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THE MURDERER.

HIS SINGULAR DETECTION.

A little more than fifty years ago, a man by the name of Henry Thompson called at the house of Mr. J. Smith, a resident in a retired part of England, and requested a night's lodging. This request was granted, and the stranger, having taken some refreshments, retired early to bed, requesting that he might be awakened early the following morning. When the servant appointed to call him entered the room for that purpose, he was found in his bed perfectly dead.

a horrid tale that the stopper of a small bottle of a very singular description had been found in the prisoner's house. The stopper had been examined, and said by medical men to have belonged to a German vial, containing the kind of poison he had described. But then, what that poison administered by Smith, or at his instigation?

The housekeeper was now introduced and examined by the counsel of the prisoner. She had not heard any part of the statement of Smith, nor a single word of the trial. Her story confirmed all he had said.

The result was too obvious to need explanation. It scarcely need be added, that Smith was convicted and executed, and brought to his awful punishment by his own means. Had he said nothing—had he not persisted in calling a witness to prove his innocence, he might have escaped. But God had evidently left him to work out his own ruin, as a just reward of his awful crime.

the people occasioned by the suspension of the banks, and to provide against a recurrence of the same calamity. Unfortunately, in either aspect of the case, it can do but little. Thanks to the Independent Treasury, the Government has not suspended payment, as it was compelled to do by the failure of the banks in 1837. It will continue to discharge its liabilities to the people in gold and silver.

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question of slavery, or did they intend, by leaving it to the people, that the people of Kansas themselves should decide this question by a direct vote? On this subject, I confess, I have never entertained a serious doubt, and, therefore, in my instructions to Governor Walker of the 23rd March last, I merely said that when a Constitution shall be submitted to the people of the Territory, they must be protected in the exercise of their right of voting for or against that instrument, and the fair expression of the popular will must not be interrupted by fraud or violence.