

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1857.

THE CONGRESS AND THE SLAVE TRADE.

The leading journals of the country at this time are engaged in endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the extraordinary movement in the value of such articles of consumption as generally what is generally termed the "necessaries of life." Various causes are assigned, and many remedies are proposed for the evil which proceeds from this state of affairs.

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