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Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

A SOFT ANSWER.

By T. S. ARTHUR.

'I'll give him law to his heart's content, the scoundrel!' said Mr. Singleton, walking backwards and forwards, in a state of angry excitement. 'Don't all harsh names, Mr. Singleton,' said lawyer Trueman, looking up from the mass of papers before him, and smiling in a quiet, benevolent way, that was peculiar to him. 'Every man should be known by his true name.'

own; and, as your legal adviser, you must submit to my judgment, or I cannot consent to go on.' 'If I will promise not to use any harsh language, will you not consent to let me write the letter?' urged the client. 'You and I, in the present state of your mind, could not come to the same conclusion in reference to what is harsh and what is mild,' said Mr. Trueman, 'therefore I cannot consent that you should write one word of the proposed reply. I must write it.'

George—I have your kind, reasonable, and gentlemanly note of yesterday, in reply to my harsh, unreasonable, and ungentlemanly one of the day before. We have both been playing the fool; but you are ahead of me in becoming sane. I have examined, since I got your note, more carefully, the tenor of your proposition for a settlement, and it meets my views precisely. My foolish anger kept me from seeing it before. Let our mutual friend, Mr. Trueman, arrange the matter after the plan mentioned, and I shall most heartily acquiesce. Yours, &c.'

From the New York Signal. Hodge's Steam Fire Engine. On Saturday last, several experiments were made with this engine in front of the City Hall and in presence of the members of the Common Council; the result of which seems to show that a new era in the extinguishing of fires may commence, whenever our corporation see fit to order it.

John Tyler, President of the U. S. We copy from the N. Y. Signal, a judicious, well-conducted, and neutral paper, the following paragraph, which we think are entitled to respectful consideration. John Tyler, who, by a dispensation of Providence, has become legitimate President of the United States, is a native of that same county of Hanover in Virginia, which gave birth to our lamented Chief Magistrate. In his political faith and attachments he is a democrat of the old Jeffersonian school, and was one of the most efficient supporters of the last war in the lower House of Congress.

PRESIDENT TYLER'S ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. FOLLOW CITIZENS!—Before my arrival at the Seat of Government the painful communication was made to you by the officers presiding over the several Departments of the deeply regretted death of William Henry Harrison, late President of the United States. Upon him you had conferred your suffrages for the first office in your gift, and had selected him as your chosen instrument to correct and reform all such errors and abuses as had manifested themselves from time to time in the practical operation of Government.