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# THE VOICE THAT WINS ITS WAY.

If words could satisfy the heart. The hearth might find less care But words, like summer birds, depart, And leave but empty air.

A little said, and truly said, Can deeper joy impart Than hosts of words that reach the head But never touch the heart.

A voice that wins its sunny way A lonely home to cheer, Hath oft the fewcst words to say, But, O, those few, how dear.

## COUSIN BOB.

#### A TALE FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Mr. John P. Middleton was a retail merchant of Philadelphia. His business was moderately prosperous and he lived up to his income. It was a primary object with him and his wife to occupy a large and handsome house, and to have it furnished in elegant style. They likewise kept a carriage, which was drawn by a single horse, and the keeping of a carriage made it necessary for them to keep a "coachman." Their functionary was named Mike Farrell; he was a modest and well behaved Irishman, who, besides the regular services which belonged to his office, did duty as porter in Mr. Middleton's store and made himself useful in another way to which reference will be made hereafter.

The Middletons had a large circle of acquaintances, all of whom were people of consideration ; that is to say, people who dressed well, lived in somewhat fine houses and possessed good carpets, handsome chairs, tables, sofas, &c. But there was one draw back on Mr. and Mrs. Middleton's felicity: they had a superabundance of country cousins; plain, rustical persons who often came on visits to Philadelphia, and, as they were scarcely presentable in that aristocratic circle in which the Middletons moved, these visitors were a source of annoyance and vexation whenever they took a fancy to spend a few days or weeks with their Philadelphia relatives.

Mr. Middleton and his wife, in family consultations, had often devised means for abating this nuisance, (as they considered it,) but what could be done ? They did not wish to behave churlishly to their unfortunate countheir good breeding; besides, as it was desirable with Mrs. Middleton, sometimes, to make a short stay in the country, for the benefit of her own health or that of her children, she thought it expedient to treat her country visitors with some civility, for the purpose of securing a hospitable reception from them when it suited her convenience to return their visits. But Mr. Middleton was a very shrewd person and he hit on an ingenious plan to make the visits of the country cousins, like those of angels, (as Campbell says,) "few and far between." Middleton had an appartment fixed up especially for the use of his rural guests. He procured a bedstead of the French Laltern, which, as it contained a good deal of timber and many joints and crevices, afforded ample accommodations for those insects which are objects of horror and detestation with all tidy house-wives. Mr. M., with anti-Malthusian policy, sought to increase the population of this chamber and strictly forbade the use of all measures which could interfere with this purpose. And lest his animal pets should not have a sufficient maintenance, he induced his coachman, Mr. Mike Farrell, to use the chamber as a dormitory, whenever the family happened to have no visitors from the country. Mike was one of those fortunate mortals who can sleep soundly and comfortably in any circumstances of pain or peril. The bed bugs, in fact, gave him but little disturbance, for he was a hard working man, and as he was much fatigued at night, his siumbers were generally sound; besides, he was accustomed to take a pretty strong sleeping draught, a little before hed time, and this secured his repose against all ordinary causes of interruption.

wants overhauling.

"Dear me ! what can you mean ?" cried Mrs. Middleton ; "I'm sure the sheets were well aired, Cousin Bob."

"I wont dispute that," said Laskin "the of turpentine, or something else that calculated to clear out them little tormentors."

Mrs. Middleton preserved a look of well aflected mystification ; but Mr. M., after a reflective pause, struck his hands on the table what Cousin Bob means. He must have been troubled with the bugs."

"You may venture to bet on that," said M. Laskin; "and I'd like to know whether you can not give me some other accommodation while I stay with you?"

Mr. M. made a verbal answer to the following purpose ; "Why, Consin Bob, that matter you the health of the place by the abstraction of superfluous blood. Our physician tells us they make the use of the lancet almost unnecessary, and on that account he regards them as a very great blessing, especially to people of a plethoric habit. But they are not pleasant, certainly, to persons who have not be-come accustomed to their operations."

Laskin appeared to be satisfied with this explanation and, although his appearance showed that his slumbers had been interrupted, he never troubled his entertainer with another complaint. His easy disposition and imperturbable good humor encouraged the Middleton's to take some liberties with him, which they might not have ventured to try with a person of different temper. One morning Mr. Middleton addressed him as follows: "Consin Bob, we expect a party of gentlemen to dine with us to day. One of them is Mr. Julius C. Wriggler, who boards at the Continental flotel, and keeps a fast horse for his

own use. People of that kind are proud, you know, and very likely they might laugh at some of your unsophisticated behaviour. Of course, you would rather not take dinner with try friends, for that would be discreditable to such gay company, and, if you will only be kind enough to dine with Mike Farrell, in the front basement, to-day, it will be a general accommodation."

"Certainly," answered Laskin ; "Mike Far-

me last night was a little too exciting; it | patience to get to bed did not allow him to pay much attention to these phenomena. No sooner had he laid himself down than the general onslaught commenced. The minute lancers came down on him in myriads or millions, piercing him with innumerable barbs, priate to the times :

sleeping fixings might have had *air* enough; every one of which, (as he afterwards de-but what they want is hot soap-suds, spirits clared,) was equal in effect to the puncture of a darning-needle. He snatched off his nightcap and endeavored, by flapping it all around, to drive off his assailants; but if they gave way for a moment they returned to the charge with renovated viger and resolution. He and exclaimed : "I think I have found out leaped out of bed, and by dancing a sort of the ancestors of these men rushed into battle Spanish fandango over the floor, endeavored to shake off the swarms of his blood-thirsty

enemies which adhered like leeches to every assailable part of his person. Having exhausted himself with this exercise, he sank again on the bed and rolled about in agony, until Here Mrs. Middleton shook her head and his recovered energies permitted another sal-

heaved a profound sigh by way of response. | tatory performance on the floor. Thus the night was passed in inconceivable misery, and as soon as the day dawned, Middleton threw speak of is one of the miseries of town life. on his clothes and rushed wildly into the open Philadelphia is overrun with bugs, and it is air. He rambled about the fields, and more thought that they contribute very much to than once, thought seriously of plunging into the river to allay the burning sensation which yet lingered in his skin. At length he en-countered "Cousin Bob" who had now risen and was driving his cows to pasture.

give you credit for early rising. Hope you rested well after your travel."

"Never closed my eyes," answered Middleton. "The musquitoes literally dragged me out of bed."

"Oh the musquitoes! They are rather troublesome to strangers, but after all Cousin things or earthly power? What do they care Jack, they are rather a good institution. For the benefit of health, they answer the same purposes here that the bed-bugs do in Phila-delphia. Only let them bleed you freely and you are safe enough from the billious fever during the whole season. You'll soon be accustomed to their operations, Cousin Jack." "Never !" cried Middleton, in great excitement. "Another night like the last one would

finish me." "Pooh ! you may think so at present, Consin Jack," said Laskin, "but you are nervously excited and overrate the mischief. You want exercise and recreation. We will go on a fishing excursion this afternoon, a boat row and the refreshing air from the river will compose your nerves and strengthen your appetite. By the way, Cousin Jack, 1 expect some

### WHAT THE YANKEE IS.

We copy the following eloquent extract from a speech delivered by Mr. Corwin of Ohio, in the House of Representatives on the 23d and 24th of Jannary, 1860. It is appro-

"My colleague (Mr. Cox) spoke of a meeting upon the Western Reserve in Ohio. . . . He amused himself with the comic power he possessed in imitating the nasal twang of the Yankees of that Reserve. It sounded strange to you, as it did to him, and so it did to the army of Prince Rupert at Marston Moor, when against the mailed chivalry and curled darlings of the court of Charles I. What happened then ? Something worthy to be noted, and not forgetten. Stout Cromwell and his unconquerable Ironsides, when the day was well nigh lost, charged with resistless fary upon the proud columns of that host of gentlemen, as they were boastfully denominated, and lo!

Prince Rupert and his host were scattered as the dried leaves of antumn are before the storm-blast of the coming winter. That same nasal twang rang out on that day their well known war cry, 'The sword of the Lord and Gideon.' These Yankees are a peculiar people; they are an industrious, thriving, pains-taking race of men. The frailties of these men grow out of their very virtues-those stern virtues "Ah, Consin Jack," cried Laskin, "I must which founded liberty in England, and baptised it in their own blood upon Bunker Hill in America. They will do so again if there is a necessity for it. It is a hard matter to deal with men who do verily believe that God Almighty and his angels are encamped around about them. What do they care for earthly for kings, and lords, and Presidents? They fully believe they are heirs of the King of Kings. In the hour of battle they swear to themselves to stand, like the great Hebrew leader, in the cleft of the rock ; the glory of the Most high God passes by them, and they catch a gleam of its brightness. If you come in conflict with the purposes of such men they will regard duty as everything, life as nothing. So it appeared in our war of the Revolution."

> WASHINGTON LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE CAPITOL.-A correspondent of the Bangor Whig tells the following anecdote of Washington. "Recent events call very foreibly to my mind the following incident, which may, perhaps, prove interesting to your readers at the | ed at £100,000,000 ; the cotton crop was not present time. Being on a visit to Washington, half that. [Applause.]

## "SPREAD-EAGLE TRAIN" ON THE WAR.

A good deal of curiosity has been felt as to what course George Francis Train the indefatigable traveller, financier, and introducer of horse-railroads into England-would pursue with reference to the present relations of the United States Government with those of the seceding States. Though Train is a fullof President Jefferson Davis, of the Southern Confederacy, and it was not known how much As a strong exponent of American feeling, his

er, Train made a speech, and we (and Eng-land) now know where to find him. Nothing braver, more comprehensive or more patriotic, has been said during the crisis, at home or abroad ; and it is quite as spread-eagle-y as anything that has previously emanated from

this type-man of "Young America :"-"For fifty years the North was too busy in which the whole company became frightened making factories, lannching ships, planting corn and educating her children, to find time to govern the land. Besides, the Northerners could not afford to accept salaries and wear epauletts, well knowing that a certainty in life was a paralysis to ambition. [Hear, and "True !"] Therefore we let the South furnish our army officers, our navy officers, our foreign consuls and ministers, and for half a century all our Presidents. [Hear.] We treated them like spoiled children, and gave heed to their unmanly complaints, till at last we found that the ship of state was allowed to go to ruin, that the timbers were rotting, that the crew had robbed the cash box and stolen the cabin furniture [loud laughter and applause,] and the captain was a pirate and the mates were thieves. We found that the democratic party had sold itself to the South and demoralized the country, and the North spoke, and Lincoln is now the General Jackson of our time. Gentleman of England, let me assure you that cotton is no longer king flaughter and hear?-in fact, it never was, is not now, and never will be king. We grow in the North a product that cattle feed and sleep upon, larger than all the boasted cotton of the South-I mean the hay crop of the free States. It was of greater value last year than all the cotton, tobacco, sugar and rice grown in all the slave States in 1860! [Loud cheers.] The corn crop also of the North last year was valu-

company to dinner to-day; they are people during the recess of Congress, in the spring As I am speaking to the toast of agriculture

# THE JOURNAL.

## SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

JUNE 17 .- As a part of Colonel Kaliman's regiment of the reserve corps were returning from the North Missouri Railroad, about 11 o'clock this morning, when opposite the Re-corder's court room, on Seventh street, beblooded Boston boy, he married the daughter | tween Olive and Locust, St. Leuis, a company near the rear of the line suddenly wheeled and discharged their rifles, aiming chiefly at the latter fact might have influenced him. the windows of the Recorder's court and the second story of the adjoining house, killing position is worth something to the cause. At the opening of the Exmouth Railway, howev- slightly injuring one. The statements regarding the cause of the firing are very conflicting ; one being that a pistol shot was fired from a window of a house on the corner of Seventh and Locust streets, which took effect in the shoulder of one of the captains, when he gave the word to fire. Another is that a soldier accidentally discharged his rifle in the ranks, at

and discharged a full volley into the crowd on the sidewalk and windows of the houses. The bodies of the killed were removed to the residences of their families. A thorough investigation of the affair will be had, when full particulars will be given.

JUNE 18 .- The Washington papers of this morning state that a train of cars was dispatched from Alexandria yesterday afternoon to Vienna, taking Col. McCook's first Obio regiment, accompanied by Gen. Schenck. They dropped companies along the line and reached Vienna with only three companies: On turning the curve slowly within one quarter of a mile of Vienna, we were fired upon by raking masked batteries-1 think three guns with shells, round shot and grape-killing and wounding men on the platform and in the cars, before the train could be stopped. When the train stopped the engineer could not, on account of damage to some part of the running machinery, draw the train out of the fire. The engine being in the rear, we left the cars and retired to the right and left of the train through the woods. The engineer, when the men left the cars, instead of retiring slowly, as I ordered, detached his engine with one passenger car from the rest of the disabled train, and abandoned us, running to Alexandria, and we have heard nothing from him since. Thus we were deprived of a rallying point and of means of accompanying the wounded, who had to be carried on litters and in blankets. Finding that the enemy's batteries were sustained by what appeared about a regiment of infantry, and by cavahy, which force we have since understood to have, been fifteen hundred South Carolinians, we fell back along the rail-road, sent out skirmishers on both flanks. Thus we returned slowly, bearing off our wounded five miles. We wait here, holding the road, for reinforcements. The enemy did not pursue. Both officers and men behaved most nobly under this galling fire which we could not return, and from hatteries which we could not flank or turn, from the nature of the ground. The wing of the army that marched to Williamsport crossed the river on Sunday; the water in some places reached to their waists, in others to the arm-pits. The boys got their crackers soaked, but kept their powder dry. They went into the water singing, holding the muskets over their heads. The moment they reached the Virginia shore, they yelled and hurrahed in a manner calculated to make Jeff. Davis' hair stand on end, and cause his knees to smite each other. It requires no artificial means to stimulate the Federal troops, as no army ever had the morale or enthusiasm of this army of Freedom. A scouting party of the sixty-ninth regiment, on returning to camp near Alexandria. at one o, clock this afternoon captured seven rebel soldiers, one of whom was a captain, and upon whose person was found the roll of his regiment and a diagram and details of a plan for an attack on Arlington Heights. Guns have been placed on board the Cataline, she having been fired at by the rebel tugboat from Sewell's Point. Men can to-day be seen at work on Sewell's Point probably constructing a water battery. The New Orleans Della says, that the City Conneil has appropriated \$200,000 for the defence of the city, and \$50,000 for the support of the families of the volunteers. The rebels are understood to be concentrating a large force near Sewell's point, two steamers on the James river being engaged in transporting troops. Gen. Butler has directed several guns to be rifled, as soon as possible, for the Sawyer shell. JUSE 19 .- During the last two nights important reconnoisances have been made from the Fortress and Newport News in the direction of Great Bethel. Last night a strong detachment was at the New Market Bridge. The region about the mouth of the river has also been examined by scouts. Lieut. Butler and Mr. Winthrop yesterday visited Great Bethel with a flag of truce to obtain the body of the lamented Major Winthrop. Their mission was successful. The party were kept waiting necessary rebellion, away from home, with the at a distance from the fortifications until the body could be obtained. They were courteously received by the officers, and Col. Magruder sent his compliments to Gen. Butler. No information was obtained relative to the force at Great Bethel. A gentleman at Chicago, direct from Mobile and Memphis, says there are about 30,000 rebels encamped between Vicksburg and Cairo, all well armed ; having also a large number of Dahlgren guns. He further states that there are now 100,000 Belgian muskets at Mobile. unboxed, and that the rebel soldiers are eager. to go to Cairo, or any where else where they can fight the Federal troops, whom they think An officer from Fort Monroe says the trial of ritled cannon at Rip Raps yesterday, was highly successful, many of the shots passing clear over Sewell's Point, and fidling into the channel between the Point and Graney island. der the hammer of the Sheriff." The Delta One ball burst over the enemy's works and produced a sensation there. The men could be The Memphis Telegraph says that the secession majority in Tennessee is 67,849 including the East Tennessee majority against secession of 18,177. The same paper says that Philadel-

He remarked, in confidence to his intimate friends, that great guus could not awake him. and "as for them poor little wee crayters, they were mighty plisint companions, (bless their souls !) and the tickling they gave him, did good and often made him laugh himself to sleep."

This, we say, was Mike's avowal to his confidential friends; but to his employers he told a different story for it was his game to make them believe that sleeping in "consin's room," (as the apartment was called,) was a very severe penance. As he was paid a dollar per week extra wages for supplying Mr. Middleton's large flocks with good pasturage, he was cunning enough to pretend that this service cost him some inconvenience and suffering. But as soon as one of the cousins arrived at liddleton's, a part of Mike's occupation was gone, the weil inhabited bed was surrendered to the visitors, and Mike's extra pay was simultaneously stopped.

These arrangements proved to be very satistactory to Mr. and Mrs. Middleton. When rustic kinsfolks came to town, Mr. and Mrs. M. appeared to be ready to eat them up with fondness. The bugs showed a similar disposition; but with them there was no dissimulation, or false pretense. To the great delight of the Middletons, each guest made but a short stay; that bed seemed to be more afflictive than the coaches of Damien and Procustes. No one would voluntarily submit; for tank musquito is almost as effective as a sting any length of time, to such a mockery of reose. When each guest departed, he or she ooked so jaded and distressed that it was ea-" to suppose that the visit would not soon be

At length there came to Middleton's, a certain country cousin from the Eastern shore of Maryland. Robert Laskin was his name, but Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, with affectionate familiarity, called him "Cousin Bob." Mr. Laskin was a stout, broad faced, jovial farmer, whose manners were not particularly elegant ; but in other respects he was a very estimable person. This was "Cousin Bob's" first visit to Philadelphia, and as he was a mere rustic acter. appearance, the Middletons felt particulary incommoded by his presence. Nevertheless, they received him with much apparent cordiality, and on the first day of his sojournment in Philadelphia, "Cousin Bob" appearfollowing morning, however, when he appeared at the breakfast table his countenance was somewhat pale and haggard, and Mrs.

rell is an honest, whole-souled fellow, and I like him well. He and I will make ourseives quite comfortable. But who is this Mr. Wriggler you speak of, Cousin Jack? What is his business ?"

"Why, that indeed," answered Middleton, is a puzzling question. I judge that he is a dealer in lottery policies, or something of that sort. But in this city, it makes but little difference what trade a man follows, if he can only gain money and make a good show out, he will pass muster."

"We have different customs in our parts," remarked Laskir. "There no man who carties on a roguish business meets with any countenance or favor. But I am satisfied with your arrangements, Consin Jack, and I give you my word that I consider it a greater honor to dine with Mike Farrell than with Mr. Wriggler,"

While Messrs. Laskin and Farrell were taking their noon-tide meal together. Mike became very communicative, and with true Hibernian humor gave his companion a full account of the plan which the Middletons had adopted to discourage the visits of their country relations. Laskin laughed heartily at this recital, but did not seem to be much surprised at the deceitfulness of his Philadelphia cousins, for his natural acuteness had already given him some insight into their characters. When the day of the departure came, Mr. Laskins with undiminished good humor took leave of his host and hostess and made it his particular request that Cousin Jack, (meaning Middleton) would return his visit, promising him an abundance of fine fishing in Choptank river, and other rural and acquatic recreations. This invitation was so agreeable to Mr. Middleton, (who was somewhat inclined to genteel loaferism,) that he accepted it forthwith, and in less than a month after "Coasin Bob's" departure, Mr. M. sat out on his journey to Maryland. After traveling some distance by railroad, he succeeded, with some trouble in finding a conveyance to Cousin Bob's out of

snug and comfortable farm house. Middleton was warmly welcomed by the Laskin family, and Cousin Bob promised him, endeavor to make Cousin Jack as comfortable rest at an early hour. In the meantime,

Cousin Bob had caused an appartment to be prepared expressly for Cousin Jack's accommodation. At this point of our narrative, it is necessary to inform our readers that the neighborhood of C. optank river is celebrated for a prodigious growth of musquitoes, which exceed in size, strength, and ferocity any similar animals

that have been found on or above the surface of the habitable globe. The bite of a Chopof a wasp, and to guard against the assaults of these miniature dragons, the people of that district use a variety of expedients.

Their beds are closely curtained with a gauzelike fabric, the texture of which allows a free circulation of air, but effectually excludes the insect enemy. Besides, the chambers are furnished with pennyroyal and other herbs which are supposed to be repulsive to the dread invaders. Moreover, no artificial illumination is permitted in the sleeping apart-ments, as it has been ascertained that musquitoes prefer light to darkness, which appears to be one redeeming trait in their moral char-

Now, by the direction of Mr. Laskin, the windows of Mr. Middleton's apartment had been left open to allow free ingress of the winged army, a light had been kept burning in the room as an illurement to the invaders. ed to be delighted with his situation. On the and no muslin fortifications surrounded the couch on which Mr. Middleton was destined to seek repose. When he entered the chamber, he heard a mysterious humming or buz-

who do not admire dandyism in any shape, of 1857, I walked one day, with a friend, to and they are apt to feel a contempt for com- | visit the works which were already in progress | mon folks who make high pretentions to gen- for the extension of the Capitol. As we sauntility. If they should see and hear you talk, tered among the pillars, in the basement of

would be mortifying to myself, because you are my relation. To save you from ridicule, I would recommend you to take dinner to-day in the kitchen, where my colored man, Tom, will try to make you comfortable. By all that he was a Virginia man, 'raised' a few means, keep out of the way of my company." | miles down the river, not far from Mount Ver-"Thunder and fury !" cried Middleton in a non. 'Very likely, then,' we remarked, 'you great rage, "do you pretend to tell me that may recollect General Washington." "Permake me an object of their merriment ?"

scusible. They do not board at first-class hotels, nor follow any business which will not ad- it in its place with a pry. It was a huge stone, mit of explanation, but they know how to and as placed, it must have required no little ate with your triend Wriggler. Indeed, Cousin

Jack, I doubt whether they would be favorably impressed with your appearance and con- hood were present, and it was a marvel to us gainst the twenty millions of patriots of the Uversation. Therefore my advice is that you should avoid them."

"To be sure I will," roared Middleton, "I will avoid your friends and acquaintances, your musquitoes and yourself, for I see now very plainly that you invited me to this place and spoke to us very pleasantly. One of the merely to amuse yourself at my expense. It boys cried out, 'Please, General tell us how was a mean and pititul revenge."

"No revenge at all, Cousin Jack. I merely wished to give you a useful lesson. You will tind that plain dealing, after all, is the best policy with your country cousins. If you do not like their company, tell them so at once, and they will cease to trouble you; and for your own credit's sake, never let them suspect that you hold successful sharpers and swindlers in higher esteem than decent, honorable and hard working rustics."

"I do not expect to agree with you on any subject, Mr. Laskin," answered Middleton, "and I will not stay another hour in your neighborhood, I will merely trouble you to the steamer, who is a cool and intrepid specithe way habitation, which proved to be a very enquire how I can get home by the shortest route ?"

"I guess you will have to bear with us a little while longer," answered Laskin, "for as that that was the last thing they thought of; without any appearance of irony, that he would the means of conveyance from this place are very irregular, it will require some looking settle and send for their friends, and he was on the bank of Choptank river, as he himself around to secure you a passage to the nearest had been in Philadelphia. The city cousin, point on the railroad. If you can endure us being fatigued with travel, wished to retire to and the musquitoes for two or three days and nights more-."

"No, not for another hour," exclaimed Mid- | State of Maine for negroes. The captain told dleton, in a tone of bitter resentment. "I'd them they should not go aboard to take out rather make my way to the railroad station on foot."

"The road passes through a thick forest, and you'll find it rather gloomy and disagreeable," said Laskin. "Besides there are lots of under the flag of the United States. He also snakes, and some of them might bite worse than the musquitoes."

But Middleton could not be dissuaded from undertaking a pedestrian journey of fifteen miles, in order to escape from the objects of his dread and dislike. After a tedious and toilsome walk through the sand and over heaps of pine burs and decayed branches, which made the road in some places almost indistinguishable, he reached the railroad track, and took passage in the first train for Philadelphia. On his arrival at home, his woeful and forlorn appearance startled and alarmed Mrs. Middleton, and when he made her acquainted with the particulars of his visit | twenty-four letters can describe. Nature nevto "Cousin Bob," the lady's indignation broke out into furious exclamations against "the heartless ungrateful vagabond."

It does not appear from the record that any subsequent intercourse took place between "Gousin Bob" and "Gousin Jack ;" and it is quite probable that the visits we have described were the very last that each paid to the other.

A Savannah paper suggests that there are will two thousand years hence, if the world does not break her harness from the orb of in bombshells, and exploded in Fort Pickens, day. The sun is as bright as when Lot enter-would render the atmosphere so horribly of-ed the little city of Zoar. The diamond and business destroyed the inevitable result of the merchants.

they would be sure to laugh at you, and that the old building, we fell in with a venerable same business that we were. We entered into conversation with him, and he informed us when he laid the foundation of this building. "That is my meaning," answered Laskin. I was but a boy then, he continued, 'but I re-"They are plain people, but very honest and member very distinctly how he looked as he member very distinctly how he looked as he

stood in this way over the stone, and settled with case. Several boys from our neighborby our school-house, on horseback, as we were playing outside. We pulled off our hats to him, and he stopped his horse for a moment you moved that stone, up yonder, the other day? "Why boys,' said he, smiling, 'did I move the stone?" 'O, yes, General, you moved it, we all saw you.' Well, boys, said the General, looking very serious, and shaking his long finger as he spoke, 'Do you see that nobody ever moves that stone again !"

THE COOLNESS OF THE YANKEES .- When the State of Maine arrived at Fort Monroe with the Massachusetts troops, the Virginia residents around the fort, who are all secessionists, were very much surprised, enraged and mortified. They collected around the captain of men of a Yankee as England contains, and told him significantly that the troops would never go back to Massachusetts. He replied that the country was so fine they intended to

going to New York to get another load. Another set, belonging to an armed schooner engaged in enforcing the local laws of Virginia, insolently claimed the right of searching the anybody, black or white. They said by the laws of Virginia, they had the right of search. He retorted that he knew nothing about the laws of Virginia, but sailed by the laws and assured them, if there were any negroes there who were desirous of a voyage to New York, he should be happy to accommodate them : and closed the conversation by saying, "You have been preaching all your lives that the Yankees are a pack of misers and cowards, who won't fight; now you'll have a favorable opportunity to test the accuracy of your opinions on that point."

NATURE'S ALPHABET .- Nature's alphabet is made up of only four letters, wood, water, rock and soil; yet with these four letters she forms such infinite combinations, as no language of er grows old ; she has no provincialisms. The lark carols the same song in the key as when Adam turned his delighted ear to catch the strain; the owl still hoots on a b flat, yet loves the note, and screams through other oc-taves; the stormy petrel is as much delighted to sport among the mad waves of the Indian ocean as in the earliest times; the birds that lived on flies to meditate at eventide, as they will two thousand years hence, if the world

[cheers and hear, hear,] let me tell you that while the cotton crop of the last census was but £28,000,000, the total agricultural products of the country were £540,000,000 ! and, so far as wealth gives value to a State-little looking man, having the appearance of a Massachusetts-my own fair State-that has countryman, who seemed to be there on the always been first in peace, as she has been and will ever be first in war, 1s rated in that census as worth £26,000,000 more than all Virginia. including all her negroes, and the large sum that her traitor son she loves so well-Floyd -stole from the government coffers |Laughter and cheers.] The State of New York has your clod hopping friends would presume to feetly well,' he replied. 'Indeed, I saw him more wealth than all the seceding States together. [Hear.]

The contest will be short, sharp and surprising. The South is without mechanics. Their present munitions of war were stolen from our arsenals. Take these from them and what can they do? They cannot clothe their soldiers, value themselves, and would scorn to associ- strength to move it. But the General was a nor grow their food-no gold in their banksvery athletic man, and moved it apparently no corn in their granaries-and only two millions in the Southern Pirate Confederation aall how the General moved that stone. A few nion Club. [Cheers.] The North commands days after, the General happened to be riding the sea and the Mississippi ; the Federal Government has the fleet, while the South has 5,-000 miles of unguarded coast, and not a manof-war. Secession is repudiation-a new way of paying old debts. Capitalists lending money to the insolvent firm of the seven pirate States should not forget that two of the senior partners were Florida and Mississippi, while the Captain of the pirate gang was the chief apostate of the repudiation. Despotism and anarchy are twins Revolvers and bowie knives, assassination and lynch law, were capital raw materials to manufacture into rebels, parricides and traitors. [Applause, and cries of "Hear, hear,"] But these words are too weak to do justice to the subject. These bad men are as much worse than common murderers, as the man that stabs his own wife, strangles his

own father and mother, and destroys his own children, is more vile than the man who only wars against the stranger. [Loud cheers.] But wait a little longer, there is a good time coming. Let the cohorts and the legions of the North pour down upon the conspirators, and they will scatter like polecats before a prairie fire !" [Applause and laughter.

NEW ORLEANS BANKRUPT .- Nothing works out the destruction of the material interests of a people so rapidly as war, especially if the expenditure obtains supplies from foreign sources. Thus while all sections of our common country feel the pressure, it falls especially heavy upon the agricultural States of the South. They have been obliged almost entirely to purchase their supplies for this uncash down. We are therefore not surprised to hear that bankruptcy has overtaken them. New Orleans, as we learn from late New Orleans papers, is a bankrupt city. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on the 15th ult., the Chairman of the Finance Committee stated to the Board that "the city was dead broke, and that he could not see financial daylight." Another Alderman, of large property, resigned his seat, and the Finance Committee reported in favor of suspending all new works, to relieve the finances of the city in that quarter. The Delta, commenting on the city's admitted bankruptcy, exposes another source of anxiety. A large number of tax payers, it they can whip easily. says, are at the present time "utterly destitute of the means necessary to pay taxes on their small property," and should the time for payment not be extended, many will be com pelled "to allow their homesteads to pass unalleges that the bankruptcy of the city, though "little over four months of this year have seen mounting horses and hastening off. passed." is largely owing to expenditures in furthering the military movements set on foot since the secession of the State. A sad picture, indeed. The recently flourishing city

A regiment has been ordered from

Middleton sympathisingly inquired if he found zing, and the air of the apartment seemed fensive that nobody could live in it. Now, it the onyx, and the topsz of Ethiopia are still as secession. himself quite well after his journey. "To tell you the truth, Cousin Sally," an-wered Laskin, "railroad trip didn't do me ville, to Colombins, Ry., to protect the Union The Wisconsin war bill gives five dollars a men there from the depredations of secessionmonth extra pay to married volunieers, but ists. The Union men had applied to Gen. Prentiss, at Cairo, for protection. any harm ; but that bed into which you put | lence of a tornado. But his fatigue and im- throw Floyd and Thompson from their mortars. I tions. nothing extra to single men. titua i an, a saltame