

Miscellany.

From the Syracuse Daily Journal.

Death of "A Thing."

"A Thing" died in St. Louis on Friday last. It bore the form of a man—had head, arms, hands, trunk, legs, feet and features like the rest of us, but it had a black skin, and therefore was not human. It breathed, walked, ate, talked, slept as we do; it was capable of emotions of pleasure and pain; it was qualified to judge between the right and the wrong; it was regarded by the Great Creator as a moral agent, but for all this it was a thing, and not a being. At least, so said the high-couraged judges in the land—a tribunal from whose decision there is no appeal!

The history of this thing is familiar to every reader. For the sake of distinguishing it from other things, it was called DRED SCOTT—just as horses are called "Jack Bossier," and "Ethan Allen," or as apples are called "Washington," and "Wellington." Of itself, it was an humble and a modest thing, that never expected notice, much less notoriety, and that poured neither. It labored hard in its day and generation, though it received no compensation for its labors beyond a sufficient amount of food to keep it from starving, and just enough of raiment to cover its nakedness. It endured buffetings without an answer. It was beaten with many stripes, yet it did not rebel. Its flesh was often torn and lacerated by the cruel whip, but no murmurs were mingled with its groans. It lived a weak and patient thing, and so it died!

We said there was no appeal from the decision of that tribunal by which this thing, so like the rest of us, was divested of its humanity. We recall the assertion, and acknowledge our error. No appeal! There are two—one to the People, whose hearts are ever with the outraged and the oppressed, the other to Him in whose sight the judgments of men are as bubbles on the sea and as vapors in the air. Before the kindly tribunal of public sympathy shall this thing called DRED SCOTT be confessed as a man and a citizen, while in the impartial Court of Heaven it shall gain a verdict even more liberal, rights even more glorious.

The name of DRED SCOTT is one that will be immortal. Upon the same page that chronicles the illustrious deeds of WASHINGTON, the heroic death of WARREN, the fervid eloquence of WEBSTER, the rocket-flights of CALHOUN, upon the same page where these are chronicled will be written, that in the person of a humble negro called DRED SCOTT, the most exalted tribunal of the Confederacy whose foundations were laid by the Pilgrim Fathers, decided that a negro is neither a man nor a citizen, nor has he any rights which a white man is bound to respect! The medium through which this precious principle was established was innocent of any attempt at distinction. He did not seek to become famous at the expense of our national reputation. He did not desire that, through him, the forehead of the radiant Goddess of Liberty should receive a stain of infamy. It is through no agency of his own that he is to be remembered. But so long as the American Government shall stand, so long as its annals are preserved, so long as it shall live in the memory or exist by tradition, so long shall the name of DRED SCOTT be a familiar name. His poor body, which has already commenced to moulder in the grave, will be turned into dust, but there is no oblivion for him. From this time forward will DRED SCOTT stand as a class of people whom God made rational, sentient, accountable, but whom man has wantonly driven even beyond the pale of humanity!

There should be a monument at the grave of the lowly negro whom Death has now relieved. Some kind hand should attend to this last duty—the last that poor DRED will ever claim. Let, at least, a modest stone be fashioned, and let it bear these words: "Here lies one who had no rights that a white man was bound to respect." And then let the dead be left with his God and with the future!

Respectable Society.

We heard a man, otherwise intelligent enough, lately sneer at another, "because," said he, "one does not see him in respectable society!" The speaker did not mean, however, that the person he affected to look down upon was immoral, but merely that his circle of intimates were not composed of the fashionable or the rich.

This notion of what constitutes respectable society is quite a favorite one with that class of individuals whom Thackeray has so significantly called "snobs." Empty pretence always making its own characteristics a standard by which it strives to measure the respectability of persons at large. In a community of mere novelty getters, wealth is the test of respectability. Among the proud, narrow minded, effete nobility of the Faubourg St. Germain, respectability depends upon being descended from ancestors who have married their cousins for so many centuries that neither muscle nor brains are left any longer to degenerate descendants. With the dandy officers who constitute a considerable portion of the American Navy, respectabilities consist in having sponged on "Uncle Sam," in wearing gilt buttons, and in jilting tailors. Every conceited fool thinks himself, in like way, the only man really wealthy, the only person who is respectable.

But true respectability depends on no such adventitious circumstance. To be respectable is to be worthy of respect; and he deserves respect who has most

virtue. The humblest man who bravely does his duty, is more worthy of respect, is more truly respectable, than the covetous millionaire among his money bags, or the arrogant monarch upon his throne. The fine lady who backbites her neighbor is less worthy of respect than an honest washerwoman. The profligate noble, though he may wear a dozen orders at his button hole, is not often as respectable as the shoe-black who cleans his boots. That which is called "the world" exalts the one and despises the other, but it does not make them respectable according to the real meaning of that word. Their respectability is but a hollow sham, as they themselves frequently feel; and those who worship them bow down to a Fetish, a thing of feathers and tinsel. The selfish idle drone who wastes life in his own gratification, and dissipates the fortune of his progeny, is not and cannot be respectable; but the hard-working, self-denying father, who wears out his life to bring up his children in, though he be a day laborer. Nothing can make Dives fit to lay on Abraham's bosom while Lazarus is welcomed there, even with the sores the dogs have licked.

The false views of life, which would measure respectability by a conventional standard, is totally at variance with our republican institutions. It creates an "imperium in imperio," for while the law declares all citizens equal, it erects a social standard which endeavors to ignore that great truth. The coarse, brutish, knavish, profligate criminal—in short, all who fall short of their duty to themselves and their fellow men—are those who are not "respectable;" and this, whether they are rich or poor. While those who live honestly, and strive to do what good they can, constitute in reality the respectable class, irrespective of the fact whether they eat with silver forks or steel ones.

The "Autocrat's" Personal Appearance.

We have already mentioned the contents of the November number of the Atlantic Monthly, which is well worthy of its reputation. A special notice in the Magazine announces that Dr. Holmes, late "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," will continue his contributions regularly under another character. In the present number he has an article, entitled "A Visit to the Autocrat's Landlady," where in the Landlady is tempted to chat about the Autocrat and his young wife—to describe them—and, above all, to part with certain MSS. of his, one of which, a poem, "The Old Man of the Sea," is printed at the close of the article. Here is the full-length (in little) of the Autocrat:

"This gentleman warr'n't no great of a gentleman to look at. Being of a very moderate dimension—five foot five, he said, but five foot four more likely, and I've heard him say he didn't weigh much over a hundred and twenty pound. He was light-complected rather than darksome, and was one of them smooth-faced people that keep their beard and whiskers cut close, just as if they'd be very troublesome if they let 'em grow—instead of layin' out their face in grass, as my poor husband that's dead and gone used to say. He was a well-behaved gentleman at the table, only talked a good deal, and pretty loud sometimes, and had a way of turning up his nose when he didn't like what folks said, that one of my boarders, who is a very smart young man, said he couldn't stand, no how, and used to make faces and poke fun at him whenever he see him do it.

"He never said a word against any vices that was set before him, but I mistrusted that he was more particular in his eatin' than he wanted folks to know of, for I've know'd him make believe to eat, and leave the vittles on his plate when he didn't seem to fancy 'em; but he was very careful never to hurt my feelin's and I don't believe he'd have spoke if he had found a tadpole in a dish of chowder. But nothin' could hurry him when he was about his vittles—Many's the time I've seen that gentleman keepin' two or three of 'em sittin' round the breakfast table after the rest had swallowed their meal, and the things was cleared off, and Bridget was a waitin' to get the cloth away, and there that little man would set, with a tumbler of sugar and water,—what he used to call 'O'Sulkray,—a talkin' and a talkin'—and sometimes he would laugh, and sometimes the tears would come into his eyes,—which was a kind of grayish blue eyes,—and there he'd set and set, and my boy Benjamin Franklin hangin' round and gettin' late for school and waitin' an excuse, and an old gentleman that's one of my boarders a listnin' as if he warr'n't no older than Benjamin Franklin, and that schoolmistress settin' just as if she'd been bewitched; and you might stick pins into her without her hollerin'!"

An English nobleman stopping at the St. Nicholas Hotel, New York, boasted about his acquaintance with Mr. Dallas, the American Minister, and professed to expect a dispatch from him by the Atlantic Cable. Some waggish Yorker sent a boy to his room at midnight with the dispatch over the Atlantic cable, for which he paid \$22 75 with great delight. But "my lord" appeared late at the breakfast table the next morning, and takes gloomy views of the American character.

When a man gets to the top of the hill by honesty, he deserves to be taken by the neck and hurled down again, if he's ashamed to turn about and look at the lowly road along which he once traveled.

Bayard Taylor says that "official corruption is so prevalent in Greece as in the United States." Ahem! guess that means they are getting to be as "fast" boys in Greece as we are! Shows there is at least some vitality yet left in that once classic soil.

Paddy is often poetically polite. On picking up and returning a lady's parasol which had been blown out of her hand, a gallant Irishman said, "Faith, miss, an' if ye was as strong as yer handsome, he jabsers, a hurricane could'n't have snatched it from ye."

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