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Gerrit Smith's Account of his Insanity.

Mr. Smith has addressed a long letter to Wm. Goodell, editor of a weekly paper called the *Principia*, which is the first he has written since his release from the Lunatic Asylum at Utica. He describes the long and severe labors, both in the walks of business and benevolence, by which his brain was exhausted; but the utter prostration of it, which led to his insanity, he charges upon the address of the Democratic Vigilance Committee. Mr. Smith says:

"Forgetting that human powers have limits, I forgot to think that I could not do all that I wished to do. But in a world where there is so much to do that few are found willing to do, it is not always easy to resist the temptation to overdo.

"For a dozen years before the last, I had at times suffered from dyspepsia, though by no means as severely as had many persons of my acquaintance. My suffering was mainly in the quick and strong sympathy of my head with my dyspeptic stomach. Vertigo and other most uncomfortable sensations—now as if my head were made of lead, and now as if it were made of cork—were among the products of the sympathy. Never did I suffer so much in this wise as when I went to Congress! * * * But the dyspepsia, which began in the fall of 1858 and continued a year, was attended by none of these sensations, and, therefore, by none of the admonitions involved in them. Palpitation of the heart, of which I had hitherto experienced nothing, was its lucesant companion and chief signal. My head felt well and my brain worked easy. Dr. Gray, the Superintendent of the Asylum, believes that even in the first half of the year 1859 I had come into the stage or character of insanity called 'exaltation of the mind.' I never read, studied nor wrote with more pleasure. I boasted that I could do more than at the prime of life. This being the condition of my brain, it is not at all strange that, although, as my nurse believes, I slept two three hours a night during most of that year, (less than an average of one hour a night during the last three weeks before I was removed to the Asylum,) it should not occur to me that so serious an injury as the loss of my reason would be the penalty for continuing the use of my brain. * * * Why the dyspepsia of 1858 and '59 affected my heart, and produced no uncomfortable sensations in my head, I am not capable of explaining. * * * *

"A false alarm, one one morning, whilst it did but disquiet the other members of my family, quite overcame me. The news, a few weeks after, of the death of my old and dear friend, John Brown, and his two sons, was a great shock to me. It contributed not a little to hasten my condition to a crisis. Only three weeks after, I went down under a troop of hallucinations. My family were reduced to poverty. They were cast off by their friends and the world. Those who had put their property into my hands had lost it. I was bound in honor and justice to go to Virginia and stand by and suffer with my unfortunate friend. Indeed, it was only from believing that I was on my way to Virginia, that I went so willingly to Utica. The idea, however, say my family, and my own memory says it also, which most haunted and distressed me, was that my friends and relatives in the South believed that I had plotted their murder. No one now doubts that I got it from the terrible charges brought against me in the manifesto of the New York Democratic Vigilance Association. For it turns out, though of course I have no distinct recollection of it, that I continued until within a very few days of my going to the Asylum, to look over the newspapers."

Mr. Smith proceeds to unfold the nature of the attack made upon him by the Vigilance Committee, and adds:

"Finally, look at the atrocity of this manifesto lie. The frenzy of party politics has often driven men to violate the laws of God and sound morality. But when before was it ever known to involve a company of thirty-one men of high standing in the enormous crime of falling upon their fellow citizen, and, in the face of their own clear convictions of his innocence, fastening charges upon him, which they could not fail to serve mightily to blast his reputation; to expose him to the harrassing and endangering action of the Court; to outlaw him, and invite those, whom these lying charges have filled with rage, to assassinate him?

"Perhaps there is one thing that is stranger and even guiltier than this enormous crime. It is that, they who committed it are yet to show the first sign of repentance for it. But we must not fail to recollect that repentance is generally hastened by the fear of punishment; and that my thirty-one calumniators probably feel that they are not only too rich, but too numerous a band, to be in great danger of punishment. I trust, however, that even in their case also, the Scripture shall be verified, which declares, 'Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished.'"

PAINKIANS AND POT GUNS.—Democracy, once so skilled in gunnery, appears to have lost one, at least, if not all three, of its ancient qualities. It seems to be failing in eyesight, nerve and judgment. It can now hit the mark neither by point-blank shots, nor by the *niescher*, or glancing shot. If we were inclined to pun on a most punishable party, we should say that its archers had lost their archers, and its foul players had forgotten the art of fowling. If disposed for fun, we would quote a famous couplet, with purposed incorrectness, but perfect adaptation:

"Its gun, when aimed at dock or plover,
Kicks back, and knocks the gunner over."

Its organs already begin to vilify Abram Lincoln, partly as having been a poor, illiterate plebian boy, and partly as a man of only third rate ability. In point of policy, we do not desire the cessation of such assaults, for every one of them will recoil on the assailants with terrible effect. But, though contrary to the interest of the Opposition, we should like to see an end of such warfare. Both for the fair fame of the country, and also that Democracy, one of its leading parties, and the one that has professed itself especially the poor man's friend, may preserve some semblance of decency and self respect.

Abram Lincoln was, undoubtedly, a poor lad, of plain Pennsylvania origin, and at the age of twenty had to split rails in the western wilderness for an honest livelihood. But if our memory serves us, Benjamin Franklin was a journeyman printer; Roger Sherman was a shoemaker; Andrew Jackson was a very poor boy; Henry Clay used to take whole corn bushels at a time, on horseback, to the neighboring mill; Tom Corwin was a wagon boy and Stephen A. Douglas, the candidate of the democratic party, at Charleston, by a vote of about seven to four, was first a joiner and afterwards a statesman. But why amplify on so plain a point? The very corner stone of our political edifice is, that the penniless lad or man shall have the chance of rising, and if he rises through fair means, and by native force, he shall have honor and reward.

Yet here is this sham democracy already sneering at Abram Lincoln as a "rail splitter!" We venture to predict that his sneering will prove stronger than all their railing. We venture to predict that the "rail-splitter," who beat Stephen A. Douglas, the "hair-splitter," by a popular majority of nearly 4000, in a State that had always been heavily democratic, and in opposition to a doctrine highly popular, will again be triumphant, at least as against democracy. We believe that the man who sprang from the people, and who made himself, by direct, downright and continuous blows, exemplifying as well as any man has done the spirit and power of our institutions, will be chosen by that people to their heart of hearts.—*Philadelphia North American.*

THE JAPANESE PENETRATE THE DISGUISE OF TWO FRENCH LADIES.—Ladies were debarred from visiting the Japanese corvette while it lay in San Francisco. But two French ladies were determined to see the decks of the foreign ship; the feminine lexicon, like that of youth, contains "no such word as fail." Accordingly, by the connivance of their husbands, they donned the distinguishing articles, the masculine uniform, and clambered up the ship's sides. As French-men, they were received with remarkable politeness, and carried on a lively conversation with the Admiral—the only drawback being that neither could understand the other's language. But when they prepared for departure, and extended their hands to the Admiral in leave-taking, that distinguished Japanese perceived a rat, and summoning an attendant, presented the *pseudo* gentlemen with a variety of magnificent hair-pins, bracelets and furs, remarking that though a Japanese, he was still a man, and could detect the pressure of a lady's hand. The unfair visitors blushed, and acknowledged the—trowsers.

In the police court at Boston, on Tuesday, a colored man named Aaron A. Bradley, formerly a member of the Suffolk bar, but dismissed therefrom for some illegal conduct, was arraigned for a murderous assault upon another colored man, named Frederick Fatal, with slung shot, flat irons, and other weapons. Bradley sorely tried the patience of Justice Rogers, and amused the audience by the management of his own defence, but was finally held for trial.

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