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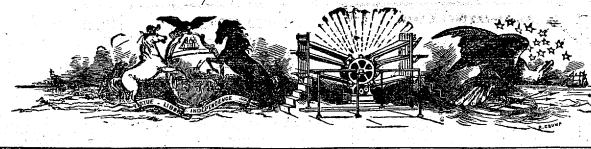
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1864.

sonations whose leading points we stated. Had we sarried this fully out, we should also have examined the variation in Mr. Forrest's, classical characters.

the right track.

In this city, during the last six weeks, Mr. Forrest has embodied the Virginius of Sheridan Knowles, Banim's Damon, Howard Payne's Brutus, and the Spariacus of Dr. Bird. Last season, at New York, be also played Conference a part in which we did he also played Coriolanus, a part in which we did not then see him, though we retain such a vivid recollection of its performance, also in New York, some years ago, that we can examine it, also, com-paratively with the other four. In Mr. Forrest's rendering, each of these classical characters is stamped with the unmistakable imprint of his pecunius-with that largeness of outline and breadth of manner which are so positively his own, and four of them are finished with that rare com-pleteness and tenderness of minor detail which had gradually grown up with him, until, in this respect he is at present unequalled, if indeed he has been ever equalled in these by any artist. From this commendation we have excepted a single character, that of Spartacus. Whether it is that Mr. Forres conceived he had already done all that was possible with this part, (which is one of his most popular characters,) or that he does not relish it so tho ly as he does the others, or whether it does not present the means for extended and continuous study, we are unable to determine. Our belief is he Spartacus has no right to rank, as a parallel performance, with any of the other four classical charac-ters. Yet it possesses such wide points of positive difference from the others, that it will furnish us with some of our most obvious examples. Look, for instance, at Spartacus and Brutus. Both, in the first parts of "The Gladiator," and

"The Fall of Tarquin," are veiling their true characters. In Spartacus, however, it is simply that the man has been crushed by the adverse Fate which has doomed him to captivity. He is oppressed and beaten down, as it were, into a compulsory prostration of soul. At times, the old and savage heroism electrically flashes out—a great force appears and is trampled down the next moment, by his affections, by the promise of freedom. or by his caution. The Brutus is different. The man is a great political leader in the crude state, who, from caution, affects an idiotry of nature. The moments in which he shows himself to the spectator are different from those to which we have jus alluded. Grand thoughts and sublime visions have been sweeping through his soul. Mr. Forrest ren-

ders these with a Roman simplicity and fervor, widely different from the savage bursts of the scarcely half-civilized Thracian. We know not er this was his intention—whether it can be claimed by him as his purpose—but there it is, and if not felt by him in his original conception of the two characters, it is a positive evidence of genius even more wonderful than the genius might be which had carefully and minutely studied and felt cut the variation between them. Nor, in the remain der of the characters, is the variety of the great artist one whit less apparent. Where Spartacus is abandoned by his brother, it is the coarse, rough, untamed emotion of the half-savage warrior that he developes. When Brutus sits in jndgment upon his son, it is the Roman majesty of soul, veiling and controlling the fierce anguish beneath, which he makes apparent to the audience.

fatherly tenderness of Virginius, which cannot suffer him for one moment to pause in his Roman resolve preserve the honor of his child unblemished Was ever a more pure and almost pastoral picture in its simplicity placed upon the stage than his first scenes with Virginia. What else, in any of Mr. Forrest's characters, have we to parallel with this. exquisitely touching piece of acting, whether in its manner of translation or in the conception. His Coriolanus, however, as we remember it, presents us with such a positive variation from either avoid mentioning it as one of the most irrefragable coofs of the genius of the artist. Coriolanus 1 historically a strongly marked man, and Shakspear

Again: Look at the fatherly love and sorrow o

the first Brulus, as contrasted with the delicate,

has eliminated this positive and strange moral nature with wonderful beauty. Haughty and overbearing to the commonalty of Rome, tender and variable with his mother, vindictive and resolute in his passions, he stands in positive opposition to der bravery of Virginius. This complex character Mr. Forrest has created upon the modern stage in more than its original Shaksperian power. If stage tradition be true, not even John Kemble equalled him in this. The comedy which he introduces in the scenes between Corio

inus and his mother is widely different, not only from the occasional comedy which touches his Vir ginius and his Damon, but varies entirely from the comedy in his Richard, to which we alluded in our previous article. The last is the conscious Comedy of an unprincipled man of genius. Richard is aware at others. In Coriolanus, he himself is unconsciit laughed at the man would not appreciate the equally certain that Richard would enjoy the smiles he might cause, provided that you and he alone were present. It is not alone in the Comedy of the part that Mr. Forrest has made it so individually his own.

His contempt of the unwashed plebians of Rome is grandly exhibited. Even when he leaves the stage without a word, with the unclean pack yelping at his heels, it is done with a grandeur of action and movement which expresses his contempt for them, sciousness of his action. When he turns and looks at them, it is with a marvellous simplicity of purpose, which stamps him as a great artist had he It is in the last scene, when listening to the apfairly contrast him with another of his Roman characters, Brutus sits in judgment on his son. Corio-lanus has to judge himself. Here the actor rises from tragic to epic grandeur. While he listens, at first immobile, but afterwards won in his own despite to what he feels, must condemn him in the eyes of those who, until now, have been the instru ments of his vengeance, the scene is well nigh per feet-as perfect, at any rate, as any dramatic thing vinced in his own despite-mentally gnashing his teeth at his subjugation to the argument of his mo-ther and his own filial tenderness. In *Bruius*, the Roman overrides the Man from the first, and dic-

tates to him. In Coriolanus, it is the Man who treads down the Roman, and it is not a Roman, but a mo. ther's prayer that beats down the proud and revengeful will opposed to it. Mr. Edwin Forrest, we leave the subject nearly un classical representations, will agree with us that "This is the noblest Roman of them all."

[For The Press.] The New Year 1864. With call of trumps and roll of drums To tented fields the New Year comes: Campfires light him on his way, He shall bring us victory He shall bring us victory! Of happy years, whose lives shall flow So peacefully, so blissfully, That all the world shall envy as they pass For the great deeds of long ago I He, the long expected Morrow, For whom the faithless past did wearily wait! He shall bring love to hearts that throb with hate And calm to hearts that sorrow;

Exalt in starry station absolute. JOHN A. DORGAN. don correspondent of the Tribune writes:

"Among the most earnest and efficient friends of America in London is Washington Wilks, Esq., editor of The Morning Star. When all England was afiame about the Trent affair, he was the only editor in England who said we were right, and one of the very few who exhibited the moral courage to defend us in public and in private. He has made over one hundred speeches in England on the American question, and has done very much to instruct and lead the minds of the people to a right understanding of our tremendous struggle. He has been recently and efficiently aided by an American gentleman now at Moschy's Hotel, the Hon. Jas. M. Scovel, from the North, who has spoken on several occasions in London and in the country, and is invited to address one of the London clubs. Mr. Wilks has been invited to America during the summer, and if he should reach your hospitable shores, I hope your people will not forget that in the darkest hours of the American struggle that The Morning Star, under the man agement of Mr. Lucas and Nr. Wilks, never ceased to advocate the cause of nationality and freedom in America.

LETTER FEON GENERAL GRANT.—At its late and don correspondent of the Tribune writes:

From his reign its age shall the New World date.
Thenceforth our glorious land shall truly be

All that poets have feigned her with hope elate.

Brave, and strong, and beautiful, and free,

And mock her impotent enemies—standing mute,

LETTER FROM GENERAL GRANT.-At its late anniversary, the Missionary Society of the Cincinnati conference elected General Grant'an honorary nember. Rev. J. F. Marley communicated the fact member. Rev. J. F. Marley communicated the fact to the General, and the following is his reply:

OHATTANOOGA. December 7, 1863.

Rev. J. F. Marley, Secretary Society:

DEAR SIR: Through you permit me to express my thanks to the society of which you are the honored secretary, for the compliment they have seen fit to pay me by electing me one of its members. I accept the election as a token of earnest support, by members of the Methodist Missionary Society of the Cincinnati Conference, to the cause of our country in this hour of trial.

I have the honor to be, very truly,

Your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT, Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

- Miss Jean Ingelow, whose first volume of poems has achieved so sudden a popularity, has a second already announced, to appear simultaneously in England and America. It is entitled "A Sister's

THREE CENTS. NEW YORK CITY.

> ndence of The Press.]
> New York, Dec. 31, 1863.
> IRON-CLAD MATTERS. The iron clad frigate Re D'Italia returned yester-day afternoon from a trial trip, which had well nigh resulted in her destruction. She started on Saturday last, with a large party of invited guests on board, and, early on Tuesday morning, struck on Wardle's beach, some fifteen miles from Sandy Hook, and remained fast in the sand until late in the night, when she was hauled off by tugs. Her eafety is attributed to the fact that, at the time of the coident, but one of her engines was working. As it was, the occurrence gave rise to no little excitement; but fortune, in this instance, favored the brave, and she now lies safely moored in the harbor, having sustained no material damage beyond the loss of a few guns, which were thrown overboard in order to lighten her.

The gigantic ocean iron-clad Dictator was aunched on Saturday with great success, after nany previous efforts had proved fruitless. THE CONTRABAND TRADERS. The affair of the "George Cromwell," referred to at length in my last communication, remains in statu quo, and the steamer is yet in the hands of the revenue officers. Among those who were arrested for complicity in the contraband trade; are Hon. H. Segur, the former minister from San Salvador, his wife, and one Cauty, a New York merchant. Segur was a perfect armory of revolvers, as were his wife children, and the nurse. Their arrests led to the seizure of fifty "kegs of lard," containing similar weapons, the bill for which was found upon Mrs. Segur's-person. The Cortlandt-street merchants, referred to in the same letter as having shipped ammunition on board the Comwell, constitute the firm of Grean & Gladding. This firm-name has not iff of Grean a Granding, so the published in the city journals, for some unknown reason; but as it is already town talk, its publication in The Press cannot be considered as prenature. Judging from dark hints which are constantly given by persons conversant with the revenue affairs of this port, I am led to believe that others, equally well known with Mr. Segur, are mixed up in the same matter, and will be arrested shortly; or perhaps are already under arrest. It is no easy matter to learn all the details of official action in such cases, the authorities moving very cautiously, and showing an unconquerable re when approached upon the subject, at least until they are assured that the right men are caged,
A-MILITARY SLAVE TRADE.

A bold and disgraceful traffic in negroes has lately sprung up in this city, which promises to become tolerable unless prompt and severe measures for its represement are undertaken by the proper officials. Ever since the recruiting of negroes has commenced in this State, "recruiting brokers," as they are called, have made kidnapping a principal branch of their nefarious business. The the rowdles and vagabonds of the streets, who, having no honorable means of support, have adopted this business, not only as being consonant with their tastes, but as affording large margins of profit. Scarcely a day passes, during which one or more negroes are not boldly attacked in the open daymake an outery, and then dragged off to some reruiting office, and absolutely forced to enlist in the colored regiments. Having once signed the artiles, the hope of redress, of course, becomes distant, if not altogether vain, and they are marched off to camp under guard—the victims of a system as inhuman and despotic as that of slavery itself. Men who have been missed by their families have been discovered fast in these toils, after many days of earch; to rescue them is next to impossi very boldness of such transactions is the chief element which deprives these unhappy men of redress. Few civilians, much less military men, would be apt to believe that a black could be seized upon in Broad. way at mid-day, and dragged into these recruiting dens against his will; therefore, when they allege such a fact as grounds for release from the service, they are looked upon as liars and skulks. The upshot of such matters is, that the broker pockets the bounty money, or else divides it with the recruiting officer, who, of course, lends himself to the inhuman scheme. On Tuesday afternoon a negro was absolutely chased into one of the ferry-houses by the kidthe police interfered in his behalf. With such scene take no steps to break up the system, and assure protection to the negro, there seems to be little dis-tinguishable difference between New York and any slave city in the South. This kidnapping scheme is only a new ramification of the Copperhead plan, which gave tangible proof of its existence in July. The same scoundrels who hung the negrees then are hunting and selling them now, and in this they are cheered on by the same politiians who led them through the riots. The wrongs of the blacks in this Empire City are of a nature positively sickening. If a crazy sot feels in want of a little excitement, he starts off to "maul his nig-ger;" if he dare not kill, he sells. This is the tale from week to week, and from month to month. It seems as if the artillery which swept our streets in July only did half its work. The snob feeling is still fresh, still growing, and still at work. Peace is never assured when numbers bid open defiance to the law, and mob-men are doing that now.

the fact, the usual denunciation of the Government now have an opportunity of observing whether the Copperheads will look upon it with more favor since the abrogation of the famous three-hundred-STUYVESANT. Constitutionality of the Enrolment Act. To the Editor of The Press: SIR: In the opinion (as published some time since) given by Justice Thompson, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, against the constitutionality of the conscription, or "enrolment act," he miso language of the Constitution of the United Statessurely without intention-but in the manner that has been always customary with the advocates of the Virginia Resolutions of 1798. He said: "The powers not expressly delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor pro-hibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The word "expressly" is an interpolation. During many long years we have been so accustomed

to hear the covert language of treason from the Southern negromongers and their sympathizing friends, that their language has become familiarized such must "expressly" be the terms and meaning of the National Constitution. Whereas, nothing can be more unfounded and false. The word "expressly" is not only an interpola-tion, and contraband, but it was expressly and intentionally omitted.

It had been used originally in the Second of the Articles of Confederation of 1778, but it led to so many evil consequences that it was designedly avoided in the United States Constitution of 1787. It is only necessary to refer to the forty-fourth number of the Federalist (written by Mr. Madison) to see plainly that, if the Convention that framed the Constitution had adopted the second article of the Confederation, and had incorporated that incendiary word "expressly," "Congress would be continually exposed, as their predecessors had been, to the alternative of construing that word 'expressly' with so much rigor as to disarm the Government of all real authority whatever. It would be easy to show that no important power delegated has been, or can be executed by Congress, without

recurring more or less to the doctrine of construction or implication. "No axiom is more clearly established in law or in reason, than that wherever the end is required, the means are authorized: wherever a general power to do anything is given, every particular power necessary for doing it is included." argues, that, if this word "expressly" had been incorporated into the Constitution, "it would have furnished a pretext which might be seized on in critical occasions for drawing into question the essential powers of the Union." regarded as one of the most valuable of the entire series, and it might now be profitably republished throughout the land. The internal doctrine of "State Rights," meaning 'State supremacy," so long dinned in our ears by Southern traitorous abstractionists, and swallow by many of the Democratic leaders of the North, has ulminated in its legitimate consequen Nothing has exemplified the forecast and sagacity of Alexander Hamilton more completely than his solemn warnings, so often and so emphatically urged and repeated in the Federalist, that the real danger to be apprehended in a complex Republican Government like our own, would be from anarchy among the members, rather than from tyranny at the

Talleyrand declared, in 1832, to Martin Van Buen, "that the greatest man, intellectually considered, whom he had ever met with, either in the United States or in Europe, was Alexander Hamilton." It may be safely said, that if ever the Government of the United States can be wisely and su carried on, it will be upon the doctrines inculcated by the authors of the Federalist. Of the eighty-five numbers of that great work, twenty-nine were contributed by Mr. Madison, and fivone by Alexander Hamilton. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1863. The Prize Court. To the Editor of The Press:

Sir: A good deal has been said in Congress and out of Congress, with regard to the relative expensiveness of prize business in the several district courts of the United States at New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. It is commonly supposed that in courts of the United States at New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. It is commonly supposed that in New York the costs and expenses in prize cases are heavier than they are anywhere else, and that in Boston they are somewhat lighter than they are in Philadelphia.

The proceedings, however, in a late case in our district court—the case of the steamer Kate Dale and cargo—shows a degree of economy in the administration of prize business in this city, which has not been yet reached even in Boston. The proceeds of this vessel and cargo were sent this week to Washington, for distribution among the officers and crew of the United States ship "R. R. Cuyler," the only vessel entitled to share.

The proceeds of the sale of the Kate Dale and cargo amounted to \$355,08. The entire costs amounted to \$14,000, or about four per cent, of the proceeds of the sale. This is one of the chaspest prize cases on record.

Repectfully,

Alexander Dunas père has been offered by a ALEXANDER DUMAS per has been offered by a Paris publisher 60,000f, down, and 10,0000f, a year, if he will write a cookery book. The author of the "Trois Mousquetaires," however, hesitates. In his apology for refusing to emulate Mrs. Glass, M. Dumas quotes the following dictum of a cuisinier of Marseilles: "I consider a cook who invents a dish a much greater man than an astronomer who discovers a star, for as far as stars are concerned, there are as many as we shall ever consume, but a new dish is a new pleasure for every man who knows how to dine,"

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A Burlesque View of Averill's Raid—The Rebel Generals Satirized.

[From the Richmond Examiner, Dec. 23.]

The great General: Averill has gone not, "up the apout," but back into his den. Cast your eye upon a map, and I'll tell you how he went and how ne came. He came from New Creek, a dépôt on the Baitimors and Ohlo Railroad, in the county of Hardy, along the western base of the Shenandosh Monntains, through Covington to Salem, burnt things generally, and returned over nearly the same route. Imboden seized the gap where the Parkersburg turnpike crosses the Shenandosh, and prevented a raid on Staunton. Averill left five hundred men to hold Imboden there, and pushed on toward Salem. That general could not pursue without uncovering Staunton—the force threatening nearly equaling his own. General Lee was informed of the situation of affairs.

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EHere commences the reigh of major generals and military acience. Major General Tubal A. Early came. Major General Fitzhugh Lee came. Brigadier General Walker came. Brigadier General Walker came. Brigadier General Early took two. Brigadier General Thomas came. Their staffs came. They all took a drink. General Early took two. Brigadier General Wickham came. Colonel Chambliss, commanding brigade, came. They smiled also.

When Averill was opposite Staunton, Fitz Lee was at Lvy dejot, on the Virginia Central Railroad, a day's march from that town. A fortunate occurrence, indeed. Everybody thought Averill was "treed" now. He passed through Brown's Gap and struck the valley turnpike at Mount Crawford, eight miles above Harrisonburg—a miserable mistake. One day's march lost. He then marched toward Harrisonburg—then toward Staunton. Another day gone for nothing. He finally reached Staunton, where he ought to have been on the first night. Still there was plenty of time to out Averill off. Lee and Imboden marched day and night to Lexington, and then toward Covington. They have yet time enough to intercept.

Here was committed the fatal and foolish blunder. While Lee and Imboden were on the road to Covington, in "striking_distance of that place, word was sent the Yankees are marching toward Buchanan, instead of Covington. No man ought to have put crédence in a statement so utterly absurd as that the enemy were going from Salom to that place. Such a statement presupposes Averill deliberately placing himself past escape, and therefore run raving mad. Such improbable rumors should never be entertained a moment, much less made the basis of important military movements. The order was obeyed. The troops turned and marched back, and at night were neither at Buchanan or Covington.

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never be entertained a moment, much less made the basis of important military movements. The order was obeyed. The troops turned and marched back, and at night were neither at Buchanan or Covington.

The story is told in a few words. The Yankees passed through Covington, and, to their great amazement, escaped. The rumor about Buchanan was the tale of some frightened fool. The enemy, in terror and demoralization, fied from Salem at full speed, deatroying their train and artillery. Jackson knocked some in the head; the clizzens beat the brains out of others; one farmer in Allegheny killed six; some were scattered in the mcountains, and are being picked up here and there; the rapid streams drowned many, but the main part have gone whences they came, wondering how they did get away. It is hardly necessary to add, the humblest private in the ranks, if he possessed sense enough to eat and drink, not only could, but would, have managed better. Old Stonewall would have marched on, caught and killed the Yankees. What Lee thought the written don't know. They who know, say Imboden begged to go to Covington. He made it plain to the dullest mind that the Buchanan story was past belief. What's done is done.

No language can tell the suffering of our men. They were in saddle night and day, save a few hours between midnight and day. They were beat up by their officers with their swords—the only means of arousing them—numb and sleepy. Some froze to death, others were taken from horses senseless. They forded zwollen streams, and their clothes, stiff frozen, ratiled as they rode. It rained in tornents and froze as it fell. In the mountain paths the ice was cut from the roads before they ventured to ride over. One horse slipped over the precipice—the rider was leading him—he never looked over after him.

The whole matter is summed up in a couple of sentences. Averill was penned up. McCausland, ley, through Edenburg, New Market, up to Harrisonburg, within 25 miles of Staunton—"these headquarters." This was bearding the lion in his

the valley.

Here is the moral. The marshals under Napoleon's eye were invincible—with separate commands, bluuderers. A general of division, with Gen. Robert E. Lee to plan and put him in the right place, does well. Moseby would plan or execute a fight or strategic movement better than Longstreet at Suffolk and Knoxville, Jubal Early at Staunton.

THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE ASKED TO BRING THEIR PLATE TO THE TERASURY.

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HIGH PRICE OF NEGROES.

"NR. Foote said that brokers in this city were actually dealing in the enemy's paper currency under the eyes of officials. During the last session he had visited these 'dens of hell,' accompanied by another member of the House, and saw 'green-backs' ostentatiously exposed for sale. He had determined to come up and prohibit it, if possible. It was disarming us and damaging our cause. The Yankee press had urged as conclusive evidence of the certain failure of our cause, that we were extensively dealing in their currency to the depreciation of our own. Our currency had been depreciating every day the traffic was going on. Delay in action would disgrace Congress in the eyes of their constituency and the civilized world.

PERSONAL.

- Of General Butler at Point Lookout, a correspondence says: "At nine o'clock General Butler visited the rebel prisoners of war—9,750 in number. These braves represent almost every State. The presence of 'Picayune' was a great novelty to the fat ragamuffins, who stared at him with di eyes and open nostrils. It was amusing to hear the rebel comments upon the rebel tamer. Some swore that he was a damned good looking man anyhow, and it must be owned that the general appeared exceedingly well. There was occasional cheering as he passed through the streets of the rebel camps."

Lately was mentioned the marriage of the arm. less color sergeant of a Massachusetts regiment, Plunkett, to Miss Nellie Lorrimer. The wedding took place in Worcester, though the parties belong in Leicester. We have now an additional fact of nterest connected with the incident. When he left for the wars, Plunkett was engaged to a Miss Lorrimer. Upon his return, he considered his helpless condition and offered a release to his betrothed, which was readily accepted. Her sister was so indignant at this that she said she would so indignant at this that she said she would many the brave man herself if he was agreeable, and agreeable he was, and they married. The Hartford (Conn.) Post, on whose authority we relate this anecdote, says that "thanks to the generosity of the Brokers' Boards of Boston and New York, and of the people he has met since his return, Plunkett, the hero, is in independent circumstances pecuniarily."

—It was proposed, at a recent meeting of the Na.

Mr. Thackeray to the office of vice-president of that association; whereupon an editor who is indicated by the *Hustrated Times* as the conductor of "a certain literary journal famous for puffing the books of its contributors," rose to object to the nomination. on the ground that he "had reason for believing Mr. Thackeray thought himself so immeasurably superior to the individuals composing the general committee that he would decline to join it, and he The objection prevailed, and Mr. Thackeray was - A correspondent of a Western paper reports that Senator Jim Lane was seriously exercised at the failure of the House to re-elect Mr. Stockton.

would have learned it!" Representatives in the Iowa Liegislature, on the opening of the recent session, prayed thus: "Bless Thou the young and growing State of Iowa, her Senstors and Representatives, the Governor and

monstrated with the young ladies of his congrega-tion for fainting away so often.

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THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE ASKED TO BRING THEIR PLATE TO THE TREASURY.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Sentinal, Dec. 25] 3

* * * The plate that is in our country, and its value to the Government, if the people can be induced to relinquish it, has doubtless occurred to many minds—been, perhaps, weighed and repudiated; but yet, I presume to think, might be made to act, if not a principal, a valuable subsidiary part in any well-digested scheme to restore the credit of the Treasury, to give stability to any system of finance, to arrest depresiation of Confederate notes and stock, by furnishing that, in kind, which is the basis of all credits—gold and silver. I think we have it, and in large amount, We have in the possession of our people, in the form of gold and silver plate, a vast and unproductive fund—every household more or less of it. Was there ever a better time to bring it forward?—ever greater need for it?—ever stronger inducements to tender it to the Government for the common good? I have no means of ascertaining the amount or value to the Confederacy, but it must be very great. Can it be had? Two years ago this would admit of no question. It would have been going into the treasury—a gratuitous offering to the cause of independence. But now, I fear, there will be found a more bargaining temper, and it must be purchased in the funds of the Government. If this can be done, (and there ought to be no reasonable doubt about it,) then, with this large fund of actual money—bullion—you may buy up, or otherwise supplant, an indefinite amount of our depreciated currency; and, by diminishing the circulation, reduce prices, and enable us to supply our aimles and conquer a peace.

HIGH PRICE OF NEGROES.

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[From the Huntsville-Confederate]

At Macon, last Tuesday, John B. Habersham & Co. sold one hundred and one negroes at an average price of \$2,200. Of these, seventy four sold in families of two to six persons, and a man and a woman, sold separately, brought an aggregate of \$163,628.50. The high prices of negroes, and the readiness of people to invest in them, seems to indicate that our people have little fear of Abe Lincoln's threats of our subjugation, the universal emancipation of the negroes, and the general confiscation of the property of rebuls.

THE CIRCULATION OF UNITED STATES MONEY. A bill to prohibit dealing in and circulation of United States money was under discussion in the House of Representatives on the 22d. As a specimen of the jealousy existing against United States money we quote: money, we quote:
"Mr. Foote said that brokers in this city were

— It was proposed, at a recent meeting of the Na-tional Shakspeare Committee in London, to elect begged the committee not to den not chosen.

He was a good eld man, he said—a pure, saintly old man, "and besides, sir, he repeats the Lord's prayer every morning, and before the end of this Congress he would have kept it up till some of these members: -Mr. Murdoch, the tragedian, has given to the Cincinnati Sanitary Fair a memorial relic from the Treaty Tree of Penn, the keel of the first vessel that carried the American flag, and the flag-rope of the famous frigate Cumberland.

— The Rev. Mr. Shine, chaplain of the House of

water, and undefiled religion.-for Christ's sake. Amen !" -Mr. Lincoln, on receiving the watch awarded to him by the lady managers of the Chicago Sanitary Fair, as being the largest contributor by his donating the original manuscript copy of his emancipation proclamation, returned the following letter

State officers. Give us a sound currency, pure

pation proclamation, returned the following letter in reply:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Dec. 17,

MY DEAR SIR: I have received from the Sanitary
Commission of Chicago, the watch you placed at their disposal, and I take the liberty of conveying to you my high appreciation of your humanity and generosity, of which I have unexpectedly become the beneficiary.

I am, very tully, yours,

JAMES H. HOES, Esq.

— Mr. Spurgeon, the London preacher, lately remonstrated with the yours ladies of his congress.