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duties of his religion. Was he now about
to turn into another path to bring shame
on his father in his old age? To put a stain
on their family and their name, the name
that a rogue or a bawd woman never bore?
continued old Carroll, indulging some of
the pride and egotism for which an Irish
peasant is, under his circumstances, remark-
able. And then came the thought of the
personal peril incurred by Michael; and
his agitation, increased by the fearfulness
of age, nearly overpowered him.

He was sitting on the floor, shivering
like one in an ague fit, when he heard
steps outside the house. He listened, and
they ceased; but the familiar noise of an
old barn door creaking on its crazy hinges
came on his ear. It was now day dawn.
He dressed himself, stole out, cautiously;
peeped into the barn, through a chink of
the door, and all he had feared met full con-
firmation. There, indeed, sat Michael,
busily and earnestly engaged, with a
frowning brow and a haggard face, in quar-
tering the animal he had stolen from Mr.
Evans's field.

The sight sickened the father—the blood
on his son's hands, and all. He was barely
able to keep himself from falling. A
fear, if not a dislike, of the unhappy cul-
prit, also came upon him. His unconscious
impulse was to enter their cabin un-
perceived, without speaking a word; he
succeeded in doing so; and then he fast-
ened the door again, and undressed and
reunited his place beside his innocent little
grandson.

About an hour afterward, Michael came
in cautiously through the still open win-
dow, and also undressed and reclined on
his straw, after glancing toward his father's
bed, who pretended to be asleep. At the
usual time for rising, old Carroll saw him
suddenly jump up, and prepare to go
abroad. He spoke to him, leaning on his
elbow.

'And what hold'st is on you now, ma-
bauch'at?'
'Going for the good break'ast as I prom-
ised you, father dear.'

'An' who's the good christin 'ill give
id to us, Michael?'
'Oh, you'll know that soon, father; now,
a good bye,' he hurried to the door.
'A good bye, then, Michael; but tell me,
what's that on your hand?'
'No—notin,' stammered Michael,
changing color, as he hastily examined the
hand himself; 'nothin' is on id; what could
there be?' (nor was there for he had very
carefully removed all evidences of guilt
from his person; and the father's question
was asked upon grounds distinct from any
thing he then saw.)
'Well, quick, an' sure I didn't say any-
thing was on it; wrong or any thing to
make you look so queer, an' speak so
strange to your father, this mornin'; only
I'll ax you Michael, ever again, who has
taken such a good break'ast as you?'

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An Illustration of Coon Honor and Honesty.
—Our readers recollect that there was a difficulty in Philadelphia county as to the election of Prothonotary of the District Court. According to the official returns Mr. Hentz, the democratic candidate, was elected by a small majority, but, on a second examination of the tally papers, in a few of the districts, it was discovered that a coon Clerk had made a mistake, which, when corrected, would give a small majority to Mr. DALE, the coon candidate, and Mr. Hentz at once relinquished all claims, and gave up the office quietly to his opponent. But on examining the tally papers further in relation to other county officers, several more mistakes have been discovered, which changes matters greatly in favor of the democrats. On learning this Mr. Hentz addressed a letter to Mr. Dale requesting him to consent to a further investigation of the vote for Prothonotary, but to the surprise of every honorable man, Mr. Dale has not even condescended to notice the letter of his generous competitor. Mr. Hentz's conduct on the first investigation called forth the admiration of men of all parties, and Mr. Dale and his counsel addressed him letters couched in the most complimentary terms, thanking him for the honorable manner in which he yielded his claims to the office, on the discovery of the first mistake. Considering H's liberal conduct in the first instance, the course of Dale cannot be regarded in any other light than as basely dishonorable.

As the examination of the returns cannot now be made within the ten days, as prescribed in such cases, Mr. Hentz's only remedy, if he has any, is an application to the Legislature to authorize a thorough investigation of the whole matter.

New York and a National Bank.—On the 15th of September the following paragraph appeared in the New York Enquirer: We trust that during the present political contest it will be distinctly understood that the whig party are committed to the erection of a National Bank. This declaration was echoed by every coon journal in the state, and kept constantly before the people as the leading principle of their party. The result has shown that such a measure has no favor with the honest yeomanry of the state and that the people have fully and emphatically expressed their detestation for the project of re-establishing a national monster.

Massachusetts Election.
One hundred and seventy three towns heard from which stand thus—
Morton, (Dem) 52,715
Davis, (Fed) 50,914
Scattering, 6,163
Morton's maj. over Davis, 3,771.
Last year in the same towns the vote stood—
Morton 47,769
Davis 52,314
Scattering 3,563
Democratic gain since last year, 3,716.
'Thirty seven to be heard from which last year gave—
Morton, 3,660
Davis, 158
Scattering, 96
Majority against Davis, 3,716.
The Boston Post says that Morton's majority over Davis will be about twenty five hundred. The scattering votes will however prevent a choice by the people. Of the 40 Senators the Democrats have elected sixteen and coons eight. In Worcester, Essex, Franklin, Barnstable and Plymouth counties which elected sixteen members, there is no choice. The Representatives elected so far as are known, stand thus—
1842, Dem. 103, Fed. 105, 1
1841, 101, 171, 0
The coons have lost ninety-six, and the democrats have gained five. In a large number of towns there is no choice. The political complexion of the House probably remains to be decided by future elections. The majority for the coons in that branch last year was 68; in the Senate 14.
But three members of Congress are known to have been elected—1 Democrat (Williams) and 2 coons (Adams and Withrop.) In the other seven districts there is no choice!

Cotton.—Six hundred and eighty-three bales of cotton have been shipped from Houston since the 13th of July last. The Byron took away 208 bales on the 23d ult. The new cotton is now daily arriving, and the receipts amount to about twenty bales per day. Notwithstanding the ravages of the worm, the drought and the wet weather, the amount of cotton shipped this year from Houston will, in all probability, be fully equal to the amount shipped last year.

Another reformed Drunkard re married.—At Norwich, Ct., on the 6th inst., Asa H. Burchard was re-married to Emily Burchard. In this re-union of ruptured ties says the Norwich Courier) is seen one of the triumphs of temperance. A family for years distracted, dismembered and rendered wretched by the demon of strong drink, is by the magic charm of the Wshtington pledge restored to the walks of virtuous life. Peace and happiness have returned in their desolate dwelling, and hope beams upon their future prospects.

Texas currency.—News from Austin states that money of every description and even exchequer bills have almost entirely disappeared from that section. The merchants of that place, for the want of this