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NAMES AND THINGS.

It so happens in this world that men sometimes mistake names for things, shadows for substances, and shucks for kernels. The name of a man becomes more powerful for good or evil, as the case may be, than the man himself.

The debates in Congress the current session have reminded us of this fact constantly.

There has been no hour of debate that the name of the Constitution has not been taken in vain a hundred times. More especially has it formed the cry of what is known as the Copperhead democracy.

What is the Constitution? It is dual in its nature. In one respect it is a piece of parchment traced with signs representing language.

These paltriers are fools; they are knaves of the worst stripe. And their advocates and apologists are like unto them.

A Secessionist to Peace Democrats. The Richmond Examiner of the 12th ult., published at Jeff. Davis' seat of government, and no doubt speaking the sentiments of that individual, addresses a long article to the Northern Democrats who are urging peace and reconstruction, in which it says:

How is this? Can the traitors in arms be put down without armies, and can armies be raised, sustained, and kept in the field without means? Nobody has the folly to pretend that.

By command of Lieutenant-Gen. Scott. "E. D. Townsend, Adj. Adjutant-General."

"With this order fresh in his memory," Major General McClellan addressed two important communications to the Secretary of War on respectively the 19th and 20th of the same month, over my head.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, 1861. "The Major-General McClellan, U. S. A., Commanding Department of the Potomac."

CONSISTENCY. A ragged, half-famished child, takes a loaf from the baker's counter. He is pursued, arrested, tried, convicted, and sent to the House of Correction, as the least punishment.

The officers of the law, are already on the path of the flying negro. They track him to the door of the kindly householder, and ascertain the part he has played in the drama.

It might be inferred from these examples that the American people were great respecters of law, and jealous of the integrity of the Constitution.

ment of constitutional provision that does not, by a forced construction, permit them and their co-conspirators to violate every moral obligation, and even to plot the destruction of government itself.

So it happens that certain men, like James Brooks, F. Wood, Vallandigham, and others, address the people in treasonable speeches, publish papers devoted to the overthrow of the government, meet in secret cabal to devise ways and means to stifle the free expression of public sentiment at the ballot-box, and do all other things common to be done by traitors.

Now, is it a greater crime to steal a loaf of bread or to conspire for the overthrow of law and order?

Does the Constitution confer upon any man the right to violate that clause defining treason and providing, suggestively, a punishment therefor?

Or, can a man violate the plain provisions of the Constitution, and plead some doubtful construction of another clause in justification of his crime?

If so, what is the Constitution worth, as a guaranty of order and security? Is it a farcical composition, or a compendium of law and equity? Does it frown on slight misdemeanors and wink at the highest of human crimes?

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It was getting late when I bid adieu to my entertainers, and just after dark I arrived at the encampment of the 45th, and found a young corporal fidgetting for the unaccountable absence of his visitor.

Saturday night we had a most terrible snow storm, and all Sunday it snowed, rained and blew till the elements seemed to be worked up to perfect madness.

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LETTER FROM J. EMERY, ESQ.

FORTRESS MONROE, VA., Feb. 23, 1863.

DEAR AGITATOR: In going up the James river, on Saturday, I noticed one thing, to me new and interesting—the immense beds of oyster shells. They are on, or rather under the surface, to the depth of from one to five feet thick, in all states of decay and preservation.

They were not deposited there by the present race, because the whole tradition of the region is against that theory, and in many places their depth under the soil forbids such a supposition.

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UNION LEAGUES.

[From the New York Times.]

It was well said by EDMUND BURKE, in a time of raging faction: "When had men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The chief fault of the great loyal majority of our people has been that they have neglected organization. They have left this tremendous instrumentality almost entirely in the hands of their adversaries.

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A QUESTION.

The Republican party we assert is an Abolition party.

If we tell them so, most of them deny it. Now, if they are not Abolitionists, we would ask them to point us out the word or paragraph of any Republican paper that ever proposed Abolition, or that now condemns the 1st of January abolition Proclamation?

The copperhead Democratic party is a traitor party. If we tell them so, some of them deny it, and some of them admit that they think it wrong to oppress the South, and admit that they think the Rebels are fighting for their rights.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Editor of The Agitator: With your permission I wish to say to the readers of your paper that I will send by return mail to all who wish it, (free) a Recipe, with full directions for making and using a simple Vegetable Balm, that will effectually remove, in 10 days, Pimples, Blotches, Tan, Freckles, and all Impurities of the Skin, leaving the same soft, clear, smooth and beautiful.

I will also mail free to those having Bad Heads or Bare Faces, simple directions and information that will enable them to start a full growth of Luxuriant Hair, Whiskers, or a Moustache, in less than 30 days. All applications answered by return mail without charge. Respectfully yours,

THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist, Feb. 25, 1863—3m. No. 831 Broadway, New York.

CHILDREN OWE MUCH OF THEIR SICKNESS TO COLDS.—No matter where the disease may appear to be seated, its origin may be traced to suppressed perspiration, or a Cold. Croup and Lung Complaints are direct products of Colds.

THE CONFESSIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF A NERVOUS INVALID.—Published for the benefit and as a caution to young men, and others, who suffer from Nervous Debility, Early Decay, and the kindred ailments—supplying the means of self-cure. By one who has cured himself after being a victim of misplaced confidence in medical humbug and quackery.

WELLSBORO ACADEMY. Wellsboro, Tioga County, Penna.

MARINUS N. ALLEN, A. M., Principal assisted by a corps of competent teachers. The Spring Term will commence on the 30th of March, 1863.

MORE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT.—All persons interested in light materials should certainly call at Roy's Drug Store and see that fine, pure specimen of Petroleum Oil for burning in the Kerosene Lamp. It is not only the safest but the cheapest and pleasantest light that can be procured.