THE IRISH PICKET.

BY "SAMPLE."

I'm standing in the mud, Biddy!
Wid not a sowlsher near,
And silence, speechless as the grave,
Is all the noise I hear.
My gun is at a shoulder arms,
I'm wetted to the bone,
And when I'm after shpakin' out,
I spit myself alone.

This southern climate's quare, Biddy!
A quare and hasty thing,
Wid winter always all the year,
And summer in the spring.
Ye mind the hot place down below,
And may you never fear,
I'd throw comparisons—but then
It's awful warrum here.

The only moon I see, Biddy!
Is one small star, asthore,
And that's foreninst the very cloud
It was behint before;
The wathers gleam along the hill
That's swellin' to the south,
And when the sentry passes them,
I see his ogly mouth.

It's dead for shape I am, Biddy!
And dramein wastes I'd be,
If them owld rebels over there
Would only lave me free;
But when I lane against a shump
And stirve to get repose,
A quietest ball he's comin' athraight
To hit my spacious nose.

It's ye I'd like to see, Biddy!
A shparkin' here wid me,
And then, a-coorsein, hear ye say,
"Arrah!—Pat—machree!"
"Oh, Biddy darlint," then says I,
Says you, "git out of that,"
Says I, "no arrums make your waste,"
Says you, "be dayciut, Pat."

And how's the pigs and ducks, Biddy!
It's them I think of shure,
That looked so innocent and swate
Upon the parlor floore!
I'm sure you'll agree with the pig
That's fat as he can be,
And fale him and the best, because
I'm towld he looks like me.

While I come home again, Biddy!
A-forgivin' tried and thrue,
It's just a dayrint house I'll build,
And rint it cheap to you.
We'll have a parlor, bedroom, hall,
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With kitchen, pig pen, praty-patch,
And garret, all in one.

But murther! there's a baste, Biddy!
That's creepin' round a tree,
And well I know the craiture's there
To have a shot at me.
Now, Mister Rebel, say yer pray'rs,
And hand yer dirty paw.
How quare the jabers, Biddy dear,
I've lookt his ogly jaw!

The Cry of "Abolitionists."

Down in the land of Secessia, the traitors vigorously brand every one who is in favor of the Union, as an "Abolitionist," just as their sympathizers, the Breckinridgers and Vallandighamers, do here in the North. Just let any man in the North be an earnest Union man, and how vigorously every secession-sympathizing scoundrel will shout "Abolitionist" after him. As bearing upon this matter, Judge Breckinridge, of Missouri—a Bell-Everett Unionist, and a member of the Convention of that State—recently had occasion, in addressing that body, to remark:

"I think I may say that, without any opinion on this subject that would justify the charge, there is not to be found in the State of Missouri a single man of marked loyalty who has not already been denounced as an Abolitionist, when, in point of fact, he is as far removed from them as he is in thought or sympathy from those who prefer the charge. This charge has been so often and so flippantly made, that I have come to consider it as, perhaps, *the most unfailing test of a man's loyalty, that he has been denounced as an Abolitionist.* That man who has been so successful in tampering his loyalty throughout this struggle as to avoid incurring the hostility of the class engaged in treason, and their sympathizers, to such an extent as not to incur the application of that epithet, I will not say he is not loyal, but I will say his loyalty has, to all probability, not borne any very distinguished fruits."

We commend this paragraph to the poor creatures who are continually spurting "Abolitionist" at every true and determined friend of our glorious government and Union.

THE DIFFERENCE.—The following act which has passed the U. S. Senate, is identical in principle, if not in the very words, with Thomas Jefferson's celebrated ordinance of 1787:

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Now, one would suppose, that every so called Democrat—inasmuch as that party claims to be the legitimate successors of that 'Apostle of Democracy,' as they are wont to call Mr. Jefferson—would have voted for the act. But, no—*not one of them voted for it. It was passed by Republican votes only.* This shows how completely these *modern* Democrats have forsworn their ancient faith. There is nothing left of it but the name.

The rich editor of one of the Western papers says: "We have commenced hoarding specie, in view of future scarcity. We have already three nickel cents, (one of them with a crow on it,) two three cent pieces, a half dime, three very large copper cents, a Canadian half-penny token, and a jackass copper issued from some private mint during the administration of President Jackson. When we get our hoard up to a dollar, we intend to invest in a dollar bill of one of our banks."

The Washington *Republic* does not believe the statement that the Rebels have more men than the Unionists before Richmond. It attributes the appearence of numerical superiority to the fact that the Rebels brought their *full force* to bear against the wings of our army.

A gas-pipe at Washington Furnace, in Clinton county, exploded a few days since, killing one man, and severely wounding Mr. Fallon.

The bones of all the Presidents are in Union soil, excepting that James Monroe was removed from New York to Richmond.

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