## THE STARS AND STRIPES.

The Stars and Stripes! What hand shall dare
To descerate the flag we bear!
The flag of stars, whose cheering light
Brightened oppression's gloomy night!
The flag of stripes, whose heavenly dyes
Flashed Freedom's day-spring through the skies!
Our flag! The standard of the free!
Symbol of hope and liberty.

The Stars and Stripes! What memories rise, Whene'er that banner greets our eyes! By patriots borne, o'er land and sea,
It led the way to victory!
When slaughter swept the surging main—
When carnage strewed the crimson plain— It marked the spot where heroes stood, It was baptized in heroes blood !

The Stars and Stripes! What power shall stay Immortal Freedom's onward way! The heavens are the triumphal arch Through which she takes her mighty march Her mighty march! Nor shall she halt Till, like the spangled azure vault, O'er every land around the world The Stars and Stripes shall be unfurled!

## THE TRAPPER'S CABIN. A LEGEND OF THE PRAIRIE.

"I wonder not," said she, in reply, "that it seems strange to you. It will seem stranger still when I tell you that I have lived here already four long years, and in all that time seen none but Indian temales, and besides yourself but two white men," and she heaved a deep,

"Pardon me," said Hugh, "for asking why you thus seclude yourself, so far from civilization and society ?"

She hesitated a moment, then answered in a low, sad tone : "The love I cherish for an unfortunate father," and there was an instinctive shrinking that made Hugh feel, plainer than words would have done, that the subject was a painful one.

Hugh adroitly changed the conversation, but listened eagerly while she told him of the wild adventures that had characterized their life, and many strange and beautiful things that had bordered their pathway. She pictured to him the vast stretch of prairie that surrounded them, and discoursed most eloquently of its green and flowery charms through the spring and summer, of its golden hues in autumn, when the first light frost had crisped its wavering grass, of its fearful magnificence ted in its ridges. Then she told him of the glory of the woodland which lay duly a little way to the west of their cabin, and the beauty of the softly flowing Des Moines, whose waters were of crystal clearness, and whose banks were as rich in agate and pearl-like shell. Then she sketched the Indian warrior whose hunting grounds were as yet all around them, and whose dusky bride had often tarried beside their hearth, teaching her wild-wood arts, and weaving sometimes for her hair a graceful wreath from the silver plumes of the rainbowcolored birds that were fluttering in the old

"And do you fancy such companionship llave you no fear of Indian stratagems and Indian cruelties ?" asked Hugh.

A shudder ran over the young girl, and her face grew suddenly very pale, and she looked timidly around her ere she replied:

"Until a month ago I had never known kindness, is as much, nay, more to be depended on than are our brothers. But now, I live in constant terror. My father has offended one of the young chiefs, and the consequence I feel will be fatal to him or me, and perhaps both. My father has realized it too, and since then, until to-day, has not ventured out of sight of home. But though he has carefully sought traces of Indian steps, he has in all that time seen none, and so this morning, noting by his keen eye the approach of a fearful storm, he went to his old hunting hut in the timber. The deer, you know, always rush to the woodland for skelter, and he expected to kill enough to-day to last us through the season. But I teel that he has run a fearful risk."

"And you teared, knowing your red triends were incensed against you, to stay here all alone," exclaimed her listener.

"I wonder that you consented to let me in. Did you not fear it might be some Indian in disguise?"

"An Indian could not speak as you did, sir," she replied, "and if my own senses had misled me, these trusty friends would have proved true;" and she pointed to the dogs. "They can scent an Indian as far as he can one of the pale faces. They are well trained, too. My father received them as a dying gift from the old trapper who lived in the cabin when he came; and he had trained them well, for the country was much wilder then than now. Would you believe it though, they will bark in their very loudest tones when a white man comes near, but they will not breathe a sound if it be an Indian; but if you are awake they will come and stand before you and look at you with a glance, which, if once seen, can never be forgotten ; while if sleep, they will awaken you in the most cautious way, warn you of the danger with much eloquence. Oh, they are two noble, precious friends!" she said, patting them fondly. They crouched by her feet afterwards, and burying her little moccasins in their shaggy sides, she bowed

her head on her hand, and seemed to dream. Hugh mused for a long time on his strange adventure, and then feeling very weak again, he noiselessly heaped tresh fuel on the fire and stole off to his couch of buffalo robes. His dreams were at first wild and fearful and then strangely fantastic, and then sadly beautiful; for, in every variation of the shifting scenes the face of Eleanor, pale, yet lovely and loving, looked up to him with an entreating fondness. Then a dense black cloud covered her kneeling form, and as it parted he seemed to be lying on a bed of roses with the cheek of the maiden pressed close to his lips. As he reached out his arms to enshrine her in a fond embrace he awoke; and lo, with her face close to his own was she of whom he had dreamed.

"For your life breathe not a loud word!

Hugh was a gallant fellow. He had won brilliant laurels on the battle-field, and felt the war-spirit strong within him again, as he leaped up and prepared himself to encounter a new foe. He carried a brace of pistols and a double-barreled fowling piece, and with a soldier's thoughtfulness, he had immediately after supper withdrawn the damp charges and dried the three before the fire. It was short work for him to reload them now, and besides these he loaded a pair of pistols which the trapper's daughter handed him. He then unsheathed his hunting-knife and felt his blade to make sure that it was keen and polished. And then he looked for a spot where he could ambuscade himself and arms. A little tent bed occupied one of the recesses which the huge fire place formed on both sides, and this was draped with deer-skins dressed to a beautifal whiteness. In that he ensconced himself, while Eleanor threw herself on the couch he left, feigning sleep but clutching nervously her pistols.

Hugh's ear was keen, but although the tem-pest had lulled, and only an occasional wild sob ran round the cabin, he could detect no sounds that told of human foes. After a while the howl of a wolf was heard. As it died away he saw the two dogs leave the door, beside which they stood like petrifactions, and advance cau-tiously to the hearth, and then it seemed to the listener that a dull sound was heard on the roof. It instantly occurred to him that the foe would strive to make their ingress down the chimney, thinking, doubtless, to find their captive alone and asleep, and fetter her with little trouble. Through the loophole, which was a slit in the hanging, he watched (oh, how intently!) the huge fire-place, whose brands had all burned down to embers. After a while bis heart leaped up with a strange, wild thrill, as he saw a moceasined foot appear. The cautiously did the Indian descend, but at length he landed safely and noiselessly. But no sooner had he snaken and stretched himself out to his full dimensions, ridding himself of the cramps with which his descent had tortured him, than the largest of the dogs, withont a single warning growl, dashed at his ses." throat, and cleuched it with such a convulsive the snew was heaped in its hollows and cres- yet the surprise was too sudden, and the atto make at once a successful resistance.

Hugh felt that the time for action was come, but not wishing to alarm the Indians who ly his knife, which was soon buried deep in the heart of the red man. There was a quiver | sence and an escort to the Mississippi. of the muscles, a stifled groan, and he lay dead before him. Eleanor sprung from her couch and gazed earnestly at him, then turning to Hugh said quickly: "It is as I supposed. This is Wa-wa-tu-sa, the friend of Hibride. He has thought to enter this way and open the door for him and his other braves. Get back for they will soon suspect some foul

It was as she said. The door was cantiousstill. But the soldier's ear, keener by disroof, and as it continued longer than before, he judged correctly that the remaining savages, thinking that something had befallen their spy, were coming in their whole strength upon them. With one of his pistols cocked and pointed through the loop-hole, he watched intently. It was not long ere a second foe had descended and bent with an amazed look over his prostrate friend. As he lifted up his head he gave a tremendous whoop; but it was the last sound that ever burst from his lips-a shot from the soldier's pistol entered his heart. Then rushing from his concealment, Hugh stationed himself before the couch of Eleanor, handing her his pistol, bade

her reload at once. He had scarcely reached her when a third Indian sprang rather than crept down the orifice; but as he straightened himself after his leap, a full charge from the fowling-piece threw him upon the other two, a heavy and soon cold burden. The fourth warrior that descended was not so easily overcome. It was Hi-wa-see himself, and burning with love for the white girl, and rage toward her defender, who had slain his best braves, he sprang so suddenly on Hugh that his gun was knocked from his hand, and in an instant he was wrestling with the brawny Indian. The dogs fastened themselves on their intruder's legs, but their bite, fierce and intent as it was seemed not to annoy him in the least, and Hugh was fast yielding to the superior physical form of his toe when a pistol shot echoed through the cabin, and he felt his enemy's grasp relax and the warm blood oozing from his breast and

dripping over his own bands. "You have played a brave part," said Hugh, and releasing himself he beheld the Indian reel and finally to fall to the floor. "Your Indian lover will never again throw his tomahawk, or swing to his belt the gory scalp. Good heavens, but it is a fearful sight!"

There came a faint whisper from Hi-wa-see. Eleanor went and knelt beside him, and wiped away the death-dews which her cwn hand had

"Proud white father," breathed he, "think Indian no good-no fit to have his pale child in wigwan of chief's son. Hi-wa-see say she shal!. He make one skin, white as her facesoft as her cheek-white buffalo robe to sleep on. He love her-he carry her all the days here on his big heart-like white squaw carry little pappoose. Proud white father say nohe call Indian dog, and say bad things. Hiwa-see remember-he wait till good-he kill old white father-then came for white squaw -she kill him-but he love her-hate her

white brave-though hate him, love her." The words were breathed in such broken English that only one used to the Indian could He uttered a cry half of joy. In an instant a warning finger was pressed to his lips, and in almost inaudible tones she murmured:

have understood him, and as the fatal fell from his lips, he gasped, and the fatal spasm finished all.

"My poor father, my unhappy father!" Listen! There are Indians about. They sur- cried the orphaned girl. "To this—an un- will soon loom up in the prospective, as neces- place or capacity required of them. found us, but I cannot guess their mode of at- timely death in the forest-did thy proud pas-

now bear off his daughter to the wigwam of | Iriendless. In the far and beautiful East I | have a father, mother, sisters, and in memory of your saving, and kindness to me, they will cherish you as one of their dear household." He sat down beside her, and after he had learned her story, they planned their work for

the morrow.

There was no time to lose, for Hi-wa-see was the son of a powerful Dacotah chief, and a fearful revenge would be taken on them should they be discovered. As soon as it was light enough to see, the horses were saddled and brought by Hugh to the door. A large flat stone, which served as a hearth, was lifted, after many efforts, and from a deep hole underneath Eleanor took a couple of moneybelts, heavy with gold, and a small casket. Concealing them as well as she could, she took from a packing-box a robe of fur, and enveloping herself in it, told with a quivering voice that she was ready.
"I leave much behind that is of value,"

said the young girl. "There are many solid ters of domestic policy in a manner which silver articles in these two boxes; and fine linen with rich clothing; but if I save life, diplomatist. "The new tariff," he tells the let them go. Alas, they were but little comfort to me when I owned them !"

Wildly did they gallop away from the cab-in, the maiden leading the way through the timber to the Des Moines, for although the prairie track was familliar to her in summer time, she dare not attempt to find it after so Congress would modify it. Again, he informs and strong, and, like frightened deer, they sped down it till they had passed ten miles. "There is old Ben's cabin," said the mai-

den, as a thin wreath of smoke was seen lazily curling up through a thicket of wild plum trees. "He is one of the two old trappers to whom my father's strange liking introduced ence to public opinion," would either be comme. He will be faithful, I know.' "I was 'fraid-I knowed it most," said Ben,

when they had related the tragedy of the night; "but your father was a orful proud one; dogs saw it quite as soon as he, and withdrew he brought it all on him. With fair words he at once to the side of their mistress. Very | might have kept the red skins off and got out | ed in a manner which would have done credit of their way. But it's no use crying-what's done can't be undone." And the old man busied himself with preparing a woodland breakfast for the couple, saying as he did so, "Reckon you had no appetite this morning. Them red skins made tarnal bad, mean corp-

Then guiding them to the road, he went hold that the savage fell with a dull, dead with them to a cabin ten miles below, and masterly manner. Among other things, he surprise and gratification of his triends, who royal. The rest followed the royal couple in when the crimson billows of flame surged over sound. The other dog fastened himself to his having engaged the trapper who owned it to impresses on the mind of the Imperial Gov. immediately furnished him with the means of order of their rank, the ladies on the right should never have the fingering of them.

taining from his commander both leave of ab-

There was much surprise in the old homestead when the son so suddenly returned and brought too, such a beauteous stranger. But when the tale was told, the trapper's daughter was taken at once to the hearts of father, wa-see, the young chief who sought me for a mother and sisters, and the love Hugh said should be given to her, flowed forth so freely that her young life, so long blighted and sad. became again fresh, joyous and gay. And that its summer was as golden and rich as its spring had been cheerless and poor, you may ly handled, and then the notes of a bird went | imagine from the fact that the first robe she whistling around the cabin, and then all was | put on, when she laid aside the black she wore for the dead, was one of the purest white satfear," said she, "for the Indian, if met with trust, soon noted the same dull sound on the in, and the first festive gathering she met with, the bright, joyous one that assembled in the old family home to greet her as a brideof her own Hugh.

> How WEST POINT WAS SAVED .- A short time before the expiration of the late Administration, Major Delafield resigned his post as commandant at West Point, and through the influence of Mr. Slidell, Gen Beauregard was appointed in his stead. Fortunately, however, before the latter had assumed his position, the Administration learned that there was a plot in existence the fulfilment of which would have been to place West Point in the hands of Secessionists, and at the same time, through the complicity of traitors in New York, a movement was to be made for separating the city from the State. The confusion that would follow, it was hoped, would prove highly advantageous to the traitors. Major Delafield was telegraphed immediately not to resign; he replied that he had sent his resignation just three hours before. He was then directed to resume his command, which he immediately did, thus thoroughly "scotching" the traitors.

> Position of Virginia .- As the injunction of secrecy has not been removed in relation to the doings of the recent Virginia Convention, we are at a loss to understand the precise attitude in which it has placed the State. The Whig sums up the result of their deliberations thos: "They have organized an army, and placed at its head the ablest officers of the late United States. They have taken the initiatory steps for the creation of a navy, and entrusted its infancy to the brightest names on the roll of the American navy. They have established a system of equal taxation, which will remove every murmur of dissatisfaction throughout the confines of the Commonwealth. They have negotiated an alliance, offensive and defensive, with our Southern sisters, which makes us one people, and insures us invincibility and independence.

> ANDREW JOHNSON OF TENNESSEE .- The Louisville Journal has the following : "It has been stated that while the crowd at Lynchburg, Va., was groaning at Andy Johnson, and offering him various indignities, one man pulled his nose. A Louisville gentleman, who was there at the time, says that Andy's nose was not pulled. A fellow attempted it, but Andy drew a pistol and would have shot him on the instant if the men present had not interposed. Our informant was on the same train with Andy for a considerable distance. this side of Lynchburg, and he says that the sturdy old gentleman, although insulted by the populace at every stopping point, showed a nerve that Napoleon or Cæsar might have admired. All honor to the brave and the true."

AGREEABLE PROSPECTS FOR SECESSIONISTS .-The Louisville Journal sums up in a few words sary sequences. The contemplation to a huOUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

If any citizen of this Republic entertains a doubt as to the position of the Administration, and the policy it intends to pursue in reference to the Secession troubles, that doubt will be removed by a perusal of Secretary Seward's letter of instructions to Mr. Dayton, the newly-appointed minister to France. As a State paper it justifies every expectation we may have entertained of the distinguished Secretary, and as an exposition of the views of the Administration it will be gladly hailed by every friend of the Union and the Consti-The letter of Mr. Faulkner, our late minis-

ter at the Court of France, detailing his official

interview with M. Trouvenel the French Min-

ry of State replies, is an insidious and cunning production, and compels us to express a teeling of gratification that his mission is at an end. He volunteers his opinions on mat-Minister, "was adopted with a view, although probably a mistaken one, of sustaining the credit of the Treasury, as much as of reviving the protective policy;" and on account of the discontent which had been manifested in commercial circles, he had no doubt but that next

fierce a storm. The ice on the river was thick the Minister, when speaking of the seceded States, that "so great is the respect for the action of the people when adopted under the im-posing forms of State organization and State sovereignty, that he did not think the employment of force would be tolerated for a moment," and that our Government, in "deferpelled to bribe the South to remain in the Union, or permit it to dissolve its relation of allegiance, and assume the powers of a separate Government. We do not wonder that, after listening to this view of the case, present-

to Mr. Yancy himself, M. Thouvenel should have expressed the opinion that the employ ment of force would be unwise, as tending to a further rupture of the Confederacy, and leading to tuture complications in American affairs. The Secretary of State answers these pernicious arguments of Minister Faulkner in a

it, and of its sullen, sea-like grandeur when knees, and although he struggled violently, go with them to the garrison at Fort Des ernment the fact that the Administration is u- defraying his expences, and with the letters and their partners on the left. While the roy-Moines, he hastened back to save, as he said, nited, and that in the breasts of the President of introduction to Hon. Lewis Cass, then our all party was on the floor it was considered a tack too strange and powerful for the victim all the "pretties" that were owned by Elea- and his advisers every emotion has been exnor assuring her that the tarnal red skins tingnished but those of loyalty and patriot- troduced to Louis Philippe, and in the pres-By hard riding they reached the fort that the insurgents have instituted open, fla- this American youth demonstrated his probmight be outside, he lett his retreat with on- night, and Hugh had little difficulty in ob- grant, and deadly war, and that the "United lem, and received the plaudits in the court. States have accepted this civil war as an inevitable necessity." The Administration of Mr. Lincoln has not the least idea of "suffering a dissolution of this Union to take place in any way whatever;" and the Secretary concludes

such a dissolution, peaceable or by force,

has never entered into the mind of any can-

did statesman here, and it is high time that it

be dismissed by statesmen in Europe." In thus removing from the minds of European Powers any fear they may have entertained of the fidelity of the Government to the Constitution, the Administration accepts the confidence, which the nation bestows, and proceeds rapidly to meet the inevitable necessity which treason has forced upon it. We feel autocrat of all the Russias. proud of the position which our country assumes among the nations of the world, and we feel sure that every citizen will echo the eloquent words of the Secretary, when he says: "There will be here only one nation and one Government, and there will be the same Republic, and the same constitutional Union that have already survived a dozen national changes, and changes of government in almost every other country. These will stand hereafter, as they are now objects of human wonder and human affection."

THE POSITION OF JOHN BELL .- We learn that Hon. John Bell complains that his recent speech at Nashville, Tennessee, on which we had occasion to comment as a treasonable declaration of Secession, was incorrectly reported, and calculated to do him injustice. Mr. Bell intends to prepare his remarks for publication, but in the meantime, he desires his Nashville speech to be considered as a Union effort, and wishes himself to be regarded as sincerely loyal to the Union. The Louisville Journal, which is our authority for this statement, thus comments upon it: "Certainly in all the course of national vicissitudes a more unfortunate choice of means was never made by a patriot and a statesman. John Bell, beyond rational-dispute, committed, in this inexplicable effort, a blunder which must have the public effect of a crime; but we are bound to believe, and we do believe, that he committed the blunder honestly. He is unquestionably guilty of a terrible mistake; but not, as we were at first driven by a sense of imperative duty to say, of detection." Mr. Bell is welcome to whatever benefit this statement may afford him. This is no time, however, for "inexplicable efforts," or "terrible mistakes." It gave us pain to see him among the traitors to our country; but, unless he is for the Union without conditions, and for sustaining the Government in the performance of its duty, he is practically no better than a traitor. This contest will not admit of doubtful positions, and no stateman will promulgate opinions capable of a double meaning. The Shibboleth of Union is easily spoken, and if Mr. Bell hesitates or stammers he must not complain at being considered one of the men of Ephraim .- Press.

CAMP CAMERON .- The New York Seventh did not go into camp in Georgetown, but selected an elevated position near Columbia College, in the northern suburbs. They have been out three nights, in one hundred and fifty tents. Strict military discipline and camp rule is enforced, and all orders are most respectfully obeyed. The reports of their disaffection and refusals to take the oath, which you have probably observed in the Virginia and Southern papers, are without the slightest foundation in truth. They have all the results already obtained and those which taken the oath, and are ready for duty in any

GEORGE WILSON.

A few years since, as Mr. Gallaudet was walking in the streets of Hartford, there came running up to him a poor boy, of very ordinary appearance, but whose fine intelligent eye fixed the attention of the gentleman as the boy inquired-"Sir, can you tell me of a man who would like a boy to work for him and learn him to read?" "Whose boy are you, and where do you

live ?"

"I have no parents," was the reply, "and have just run away from the workhouse, be-

cause they would not teach me to read." The gentleman made arrangements with the authorities of the town, and took the boy into interview with M. Trouvenel the French Min-ister of Foreign Affairs, to which the Secreta-Nor was this all. He soon acquired the confidence of his new associates by faithfulness and honesty. He was allowed to use his friends library, and made rapid progress in the acquisition of knowledge. It became necessary after a while that George should must have exceedingly astonished the French | leave Mr. Gallaudet, and he became apprentice to a cabinet-maker in the neighborhood. There the same integrity won for him the favor of his new associates. To gratity his inclination for study, his master had a little room furnished for him in the upper part of the shop, where he devoted his leisure time to his favorite pursuits. Here he made large attainments in mathematics in the French langage, and other branches. And being in this he wanted to go to France.

"Go to France!" said his master; surprised that the apparent contented and happy boy should thus suddenly become dissatisfied with his situation; "for what?"

"Ask Mr. Gallaudet to tea to-morrow evening," continued George, "and I will explain." His kind friend was invited accordingly. At tea time the apprentice presented himself with his manuscripts, in English and French, and explained his singular intention to go to

"In the time of Napoleon," said he, "a orize was offered by the French government for the simplest rule of measuring plane surfaces, of whatever outline. The prize has never been awarded, and that method I have Prince rose from his seat, whereupon the en-

discovered." He then demonstrated his problem, to the minister to the court of France. He was inism. As to "coercion," the Secretary says ence of the king, nobles, and plenipotentiaries. He received the prize, which he had clearly won, besides several presents from the king. He then took letters of introduction, and proceeded to the Court of St. James and took up a similar prize, offered by the Royal Society, by declaring with emphasis that the thought of and returned to the United States. He was high pointed heels. All this would have preparing to secure the benefits of his discovery by patent, when he received a letter from the Emperor Nicholas himself, one of whose ministers had witnessed his demonstrations at London, inviting him to make his residence at the Russian Court, and furnishing him with ample means for his outfit. He complied with the invitation, repaired to St. Petersburg, and is now Professor of Mathematics in the Royal College, under the special protection of the the Continent-Margaret of Valois-go through

> Peru.-Peru is an exceedingly unsettled and disorganized State, with the hourly prospect of snother revolution breaking out, chusetts men-a mere youth-after the fight Echenique is still kept a close prisoner at the with the mob, crept into a shop and was kindly island of San Lorenzo, without any apparent sheltered by the owner, and on being questioncharge against him, and the treatment he has ed why so young a man as he came so far with met with in being refused a trial, has created arms, he murmured faintly, but "with a simple a very ill feeling against the government. affection," the account says, with dying breath, President Castilla spends the greater part of "The Stars and the Stripes. his time gambling at Chorillas, and it is rarely a chance can be had to see him except at the card table. As he is the government in tolo, and the tribunals of justice, the treasury and everything else are dependant on his nod, an idea may be formed of the dreadful mismanagement to which every branch of the govern- and received from him a letter of appreciation ment is subjected. It is safe to say that in no on their return from the navy yard to the Capcountry in the world, pretending to civilization, does anything like such corruption exist as is to be met with among the government officials of Peru. The President, a notorious dissipated gambler, who squanders the public money most recklessly without a solitary cent ever going toward the public good, burdens the country with an enormous standing army, merely to keep himself forcibly in power against the will of the population. The Ministers of State, Judges, and all under them follow in the footsteps of their illustrious leader, and are controlled by bribery and dishonesty in every act they commit. To such an extent are their frands and swindles carried that they become a bye word in the streets.

> VALPARAISO .- The people of this city have been startled by the news newly come from the Eastern side of the Andes. The Argentine town of Medonza has been completely destroyed. Five thousand persons are said to have fallen victims in an earthquake which movements of troops within our borders. A happened on Wednesday of last week, the 20th | word to the wise !" of March, a little after half-past eight in the evening. Scarcely a building remains standing. Some reports say, not a single house remains-that the place has disappeared, and is nothing but an extensive plain of ruins. Eye witnesses give most heart-rending description of the events with which they were personally and painfully cognizant. A writer says, as he walked through the town he heard cries from subterranean voices, meaning from those buried under the rains of houses, begging to be extricated from their dismal imprisonment. Here were parents in frantic search for their children. And here children of different sizes. trying to discover or extricate their parents.

FLIGHT OF SECESSIONISTS .- On the arrival of the New York Zouaves in Washington, and impressed probably by a sense of safety from the general gathering of forces here, the Secession troops have suddenly evacuated the city of Alexandria. That city has made large Secession demonstrations during the three weeks just closed. Prudence would dictate a different policy for the future.

tack. Rise and arm yourself, and then creep into the daskest corner. Be careful and make not the least noise for they are a wary foe. They think me alone. Oh!" she exclaimed, and she pressed her heart convulsively, "they have doubtless slain my kind father, and would states that the forest and the forest

ABOUT DANCING. Dancing is a very ancient and likewise a

very universal "institution." It is practised

by barbarous and civilized nations-by religious societies and in society to which religion is a stranger. It is the recreation and amusement of the Fejee Islander and Guinea negro. as well as of the most cultivated and refined nation. David, we are told, danced before the Tabernacle, and Socrates delighted in the dance. France, however, was the birthplace of modern dances and balls, and Catharine of Medicis was distinguished above all the Queens of France, for the gorgeousness and originality of her festivals and court balls. Once, while on a visit to Bayonne, her court was composed of her daughter, the Queen of Spain, the Dukes of Saxony, and Lorraine, and other princes. Balls, festivals, and plays followed each other in rapid succession; but the most brilliant of these entertainments was given upon a beautifully wooded island in the Bayonne river. Here was crected a large circular saloon, handsomely decorated and surrounded by twelve arbors. Festconed chandeliers depended from the trees, and within each arbor was a table that would seat twelve persons. In the center of the saloon was placed the table for the King, the two Queens, and the higher dignitaries of the court. The musicians were hid among the trees, so as to be heard and not seen. The royal table was served by the Queen's maids of honor, dressed situation a few years, sitting at tea with the as wood nymphs and naiads, while the edibles family one evening, he at once remarked that and liquors were brought in by servants in the guise of satyrs. Whilst supper was in progress numerous groups of dancers appeared in the saloon, attired in their national costumes, accompanied by musicians performing characteristic airs and executing national dances.

As the royal party and the guests arose from

the table, the saloon, arbors, tables, and dan-

cers, disappeared as if by magic, and the as-

tonished guests found themselves within a see-

mingly natural amphitheatre. A series of the

stately dances of that period concluded the

At court balls in the sixteenth century it was the practice for the ladies to sit in rows. with their cavaliers behind them. When the signal for dancing was given the King or tire assemblage also rose. The King then opened the dance with the Queen or a princess breach of good manners for any one to be seated. Persons of the highest rank usually danced only the minuet. At these balls the ladies usually appeared in full gala costume. stiff whalebone skirts, and richly embroidered heavy robes, with long trails; uncommonly tight corsets; the dresses low in the neck, and exposing the shoulders; a coiffure of immense height; the head and neck overloaded with jewelry; and exceedingly tight shoes, with made any of the fascinating dances of the present day impossible, and rendered even the slow and dignified steps of that age a wearisome task instead of a pleasure. A dancer who excelled in the minuet secured a European reputation, and Don John, of Austria, Viceroy of the Netherlands, once journeyed incognito from Brussels to Paris in order to see himself, unrecognized, the best dancer of a minuet at a Court ball.

"THE STARS AND STRIPES."-It is related in Baltimore, that one of the wounded Massa-

NAVY YARD .- The New York Seventy-first have relieved the Reading (Pa.) Ringgold Light Artillery at the navy yard. The Readind Artillery won the favor of the commander at the yard for their faithful attention to duty, itol building, where they are now quartered.

The Charleston Mercury makes this statement: "Major Robert Anderson has made it a point at every stopping place at the North to complain of our 'inhuman treatment' in firing on Sumter after the barracks were enveloped in flames. Did anybody prevent him from pulling down his dirty stripes."

Gov. Sprague, of Rhode Island, who had made arrangements for a temporary absence from his forces, hearing that they would soon move Southward, at once gave up his contemplated trip, and has resumed command of his regiment, holding himself ready to march at moment's warning.

The Richmond Whig publishes this ominous notice in large type under its editorial head : "We beg to suggest to all the Southern papers the propriety of omitting all mention of the

A negro panic has seized the people of New Orleans. The negro churches have been closed by order of the Mayor, and all assemblages of negroes, slave or free, have been forbidden,

The Nashville (Tenn.) papers contain a speech made by John Bell, yesterday, advocating a strong military league of all the Southern States against a common invading foe.

The Manchester Print Works are now filling an order for our national flag, for 4,000 dozen,

The emotions (says Rarey) of fear and anger, a true horseman should never feel.

There is no mind that cannot furnish some scraps of intellectual entertainment.

It is supposed the fellow who left the house was not able to take it with him.

When you dispute with a fool, he is very certain to be similarly employed. Why is life the riddle of riddles? Because

The cheapest of lawyers-keeping one's