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descend from heaven, they would scarcely recognize the instrument they had made. But, if they will, unless further proved, it is longer in this line of remark. It is foreign to the subject which ought to be the legitimate subject under discussion. I have only made these remarks because, day after day, we in the majority in this chamber, have heard denunciations of the party to which it is our pride and our honor to belong, by gentlemen on the other side of the chamber. Sir, if blows hereafter are given, blows shall be returned.

**Man Cut His Wife's Throat and Then Blows His Head off with a Gun—Alleged Cause of the Deed—The Murderer's Correspondence.** CINCINNATI, December 27.—An attempted murder and self destruction of the murderer took place near Cheviot, six miles from here, at six o'clock last evening. John B. Wilder cut his wife's throat, and then shot himself with a shot-ga. The difficulty between Wilder and his wife grew out of a young lawyer named Bird, dying of pneumonia, for their eldest daughter. The mother favored his estate, which the father violently opposed, and a year ago convinced Bird in the public streets. The only reason since married the daughter, and Bird had since reigned between the parents. Mrs. W. until last Friday night had not been at home for some time. In addition to the snake about the head and face with a hatchet. Two of the children ran alarmed to the neighbors, who came and found Mrs. Wilder lying in her gore, and Mr. Wilder locked in his room adjoining. These attempting to get in, he did not come in or he would kill them. Presently the report of a gun was heard, and the entrance to the room in which he was locked in, was forced open, where he was lying on the floor with the top of his head blown off. He had taken a double barreled shot gun, loaded both barrels with buck shot, and then put the breach in the grate till the gun was discharged. The whole top of his head was blown off. On the bed were a bowie knife, dirk, pistols and a razor, also a rope. He had written on the inside of the door in pencil a message to his children, as follows:

**Omaha's Sensation—A Snake's Loss in a Ball Room.** The Omaha Herald reports the following very interesting and exciting scene occurred at a ball not many miles from this city a few evenings since. Among the persons present was a young lady who had a great horror of snakes, and imagined, no matter what the season, if she experienced any unusual alarm in a snake in the room, she would be distressed by feeling a sensation as though a serpent had fixed itself beneath the folds of her dress. Grappling the head of the monster, she screamed aloud for assistance. A hasty consultation among the guests of the ladies was held, when it was determined that a young disciple of Esculapius, who was present, should be called to their assistance. He was quickly on the spot, and being a man of uncommon courage, was not many moments within the circle of half fainting females before he had caught the tail of the snake, and would it firmly around his hand, telling Miss M. that she must let go the moment he jerked, and to make the act as instantaneous as possible, he told her he would pronounce the words, one, two, three, and that at the moment he pronounced the last word, she must let go her hold, and that he doubted not that he could withdraw the snake before it would have time to strike. All stood in breathless horror, awaiting the act of life or death, and the moment the words were pronounced the doctor jerked out the longest and most diabolical looking buster that ever was seen. The whole affair was soon explained; the fastening of the machine had become loose during the dancing and had shifted its position in such a way that it dangled about, and induced the belief that it was a snake with an enormous head. The doctor fell down in his tracks, and could not be induced to undertake the capture of another snake on any conditions.

**CRIME.** Rochester, January 15.—Walter Graham killed Samuel Otto, with an axe in the woods yesterday, during an altercation. Both men were wood-choppers. New York, January 16.—A boy of twelve years, named James Moore, was fatally stabbed last night in a Bowery street, by Antonio Conno, a Chinaman, who was arrested. Leo Balsky, a Russian, residing with his mistress at No. 23 Blocker street, was dangerously wounded last night by Daniel Bidell, said to be the grandson of Commodore Middle. The latter has given himself up and claims Balsky assaulted him first. He lives in Louisville, January 15.—In a drunken brawl last night a man by the name of Price was struck on the head with a stone by Taylor Chilton who was bound over to answer in the Criminal Court.

**A Trip Around The World.** The Erie Railway Company has issued a circular containing a statement of routes, time and distances embraced in making a modern circuit of the globe. The circular says, and we agree with it, that "in all progressive times it is not difficult when we shall see advertised in our journals, and on any thoroughfare, the novel announcement, 'Through Tickets for Passage Around the World, sold here; baggage checked to Hong Kong; Callants at Shanghai.' Only two circumnavigators of the globe, and the statement of routes, time and distances referred to, takes the shape of a ticket a year long, across the face of which is the painful joke, 'Good for one lesson in Modern Geography, but not valuable for Passage.' The lesson in geography is, however, instructive, and we are sure of the learning, if not of the ride. We start from New York to do the circle, and we do it, in our imagination in this fashion: To Buffalo or Cleveland, 425 or 625 miles, by the Erie, in seventeen or twenty four hours. Thence to Chicago, 535 or 555 miles in twenty one or fourteen hours. Thence to San Francisco, 950 miles in thirty three hours. Thence to Yokohama, 4,714 miles, in twenty one days. Thence to Hong Kong, 1,670 miles in six days. Thence to Calcutta, 2,500 miles, in fourteen days. Thence to Bombay, 1,219 miles in two days. Thence to Ceylon, 3,000 miles in twelve days. Thence to Alexandria, 100 miles, in five hours. Thence to Marseilles, 1,800 miles, in six days. Thence to Havre via Paris and Rouen, 675 miles, in thirty hours. Thence to New York—home again—3,150 miles, in nine days. Thus swinging round the circle, 23,738 miles, in seventy seven days and twenty one hours steady travel.

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