ERIE, SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 12, 1857.

THE FIRST MADW ON THE FELL.

Select Boetry.

Our days had began to darken ;

To fall from the eins trees early. To Huger long for dawn ; The leaves of the elm to redden.

And tremble to the wind, With its bitter news and whispers And now and again would fotter

A dead leaf to the ground, Which sun should never gladden. Nor rain with a summer sound. The fern was red on the mountain. The cloud was lew in the sky, And we know that the year was failing

But we thought ag thinks the lover, With his loved she mear the grave O, Death, leave hep-here for a little, Leave her, whom manght can save."

A little more warmth and brightness Thankful for what had been ; We dreamt not of Winter, standing As to-day we see him stand,

in the midst of the mountains youder. With Helvellyn to his hand. Though he leaves the hill ere noon, His foot will be on the lake's breast,

He will hush the river soon. You print of his hoary finger We northerns know full well, Our sign that Summer is over-The first snow on the Pell.

Choice Miscellang

RETRIBUTION. An Adventure in a Gaiming House.

It was in the spring of 18— that I found my self gliding upon the waters of the mighty Mississippi, and bound for the Crescent City, New

With a single exception I found no traveling acquaintance on board the boat, although I had been two days upon my journey, which was be-coming quite monotonous. The individual with whom I, singularly enough, fraternized, seemed like myself, to have little inclination to extend his acquaintance among the passengers, though he continually seemed to be on the lookout for some one, and from the operations of two or three individuals, whose profuse display of vest chains and jewelry, and proficiency at cards at the table in the saloon betrayed their profession, I more than once set him down as a police de-

tective in disguise He called himself George Thorn, of Kentucky; that State. Full six feet in height; a clear, in ; telligent blue eye, broad forehead, and a light curly hair, muscular arm, and the chest of a Heroules, he oballefiged one adm ration of more than or sat apparently buried in thought in the

salnoa. "Do you eser play eards?" said I to him. he left a group that were standing about a table of four players, and noting the progress of the game. I had frequently seen him invited, but be invariably, like myself, refused to participate

in the game
"Oh, yea," said he; "but where is the use of playing here? those fellows (nodding toward) the players) know every card in the pack by their backs, and they are trying hard to pluck some poor pigeon from aming the passengers, but as yet with indifferent success; beware o

them, sir." at the same time expressed my astonishment at his affirmation To convince me of it, he called the steward of the boat, and ordered him to bring a fresh pack of cards, which were brought, and he handed the pack to me, bidding me to shuffle them. I did so, when he immediately selected nearly every nee and king from the pack, without looking at the face of them. Next he dealt them in two parcels, when, upon examination, I found that all the cards of real value in the game were in his bands, although I could not detect the

Insurance and Trust Company. least unfairness as he dealt them.

"You see," said be, smiling at my look of astonishment, "the advantage an expert in these matters has over a shillful player"

"I do, indeed," I replied, astonished at my fellow traveler's dexterity, and beginning to think he might be a reformed gambler, or one "playing the 'possum' for some purpose or other; but as he did not urge or even invite me to play, nor had played with any one else, and threw the cards saide with an expression of disgust too natural to be assumed, I came to the conclusion that my traveling acquaintance was a riddle vet

> disembarkation, I lost my friend, the Kentuck. ian, not even seeing him to bid adicu. The same evening, however, after visiting the theatre, was enjoying the cool air and fragrance of a Havana in the St Charles Hotel, and conversing with a friend from the North, whom Lhad fortupately met, when whom should I encounter

but my stramboat friend.

After the usual greeting, our conversation turned upon our trip down the river, our fellow passengers, &c., when my fellow traveller remarked if I would like to witness the interior of a gambling house or "hell," as it is sometimes more appropriately called, he would be pleased to show it to us as one of the sights or 'lique' of the city Never having witnessed anything of the kind, both I and my friend assented, and after a short walk found ourselves within the precincts of one of those glittering and gorgeousy furnished establishments-vestibulen to the nfernal regions-where men were engaged in various games at bazard.

The interior of a gambling house has been too frequently described to need a repetition. The Faro Bank, with its crowd of bettern-the Royne d Noir table, with its anxious cipole, and groups of players at other games, of which I was igno: rent of the name, were burily engaged as we catered. We had passed through two apartments and reached a third, in which were but four players, playing in pairs at different tables. As we entered we sat down at an /unoccupied table for a moment, when, as we did so, we heard one of the two men nearest us say to his opponent : "There's the last dollar; luck is yours, and

I'm cleaned out." "But you wear a good ring," said his oppo-"Sea! I will give you a chance for revenge. I'll back my ring against yours on the next game. It's a ring I wen at play from a Kentucky key, who came to New Orleans to see the eights," said the carelessly.

had realed his doom!

his finger, I saw the Kentuckiss were deadly pale. came rigid as that of a statute—the pistol he held His eyes glowed like fire for an instant, then exploded, and the gambler fell back a corpse up his countenance assumed its them ask and on the carpet. This all passed so suddenly ere placed look, and, to our ministers, he rose and walked across the apartment to the player, who lyzed for an instant—the servants alarmed by had just been left by his compenion, and court the noise—and the police came reading into the tenulty proposed to try a hand with himself, apreciately proposed to try a hand with himself, able, and if we, his friends, would excuse him merely turning to us and the other two who were for a short time. Of course we assented—so in the room, saying as he did so, "Gentlemen, did the gambler who appeared at first somewhat beer witness that I fired is self defence, and that surprised at the proposition, but probably resol. I received the zillain's first fire here"-and he ved to try his skill on the new corner.

The cards were dealt and the game proceeded. We were sufficiently near to see that the pieces of gold which constituted the first stake were proved that his adversary fired upon him first .won by our friend's opposent; so, also was the second The third stake Thora gained, and thus they went on, alternately winning and losing, till at last Thorn carelessly said:

"That's a pretty ring you offered to het awhile ago, stranger. Will you sell is!"
"Well, as to that," said the other," "its pretty enough, and cost me enough, for a young fellow pledged it to me some three years ago as a sort of note of hand, which he promised to redeem with five hundred dollars that he owed me—a debt of honor, sir; but he wever paid it, so I retain the ring. No, stranger, I guess that I doubt heern before, and I now appear here to ex

gathered up his cards for the next hand, "he and the last chapter of Timothy Titus, and when could'nt come to time very well; for he paid you find it you will find it in these words: the debt of nature, as they say, the same night, stake's mine; there's always luck in this ring, sir, I believe," said he, as he drew the money toward him "Suppose we try a larger stake;" and he prepared to shuffle the cards again.

his pocket, and produced an equal amount; then sweeping the cards they had been using from the table to the floor, he called for a fresh pack; and as the attendant brought them, he passed them rapidly through his hands and gave they shall. And now there's mot'n one kind of file did so, to "mind his deal this time," fixing upon him a searching glance as he went through that operation. The game was that known as bluff or poker, I know not which, but at any rate one in which the players bet on the eards they hold. There is a figger of speech, my breethering, and means goin' it alone, getting ukered; for they shall gnaw a file and floor there is not none of them kind neither; the middle so, to "mind his deal this time," fixing upon him a searching glance as he went through that operation. The game was that known as bluff or poker, I know not which, but at any rate one they 'shall gnaw a file and floor unto the mount that of they shall gnaw a file and floor them kind neither; they shall gnaw a file and floor the mount that they are dealed for a fresh pack; and as the attendant brought them, he had simply described they shall move there's mot'n one kind of file, double file and pro-file; but the kind of file did so, to "mind his deal this time," fixing upon him a searching glance as he went through that operation. The game was that known as bluff or poker, I know not which, but at any rate one they shall gnaw a file and pro-file; but the kind of file did so, to "mind his deal this time," fixing upon him a searching glance as he went through that they shall and now there's mot'n one kind of file it may be imagined that he was not likely to be disastisfied with any crinolined possessor of \$30,000. However, the lady whom he saw actually had youth, if not good looks, and Mr. Allen was allen or persons. I not hearts, the wick, seek. his pocket, and produced an equal amount; mourneth for its first-born."

The game was getting exciting to us as spec-tators; three thousand dollars lay upon the table one of the passengent as with his serious and each of whom seem from his bets to be confident of success, though their constants bets and the wang-doodle mourneth for its firstnot the least emotion. "One hundred more," said the gambler again.

"I'll call you," said Thorn. "Ah! three Kings and an Acel said the

sharper quietly, as he displayed his own cards, and with nis eyes fixed steadily upon his opponent folded

Portune favors you," said the gambler, sto eally, too well schooled to betray any emotion of chagrin at the result.

"But I hope to meet you again, sir, for I have my revenge, after so heavy a run of tack as this," said Thorn's opponent, "and I have no doubt your friends will join us in a social sitdown, for if you are as good cracking a bottle, singing a soug, or telling a story, as holding a hand at cards, those who are your friends are fortunate."

of a convivial or musical turn, though I can occasionally tell a good story. I have a little history now, air upon my tongue's end that will be of uncommon interest to yeu.' "To me! Pray tell it sir," said the gamester

with a laugh. "It will be a good wind up to the evening's entertainment"/
It was now past midnight; absorbed in the excitement of the game, he had scarcely noticed the flight of time, or that the adjoining rooms were nearly deserted by their occupants, at the other end of the apartment in which we wers.— The other players had finished their game long since, and been spectators of that between Thoru

and his opponent.

"About three years since a man in Kentucky the confidential agent of a large business firm, was intrusted with a sum of money, and commis sioned to transact some business in New Orleans. Early the next morning the boat arrived at New Orleans, and amid the hurry and bustle of sissippi beats or immediately upon his arrival at New Orleans, he fell in with a professional-s

man of play-you understand. By the management of this professional, the young man was enticed to a 'hell,' induced to play plied with wine, stripped of his money in short, to use a 'professional' word 'plucked.' " "Ha! ha! the old story," said the gambler; But what, oh my breethering, would it all be with fate of all pigeons!"

But what, oh my breethering, would it all be with if I hadn't relidgin? There's authin like

interests you is yet to come." "Indeed! go on."

The young man was perfectly sobered at his loss; he returned to his hotel; stung with re.
morse and half crasy with excitement, he placed a pistel to his head and blewout his brains, leav. relidgin is the best of relidgins. And it's not ing a tarnished name as an inheritance to his like the Methodists what expects to get into wife and innocent child."

"But what is all this to me?" said the gambler, now pale as ashes beneath the flashing eyes of the speaker, "is it a moral lesson you are about to read here, or a sermon you have to

"What is it to you?" continued Thorn, his voice quivering with excitement. "Ah? I'll tell you what it is to you. This meeting of you and I tonight, which for three long years I have sought, is not mere chance. The hand of heaven is in it. Twas three years ago this very night-aye, this very hour;" said be glancing at his watch, "that the young man I spoke of rushed madly into eternity-not by his own hand, but his opponent at the card table is he that should be accountable for the deed of blood .-The amount of money he lost was just the amoun: I have wen this night from you—that very ring upon your finger is his—I AM HIS

BROTHER AND YOU ARE HIS ASSASSIN!" Thorn pronounced these words in a firm, clear ranged and the junior.

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pointed to his shattered watch with a smile, and turning, left the room with the officers.

He was tried and acquitted, as it was clearly The fact that the gambler was a notorious rascal whom the community could well afford to spare, might have had influence with the jury. I have not met Thorn since, but the recollec-

tion of that fearful scene, is yet fresh and vivid in my mind, though many years have passed since it was enacted.

Another Harp Sermon.

My Belov-ed Breethering-I am an unlarnt hard shell Baptist preacher, of whom you've no "But the owner, you should have nade him pay. Five hundred dollars is a dear price for such a bauble."

pound the Scriptures and pint out the narrow way which leads from a vain world to the streets of the Juroosalum, and my text which I shall choose for the continue. "Why as to that," said the player, as he ble somewhere between the second Chronicils

Now, my breethering, as I have before told you, I am an uneddicated man, and know noth ing about grammar talk, and collidge highfalogtin; "As you like," said Thern
"Well, what shall it be?" said his opponent;
"anything from one to five hundred;" and he threw a bank note of that denomination carelessly upon the table.

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"Two hundred better than that!" said his opponent.

"Another hundred!" continued Thorn.

"H'm'm! three hundred better!" said the get sixteen years old, cut that tiller ropes and Elegance."

Dazzled by the demonstration of the demonstration of the property of the p

Hepsidam. Thar's Rotterdam, Haddam, Amsterdam, mill dam, and don't-care a-dam-the last of which, my dear breethering, is the worst of \$11, and reminds me of a circumstance I once knew in the State of Illenoy. Thar was a man storm of wind and rain and the fountains of the great deep was broken up, and waters rushed

lion toareth and the wang doodle mourneth for vote herself to himself alone? Allen was prop its first born.'

mourneth for its first born.' This part of my in white silk, a Brussels veil, and a darling gostext my breethering, is another figure of speech, samery bonnet, trimmed with a fitting array of and isn't to be taken as it says. It doesn't mean orange blossoms. He married her, and here let the bowling wilderness, where John the hard the curtain decorously drop on act II. the howling wilderness, where John the hard shell Babtist was fed on locusts and wild asses, but it means my breethering, the City of New Yorleans, the mother of harlots and hardlots whar corn is worth six bits a bushel one day and nary red the next; whar niggers are as thick as black bugs in spoiled bacon ham, and gamblers, thieves, and pickpockets go skiting about the streets like weasels in a barn-yard-whar they have cream colored horses, gilded carriages, mar-ble saloons with brandy and sugar in 'em-whar bonest men are scarcer than hen's teeth, and a strange woman once tuk in your beloved preacher and bamboosled him out of two hundred and twenty-seven dollars in the twinkling of a sheep's place in the world, there is none where "a happy and I there (making a diagram of the clerk's tail; but she can't do it agin, Hallelujah! for couple" can spend their time and their money table in order to elucidate the position of the they shall graw a file and flee unto the moun; tains of Hepsidam, where the lion roareth and the wang-deedle mourneth for its first bern.'

My breethering, I am captain of that flat boat you see tied up thar, and I've got aboard of her and I'm mity apt tu git a big price for it all .-"But I have not finished; that which most terests you is yet to come."

"Indeed! go on."

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"Indeed! go on." I'm a uneddicated man, my breethering, but I've sarched the Scripters from Dan to Burshebee, and found old Zion right side up, and hard shell beaven by hollerin hellfire; nor like the Universalists what gits upon the broad gage and goes the whole hog; nor the United Breethering what takes each other by the seats of the trowsers and tries to lift their selves in to heaven, nor the Catholics what buys thru tickets from their priests -but it may be likened my breethering unto a man what had to cross a river, and when he got thar the ferry boat was gone, and he just rolled up his breeches and waded over-ballelujah! for they shall guaw a file and fice unto the moun tains of Hepsidam, whar the lion roareth and the wannedoodle mourneth for its first-born. Pass the hat brother Flint, and let every hard shell shell out. Amen.

> In the recept railroad disaster to a freight rain on the New York Central, a tall, slab-sided, lankshaired Yankee drover was along with six horses in the car which was precipitated down the embankment. It rolled over and over until

PARMER STURBIES.

By his broad hearth-stone, one summs
Sat pious farmer Stubbins;
The farmer shot up in dedice bright,
Climbing up to such a height
Thet all the room was robed in light/
Instituting a stables;
While whittling a stelerat his father's
Sat the eldest son of Stubbins.

Spreading the old deal table out.
Was the "better-half" of Studions;
The steam guabed out from the battle's most And, merrily, loggied the lid gbout.
To a levely tune, which it hummed without.
The ken of Mrs. Stubbins;
But had she known the alf, no doubt.
Twould have shocked she good dame Stubb

A hearty meal, that close of day,
Ate plous farmar Bibbbins;
And when the things were cleared away.
The Stubbinses knessed them down to proof the stubbinses knessed them down to proof the stubbinses and Med, and MayLord hear the passes of Stubbins.

"Mydmaily from every mility.

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"And let the corn upon my farm
Yield earchas long as Thy servant's arm;
Yea, Lord, as long as my Betsey's arm,
And super sington what a charm

A DRAMA OF REAL LIFE.

From Forney's Press. The London Morning Post supplies us with a naprative, curious and true, of sircumstances eligited in one of the English law courts, which shows some of the working of the matrimonial system in the old country, and really reads more 'And they shall gnaw a file and fice unto the like the plot of an amusing comedy than a chapmountains of Hepsidam whar the lion reareth ter in real life. A gentleman of limited means and the wang doodle mourneth for its first-born, applied to a Matrimonial Agency Office, entered like the plot of an amusing comedy than a chaphis name, paid his fee, stated his desire—to obtain "a wife with money"—was shown a large number of ladics" portraits, and, after minute inquires, expressed himself pleased with one, the original of which had \$30,000 in her own right —he was told. A correspondence between the parties was the result—unfortunately the letters have not been published—and, at last, on paying \$75 to\$100 more to the hymenial go-between. the agent for persons if not hearts, the wife,seek-

goes it with a rush; but I say my dear breethrin, of her bright eyes, our hero omitted to as-take care you don't find when Gabriel blows his certain whether or not the lady had jewels he actually saw the lady riding in a private carriage, which he naturally assumed to be her own, and became satisfied that she also possessed the fessed that she had made a sort of pre-contract to marry snother swain; that she would surrender man what built it was a miserable sinner, and on this to be dreaded rival; and that, therefore, on her bridal tour, minus the silks and muslins, laces and feathers, velvets and moires antique down and swept that man's mill-dam into king-dom come, and lo and behold, in the morning occasions Every man, we are pursuaded, has when he got up he found he was not worth a some vanity in his compesition—sometimes to a dam. Now, my young breethering, when storms much larger extent than much abused Woman. of temptation overtake ye, take care you don't kind possess-and what could be mora flattering fall from grace and become like that man's mill to Mr Allen's amour propre than the assurance not worth a damn, for 'they shall gnaw a file and gently confessed with half a smile, that the lady flee unto the mountains of Hepsidam, whar the had fancied another, but was now willing to deerly tickled, no doubt, and agreed to marry the Whar the lion roareth and the wang-doodle lady, even though she did not appear at the altar have been before the crew of his own little craft.

Having made such a good hit, as he thought Mr. Charles John Allen determined to pass the regular bill-shaver, he wanted whatis sometimes tween Griggs and Allen, or I wouldn't a played; familiarly called tin. He was not taking much but heard afterwards—"

gear by his buisiness—as he had contrived to Here the witness was interrupted by the court. spend somewhat more, was certainly not very who directed him to keep all hearsays to himself well off. However, his wife's \$30,000 would set and confine himself strictly to the facts of the all right, and, on the strength of his being about | case. to make such a good match, an opulent friend

more agreeably and rapidly than Paris with its parties.) John Allen dealt the cards, I went theatres, balls, drives, restaurants, and above blind, Griggs he went blind and John Alley all, the tempting jewelry stores in the Palais would'nt see him." Royal, and the facinating millinary shop in the Boulevards. Reckoning these in the account, habit of making an eartrumpet of his hand for and stating that they were nearly five weeks in the purpose of sharpening his hearing, and throw-Paris, the money lasted a long time. When ing his head a little forward and sideways, interthey reached the house of Mr. Allen's mother, rupted the witness by asking him, "what was in London, the \$1,250 had dwindled down to the reason that John Allen didn't see Griggs?" \$20. Here, with a domestic tableau of reception. loses Act III. Mothers are much keener than young husbands, just emerging from the honeymoon. The day after the arrival of Mr. Allen and his bride,

as perturbaned. Without a moment's pause, or and then he saw..." note of preparation, she pounces down on her unsuspicious son. "Charles John!" she eried in benche with his elenched fist, "do I hear you adeep voice, "You 'ave been took in. Instead aright, sir? Do you say that you went blind, of marrying a lady, you have married a lady's and than you saw?" maid." Starting up, Charles John exclaimed in a melodramatic manner, "Impossible! My dear and Griggs saw and just at that..." about the \$30,0000, (which was invested, not in claimed: "God almighty, Mr. Judge, what have

funds, but on the security of a spleudid chariesu I done, that I must go to jail!"

en Espagne, or of the Isle of Syke,) he had also tricked her, by declaring himself worth \$5,000 deign to reply to poor Johnson, but reiterated the a year, and he "kept a brougham." Finally, it order with increased vehamence and the junior. The property of the property o and no he twisted the ring he offered to bet upon at the same moment his arm, slowly rising, be- spectators had to laugh, in spit of the calamity. Paris, she left his bouse in company with anoth- mony, Press.

er man, against whom he faully brought an action for crims con., and recovered \$500 deanges which—were not paid. So closes not FV Minfortunes come in battallous. Program Allen found it so. That the \$20,000 about he Allen found it so. That the Sill Will about he, a myth was bed enough. This was not all The faithless "Sophiar" had contrived; before marriage, to get into debt to the tune of \$5,000, and Mr. Allen had to pay. Wanting pecuniary means to do this, he became a gentleman in difficulties. Moreover, he had to refund what he had borrowed, on the strength of his lady's for tune, to cut a dash with in Paris. Nor is this all; naturally enough he desires to break the matrimonial fetters. But marriage is a knet easily tied, and (especially in England) not easily loosed. Just while he was deliberating what to do, and how to do it—sitting, in a brown study, in his office—in walks "Sophiar." She, it seems, had commenced a suit against him, for alimony, and actually had the efficatory to header hereself," in legal form, to be taken backeto his boom, and there stourished, and cherished—in the lawful wife. In default of his so taking his back, her action for severate maintenance, waiting

her case. Here, with the here sued for his wife's debts at common law, and put into the coclesias. tical court for alimony, a sufficiently tragic finale is arrived at. The audience, acting as a jury, will give in a verdict of "served him right," and the curtain drops. All these circumstances are very unlike everyday life as we see it, but have the strongest family recombiance to every day life as represented on the stage. In "The School for Scheming," by BOURCICAULT, there is precisely such a scene as occurs in this case where a pair of adventurers,

back, her action for seperate maintenance regid

mutually deceiving and deceived, commit matri-mony, each in full expectation that the other is very rich, and present a ludiorous appearance.
when the truth breaks in upon both, at the same moment.

We have not told this story, however, with any view to make our readers smile. We would only draw attention to the retributive nature of poor Mr. Allen's punishment. He merely wanted "a woman with money;" he was willing to sell himself for money; he misrepresented his own circumstances to deceive this woman, and be was properly served out by being deceived in turn. We sometimes notice, in newspapers of New York and this city, advertisements in which persons calling themselves men, but evidently not possessing honorable manly feeling, advertise for wives—the main qualification, being that the fortunate lady shall possess property. We know not whether women so qualified ever do seriously reply to such notices; should any be so weak as to expect fair play or honorable treatment from persons who would thus sell themselves for gold, they may profit by the perusal of Mr. Allen's matrimonial mishaps, and apply the moral of the story to their own case.

Anecdotes of a Louisiana Judge.

Old Judge L-s, who was for years the circuit judge in that portion of Louisiana known last trump-and you've all went it alone and got of a more earthly kind Yet he did not take at Attakapas county, was justly celebrated for last trump-and you've all went it alone and got of a more earthly kind it is not used that she the mountains of Hepsidam, what the lion roarbith and the wang-doodle mourneth for its first-place, and thither he betook himself. There, and honest, and the death of the good of the standard of the standard of the good of the standard of the win, which coursed some your Age, ; we versally regretted throughout the State.

But with all his book lore and legal attains luxury of a lady's maid. "The course of true ments, he was perhaps the greenest man at cards love never yet ran smooth"—and the lady con in his entire circuit. It has been said that he ments, he was perhaps the greenest man at cards did not know the "Jack of Trumpa" from a dia. know in the State of Illenoy. That was a man to marry another swain; that she would surrender mond. In the village of Opelousse, as three individuals were sitting round a table, in one of steek, and it grounded a site of grain, but the it would be necessary, however, to steal a march those doggeries, "with a billiard table attached," which are so common in the creole parishes, never giv any thing to the church; and my as she dreaded to excite suspicion by ordering playing a small game of three-handed poker, brethering, one night that come a dreadful the usual matrimonial trousecus, she must start when a greened area which resulted in an when a quarrel ensued, which resulted in an aggravated case of assault and battery. This did not end the affair, for at the head of the docket stood "The State of Louisiana es John Allen, for an assault and battery with intent to kill, on

the body of Encs Griggs."

The trial came on, and the only witness to the affray was a Captain Johnson, who was the third band in the game. Johnson was the skipper of one of those crafts which transport sugar from that section of the country to New Orleans, and was a self-confident go-ahead fellow, and was as andaunted before the judge and jury as he would After being sworn he was directed to tell the court and jury everything he knew about the affair .-After clearing his throat he commenced by stating, "that him and Griggs and John Allen were over at Boullet's grocery, the second day of the election, when Alien proposed that they should honeymoon, like a man of spirit and means, at have a small game of poker; all agreed to it, and Paris. Unfortunately, though not deficient in we went up stairs and sat down to the game; did brass, which is part of the stock in trade of a not know that there was any harsh feelings be-

Here the witness was interrupted by the court.

wai so kind as to lend him \$1,250. Now, of all to the table-Griggs sot there, John Allen here,

The wifness replied, "I don't know, but he

wouldn't look at him." "Proceed," mys the judge. "Well, I saw him and he saw, and just at

ping his wine and cracking his filberts after dinner, in stalked, like Mrs. Siddon's of Lady Machet, Mrs. Allen senior—in a red turban and a tremendons passion: perturbed, in fact. as perturbaned.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness " I saw Griggs,

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