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THE MISSING LETTER.

ш A few days after this, Higham great market was held, the first in the new year. Amongst other farmers who attended it was Mr. Sterling. About three o'clock in the afternoon, when his business was over, he went into the post-office. Mr. Grame and his son were both there, the latter sitting down and reading a newspaper. It

was not a busy hour.

"Good-day, Mr. Grame," said the farmer.

"Good day, Master Walter. I have come about that letter. I do think it must be lost. It never was so late before, that I re-

"What letter?" inquired Mr. Grame. "Why, that letter-with my fifty pound in it. I don't expect any other. You are sure you have not overlooked it?"

"The letter! It went to Layton days ago!" responded Mr. Grame. "Have you not received it?" Farmer Sterling's eyes opened wide with

perplexity, and his mouth also. "Went to Layton days ago!" he uttered at length. "Where is it then?" "If you have not had it, there must be

some mismanagement at the Layton office. But such neglect is unusual with Mr. "Good a merey! I hope it has never

been stole." "Which morning was it the letter came,

Walter?" cried Mr Grame, appealing to his son. "Oh-I remember-the day you and the girls were going over. It was the very morning of your wife's ball, Mr. Sterling."
"The morning afore, or the morning after?" asked the bewildered farmer.

"The same morning, the 6th of January. when Walter and the two girls went over

in the evening."

"Now, why didn't you tell me it was come, Mr. Walter?" expostulated the far-

I never thought of it, replied the young man. "And if Lhad thought of it, it would only have been to suppose you had received it. You ought to have had it that afternoon. Had you happened to mention

"Now look at that!" groaned the farmer. "What with the kick up that night, the smoking, and the eating and drinking, I'm blest if I didn't cast care to the winds, and the letter never came into my head at all. Are you quite sure, Mr. Grame, that it was

the very letter?" "I am sure it was a letter addressed to you, and that it came from London. - I made the remark to Walter that your letter was come at last. I have not the slightest doubt it was the letter."

"And you sent it to Layton?" "Of course I did."

"But Anne called in at the post office yesterday, and old Marsh assured her there warn't nothin o' the sort arrived for me." "I put it into the Layton bag myself, and secured it myself, as I always do," returned Mr. Grame, "and the bag was never

Ledbitter. My son was present and saw me put it in. "I did," said Walter. When my father

exclaimed your letter was come at last, Mr. Sterling, I looked over his shoulder at the address, and I saw him drop it into the bag. They must have overlooked it at the

"Old Marsh is such a careful body," debated the farmer.

"He is," assented Mr. Grame. "I don't suppose he ever overlooked a letter in his life. Still such a thing might occur. Go to the office as soon as you return, Mr. Sterling, and tell him from me that the letter went on to Layton."

"It's a jolly vexatious thing to have all this bother. If that 50% note's gone, it's into the parlor, for I was afeared on him. my loss. Sel.na's father never wanted to 'No,' says he, 'I'll not go in. Is Miss send 'em through the post-office, but I told him I'd run the risk."

And perhaps here lay the secret of Farmer Sterling's anxiety about the safe arrival of these letters-because he knew that the cream.' For I thought he should know as money's being forwarded in this way was I warn't alone in the place, if he should be in defiance of the opinion of everybody.

The letter never reached Layton-so old bitter of the accident to the bay mare. No was present that day when he opened the bag, and he could swear that the let-ter for Farmer Sterling was not in it. Mr.

soul but himself touched the letters; nobody Marsh's word was a guarantee in itself. He had held the situation two score years, and was perfectly trust-worthy.

So the cuspicion fell upon John Le'lbitter. Indeed, it may no be too much to the house.'

say that the guilt was traced home to him. The postmasters of Higham and Layton were known, tried public servants, above all suspicion. The one had put the letter he opened the bag, found the letter gone; bag between those times but John Ledbitter. open. He was dismissed from his situation as driver, but, strange to say, he was not brought to trial, Farmer Sterling declined to prosecute—he warn't a going into a court 'Good Heavens, what o' justice after keeping out of 'em all his you believe in his guilt?'

life, not he—and no instructions were to ceived on the subject from government; but John Ledbitter's guilt was as surely brought so wretchedly cross. 'But upon the terms we were, a last interview, a final under-Hife, not be-and no instructions were rehome to him as it could have been by twelve jurymen. Of course he protested his innocence—what man, under a similar accusation, does not!—but his crime was too palpable. Neither the letter not its-enclosure could be traced. Mr. Cleeve fur-nished the particulars of the lost note, and it was stopped at London and country banks. Handbills describing it were also hung up in the different public-houses; but it was not presented for payment, and was never heard of. "Saucy Sir must have eat it up with his hay," quoth the joking farmers of Layton, one to another; but if they accidentally met the gentleman-driver—as they were wont to style John Ledbitter— they regarded him with an aspect very dif-ferent from a joking one.

John Ledbitter never entered Mr. Sterhing's house but once after the committal of the crime, and that was to resign Selina

Cleeve-to release her from the tacit engagement that existed between them. lowever, he found there was little necessity for his doing it: Selina released herself He arrived at the Hill House for this purpose at an inopportune moment, for his rial-as he certainly aspired to be-was there before him. It was Sunday, and when the farmer and

his family got home from church in the morning, they found Walter Grame there, who had ridden over from Higham. He received an invitation to remain and partake of their roast griskin and apple-pie. Pig meat fed at Farmer Sterling's was not o be despised; neither was apple pie made by Anne. After dinner, the farmer took his pipe, his wife lay back in her cushioned arm-chair on the opposite side of the fire, and while Anne presided over the winecowslip and port, a bottle of the latter decanted in compliment to their guestae watched Selina Cleeve. The conversation turned upon John Ledbitter and the

"I do not see how he could have accomplished it," exclaimed Mrs. Sterling, "unless he stopped the mail cart and undid the bag in the road."

"Well, what was there to prevent him

doing so!" responded the farmer.
"But such a deliberate theft," repeated
Mrs Sterling. I can understand—at least,
I think I can—being overtaken by a moment of temptation; but a man who could stop his horse in a public road, unlock the box, and untie the bag for the purpose of robbing it, must be one who would stand at no crime of a similar pature."

"Why, that's just what I told him," cried the farmer, "when he come to me at Higham, a wanting to excuse himself, and make believe he was innocent. 'What's gone with the letter and money,' I said, 'if you have not got it?" And that shut up his mouth; for all ke could bring out was, through the streets, and say, There goes the streets, and say, There goes

'Ah,' broke in Walter Grame, 'Ledbitter went down amazingly with some folks, but I scented the rascalin bim. And Higham never noticed, till now, the singularity of his having taken to driving a mail-cart.'

The farmer took his pipe from his lips, As how, Master Walter?

'Did any one before ever hear of a gentleman-as Ledbitter may be termedcepting a menial office, only suited to a post-boy, under the plea of keeping himself from idieness? Trash! It is the opinion in Higham that the robbery was planned when he took the place.'

'What, to crib that same identical lefter of mine? gasped the farmer, laying his pipe on his knee, while a startled look of dismay rose to Anne Sterling's face.

'Not yours in particular, Mr. Sterling. But probably yours happened to be the out of my hands until I delivered it to John first letter that presented itself to my gentleman, as bearing an enclosure worth the

> 'The villain!-the double faced rascal" uttered the farmer. 'That's putting the matter-and him too-in a new light!" At that moment Molly entered the room

with some silver spoons, large and smail, and shut the door behind her. 'It's him,' she abruptly said, coming up

to the table, with a face of terror. 'He says he wants to see Miss Selina.'

'Who?' demanded everybody, in a breath.
'That dreadful LedBitter. He come a sneaking in at the kitchen door-not the front way, or you'd a seen him from this winder, but right across the fold-yard. I was took all of a heap, and axed if he'd walk

'Yes, she is,' I said, and missis, and Miss Anne, and Master, and Mr. Walter Grame. and Joan's close at hand, a skimming the come to take anything. 'Molly,' said he quite humbly, 'go in and ask Miss Cleeve Mr. Marsh affirmed, when applied to by the if she will step out and speak a word with farmer. He remembered the 6th-why, it me.' So I grabbed up the spoons, which was not a week ago-the day he told Led- by ill-luck, was a lying on the table, and

Cleeve there?'

away I come.' Miss Cleeve rose from her chair. 'Selinal' said Mrs. Sterling, in a reprov-

'Aunt,' was her rejoinder, 'I have also a

word to say to him.' 'But, my dear! Well, well, just for a minute, if you must. But remember, Selina, we cannot again admit Mr. Ledbitter to

'I'd as lieve admit the public hangman,' roared out the farmer.

Scarcely had Selina Cleeve left the room. when Walter Grame darted after her. He in, and secured the bag; the other, when drew her, with the hand of authority, it seemed, into the best parlor, the door of and no one could or did have access to the which, adjacent to their sitting-room, stood

> 'Miss Cleeve!-Selinal-von will never accord an interview to this man!" 'Yes,' she answered. 'For the last time.'

'But what? Trust me as a friend, Selina. 'Had it not been for this-had Ledbitter remained where he ought-we should have

escape for you.'
'Oh, and it is this which makes me angry,' she bitterly exclaimed. 'Why did he monopolize my society, seek to make me like him, when he knew himself to be a base, bad man-I, who might have chosen from all the world! Let me go, Mr. Grame; I shall be more myself when this is over.

You can have nothing to say to him, now, but what may be said through a third party,' he persisted, still holding her. 'Suffer me to see him for you.'

'Nonsense,' she peevishly answered. 'You cannot say what I have to say.' looks he would have liked it, and to have boxed her ears as well. The two servants were whispering in the kitchen, but Selina

could see no signs of Mr. Ledbitter. Molly pointed with her finger towards the door of the best kitchen, and Selina went in. Standing in the middle of the cold, comfortless room, his eyes fixed on the entrance. as if waiting for her, was John Ledbitter. She walked up, and confronted him with

out speaking, her action and countenance expressing both anger and scorn.

'I see,' began Mr. Ledbitter, as he looked at her, I need not have come from Higham to do my errand this afternoon. It has been done for me.'

'I feel it cold in this room,' said Selina, glancing round, and striving, pretty successfully, to hide the agitation she really felt under a show-of indifference. 'Be so good as to tell me your business, that I may return to the fire.'

He stopped, either from emotion, or from a loss how to express himself. But she stood as still as a post, and she did not help 'Then I have only to say farewell,' he resumed, 'and to thank you for the many

happy hours we have spent together. 1 came to say something else; but no matter, I see now it would be useless." 'And I beg,' she said, raising herself up

that you will forget those hours you speak of, and which I shall never reflect on but with a sense of degradation. I blush-1 blush, she vehemently repeated, to think she who was engaged to the felon, John Ledbitter! I pray that I may never see

You never shall—by my seeking. Should I ever hold converse with you again, wil-lingly, it will be under different auspices.' He quitted the room, stalked through the kitchen, and across the fold-yard into the side lane, his breast heaving with passionate anger, for she had aroused all the lion within him. Molly and the dairy maid pressed their noses against the kitchen window, and stared after him till he was beyond view, as they might have stared had ome extraordinary foreign animal been on exhibition there, and with quite as much curiosity; whilst Selina Cleeve, repelling softer emotions, which seemed inclined to make themselves felt within her, strove to shake John Ledbitter out of her thoughts, and to say to herself, as she returned to the sitting-room, that she had shaken him out of them forever.

The years passed on, nearly two, and the postmaster at Higham was stricken with mortal illness. His disease was a lingering one, lasting over several months, during which time he was confined to his bed, and his son managed the business. One evening, just before his death, Walter was siting in the room, when the old man suddenly addressed him.

"Walter,' he said, 'I shall soon be gone, and after that they will make you postmaster. Be steady, punctual, diligent in your daily business, as I trust I have been; be just and merciful in your dealings with your fellow-men, as I have striven to be; be more urgent than I have ever been in serving your Maker, for there the very best of us fall short. You have been a dutiful son to me, a good son, and I pray that, in return, your children, in your old age, may

be such to you.' Mr. Walter fidgeted uneasily in his

"There is one only thing in business matters which causes me regret for the past." resumed Mr. Grame-"that the particulars connected with John Ledbitter's theft should never have come to light. It is a weight on my conscience, having suffered him to assume a post for which his position unfitted him. If he sought it with the intent of doing wrong, my having refused him the situation would have removed the temptation from his way."

younger man. "A fellow bent upon crime. as Ledbitter must have been, if he does not find opportunity in one way, will seek it in another. If there's anything to be regretted in the matter it is the not having brought him to punishment! he ought to have been made stand his trial, and despatched out of minds."

'Good Heavens, what infatuation! Don't scorned by his friends, shunned by all good in his heart on that hour when he had first retaining it in their mouths, and endeavormen, and driven to get his living in the ascended the mail-cart to drive it to High ing to swallow the whole, so as to apparation that it will appear to every unprejudiced Kane says he was kept from going any men, and driven to get his living in the

get up in the world again."
"No harsh names, Walter," interrupted
the father. "John Ledbitter did not offend

against you. Leave him to the stings of his Mr. Walter Grame muttered something

which did not reach the sick-bed and quitted the room. It was irksome to him to remain in it long. He was absent about an hour, and during this period Mr. Grame so vivid, that, in the first moments of previous coversation. He dreamt that John Ledbitter was innocent; he did not fact was so.

Walter, Walter!' he gasped forth after She broke from him, and walked with a hasty step along the passage. He did not dare to follow her, but to judge by his make it up to him. I would, if I were

> When his innocence-what do you mean, sir! You must be asleep still. A dream is but a dream.'

'Well-if it comes to light, if it shall be proved that he is an injured man, do you article was the most prized; and next in endeavor to compensate him for the injustice that has been heaped on his head. It

is a charge I leave you.'
'The old man is wandering,' whispered Mr. Walter to the nurse, who was then present; and it was through her that this fream of the postmaster's got talked of in

A goodly company were wending their in Layton parish was that day to be taken whenever they can procure them, eagerly out of it. A stranger, who happened to devour seals, sea ofter, porp ises

to a farmer, who stood in the porch, looking in. It was Farmer Blount.

Ay, she be that. Some of our younkers year, but Master Grame have walked off

'The postmaster of Higham, as his father was afore him. The old man died a year ago, and left a goodish bit of property behe has sowed his wild oats now they say, my preparation. They are small and light, and unless he had, I take it Miss Cleeve old down with her this day."

'He's a lucky dog.'
'It's sheer luck with him, for he warn't the last two hundred and fifty years. her first fancy. Young Ledbitter courted The faces of the men generally seem de her at one time, and she was mighty fond void of any intellectual expression, and, as of him. But he run his head into trouble they belong to the 'nil admirari' school no decent young woman could stand that,

till this came to light, so that fotks can't made by a man clearing his threat; but, help feeling for him, for the sake o' the says Mr. Darwin, "certainly no European family. There never was a breath known ever cleared his throat with so many hoarse But, law bless ye, sir, he have got his tread- meaning the Deity, the sun, a ship, a child, mill upon him, if any one ever had, for a dog, and an amulet, or charm, generally

bridal party were returning from the altar. very readily catch the pronunciation of Mr. Walter Grame and his bride, no longer Selina Cleeve, walked first, next came any sentence untered in their hearing, al friends followed. The two young ladies the words. were dressed alike, in lavender silk-the bride wearing orange blossoms in her white bonnet; Anne, lilies of the valley. They found along the shores their wigwains, or brushed the stranger as they walked through rather harbors, consisting of broken branthe porch, so that he-to use his own ex-

pression—had a good stare at them. ered with leaves and grass. In these mis-'She's a regular beauty,' he remarked to erable huts, around a small fire built in the Farmer Blount; but for my choice give me middle, they sleep, coiled upon the wet The first has got a temper of her own, or I never read an eye yet; the last has goodness their canoes. Every man has at least two ed fort an inaudible reply. None were more aware of Anne Sterling's goodness to paridle his cance and collect his food, for than he; he had proposed to her in secret the the whole labor devolves upon the female night of the ball, three years before, and she had refused him.

But another person was also looking or the bridal party-a man in a smock freek -looking through a gap in the hedge, from an obscure corner of the churchyard. "You need not worry yourself over such It was John Ledbitter. Oh, what a post a crotchet as that, father," responded the tion was this unfortunate man's! Guilt does, indeed, bring its own punishment—as all Layton, and Higham too, had repeated, with reference to him, hundreds of times, Hunted down by his own class in life, condemned to labor for common sustenance with the hands who tilled the ground-for in any responsible situation, in an office, or The sailors crowded around them, and gave the country. The thing would have been where money would have passed through to them, with Jack's usual liberality, tobac done with then, and have gone out of men's his hands, none would trust him-there he stood, a marked man, watching her, whom are extravagantly fond. Indeed, in their "He has had his punishment," replied he had once so passionately loved, led forth, anxiety to make the most of the fragrant mony collected, when compared and weigh-Mr. Grame. "Abandoned by his relations, the bride of another. A bitter curse rose weed, they do not emit the smoke at all, ed properly, the undersigned feels confident

that almost unknown people, the inhabi-tants of Terra del Fuego, the island continent at the southern extremity of South America:

dropped asleep and dreamt a vivid dream derived its name from the number of fires seen along the shore by the first navigators,) waking up, he could not be persuaded but made their appearance while we were at it was reality. The coloring his thoughts anchor at Borja Bay. Shortly after we had had taken was no doubt imparted by the reached this place a small, singular looking canoe was seen to leave the shore and make its way towards our ship, and in a see or understand how, but in his sleep he few minutes we were honored by a visit felt the most selemn conviction that the from two of the Indians, with their numerous wives, children and dogs. Upon coming on board the vessel they proved the most inveterate beggars I ever met with. There was nothing they saw for which they did not ask; they begged for themselves, and, if unsuccessful in their application, for their wives and children. Their usual demand is for tobacco and biscuit, and, in endesvoring to purchase some of their weap ons as curiosities we found that the former value were the bright buttons from our uni forms, (and probably they congratulated themselves on finding people simple enough

to give away such splendid ornaments.) and then biscuit, old clothes and empty bottles. The Indians are by far the most degra ded and miserable of all the aboriginal in-Higham, though not for long afterwards. habitants of South America. They are low 'Let me give you your composing draught, in stature and of a coppercelor, their clothing, consisting of a sealskin, worn with the hair outwards and tied around their person by means of sinews, is of the very seanties description; their food is revolting. They ray to Layton church, for the fairest flower live chiefly upon muscles and limpets, and 'My business was partly to see how this accusation had affected you towards me. I see it too plainly now. Had it been out of it. A stranger, who happened to devour sears, sea ofter, porplises and whale's flesh, preparing none by fire, but eating as they cut it from the prey. In their voracity they bear a greater resem blance to some wild animals than to human

beings. Their arms seem to consist solely of bows and arrows and spears, pointed have been mad after her this three or four sometimes with glass and sometimes with bone; of these they willingly dispose in exwith her at last. He ain't bad-looking nei- change for their favorite weed. The most noticeable things about them are their bas-Extremely handsome, I think. Who is kets and their canoes, both of which manifest some labor and ingenuity in construction. The former are formed of bark or platted grass; the latter are of bark, and put together without a particle of metal. ad him, but it turned out that Master The sides and bottoms are sewed together Walter there had anticipated his share; and by means of sinews; small bars of wood are ow he kept his creditors quiet till the old placed athwartships to preserve the shape, ne went off was a matter of wonder. But and the seams are caulked with some gumwould have seen him further afore she'd men. But their skill in making the canoes married him. She's well off, for her father's may be compared to the instinct of animals, dead also, and there's fifteen hundred pounds for it is not improved by experience. We know from Drake that this, their most in-

-robbed the Layton mail-bag. Of course, they expressed astonishment at nothing The women are better looking, and did not ough he slipped out of a prosecution. hesitate to exhibit their surprise or amuse since then he has been starving about the ment. I shall never forget the wender o country, thankful to any farmer who would one of them at first seeing a looking glass, give him a day's work. He's on my grounds She first looked at herself, then laughed and sought behind for the reflection, then The stranger gave a low whistle, forget- looked again, and laying it down on the ing he was in the porch of a church. Is it deck, endeavored to seize the image. The of hazardous to employ a thief, even as an bair of both sexes is worn long, and is al 'Well, you see, the Ledbitters was so men have no beards. Captain Cook has most as coarse as the mane of a horse; the much respected in the county, he and all, compared their language to the sound again him afore, and nothing has come out guttural, and clicking sounds." One word gain him since -a likelier, steadier fellow is made to assume a great many different han he was, I'd never wish to set eyes on. significations; the same one, for instance, there ain't a mad dog in the parish as is consisting of a bit of glass suspended from shied at more than he.' the neck. Notwithstanding this singular the neck. Notwithstanding this singular The stranger nudged the speaker, for the paucity of sounds in their language, they words, and repeat with pefect correctness Anne Sterling with her father, and several though they cannot attach any meaning to

learn but very little. Previously we had ches of trees stuck in the ground and covground, like animals. All their propert they seem to carry about with them is written on her face.' Farmer Blount grunt- wives, some of them more; probably each as many as he requires to take care of him. portion of the community. We were inormed that these savages are never canni bals unless driven to it by absolute starvation, and then they only eat their old wo men. Upon having been asked on one oc casion why they did not kill and eat their dogs, of which animals they have grea numbers, in preference to their own people, one of them is said to have given the answer that dogs were useful in catching otters, but that old women were good for

Our visitors remained with us for a long time, begging for everything they saw. co and old clothes. Of the former they

TERRA DEL PUEGO.

An officer in the United States Navy, in a letter, gives the following description of that almost unknown people, the inhabinext day they would reappear in their seal skins, and their new habiliments vanished we never knew whither:

The Terra del Fuegions, so called from Among our servants were several mulat-the country they inhabit, (which in turn to boys, who seemed to attract more of the attention of the Terra del Fuegans than anything else. Apparently they could not understand why their hair should curl so tighly, while their own was long and straight. They laughed hezetily at the first of our boys whom they saw, and Tom laughed as well at them, probably thinking, although he did not express it, "rira bien qui rira le dinier." One of our men, who was unable to walk on account of having cut his foot, next attracted the attention of one of the visitors, who signified his ability to cure him, and by signs asked for a pipe and tobacco. When furnished with these he commenced smoking, at the one time uttering low grunts; then leaning over the foot, he blew a little smoke apon it and suddenly raising his hands he blew a large cloud upwards. This was repeated several times, but owing, perhaps, to he little faith reposed by the patient in this mode of practice, altogether without

The Elections in Kansas.

Mr. Oliver, in his minority report from the Kansas Investigating Committee, anglyzes the election returns which have been o bitterly assailed as fraudulent. The tables exhibiting this result are compiled from the facts gathered by the majority, and therefore cannot be disputed. The lus to adventurers. In this way fanatifree State ticket, in all the election districts, cism and avaries entered into partnership, only received 800 votes, while the census and gave the impulse to the sectionel agi-

separately. In the first, it is in proof (before the Committee, be it remembered) that for the 200 free State men there were 300 or 400 pro slavery voters. No intimidation was used, and all voted who wished. On the 5th of March, 1855, to which the above facts refer, one witness says, "in the afternoon some one hundred men, who had come in with Dr. Charles Robinson from the East, marched over to the polls and said to have come into the Territory that

Mr. Oliver comments on this

o which they arrived, that even in the Lawrence district there was a majority of the legal voters for the free State ticket."

"In the second district (says Mr. Oliver:) "The testimony is conflicting and contraictory; but the weight of the ovidence, in the opinion of the undersigned, shows that here were many settlers came into this district after the census was taken, and before the March election. On the morning of election the free State judges took arms with them into the juc. es' room. The free State men, under the lead of Judge Wakefield, took possession of the polls, and required all the pro-slavery men to be sworn without discrimination; and did not swear any free State men. The pro-slavery resilents objected to this, and declared that both parties ought to be sworn alike. After some time the free State judges resigned, and other judges were selected by the crowd. No intimidation was used to prevent the free State men from voting, but all were asked to come up and vote. The pro-slavery ticket had a majority in the istrict, as the free State party were not

united on their ticket." In reference to this district, the testimony of Parris Ellison, one of the judges of election appointed by Gov. Reeder himself. is adduced, who concludes a long deposi-

tion as follows: "In my neighborhood I was well ac quainted with the settlers there, and at the ime of the election and before the residents were almost all pro-slavery. From what I rom the census taker and others, I am satsfied that the pro-slavery party had a de

cided majority in the second district." All the allegations about the unfair interference of Sheriff Jones in this district are disproved by Mr. Ellison and other witnesses. In the 3d and 4th districts the pro-slavery party were in the majority. The 5th was free State. The 6th and 7th were pro-slavery. As to the 8th no testimony was taken. The 9th pro-slavery. The 10th shows a fair election, and the rejection of alleged illegal votes on both sides would organization. We had a room here, and not have changed the result. No evidence was adduced to impeach the returns in the 11th and 12th districts. In the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th districts all was quiet and orderly, and the pro-slavery par ty largely in majority in all of them. Mr. Oliver concludes :

taken before the committee, what the undersigned has affirmed in relation to these several districts will be found to be sustained by the proof. And from all the testi-

"It is impossible to disbelieve it,' she murmured, looking wretchedly ill, and always sunk under it."

"I cannot think why the fool stops in we were, a last interview, a final understanding, is necessary."

"Mat terms? he savagely uttered. "It cannot be that you were engaged to him?"

"I cannot with a wild cry, which startled the air, and seemed to be wrung from the verge of suffocation. When presented with the clothes neither men nor women hesitation that the clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation that the clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation that the clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation that the clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither men nor women hesitation the clothes neither men nor women hesitation. The clothes neither all the clothes neither and the clothes neither and the c force, violence, or non-residents; but that a majority of the Legislature was duly electen, as cartified to by the Governor, and was properly constituted as a law-making body; and, as a consequence, that the laws passed by them, as far as they are consistent with the constitution of the United States and the organic act of the Territory, are valid and, as a further consequence, that the sit-ting delegate, having been daily elected a delegate to Congress under a territorial law thus passed, is entitled to a seat on this

The Origin of the Troubles in Kansas,

The much controverted question as to the origin of these troubles is put to rest by the deposition of Hon. Daniel Mace, which is appended to Mr. Oliver's minority report in the Kansas election case. It is proved distinctly by this deposition that the idea of defeating the true object of the Kansas act, which was to enable the bona fide settlers in the Territory to determine for themselves, and perfectly uncontrolled by extraneous influences, the character of their domestic institutions, originated with the Congress who had opposed the bill, and immediately after the bill was passed. The first Kansas Aid Society was formed in Wash. ington City, and embraced most of the members of Congress who had opposed the Kansas bill, and the arowed object was to procure voters to go to Kansas who would at all times oppose the introduction of slaver ry into the Territory. The Massachusetts Aid Societies were the first fruits of this Congressional organization to defeat a law of Congress. To give more efficiency to the Massachusetts project, a charter of in-corporation was obtained, and the prospect of making money was held out as a stimuracy from its centre to its circumference. The movement, which it is now found had Mr. Oliver then takes up the Districts its origin in Was ington, provoked similar associations on the borders of Kansas, and afterwards in Kansas itself. There is now no difficulty in fixing the true responsibili-ty for all the outrages which have been perpetrated in Kansas. The deposition of

Mr. Mace is as follows:

Daniel Mace called and sworn. To Mr. Oliver:
Immediately after the passage of the Kansas Nebraska act, I, together with a number of others, who were members of the East, marched over to the polls and Congress and Senators, believing that the voted the free State ticket. They were tendency of that act would be to make Kansas a slave State, in order to prevent it, formed an association here in Washington, called, if I recollect aright, "The Kansas Aid Society." I do not remember all who "From the testimony, it is difficult for became members of that society; but quite the undersigned to see how the majority of a number of members who were opposed the committee could come to the conclusion to slavery in Kansas, of the lower House, and also of the Senate, became members of it, and subscribed various sums of money. I think I subscribed either \$50 or \$100; I

am not now prepared to say which. We issued a circular to the people of the country, of the Northern States particular-ly, in which we set forth what we believed were the dangers of making Kansas a slave State, and urged that steps be taken to in-duce persons from the North, who were opposed to slavery, to go there and prevent its introduction, if possible. We sent a great many circulars to various parts of the United States with that object, and also communications of various kinds. I do not remember what they were. The object was to have persons induced to go to Kansas who would make that their home, and who would, at all elections, vote against

the institution of slavery.

I think Mr. Goodrich, of Massachusetts, was the president of the society. I am not certain about the vice presidents; probably Mr. Feuton, of New York, and myself, were vice presidents. The names of the president and vice presidents were attached to our circulars which we sent throughout the

My recollection is, that generally those nembers of the House and Senate who were opposed to the Kansas-Nebraska act became members of this society, and con-

The leading primary object of the association was to prevent the introduction of slavery into Kansas, as I stated during the short session of Congress, in answer to a question propounded to me by yourself, I believe. We believed that, unless vigorous steps of that kind were taken, Kansas would become a slave State. I do not remember the caption of the subscription paper. I think no other object was mentioned or specified, except the prevention of slavey in Kansas. I think that was the sole

bject of the movement. I do not recollect whather Mr. Speaker Banks was a member of that society or not. Mr. Goodrich kept the books. My impression is that a majority of those who voted against the bill were members of that organization. I do not remember the total amount of money raised by means of that employed a secretary, and consequently had expenses to pay. I do not know the amount raised. I think there were persons, members of that association, who were not members of either house of Congress.

The Albany Times states that a pistol has been invented in that city which will fire ninety times per minute, earrying a ball "Upon an examination of the testimony forty yards further than any pistol now in use, and that it is also much lighter and in every respect superior to Colt's celebrated

> It seems that the municipal arrangements around the north pole are very strict. Dr.