responsible for the platform of any convention, and denounced the resolutions and declarations of the Charleston Convention.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, replied to the remarks of the former gentleman, and declared that the Republican party was not responsible for the platform of any convention. The Republican party was a party of principle, and the principles of the Democratic party were well known. The Democratic party, which, for many years, has controlled the Government, has failed to secure to the people the blessings of peace. It is not for principle they are contending, but for power.

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Mr. WADE, of Ohio, replied that no man in a Western State, the Democrats have come out at the same time they went in as the North in the South. The South will wrest the North, and both will go in to save the Republicans if they can. Who cares for platforms? They are put there to catch fools. It is only a means serviceable for the spoils.

The committee rose and the House adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE Florence correspondent of the Newark *Advertiser* mentions that the wife and children of Dr. Achilli, an apostate from the Roman Church, about whom some excitement was recently created in Hoboken, and who has conciliated Protestant feeling both in England and the United States, are in a perfectly destitute condition, living on the alms of our countrymen. He shipped them at New York, last year, under a specious pretext, with the promise to supply their wants monthly by bills of exchange, since which this only intelligence they have had of him was through the newspaper report of his having another wife and child in New Jersey. Measures have been taken to call him to account.

DEBAD OF CANNIBALISM.—A terrible murder, the result of an Indian superstition, is described in follow in the *Nor'wester*, published at the Selkirk settlement, in the Red river of the North:

"We have just received the following thrilling intelligence from the shores of Lake Winnipeg. In the beginning of February, two men went from Lower Fort Garry to the west side of the lake, on a fur expedition. In the vicinity of 'Thick Wood' they fell in with Mr. John Mackenzie, who informed them that he had visited 'Thick Foot's' camp, and there learned that 'Thick Foot's' brother had killed his grandson, a boy of ten or twelve years of age, being apprehensive that said boy was becoming a 'Windigoo.' We may inform our unitiated readers that, according to an Indian tradition, if the youth had once tasted human flesh he would have become as impenetrable to lead or steel as ever Achilles was after emerging from the river Styx. It was to obviate so dire a calamity, that the Indian patriarch, with all due solemnity and ceremony, perpetrated the dreadful deed, by burying his axe in the centre of his grandchild's foot satisfied with crushing the head to atoms, his superstitious *furor* impelled him to cut up the remains and burn them to cinders, in order thoroughly to extinguish any latent vital spark which might by any possibility, germinate into a 'Windigoo.' The tradition also taught that when any body had fairly commenced eating human flesh, his heart became a solid mass of ice, and hence we are told, as a matter of gross moment, that the young heart burned like every other heart, presenting no symptoms of *glaciefaction*!"

FIENDISH PLOT DISCOVERED.—The Detroit *Free Press* has the particulars of a fiendish conspiracy to destroy human life. It appears that at Mount Clemens, on the Grand Trunk railway, there is a bridge—one of Howe's truss bridges—of three spans, each span sixty feet long, the whole being thirty-five feet above the water. The peculiar construction of these bridges is such that the bolts constitute its strength. They are some fifteen or twenty feet in length, and are placed in such a position as to bind the upper and lower girders together, and press the diagonal truss work into a solid mass of timbers, which no ordinary weight can break down. The moment they are withdrawn the bridge will fall of its own weight, and the removal of a small portion of them contributes greatly to decrease its power of resistance to an immense moving weight. In the present instance the bridge was strengthened by iron girders, which extended from one abutment to the other, and the danger was less, but no amount of girding would have rendered the bridge safe, for any length of time, after the bolts were rendered ineffective by the removal of the retaining power.

Charles Smith and Reed Bowman, for the purpose of securing what plunder they could gain, determined to remove these bolts, and let the bridge and the next train fall. They went so far as to remove, by the use of a wrench, a number of nuts from the long bolts which support the truss work. The work was a long and tedious one, as the villains, while off duty on that, tried their hands at other rascality. One of them broke into a house in the vicinity, and tried to commit murder and robbery, and the other was caught in some petty act. Both were tried and convicted, and sent to the State's prison. Smith then confessed what had been done on the bridge, and upon examination the statement was found to be correct. Had they continued their work one day more, the probability is that there would have been an immense sacrifice of human life.

☞ On the 17th of April, her Majesty the Empress of the French gives a grand fancy dress ball at the hotel of her mother the Countess de Montijo, in the Champs Elysées, Paris. Invitations are already issued, and it is said that some of the costumes ordered will be of a fabulous beauty and price. The dress of her Majesty, although simple enough in material, will, of course, surpass all others in magnificence of precious stones. The Empress intends to personate Diana equipped for the chase. The dress is composed of a short skirt of tulle, embroidered with silver stars and crescents. The body is made of flesh-colored silk. She will have suspended behind her a golden quiver filled with arrows, the feathers of which will sparkle with diamonds. A simple gold band encircles the head, with a large diamond crescent and two small stars in front; pink silk boots with golden anklets set with diamonds. It is said that her Majesty, to get the diamonds in the shape requisite for this dress, has obliged to have, in conjunction with her private jewels, several of the largest pieces belonging to the Crown diamonds unset and re-mounted, and that the *parure* complete will be estimated as worth more than ten millions of francs. The already beautiful hotel of the Countess de Montijo is undergoing alterations and arrangements for this *fête*, which will give it an appearance of fairy-like splendor and opulence and splendor, and it is understood that the Empress stakes her reputation on its success.—*Paris Cor. Tribune.*

Murder at Topeka.

A U. S. DEPUTY MARSHAL KILLED IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTY—THE MURDERER NOT ARRESTED.

[From the Leavenworth Herald.]

United States Marshal Colby received intelligence yesterday evening of the killing of Leonard Arms, one of his deputies at Topeka, on Friday last, by John Richy, while attempting to arrest him on an indictment against him from the United States District Court of the Second district.

From persons who arrived yesterday evening from Topeka, we learn the following account of the murder: