Two individuals stood on the capitol steps just after the adjournment of the House, watching the Congressmen as they came out. A casual observer would have taken the pair for intelligent foreigners studying the institutions of the country .-Yet they vereno strangers to Washington. One was the Devil's Undertaker, the other was the Devil kimself.

"Well, What do you think of Blaine?" said a Congressman to Ben Wade on the hearing of our friends.

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"He beats the Devil," sententionsly remarked the ex-statesman.

The great unknown thus alluded to smiled plate by and said to his companion:

Dath d amusing, isn't it? Beats the Devil is funny, your Majesty," replied the certaker, and they both aughed.

"It is evident that the e people do not comprehend the dual nature of the Satanic principle. They do not see that the Devil is as distinct from the Devil's Undertaker is as distinct from the Devil's Undertaker as Vishnu, the preserver, is from Siva, the destroyer. It is your interest, of course, to maintain these rascals on earth just as long as they give any promise of further usefulneess to the cause. I gather them in wien you are through with them. Yet, whenever a poor wretch winds up his career and disappears in a glory of brimstone, the world says, Gone to to Devil,' when, if it knew things as they are, it would say, 'Abandoned

Both of these pleasant gentlemen laughed again, and quite heartily.

"Sometimes you are decidedly in too much

of a hurry for your victims," said the first speaker. "I have great faith in the final efgiving him plenty of rope."

"At all events," said the undertaker politely, "we are perfectly agreed in regard to our Brother Blaine. Even your sanguing trustful heart course. guine, trustful heart cannot hope to get any more service out of him. In less than fifteen minutes I shall take qu'et satisfaction in shaking him off. Hera he comes

"One moment with your ase, Mr. Blaine," said the Devil, sterning forward and beckening the ex-Speaker a little apart. The Undertaker followed, cheerfully jingling a pair of handcuffs in his pocket.

Mr. Blaine turned white and then red, and his voice tropbled a little, as he said : "Well, sir," what is your business with

"To come at once to the point," said the Devi. "I hold here a document containing an agreement, or contract, or bond, just as should be done as early as practicable. If you olesse, by which I furnished von with abinty, skill, pluck, wit, magnetic ele Juenee. audicity even to impudence-in short, with everyqualification needful to subserve ambition in attaining success. Here is your signature, you see, all regular and witnessed by our mutual friend, Hannibal Hamlie." "I remember, now," said Blaine, quickly,

"I had almost forgotten your face. Havbring your friend. Should like to have you meet Sam Ward."

"Thanks," said the Devil, "but it will be impossible. Business is business. You remember that there was a consideration mentioned in the bond."

"I do recall something of the kind," stammered Blaine, nervously. "But of course you don't mean to—Pshaw!— Why, I was young then, and didn't understand the nature of a bond. I was fraudulently induced to sign the paper, I-besides it's outlawed."

"It is not outlawed," answered the Devil, firmly. "Everything is legal and regular, and, after mature deliberation I have determined to hand you over to my undertaker here.

The Devil's Undertaker stepped up with a smile, and a courteous nod to Mr. Blaine. "But surely," continued Blaine, "you will not enforce the bold. O, think of my family, my friends, my connectious. Let them plead for me. Try me a little longer I can still be of service to you. I do no feel that I shall be a deadhead in any enterprise you may suggest. I see various channels in which I know I can be useful.

With a wave of his hand the Devil referred this piteous petition to the Underta-

"It is so nominated in the bond," said the undertaker. "I must insist upon a strict

interpretation of its provisions." "Let me retire into private life, into obscurity, into oblivion," urged the ex-Speak-

"It will not do," said the undertaker, "I remember coming here under similar circumstances just about four years ago. We were after Colfax then. The poor wretch pleaded so hard and wep so bitterly that against my better judgment, I gave him up as a corpse not worth the burying. How did he repay me? Went lecturing to Young Men's Christian Associations! That is my last experiment in the merciful line."

"At least," said Blaine, in apparent despair, you will allow me to look over the bond. Give me fair play. There may be some flaw in the phraseology.'.

"My papers are always pretty strongly drawn," said the Devil, with a smile; but I have no objection to letting you satisfy yourself, provided, of course, you will give me your word of honor as between gentlemen, that you will return the document." "Certainly," said Blaine, "I give you my

word " The paper passed into Mr. Blaine's hands. He sat down on the capitol steps and read it attentively, while the Devil and the Dev-

il's Undertaker stood by, patiently waiting. Then a sudden change came over Mr. Blaine's countenance. He flushed to the roots of his hair with virtuous indignation. He buttoned the bond in his inner breast dressed lady this year

pocket and jumping to his feet, exclaimed in an excited manner:

"What is this? An attempt to injure me with my own private papers! An invasion of the personal rights of an American citizen! An outrage on the malienable privileges of every free-born republican! A dastardly attempt to blacken my reputation by a perversion of my own handwriting! Never, never, shall I give up this bond! I defy the Ex-Confederacy and all its minions."

The vehemence of Mr. Blaine's invective had drawn a crowd around him .--Somebody suggested that there must be something in the pal c which called for concealment.

"Concealment!" he shricked. "copudiate he thought. Whenever comment is deterable, avoidance is advisority based on broad-ne. ples of abstract right. Listen, and I will read to you, and to all the world, and to all the universe, what is in that bond."

Then he read, and what the admiring audience heard was a letter written from Augusta by Mr. Plaine to Hannibal Hamlin, complimenting the latter on the possession of ability, skill, pluck, wit, personal beauty, magnetic eloquenc , and integrity even to lamelessness. ~

"Vindicated! Vindicated!" shouted the crowd; tossing their hats in the air and cheering till the heavens rang. "Vindicated triumphantly, but hadn't you better show the letter to somebody, just as a mere form?"

by the Devil to the tender mercies of the Devil's Undertaker." "Oh, that is wholly unnecessary," said Mr. Blaine, buttoning up the bond in his pocket again and walking coolly away .-Didn't I read it?"

The Devil and his companion had watched

"What was that Ben Wade s about Blaine "-N. Y. Sun.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS .- The idea of primary elections for candidates to fill the various county offices has been suggested to us by some of our prominent politicians, and on reflection we consider it a good one, and recommend the plan adopted by Democratic clubs in other sections of the State. But first, Democratic clubs must be organized and put into complete working order in every township in the county. This done profit the third. What more natural? the plan of primary elections can be ratified

ctions, the following plan is suggested: Let each one of the clubs in the county, on a day hereafter to be designated by the executive committee, hold a meeting for the purpose of ballotting for cand.dates for the following offices, to wit : one senator, four members of the legislature, clerk of court, sheriff, judge of probate, school commissionen't seen you, I believe, since I was a mem- er, three county commissioners and coroner, ber of the Maine Legislature. How have and after balloting for such candidates, a you been, old fellow? Come down to dinner list of names of all persons voted for and the number of votes each may have received, be made out and sent up through their respective delegations to the county convention, which body shall proceed to count all votes for each and every candidate voted for in each club, and thereby ascertaining the whole uber of notes for each candidate. shall de are the candidate who receives a majority of all the votes of all the clubs, the nomince of the party for the office for which hewas ballotted for, provided, however, in case of a tie between twoop, sing candidates, the convention shall proceed to determine, by ballot, which of them shall be the nominee

of the party. This plan, we are satisfied, will give entire satisfaction, and will cause the party to work harmoniously, which above all things is most desirable in the coming campaign. In this way we will get the sense of the whole people and the candidates nominated will be their choice, and will receive their undivided support. There will be no door left open for complaint and dissatisfaction on account of "court house cliques," "favored localities" and a "stuffed convention."-Marion Star.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES .- "Mr. Swipes, won't you split up a little wood and go and borrow a brass kettle before you go up town ?" "What in thunder do you want me to do that for ?" "Cause I want to preserve some cherries to-day." "Cherric 2" Yes, cherries!" "That's just like you, Mrs Sw des. You're always spluttering and fooling around with some nensense like this. "Nonsense—well, I guess you like preserves as well as anybody." "I don't either."—
"If you wasn't too lazy to split the wood you'd like them." "Mrs. Swipes, now do be sensible. You know this preserving business costs money for sugar, fruit, cans, wax, firewood, and the deuce knows what all. But some way or other you never do think about expense, for you're always buying ribbens, ruffles, and flummadiddles; but when I want anything, such as an easy chair to rest my weary bones in-oh, no, I can't have it, because you've spent all the money for duds to put on your own back." "Now you think you've said it. Oh no, you don't spend any money, but I spend it all. If that's so, where do you get money to play pedro and come home to the bosom of your family stone blind drunk? Don't deny it Swipes, for you konw somebody blacked your eye-glasses the other day and you was so drunk you thought it was midnight and came home with a lantern in your hand in the middle of the day. You talk about squandering money."

A startling rumor comes from Paris that long gloves, reaching nearly to the elbow and requiring twenty buttons, will be essential to the peace of mind of every wellEditors Columbia Register:-

pendence of the farmer's life is now-a-days, and perhaps always was, an attraction. It is all very lovely for the bard to sing of gentle spring, and bursting nature; and the skipping lambs, and the lowing herds, and the fresh turned earth, and all that. 'Tis all very well to say that the farmer has none of the brain work to worry him that suicides so many frail creatures who have bank accounts now due that they can't meet; so many that are brought to desperation by the privations of a city pauper life; so many who despair because, from the pressure of the times, they cannot foresee any means of securing a livelihood for their families. I say all this will do for the poetic part of a wire wife. But when we come down

and the mothing of the sweat of the brow, the burning sun, the piercing column the exposure to each, the tired body, and the like, for these are contingencies from which

we claim at independence. But the ideal farmer's life attributes to the farmer a mastery, a control, an ability to conduct his liking, and the privilege of saying how, where, when and what work shall be done to elevate his farm to its greatest C reductive capacity.

This ideality is to-day a mighty delusion. The farmer may sweat, and burn, and freeze, and exhaust his physical efforts to little pur pose so long as demoralization runs riot over the land, labor has no stability, and there is no such thing as concert of action or thought amongst those who are technically known as the producers of the land.

And this is the exact condition of our country to-day. There is no system, no the vindication with quiet interest. "There's country to day. There is no system, no unity of purpose, no concert of action in a little long, think we'd better let him. And as the two down Pennsy the pitches your crop, becomes dissatisfied vania avenue to fall on a down Pennsy to be pitches your crop, becomes dissatisfied vania avenue to be in the Robberson, or twice he asked his bonne bught. Once if he had been sent by you to me.

"Tramps" swarm the country, work here to-day, idle yonder to-morrow, and commit predations everywhere as they go .rough these sources, too, incendiary and er pernicious doctrines are d'sseminated.

The isolated farmer, with he lefenseless family 1 you walk constant presence for family a voice lis constant presence for these and other causes, teels under these circumstances the burthers of mental anxiety, and attempts to devise means of relief from the pressure. Association is his first idea; reform the second, and the resultant

For these reasons, and with this view. or rejected b, the various clubs. This have our friends on Saluda River, in the vicinity of old Stony Point, the most quiet, an cost de trable portion of our county, organized themselves into a "Labor Reform Association," and adopted a constitution, to which has been attached the signature of every real estate owner in that preeinet, and a copy of which I send you for publication, that others "may see our good works," &c. Your obedient servant,

Greenwood, June 12, 1876.

LABOR REFORM CONSTITE ON. We, the citizens of the vicinity of Sims' Cross Roads, Abbeville County, S. C., have felt it incumbent upon or rselves to organize for the purpose of effecting the objects set forth in the following constitution:

A FARMER.

ORGANIZATION. - The object of this organization shall be to benefit our country by conciliating capital and labor; by increasing the productiveness of our investments, and by lessening the intolerable burden of tuxation.

NAME.—This organization shall known as Labor Reform Association, No. 1. be elected by ballot and serve one year from day of election.

There shall be an Executive Committee. consisting of five members, to be elected by ballot and to serve for one year, and whose duty it 'shall be to enforce the provisions of this constitution, subject to an appeal to the association.

MEETINGS .- This association shall meet at 2 P. M. on the second Saturday of each month, at Bethlehem Academy, unless otherwise provided at a previous meeting.

MEMBERSHIP.—Any person can become member of this association who shall receive a two-thirds vote of the members present and subscribe his name to this constitution.

Quot in One fourth the members of this association shall constitute a quorum. FEES TO DUES .- There shall be no initiation fees nor dues, but current expenses shall be defrayed by a majority vote.

OBLIGATIONS .- No member of this asociation shall hire or allow to be employed. on his or her farm any laborer who cannot produce a discharge from his or her former employer, unless by consent of said employer, or the Executive Committee of this as-

No member shall employ any laborer at he end of the year who is in arrears with his or her last employer for advances made during the year, without satisfactory arrangements being made for paying the same. No member shall knowingly employ any laborer who has wantonly violated the laws Rudolph was fined \$5 .- Paducah, (Ky.) of his country.

No member shall withhold a discharge from any laborer justly entitled to the same. PENALTIES .- Any member violating any of the provisions of this constitution, and persisting in the same, shall be dismissed

from the association.

AMENDMENTS.—This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of those present at any meeting : Provided, Notice of such an amendment shall have been given at a previous meeting.

SPECIAL.—The President shall have power to convene this association whenever in his judgment it shall be deemed nor sary. enemy."- Chronicle and Sentinel.

BEER-DRINKING AND TEMPERANCE.

OUTH CARCHINA, JUNE 25, 1876.

Perhaps the temperance question is not exactly solved in Munich; I don't know if t was ever raised; indeed the intemperance ever held in the State, every county but question has made so little progress that the three being represented—renominated Govther has probably not been reached. You ernor Geo. S. Houston, 'the old wheel couldn't say that the Munichers are mod-horse.' In doing this, they did very well. tate in the use of beer. I have seen peothe at home-and raging thirst seems to a recklessly, deluging the pale and drenchstomach with the cold, icy cold fluid .robably the German would expatiate eloquently upon the horrors of water-drinking if he had any experience in that line .medium way of beer he deviates neither to when I can get good water, pure fresh water, I let the beer stand one side, and drink that accursed party.

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From 1841 till 1861, Gov. Houston conworld with one's temperance principles ich man is a beer cask in the morning, and t, for one can see here exactly what is the feet of unrestrained liberty, though, in applying what one learned here to our own ountry, you would have to allow for the This is his past record. difference of climate and of the temperanent of the people. It doesn't at all follow that what would do for Munich, would do for Wartfore Probably you could not find has ever thought of what we call total abstinence, and they could not comprehend the ilea. But there are plenty of tempercople-that is, people who drink beer regularly and never overstep the bounds of moderation. The observation that one makes in Munich is that drunkenness is a rare exception. In a residence here of many months I have never seen more than one or two in xicate. 1 people in the streets, and thy were ut marked by the wildness of vicious-

be rather good hunored carls, who had ry half-block, and you cannot select a resience in any part of the town that is not braggarts: as handy to a keller as it is to a public as handy to a keller as it is to a public school or church. And I cannot see that We are assembled here to day of beer tends to any habit of sion of the mouth annual respectively. I have known strangers to society, to rendw and cement friendships include freely in beer here the whole season formed on the field of battle, to enquire as and be just as good temperance people at the end as they were in the beginning .-Thefrer the Germans, especially the men. do no waste a good, deal of time in beer possible or necessary to aid worthy comrades halls, afternoon after afternoon, and night in distress, or the widows and orphans of The question is, however, a more sistance.
"We have no other purpose in meeting

and conquering soldiers. A KENTUCKY GIRL'S VENGEANCE UP-ON A SLANDERER .- We are informed that a placed battle was fought in the Sunday School at Holt's school house, on the Lovelaceville road, about fifteen and a half miles from Paducah, on Sunday last, which for a time created considerable comthotion, and resumen in a severe injury to a young man known as "Step John Rudolph." Officers.—The officers of this association by a young lady named Miss Melissa Collier. dent, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and serve one year from distributions. Who is considered a young

adv of excellent standing in that commufity Learning that he was at the Sunday School above mentioned, and being exasperated beyond measure, she armed herself with a hickory club and cutered the house erying. The superintendent was just about to begin to read a chapter in the Bible when he was interrupted by the exclamation: "Where is the scoundrel?" The whole school looked up in utter amazement, and discovered the fudy making toward the corner where Rudolph was seated, with desperation in her eyes. Swinging her club as she approached Rudelph, she was heard to sy, "Ch, here he is!" and whack went the shellal a up a his head giving him a glancing blow, but of sufficient force to knock his, over on the bench. Being in a corner, he could not get out handily, and Miss C. seized the club with both hands and gave hin a terrible beating over the head, body atil . rm, which he held for and for protectidu. The superintendent endeavored to he'd the young lady, to prevent her from killing Rudolph, but he could do nothing with her, and not until further assistence came could she be taken away from the object of her hatred. Rudolph's arm was very badly hurt. He employed Governor King to assist Mr. Samuel Bryce, County Attorney, in prosecuting the case, and the trial came off before 'Squire Emmett Rudolph, resulting in a fine of one cent and

News. A young man in Western Winconsin, who was about to be married the other day, sudhorse, and the ceremony had to wait until ashes. the hors was cared for. He explained that a good herse couldn't be found every day, while thirteen different girls wanted to mar-

costs against the young lady. Step John

AN INDEPENDENT .- "Skin an Independent and you catch a scalawag. An Independent is the meanest kind of a Radical, because a secret foe is worse than an open

WELL DONE ALABAMA.—The dispatches inform us that the recent Democratic Convention of Alabama-one of the largest

Governor Houston is in many respects : most remarkable man. Although nearly e our national birthright-drink water just three score and ten, he is as fresh and vigorous as when, thirty five years ago, he first took his seat in Congress. He has a fine mind, strong argumentative powers, a indomitable will and energy, and has won hold upon the affectious of the people which The Municher is content not to try any cannot be shaken. We witnessed a portion hezardous experiment; having struck the of his canvass two years ago, and it was, wherever he went, a countinuous triumphwater on the one hand nor wine on the al march. We saw men who had been And it was not he but a Prussian, strong Republicans ever since the end of said me, the other day: "As for me, convinced by his powerful appeals and arguments, they would never more act with

tinuosly represented the Florence District whether he lives on the Rhine or on the lin the House of Representatives, with the Iser. There is a saying here that a Mun-exception of one term, when he declined an election. In the winter of 1865 he was a cask of beer at night; the epigram needs no explanation here, but it might be misunderstood elsewhere. If one were disposed philosophically to study the temperance problem, Munich would be a good field for ernor, running ahead of every other man on the Democratic ticket, and receiving 13,190 majority over a man who had been elected two years previously by 8,497 votes.

The State election in Alabama comes off. under the new Constitution, some time in August, we believe. With Governor Houston at the nead of our ticket, and the in the whole city a man or a woman who true men who are associated with him, with the terrible split in the ranks of Alabama Radicalism, that State will give a glorious endorsement for the Southern Democracy. in this, our Centennial Presidential year .-When she spseaks, it will be with a voice of thunder.

GEN. The speech which we copy below of Gen. Hancock, at the reunon of the Army of the Potomac, is in striking contrast with the miserable and offensive remarks of Generals Sherman and Sheridan on the same occasion. It is brief, heir way, and didn't seem to care whe- but h. ble and generous in sentiment. It hands at double that amount. -San Franther they ever found it. But this seems very shows the trace patriot and gentleman, while remarkable, when there is a beer-bouse every the others to which we have alluded are the productions of consum. ate vulgarism and

"Comrades of the Army of

to the welfare of absent comrades, to determine the gaps made in our ranks by time, and to inaugurate such measures as may be in distress, or the widows and orphans of after hight, swigging endless mugs, is an deceased comrades who may require our as-

speculative one, so long as the Germans con- here. Here politics enter not, either to inue to produce so many scholars, philoso- distract or disturb. We meet phers, men of incalculable crudition, won- brothers who are linked together in affecderfully energetic travelers and explorers, tion through memories of the past; by common dangers incurred, glories gained, privations suffered and hardships endured; and I am thankful that I am permitted to be present with you, and that the privilege of calling to order this meeting of my old comrades devolves upon me.

"But before proceeding with the exereises of this occasion, it is proper that we should return that is to Almighty God for His goodness in permitting us to be here and in health to-day, and to ask that His blessing may rest upon us all.

"The Rev. Mr. McVickar is requested to lead us in the expression of those thanks

and in invoking that blessing." HINTS FOR VISITORS .- It is when we are temporarily in the homes of others that tact and good breeding tell. It is difficult to artain the art of easily and gracefully adapting one's self to any circumstance, so as to be at home and agreeable, whether all things go to one's satisfaction or not. To be thoroughly pleased with the arrangements that others make for us, after having for a time abandoned our own, is next to impossible. Hence we put as the highest proof of being pleased that we are perfectly at home. Next to being so, is the honest effort to make others feel that you are so. It is the token of true nobility to make even the lowest at ease in your presence. And the advent of such a well-bred person into the house of any family, is soon found to be a pleasure to the old and the young .-While, on the other hand, the airs and tones, and fidgets and fretfulness of a discontented visitor, are enough to make a house wretched to all its inmates.

TO GET RID OF STUMPS .- Mr. W. M. Turner, of Maine, com...unicates the following to the New York World:

In the Autum bore a hole one or two inches in diameter, according to the girth of the stamp, vertically in the centre of the latter, and about eighteen inches deep .-Put into it one or two ounces of saltpetre; fill the hole with water and plug up close. In the ensuing spring take out the plug and pour in about one-half a gill of kerosene oil and ignite it. The stump will smoulder away without blazing, to the very dealy remembered that he had not fed his extremity of the roots, leaving nothing but

> When a merchant gruffly refuses to advertise, you may set him down as one who will soon hand in his commercial checks and retire from business for the lack of both customers and money. The successful business men are always cheerful, polite, and if not ready to advertise do not fail to appreciate its advantages, especially to at- around on the ground with a pain in his tract trade in dull times.

A MATRIMONIAL BUREAU.

Applicants during office hours will have the satisfaction of knowing that curious ones on the other side of the street can and doubtless will obtain an uninterrupted view of their approach and departure. In the ladies' department a collection of the photographs of the applicants will be kept, and vice versa in the gentlemen's department.— No applicants of doubtful character will be received, and any one ambitious of obtaining admission into the fields of married bliss must produce unequivocal testimony of untarnished honor and all the attributes which make a person eligible to private society The institution being supported by philanthropists, of course the monetary feature of the business is the least conspicuous, but some attention is paid to it in order that the "bereau" may be solf-supporting. A schedule of charges has been scientifically arranged for the benefit of the patrons. The average fee to retain the services of the agent for one month is 85. At the end of that time, if a congenial companion is not found, the agency refunds the money. If a mariage is comsummated the "bureau" is enriched according to the liberality of the bridegroom. No marriage, no money.

A healthy man, medium sized, average

looks, middle age, is worth \$5 to the bureau. Take off half a score of years from his age, add a few inches to his statue, give him a graceful moustache and other items of external grace, and his fee of admission depreciates 50 per cent, for the chances of marrying him off, and the ultimate gains are increased by that amount. On the other hand, if he possesses much personal unlove-liness, \$7,50 is exacted from him before his vanity is gratified by the exhibition of his picture. Red hair is assessed \$1 extra; a glass eye, \$3; a cork leg or arm, \$5; a slight strabismus, \$1 50; a bad squint, \$2,50; baldness entails 75 cents extra, and false teeth, of ordinary manufacture, \$1. If the artificial molars are neat and not easily detected, they are allowed to pass without extra charge. Deafness costs \$4 extra. Blue, gray, and green eyes are not included in the category of good looks. Brown, hazel, and black eyes are worth 50 cents to the owner, for they save him that amount ou the fee. Hair that curls without the suspicion of "kinky" is worth \$1. Small ears are valued at 25 cents, and little feet and cisco Post.

PLASTERING THE WRONG MAN. - It was very embarrassing circumstance, and it happened at the hotel in Mt. Vernon .-A man and his wife were stopping there .-The man was enbiect to severe

He told his wife that he must have immed. ate relief, or he could not live, and thought a mustard draft would relieve him. hastily robed herself, went down stars and found the watchman, who admitted her to the dining room, and she spread the mustard from the castor on her hankerchief and hastened up stairs. Finding the door ajar, she rushed in, turned down the bed clothes and slapped the mustard draft on the unconscious man's bowels sprang up in bed, and in a strange voice said: "My God! Madam, what are you doing?" She had got it on the wrong man. We leave the reader to imagine her feelings. She found her own room, and in accents of horror told her husband the facts. The extreme ludicrousness of the incident set him into an inordinate fit of laughter that relieved him as thoroughly as the mustard plaster would have done. Very early the next morning, being many of the guests were up, a man and woman, trunk, bandboxes, etc., might have been seen leaving the hotel, for the woman's name was on the handkerchief.

BEWARE OF DRUNKARDS .- We tender our thanks to the Vermont judge who the other day, in pronouncing upon a divorce suit, laid down the opinion that when a woman marries a man of known intemperate habits, she takes her happiness, prosperity, and welfare in her own hands, and has no claim for riddance of him thereafter. We have great pity for the wife who is joined to an intemperate husband, but we tremble for the fate of the woman who marries an intemperate man. If these words reach the eye of any woman under engagement of marriage to such a man, we most solemnly appeal to her to pause before she imperils her well-being by accepting any such risk.

OH! THOSE SUNDAY NIGHTS .- A wet Sunday night affects the two classes of lovers in opposite ways. To him who is engaged it is a godsend, as it enables him to snug up to her in the parlor and have the whole evening to himself; but to the other lover, one who is not engaged, a rainy Sunday night is a most painful episede. His footing at the house isn't sure enough to warrant his going there through the storm, and all he can do is to attend the church, and stand in the vestibule, and pull his shirt collar, in the despairing hope that she may appear. She don't of course, and he goes back to his dreary home wretched and miserable beyond description. Oh, those days of ecstatic idiocy! how their memory over-

"What would be your notion of absentmindedness?" asked Rufus Choate of a witness whom he was cross examining.-"Well," said the witness, with a strong Yankee accent, "I should say that a man who thought he'd left his watch to hum, and took it out'n 'is pocket to see if he'd time to go hum and get it, was a leetle absent-minded."

The fish are suffering. Did you ever think of how foolish a fish must feel just after swallowing a worm, to find himself flirting through the air and then wolloping