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COMBATIVE SOUTHRONS.

Foote and Davis were in congress in 1845 (while Taylor and Cass were candidates for the Presidency), and occupied a room together at the Willard hotel. One evening, seated by the same fireside, Mr. Davis read aloud from a political letter of General Taylor, and made running comments for Mr Foote's delectation, which the latter thought were rather too friendly for a Democratic senator to give expression to in the heat of a canvass. In fact, he intimated quite strongly that he thought Mr. Davis at heart was a Taylor man; that spite of his professed support of the Democratic nominee he would secretly rejoice over General Taylor's election. Mr. Davis Taylor, and this little circumstance, Mr. Fosts suggested, was at the bottom of his colleague's compliment of the letter, adding, in his impetuous any, that it would doubtless be a very nice thing, after all, to be a son-in-law of the president-even of a Whig

president. Dr. Davis could not brook this sar castic intimation of treachery on his part, and retorted in severe language, ne word bringing on another until the "grave and reverend" came to

The noise of the fisticus aroused other Congressmen, who rushed into the room and separated the combatants, admonishing them of the shame which would attach to two distiguished Senators from the same State indulging in a disgraceful knock-down. This view of the matter naturally brought the two to terms, and, like the man and wife who "argued" the the question of "rat or mouse," they

shook hands and made friends. 'Really,' said Mr. Foote, after a smi's all around; 'really, I should ter gift opened the little box it was not have thought of such a thing as found to contain a pin set with twentystriking Mr. Davis, if he hadn't pussed the first blow."

'Are you not mistaken about that? urged Mr. Davis, apologetically. 'Indeed, I am not,' retorted the im-

'It is my impression you struck first,' pleaded Mr. D.

'Oh, no; it was you.' 'No, it was you. 'But I'll swear it was you.'

'And I would swear it wasn't.' 'You did strike first.' 'I did not strike first.' 'You did.

'I didn't.' 'You did.' 'I didn't.' 'Well,' said Foote at last, rising

hastily from his seat, 'there shan't be any dispute as to who struck first this time,'-and as he spoke dealt Mr. Davis a stinging blow on the cheek, which resulted in another rencontre, that, but for the interference of mutual friends, might have been going on until now, for both are 'game' all over. The question as to who struck first being thus settled, nothing serious grew out of the matter, especially as either party preferred to have the matter hushed up speedily as possible.

Some time since a little town in Ohio was infested by incendiares, and all other means of detection having failed, two or three persons clubbed together and purchased a bloodhound, one of the kind used by the chivalry to hunt down runaway negroes in the pleasant days before the war. In some manner the news of this little bit bit of enterprise became noised about and the fires suddenly ceased. not an epportunity having been offered since to put the animal on the trail of an incendiary. The day before Christmas, however, a citizen discovered that a beautiful evergreen tree in front of his residence had been cut down and carried off the night before, and the long looked for chance was afforded for testing the new purchase. To the astective took a straight line to the house of one of the wealthiest denizens of the town, nearly three-quarters of a mile distant, and placing his fore paws on the window, glaring through and bayed savagely at the owner, who was engaged in decorating the tree for the festivities of the morrow, The scene that followed may, perhaps, be imagined, and a considerable sum of money was readily paid in order to hush the affair up.

A mentionable old lady died in Newburyport, Massachusetts, this week. This was Mrs. Abigail D. Cook. She died on the 73d anniversary of her wedding, and in the same room in which she was married. She was one of the choir which sang at the welcome of General Washington on his visit to Newburyport, and she also sang at the commemorative services on the occasion of the General's death. She was the mother of nine children, and for sixty-five years a member of the written ever the Sin a narrower shape; church. She is said to have been a afterward the bottom of the U was very handsome woman in her prime, cut off, and two straight strokes reand she retained her sprightliness to mained to form the present dollar

ANECDOTE OF A GREAT FIDBLER.

Paganini upon one occasion was jaurneying from London to Paris, when his famons Guarnerius met with acres are cleared of timber each week an accident, the case in which it was day in this country. Of the annual violent a concussion as to unglue one and \$150,000,000 worth to fencing. of the inner blocks of the instrument The Locomotives in this country con-On reaching Paris he took it to the sume no less than 700,000 cords of majestically into a coop in perfect best and most celebrated maker he could find, to whom he related, in the greatest distress, what had happened, and that his violin in consequence had lost its tone. The gentleman ap- | ng had married a daughter of General not consent, unless the operation was ments being made after very careful performed at his own house and estimates and by experienced lumber- down, her wings out, and followed by under his own eyes; and the torture men in the State, gives them such an an assortment of stove wood, fruit pangs of martyrdom, and absolutely in connection with the recent heavy writhed in his chair at each crack sales of timber lands in this and adwith it for the space of three whole two, tried to impress upon the landdays, at the end of which his vielin holders the necessity of preserving A few days afterward, meeting the in value on the stump would yield a limit. By this time the other hour ternal injury, the grateful violinist realized in any other investment they took him by the arm, and saying, could make; and each day is developed on the place shall be sold in the mornithe observation: "I have had two pius care of it, and don't cut any of it un- and the only sound heard on the premmade ; the one for the doctor of my violin." When the recipient of the lat- present price.- Ex. found to contain a pin set with twenty-

> letter P. The London Times publishes an extraordinary story of an escape of six Communists from the fortress of Port Louis, between Brest and La Rachelle. the writer says that he and five companions discovered a way from their dormitory to a cellar under it, and determined to make a road from the cellar to the sea. They sunk a shaft the seducer, to smite the insulter, to in the earth thirteen feet deep and excavated a tunnel forty-six feet, till they reached the wall of the rampart. All this had been done with nails torn out of the woodwork, but when the rampart walls was reached the nails were useless. It is constructed of enormous blocks of granite, joined by Roman cement, and is sixteen feet thick. The prisoners, howover, tore a bar out of a window, and by inde-scribable labor oxcavated a hole through which they could ercep out on the rocks, whence they escaped to England. The Times beads the story,

Christo. distant, and not being on duty, procured a large quantity of crackers and cheese, enveloped himself in a cloak with a hood, and with the wind blowing a gale and the thermometer twenty-seven degrees below zero, started on foot to relieve the hungry passengers. Although he felt his face and ears freezing, he trudged on until he reached the train, almost exhausted and unable to speak distinctly. The grateful passengers thawed him out as well as they were able and one of them, care, took from his own neck a mas-

beats anything of the kind recently at least related. In Clinton, Mass., a dog was in the habit of helping the cases of samples. went home and brought back a sound broken one transferring the contents from the old to the new, after which he hid the staves of the broken vessel. We have heard of "sly dogs" before but was there ever a dog so sly as

Dollars have been coined by various nations, and they differ in value. After the adoption of the Federal currency it was customary, when abbreviation was desired, to express American money—say one hundred dollars, for instance—"Dolls. U. S. 100," In the course of time the U was TIMBER.

Some statistician gives us as a result

of his investigations that, about 7,000 wood a year, or 5,000 acres annually. We also see it stated, that a careful n Pennsylvania and the avernecessarily, for the day is not very re-

John James Ingails, the new Kanthree diamonds, in the form of the sas Senator, has an article in the Kansas Magazine, for February, on Deane Monahan's "Sons of the Border," a fresh and racy Western book. Says Mr. Ingalls: Civilization is a veneer. The gentleman is a varnished savage. The institutions of society are stucce upon an edifice of barbarism. We all feel that it is humiliating and cowardly to call upon the law to avenge our wrongs, to waive our right to slay the exact reparation from the thief. Hence spring the secret contempt for arbitration, the ferocious exultation of war. Geneva was well enough for America, some destiny seated them side by side, because we won the bloodless battle. to their ast mishment. We can applaud William I., as the pettifogger praises the squire who gives him his cause, because he awarded us the boundary we coveted; but, of Jonah after the following style; t'I had the decision been averse, there is solution of his sword.

"An Historical Parallel to Monte on the ordinary methods of insurance, stately ship move gradually out upon says: 'Let us have policies so drawn the broad Atlantic.' John Wilson is a brakeman on a his house, pays the premium asked, heard of a train snowed in seven miles tunity to examine the property, and decide, in advance, upon its value, he can, in case of its destruction, go and get the full amount of his insurance, and not be insulted by offers to 'settle,' based on fine print conditions, purposely so printed that they will not be against fraud; but when a man makes passenger and one baggage car. an honest loss, he should be honestly

Yankee enterprise was strikingly exemplified in features of the cargo John Lawler, Esq., of Prairie du and the passenger list of the Tybee, Chien, who had some ladies under his which sailed from New York for Samana Bay a day or two ago. Among sive gold chain, and putting it around the thousand and one notions was a Wilson's neck, remarked,"It's a pretty complete hotel, with kitchens and good man that has worn that chain, other outbuildings, which can be ere long. but I've found a better, and he shall put up in sections in two days. Among

dog was in the habit of helping him-self from a pail of "edds and ends" belonging to a neighbor. One day he upset the pail and it fell to pieces he upset the pail and it fell to pieces, doing, or rather not doing. Here are upon which the sagacions creature the prices current; A pair of winter boots cost two loads of potatoes; a pail which he substituted for the night's lodging, a load of oats; the wife wears five acres of wheat; the children each ten acres of corn; the price of an overcost is a good fouryear old steer; of a Sunday suit, twenty fat hogs.

It was at Evansville, Indiana, so the Courier says, that a well-dressed young man entered the portals of a with a longing to keep moving. decoction palace, an evening or so since, and, stepping up to the "gentle-manly barkeeper," requested him to mix him a red-hot toddy, for he was going to see his darling's father and meant business.

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> They tell a good story in Lawrence, Massachusetts, of a professionals gentleman, and wife, who bear the higi est reputation for severe propriety Last Saturday night the gentleman" told his wife he was going out on business and might not be back tiller late. "You are not going to the Black Crook', are you?" she asked." 'Black Crook!' what do you falled me for?" he indignantly exclamed. "Oh, well," said she, "I was only lok-ing. I'm going out to do some shopping. Don't be alarmed it I am not in when you return." The next that: worthy couple saw of each other was at the aforesaid "Black Crook," whores

It is related that a New Hampshire minster recently portrayed the history seem to see Jonah passing along the not an American who would not have road to Nineveh; I seem to see himcalled for Grant, the soldier, and the entering the ticket office, buy his ticket and pay for it; I seem to see him walk upon the vessel; I seem to The Beston Bulletin, in an article see them life their anchor and the

The first conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad was Colonel Morton Garrett, who now resides at East Brandywine, Chester county. to the opening of the road, in 1849, he was conductor on the Columbia Ruifroad for eight years. When he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Central, the rolling stock consisted of read. Companies should be protected one locometive; the "Mifflin," three-

> Before election a young lady agreed to kiss the editor of the Valga Valley. (Iowa) Times once a mouth for four years if Grant should be elected. She is keeping her word manfelly, but is growing thin, her appetite is poor, and unless the winner of the bet deadorizes his face and quits chowing tobac co, he will have to announce a funeral

From the 1st of January up to Pris day last, there occurred in the United States ninety-one fires, with a total loss of \$3,128,500. There were two in which the loss exceeded \$100,000; and fifteen in which no estimate of loss was given. By them thirty-four persons lost their lives.

An agriculture paper says strawberry beds may be protected from birds, by running a wire along the walk to which a cat is chained. Her movements up and down the length of the wire will keep the birds away. Where there is no chain, the wire can be run through the cat, and heated to a temperature that will fill the one

One good turn deserves another Lydia Thompson a few days aga gave the Newsboys' Society, in Chemistic the proceeds of a successful matities. The other evening a small boy journed upon the stage, and after emissing a small boy journed to the stage, and after emissing a small beautiful as the stage. speech, presented the feir Laydig with air-gun which throws a bullet through a silver wreath, as an expression, of a horse and makes no report. The the gratitude of the new boys of time