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who might other wise have entranced listening Senates
with the thousands of eloquence of waked to esstasy the
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immediately cured and full rigor restored.
This Unitrossing affection—which randers life miserable and marriage impossible—is the panalty pair by
the victims of improper intulgences. Young persons are too apt to commit excess from not being
aware of the dreadful consequence that machesic.
Now, who that understands the subject will pretend to deny that the power of procreation is lost counce
by those falling into improper habits than by the prudent.
Besides being deprived of the pleasure of healthy ofsprings, the most serious and destructive symptems to
both healy and mind arise. The system becomes deranged; the physical and menical functions weak-and, loss
of procreative power, hervous irritabilitis, by-spepsia,
palpitation of the heart, indigestion, constitutional debility, a wasting of the Frame. Cough. Consumption,
decay and death.

OFFICE, No. 7 SOUTH PREDERICK STREET Left hand side going from Battimore struct, a few door from the coroor. Fail not to observe name and number Letters must be pais and contain a stamp. The Doc tor's Hyllomus hang in his silice.

tor's Diplomax hang in his sides.

A CURE IWARRANTED IN TWO DAYS.

ROMARCHAY OR SACROUS DAGG.

Member of the Royal Collage of Surgeons, London,

Graduate from one of the most comment Collages of the
United States, and the greater part of whose life has
been spent in the first Hospitals of London, Paris, Philaes that were ever known, many trouble with ringing in the head and cars when asleep great nervousness, being alarmed at sudden rounds, and bash-fulness, with frequent blushing, attended sometimes with derangement of mind, were cared immediately

TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE. by J. addresses all those who have injured themselves improper indulgence and solitary babits, which ru-sort body and mind, unfitting them for either business, study, society or marriage.

These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by early habits of youth, viz. Wenkness of the Back and Limbs, Pain in the Head, Diamoss of Sight Loss of Muscular Power, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspepsia, Nervous Frantability, Drangement of the Bigeslive Functions, General Debility, symptoms of Consump.

MENTALLY .- The fearful effects on the mind ar much to be dreaded. Loss of Memory Confusion of Ideas Depression of the Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversian to Society, self-district, love of solitude, Tunity, &c.,

coming weak, pale and emaciated. having searanc about the eyes, cough and sympton

YOUNG MEN. Who have injured thusselves by a certain practice-adulged in when alone—a habit frequently learned from wil companions, or at school—the effects of which are ightly felt, even when asleep, and if not cared renders arriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body,

marriage impossible, and destroys soon more and add assy, should apply immediately.

What a pitty that ayoning man, the hope of his country and the darling of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and enjoyments of life, by the consequences of eviating from the path of mattre, and indulging in a sertam secret habit. Such persons most before aplating MARRIAGE.

reflect that sound mind and body are the most necessary requisities to atomoty comminal happiness indeed, without these the journey through life becomes a weary pitgrinage, the prospect hourts darkens to cay pigrinage, the prospect hourly darkens to view; the mind becomes similated with despair & d with the inclination; reflection that the happiness nother becomes blighted with our own.

DISEASE OF IMPRUDENCE. When the misgaided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds he has indiffed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an all timed sense of shape or finds be has indicited the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an ill timed sense of shame or dread of discovery, detars him from applying to those who from education and respectability can alone befrieud him delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease unakes their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased noise, nocturnal, pains in the head and limbs, diamness of sight, disafters, nodes on the simulations, and arrows, blotches on the bead, face and extreme ties, progressing with rapidity, till at hist, the palate of the month and benear of the none fall, in, and the victum of this decase; becomes a horrid object of commisseration bill death puts a period to his dreadful sufferings, by sending him to "that bourne from whence in traveler returns."

turns."

It is a melascholy fact that thousands fall victims to bis terrible disease, owing to the unshiftsfiness of ig-borant protenders, who, be the use of the Desig Per-ron, Mercury, rule the constitution and make the resi-due of life meserable.

STRANGERS

Trust not your lives, or health, to the care of the many Unicarned and Worthless Pretenders, destifute of anowledge, name or character, who copy Or. Ionision's advertisements, or style themselves, in the newspapers, regularly Educated Physicians incapable of Curing they keep you trifling mouth after mouth taking their firthy and poisones compounds, or as long as the smaller the can be obtained, and in despair, leave you write named bealth to sigh over your gailing disappointment.

Dr. Johnson is the only Physician advertising.
His credential or diplomas always hing in his office.
His remedies or trifles,—trifles light as air, "As briting Bank Directors are aware; and these be trifles, why did Freedom's son.

The great, the good, the Godiske Washington, Devote his life to vigitance and toil, The care a Temple on Columbia's soil;

Beneath whose leigh, and bright and hallowed dew.

Freedom might find a shelter and a home,

Where every lovely Virtue might appear,

Bright as their native heaven's inclouded sphere,

Whence Peace and Order might protection draw.

From Tactus—and Jestice—Liberty and Law's Indonesian of the country and a more extensive Principle of Columbia's soil;

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The many thousands cured at this institution year at. If there be dreams, or trifles, if you will,

Ah! may do! Wannes bleed on Bunker's Hill ? re- The Judge-the MAGISTRATE, we wont describe The Judge—the Michigan, "Clipper," and many other papers tices of which have appeared again and again before public, besides his standing as a gentiemen of charter and responsibility, is a sufficient guarantee to the The swil each,—with his sphere, may do, letted. SKIN DISEASES SPEEDILY CURED. From Libel suits,-to gallant Citacy's blood

Persons writing should be particular in directing their letters to his Institution, in the following names: JOHN M. JOHNSTON, M. D. Of the Baltimore Lock Hospital Baltimore, Maryland, Jun 18, 1802. [March 17, 1800.

BLOOMSBURG SKYLIGHT, PICTURE GALLERY

THE undersigned informs the citizens of Bloom, and neighborhood, that he has taken the large room in the Exchange Block, extending over Mesers. Stoner a large Skylight. It is only by Skylight that good pic-bures can be taken especially groups where each person can be taken light as well as separate.

He has gone to considerable expense to make his es-tablishment a first class one, and he therefore solicits a

Or strip the gilding from an angel's wings

On and wents.—Now results,—now resu iberal patronage to enable him, to constantly introduce all the modern improvements of the art.

E. Country produce taken in Erchange for pictures.

EPHET ROBENSTICE.

Proceedings for the pictures.

Let none be trusted, we for office pants.

To camper rugger.—art. I waste.

Beleet Doetry

Let ev'ry idle,-vain-and vicious drone Live,-if he can-but trust not such an one

The man who is unfaithful to a trust.

However small,-is vitally unjust,

Remember what Time's musty record sauth;

And he who is unjust, -in little things, Would be a villain in the Courts of Kings.

Present a princ! -- and down his virtue falls

In Courts-or Camps-or Legislative Halls !

The BRIBED APOSTATE !- Blot his bateful name

From each and every scroll of honest fame,

Contempt-and deep dishonor-on his head:

Let guildless children,-as he passes by,

Let lovely woman touthe him with disgust,

And, whilst he lives, let infamy alone;

Claim the Bribed Legislator -- ns her own ;

Until he dies-and sinks into the grave,

To poison worms, that feed upon the knave;

Hold nightly revels,-and in concert howl;

And be the watchful goardians of his tomb;

And when he goes to Hell, let Devils stare,

And feel the insult, deep severe and keen.

Midst better Devils rudely ushered in,

To see a fiend, -- pre-eminently mean

A foul, appalling prodigy of six;

Ennanung, Pa., March 28 1834.

assembled on that day.

And ask him who the Devil sent him there?

Let him be danned !-- superlatively danned ! And why not damned .-- for such transcendent crime

Yes, damned eternally, ten thousand times!

Correspondence.

Sir : According to a resolution passed

at Van Camp Lodge, No. 140, I. O. of O.

F., January 14, 1862; I would say that

I have, with great reluctance, concluded

the Order, I submit it to your disposal.

Let hissing reptiles make that spot their home

There,--'midst the storms,--let hideous Furies foul

And shun him-like the reptile in the dust ;

Let scorn still point her finger and her jibes

And say- The Behold the consequence of Bribes

Shrink from his touch, and shudder at blasye

Let no man trust him .- None forbear to shed

That Carthage fell.-and fell by "Penic Partitl"

THE BRIBED LEGISLATOR.

BY WM. B. CONWAY. Of all the crimes with which the tempter's art. Has blackened and defiled the human heart; The meanest meanness, and the vilest vile, The basest baseness, and the deepest guile. That ever tinged the conssious cheek with shame, De-troyed a character, or damned a name The crime of crimes-is clearly that which must Though trusts are various, (as all agree, In weight-extent-importance and degree, Yet still the principle involved in each, (We care not what dishonesty may preach, The principle is recognized as just. That aveny fairly delegated trust, Which, as a trust is mutually believed. As such imparted, and as such received, (Despite of all the arguments which wave The struples from the conscience of a knave

However deep in subtle factice skilled.) SHOULD BE IN THUTH AND HONESTY PULPPLLED ! This is the doctrine Equity proclaims, And this the doctrine, to which Truth has given The broad approving seal of righteous Heaven. Can Justice dwell among the sons of men I Could Peace and Order here consent to dwell, Or would not Earth, itself become a Hell? Of all the trusts which can to men be given, (Not to include the Ministry of Heaven) Those trusts are clearly oneavert, which relate Those rentie TRESTS, which always must embrace

Beyond the basest purpose of the will. Sad ills- alas!- which in their scope must urge Their dire effects to the remotest verge Of that society, through which they spread, Like bitter waters from a fountain head. The Legislator, who receives a same, Direct-or indirect-though all the tribe Of casuistic quibblers should unite Their despest skill-"to prove that black is white,

That Legislator violates his trust. Becomes defiled-and ceases to be just! "Tis true, no man can deem it very strange When mere opinions undergo a change; But when opinions plainly manifest The FACTS and PRINCIPLES on which they rest and trusts are thus confided-clearly then, Opinions Test the monesty of men !!! Tis true the bribed apostate may preclaim A host of fuers, to patliate his shame

Pacts well prepared, to meet his wrotched case, And mitigate the horrors of disgrace. Yes-he may prove-or try in vain to prove That scruples rose reluctantly to move His artiese mind :- which had-alas! to strive, Against the fact, that two and two MARL Five ! Thus to "conclusions" he was "forced" to come. And early wrote his artful letters home; To prove his conscience is not made of flint, He drops a sly preliminary hist; fuggests his "doults," which finally prevai And then he halts, in "matters of detail : He deprecates the spirit of the times, And speaks of "party" as he should of crimes, He modifies his motions, day by day, As, for a total change, he paves the way, Is anxious still to justify his views. And still defends himself, though none accuse And when he hears the biting-taunting jibes, This sensities recipient of bribes Retorts-and planges deeper in the toils,

Has been committed ! Then if this be true.

Who area some cuttage in the lonely glan-

Who wraps a tirry in devouring fiames !

And go the Legi later: If he would

Take every ill, and countervailing good,

Which man enjoys, or suffers, here below.

And justly belauce human weal and woe,

We must proclaim that man to be the worst.

To heave on States the greatest weight of ill;

The bribed apostate, who on States would draw

May reach ten thousand times, ten thousand hearts!

The most detestable,—the most accursed,

The greatest curses, in the forms of law !

Which in ure other men, in other times?

Air think of this !-- with jealousy and fear

Crimes which to sorrow, slavery and scorn,

These are nov triffes, - "triffes light as air."

Doom freemen's children's children, yet unborn

Beneath whose high, and bright and hallowed dowe,

Bright as their native heaven's unclouded sphere,

Plic principle's the same,-'tis understood,

Pure blood !-- by guizes and base corruption spilt

Whilst seegeso Baskens flaunt in pride and guilt

In pride and guilt :-- Whilst io! the widows tear

And bark ! the orphans' wailings -- strike the car !

They ery to Heaven !- nor will they ery in vain

The man who takes a bribe would strip the dead.

This man would steal the agod "widow's mite :

Ah! who but God, can estimate their pain !

Or rob the orphan of his crust of bread;

Is well prepared for every kind of fraud,

Or strip the gilding from an angel's wings !

On sad events .- Now passing .- do reflect;

Se tost to justice,-equity and right,-

Nor deem the writer wantouly severe;

The sad errects his villary imparts.

And if a waterman !-- who are guilt can tell !

That Linux rue rosen and atters-"All is Will!

The world may bid integrity adjeu!

Is that have man the guiltiest of men,

Is he but buser, equity exclaims.

the principles it possesses, and the unqual-And proudly bears his infamy and spoils. "Hefore high heaven, he plays his frantie" pranks, ified possession of these principles is a suffi-Abhore corruption !- and supports the Banks !!! cient reward of toil "till for "democracy " he rants and raves. Odd Fellowship opens additional sour-Vilget of by possites !- and worst of knower Appeals to his "constituents !" - ah why t ces of enjoyment, fills the soul with new For they confirm his damning infamy !! beauties and the most ecstatic delights .-Lossing their If that been man detestance appears, ed, having sin On whom the orphans cries and widows tears are unbown callous her It enables the possessor of its true princi-Make no impression .- from whose callous heart ples to travel through fields of amaran-No sigh of pity, or remorse, can start; thine flowers and constanty inhale celes-Who basely cheats the mute confiding dead. tial fragrance. It draws the curtain from read their destiny upon their tombs .-And drives the orphaus forth, to beg their bread, In sorrow and in wretchedness to roam, Expelled, by Fraud, from happiness and home ! the past and spreads before its members If fraud like this, must ever be despised, the grant panorama of six thousand years. Can greater frauds-though artfully disquised It throws wide open the gates of natures Be less detested ! less abhorred !--because. The fraud in making nor in breaking laws vast temple the gigantic proportions of

> trending familiar grounds and "With a propriety which none can feel, He calls the beauteous scenery all his own His are the mountains and the valley's his, And the resplendant rivers his to enjoy; And with a filial confidence inspired. He lifts to Beaven his unpresumptous eye And smiling says, my Father made them all.

If in this iron age of cold blooded utilitarianism he meets with a man whose only divinity is Mammon, and who deems nothing important unless it cater for his appetite or pander for his passion, who can ap- nies-our signs and passwords whereby preciate neither his labor nor his motives, we recognize each other, ours is no fancy he can retire and wrap himself around association with gew-gaws to attract and with the mantle of his own thoughts at eatch the silly and thoughtless ! but it adsay, "Procul O! Procul este prafant." - dresses itself at once to the nobler and He has within himself the elements of sub- higher attributes of our nature. It is the Valley paper, nine inches of rain fell in rode nor adversity destroy. This is a tie of an Odd Fellow to believe that arich remuneration for all time and labor mong the most acceptable services which expended in the attainment of the princi- man can render his God, is relief to his ples of Odd Fellowship which we denomi- fellow man; and the exercise of this unnate Fraternity. There are certain objects selfish philanthropy is emphatically his upon which the eye of the true Odd Fellow mission. Yes Odd Fellowship is founded is ever fixed. Considering it a false hu- upon that eternal principle which recognimility that seeks never to be seen and zing man as a constituent of one universal wishes never to be mentioned, he places his brotherhood, teaches him that, as he came mark high upon the pinnacle of human in- from the hands of a common parent, he is fluence and usefulness and seeks to form bound to cherish and protect his fellow for himself a character in which shall cen- man. It thus presents a broad platform ried bues of every human excellence. He of human benefaction. Based upon cer bler object can man propose for himself? man's united efforts to frateruize the world.

Others there are. He may live for wealth

"Throw up his interest on both worlds. First starved in this, then damned in that to come He may live for fame. But how capri-

Vexing his car with acclamations loud. And rearing round him with a thousand tongues, To-morrow blamed and hissed him out of sight. He may live for power. But

"He that ascends the mountain tops shall find The loftiest peaks most wrapped in clouds and ano He that surpasses, or subdues mankind, Must look down on the fate of those below. Though high above the sun of giary glow, And far beneath the earth and ocean spread Round him are icy rocks and loudly blow Contenting tempests on his naked head,

And thus reward the toils which those summits led I am addressing a society whose imposing motto tells me its highest ambition i goodness and the object it most highly pri zes the best means of attaining it. What more fitting than a delineation of the noble means by which this noble end obtains .-This, then, shall be my theme. Suggested as it has been by the ---- of your associution the age it rep esents and the char-

give a minute detail of the rise and pro-

gress of Odd Fellowship on the American

acter it deserves. And in Hell's fiercest, -hottest farnace crammed, It will hardly be expected that I should

Continent. That is matter that has passed into and became a part of the history of our country. It is sufficient to say that on the 26th day of April 1819 the first C. F. Kuapp, Esq, Secretary of Van Lodge of Odd Fellows was organized on the Camp No. 140, L. O. of O. F. continent of North America. It was then in its infancy. The first Lodge only contailed members enough for a quorum for the purpose of transacting the necessary to comply with the request of the brethren business af the Lodge. Now the members of the Order are counted by thou-In doing this, I am guided more by sands. Its progress has been unparallelled

their wishes than confidence, on the merits in the history of this country. The orof the remarks. Still, if in their judgment its publication will promote the objects of ganization as such has contributed vast sums of money bordering upon millions Most respectfully, yours in F. L and T. towards the relief of the widow and education of the o phan in our own country, with the orphan's cries have been stilled According to your wish I appear before and the widow's tears dried by correyou on this occasion to contribute my feesponding relief bestowed by the organizable talent to your enterprize. I very ion of the old world. And in the strugmuch regret that the offering is so unworgle of our country we are separated from thy the occasion, as the time did not permit me to do more, therefore the most I can promise, is an inadequate expression might be badly lost from us but in the of my interest in the prosperity of Odd principles of Odd Fellowship they will Fellowship, and the high regard I have for the honor of being associated with you in the bonds of a fraternal brotherhood .men may change, the universe itself may In becoming an Odd Fellow there is an intrinsic charm which lures and enchants

its votaries. Odd Fellowship is loved for as the Deity from which they emanate. It called Odd Fellowship into our existence. men who brought such principles from darkness to light. Where are the founders of our Order? Where are the patriots immortal on the field of battle? Go Their slumbering dust is beneath our feet, their voices are suppressed in death; but I would hold on high before you their beaming example, to guide like a pillar of

which, the true Odd Fel'ow alone can survey with a proud satisfaction that he is But let us turn from the history of the past to the scenes as enjoyed by us. The nineteenth century has been characterized "the age of associations" or "the age of societies" and yet out of the hundred and \$10,000,000. All Sacramento City, save one "societies" that are now putting forth a small part of one street, part of Maryspretensions to public favor, there are but few worthy of the name of "charity" and part of Nevada, part of Sonora, and part entitled to the aid and sympathy of hu- of Napa, not to speak of less important

fire your trium phal march to eminent use-

Whilst we have our forms and ceremo stantial happiness which time cannot cor- high if not the distinguishing characteris ter the converged rays and blend the va- upon which mankind may unite in offices wishes to stand among the great benefac- tain truths, which are alike axioms among tors of his race that when his brilliant ca- all nations, tongues and creeds, its sacred reer shall terminate, he may leave behind tolerance presents a nucleus, which by its an example worthy of imitation, and a gentle influence gathers within its orbit name that shall be associated by succeed- antagonist natures, controls the elements ing generations with most endearing recol- of discord, stills the storm and soothes the houses the line of the flood is visible on the present rebellion, which is attempting somebody in a letter that we had a gree

finally triumph and prevail. And it fit- | The water came so rapibly that most peop- | there is not sufficient vitality in the Gov. now to to hundreds of thousands.

Therefore, brethren, the study of the Holy Bible, of which a copy is found in every Lodge, is necessary of a true Odd Fellow! practice its precepts, for without a due observance of the lessons taught in the Bible our Order could not exist a single hour; study it, for it contains priceless truths. It is the substratum upon which Odd Fellowship rests, and upon which "it is destined immovably to repose amid the wreck of matter and crash of worlds.' Bind its holy principles as an amulet about your heart! you will find it touched with more than lunar influences over your coming vicissitudes. It is charmed with supernatural power that can light you to the skies. Thus freighted, you shall safely sail the stormy ocean of this world, thus armed, you will be prepared for lifes great trials, and easily repel all the darts of your enemies. Thus qualified, with powers so perfectly balanced, you can ascend with ease and certainly the hill of renown, which I have supposed to be your highest ambition as an organized body, and you will then stand

"Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form Swells from the vale and midway cleaves the storm, Though round its breast some transcient clouds are

Eternal sunshine settles on its head. So shall you rise, and on the highest watchtower of human benevolence, and charity, firmly stand. Deep, heartfelt veneration like the atmosphere shal encirele you, earths highest praises shall thickly cluster upon your immortalized name,garlands of the richest laural shall entwine around your time-honored brow, -- peacethousands of our brethren in the southern ful and triumphant shall be your passage part of this Union, some of these brethren to the tomb, -solemn, "as it were a pause ty, thronged by the shade of sainted hebe united with us forever, for principles roes shall by your approach to the Grand are imperishable. Time may change, Lodge above, paeans and the songs of augles shall precede the opening of that change, but principles never change. The lodge beyond the stars,-glory, that is principles of Odd Fellowship are as firm unfading and sun like, benevolence that is unclouded and God like, pleasure that was principles of sound morality that wells out from the throne of the Noble Grand in that celestial city, into a bound-In vain may we seek thuse imperishable less ocean of fruition, shall be your rich and eternal inheritance.

The Great Flood in California.

Estimated at \$10,000,000. The Pacific slope has been visited by the most disastrous flood that has occurred since its settlement by white men. From Sacramento northward to the Columbia River, in California, Nevada Territory, and Oregon, all the streams have risen to a great height, flooded the valleys, inundated towns, swept away mills, dams, flumes houses, fences, domestic animals, ruined fields, and effected damage, estimated at ville, part of Santa Rosa, part of Auburn,

The rany season commenced on the 18th of November, and for four weeks, with scarcely an intermission, the rain continued to fall very gently in San Francisco, but in heavy showers in the interior .-According to the statement of a Grass thirty six hours on the 7th and 8th ult.

towns, were under water.

Sacramento City was the chief sufferer. The city stands at the junction of Sacramento and American Rivers, on the castern bank of the former and the southern they may have been! That legislators may bank of the latter. The valley there is be bought and sold like cattle in the marwide and flat. From the foot of the Sierra ket. In a word, that the whole revenues Nevada, at Folsom, to the base of the of the Commonwealth may be bartered coast range, year Fairfield, the plain is away for the personal aggrandizement of about forty miles wide.

The raising of the streets and the building of the levees gave considerable considerable sooth, the House has no power to inquire erable confidence to the people. They into the acts of its predecessors. built houses and planted gardens, for per- | Sir-this cannot be. If such a monmagence ; they made their town beautiful. But now, all is desolate.

ble houses had from three to six feet of contending for !- Nothing sir, absolutely water in the parlor. In many of the nothing. Wicked and unjustifiable as is finding that "belle" meant "fine," told lections of the past. And what better, no spirit of passion and directs in harmony the plastering in the second story. Doz- to overthrow our Government, what will deal of belle weather lately. ens of wooden houses, some of them two we have gained when it shall have been Like truth, Odd Fellowship cannot lose stories high, were lifted up and carried off erushed out, (which I trust in God may

adoration to the Supreme Grand Sire of ger. Most persons living in two story of venal men ? But, Mr. Speaker, I subthe Universe for his continued approba- houses, carried their furniture and cooking scribe to no such a humiliating heresy tion and protection to us and to that noble utensils and provisions up stairs; those I maintain that it is a living, vital princi-Charity for which we are laboring ! for who lived in one-story houses ran for their ple, possessing all the essential elements without his Fatherly care and love our lives. And when the water filled the city of self-preservation, including, of course, beloved Order could not in so few years there were no boats. Men, women, and the inherent power to investigate fraud have grown from weakness to strength and children had stayed in houser thinking wherever found to exist, and although the from poverty to wealth, and from one man there was no danger ; and when flood rose "body" may "be dead to all intents and they could not get away. Some of these purposes," yet the individual members houses were carried off, and boats were who composed the body may "still live." ght. All the firewood, most of the fences misdemennors, may be punished. This. and sheds, all the poultry, cats, rats, and sir, is the only rational theory in well orpart of the city during all that day. The not be disregarded, water then fell gradually until it reached | Sir-cast your eye over this Hall and its present stage, which is about on a level see how many there are who occupy seats with the lower part of the city, and at that on this floor, who voted for the repeal of level it has stood for some time-some- the tonnage tax? You will find that, with times raising a little, sometimes falling. the exception of Philadelphia, there is but As the American River fell, the Sacram- a single man, (the gentleman from War-

> REMARKS OF HOPKINS

On the resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate alleged cor

MR. SPEAKER-I confess to some surrise at the opposition that has been made had the honor of submitting it to the resolution, and what does it propose to do? The answer to this interrogatory is found in the preamble. It affirms that it has been alleged, and is believed by many of the citizens of the Commonwealth that improper influences were used in procuring the passage of an act of the last session, entitled "An act for the commutation of the Tonnage duties." Sir, is this true? of the Revolution, who seemed almost Great Destruction of property-Damage Is it true, I say, that these allegations are believed? If so, then I submit, whether it is not, in the language of the preamble, "due alike to the parties im plicated, and the public at large, that an investigation should be had, in order that truth may be vindicated, and justice done to all." Well, Mr Speaker, who doubts that this belief obtains to a very considerable extent throughout the State? I do not suppose that there can be a man found any where, who reads the papers, that does not know that there allegations have been spread broadcast over the country for months, and that an impression has thereby been made on the public mind, that can only be removed by an investigation, and acquital, by an impartial committe. But the gentleman from Philadelphia (Mr. Dennis) does not think that the House possesses the power to investigate the nets of the Legislature of 1861. That body, the gentleman tells us, "is dead to all intents and purposes.', Sir, has it come to this? Have we already descended so low in the scale of decay and bribary and corruption may run riot in our Legislative Halls, and a subsequent Legislature possesses no power to investigate the allegations of fraud, however gross faithless and corrupt representatives, and the people have no redress, because, for-

> strous doctrine can be sustained, then I ask the gentleman from Philadelphia, what The greater part of the most fashiona- have we left of our Government worth

tingly becomes us to render homage and le had not an hour's warning of the dan-ernment to vindicate itself against the acts sent after them to rescue the haman frei- and may be tried, and, if found guilty of many of the cows and horses were swept gaulzed society. But the gentleman from away. The flood at nine o'clock in the Philadelphia urges another objection to morning of the 9th of November had filled this resolution. He asks, with apparent the city-two hours later the chaingaugs sincerity, "Who are the people demandwere at work on the southern levee, to cut ing this scrutiyn ?" The gentleman from it and let the water out. When the cut Allegbeny (Mr. Williams) has answered was made the rush of water was as fierce this question most triumphantly. He has o get out as it had been toget in ; and pointed to the verdict at the ballot box, soon the water fell five or six feet; but still | where the people spoke with an emphasis remained several feet deep over the greater that cannot be missunderstood, which may

> ento rose, and there was great fear that ren,) and yet, sir, in the face of this unthe place would again be submerged; but mistakeable indication of the popular will. the danger for the present is past. The we are asked, and that too, in rather a departure of the water showed a terrible defiant tone, "Who are they that demand devastation. The rich men had lost a this scrutiny !"

> large portion of their property-the poor | Another gentleman from Philadelphia (Mr. Abbott) assails this resolution in another mode. He thinks that "it is open to the suspicion that it was prompted by other motives than a desire to make an investigation." Waving for the present, comments upon the exceeding good taste of the gentleman in making this allusion, I will remark that I do not suppose that the motives which prompted the resolutions whatever they may have been, will have much influence in making up the judgeto this resolution, as well as at the range ment of the House. I may simply observe the discussion upon it has taken. When however, that were I dispose i to impugn House on Friday last, I supposed as a ground for challenging the integrity of matter of course, it would be allowed to his, in opposing the resolution as he has pass without objection, but in this I have for suspecting mine for offering it. But, been disappointed- Now, sir, what is this this is not my mode of argument. I am always willing to concede to others the same integrity of purpose that I claim for myself.

The only other remark I have to make on this is, that I offered the resolution in good faith, with no other motive than to ascertain the truth or falsity of the charges, and if found to be true, then I hope that the investigation will be followed up by such steps as will bring to condign punishment every rascal, both in and out of the Legislature, who has, in any mgnner, been connected with the nefarious business. If this be done, may we not hope that it will be the means of driving from the Capitol a class of men, who have for years been prowling about our Halls, like a set of vultures, until legislation has become a repreach in the estimation of all pure-minded men. If, however, it turns out on the other hand, that these charges are unfounded, or cannot be sustained, then sir, I will be the first man to sign a verdict of acquittal; and this, allow me to add, wauld be a much more agreeable duty for me to perform, provided the facts would justify, than could the converse.

Mr. Speaker, I have not deemed it proper to discuss the merits of the act unon which this resolution is based. I have chosen to reserve anything I may have to say on that subject until the bill for the repeal of that act comes up for the consideration of the House. I shall then hold myself prepared to demonstrate, beyond the possibility of eavil, that the repeal of the tonnage tax, with kindred measures which have been carried through the Legislature, within the past two or three years, has taken from the people some eighteen or twenty millions of dollars, and bestowed upon two corporations.

But, as I have before intimated, this question does not, in my judgement, arise here. Let us then, sir, have this committee. It is demanded by every consideration of justice, patriotism and public duty. and I trust that we shall not be driven from our purpose by the fluttering of wounded pigeons, either in the other and of the Capitol or elsewhere.

A young lady studying French, and