

We do not generally attach much importance to the predictions of letter-writers from Washington, because they have letters to make, and must find or manufacture food for the appetite they have created. We have all along thought Mr Webster would come forward with something more worthy of Southern consideration than the Clay compromise, and the telegraphic correspondence of the *New York Herald* justifies our anticipation. We give it, leaving the prediction to await fulfilment.—*Carolinian*.

"Mr. Calhoun is engaged in dictating his speech, which will be read in the Senate, and which may be expected about Thursday, should nothing intervene to preclude the intention. It will be, I regret to fear, Mr. Calhoun's last public effort, and undoubtedly superior to every other, great as many of his speeches have been during his career as a statesman. The nature of his malady is such that repose, at least, must be insisted upon, to guard him against a speedy danger. However, if he behold the settlement of the controversy now, he may be consoled, at the close of his life, by the reflection that it will never again distract the South, to whose interest he has so signally and successfully, for her welfare, devoted his splendid talents and his life."

Some of the Northern Legislatures, in their hypocritical resolutions about slavery, express the most devoted attachment to the "glorious Union"—as *they* understand and would have it—thereby implying that Southerners who kick against their aggressive impertinence are disunionists! Notwithstanding all this, however, these sanctified patriots do not seem to love the Union *quite* well enough to make the smallest sacrifice of prejudice or assumption to preserve and perpetuate it. Nor is their love of Union sufficiently overpowering to cure them of their pharisaical self-righteousness, and of their affected unhappiness because of the existence among their neighbors of an institution which they themselves never discovered to be "sinful" until they first found it unsuited to, and "*unprofitable*" in, *their* Nothern climate. If there is any thing under heaven calculated to arouse the indignation of an honest and sincere patriot, it is to see men thus impiously and profanely "assuming the garb of heaven to serve 'he devil in.'"—*Jackson (Miss.) Southern.*

THE MORTALITY IN CALIFORNIA.--The following paragraph, from the Journal of Commerce, shows how great the mortality is in California. Persons from there say that many deaths occur of which no notice whatever is taken by the newspapers, and scarcely any by the inhabitants, who are too busy in their various pursuits to bestow much care upon the dead. The Journal says: "A Life Insurance Company in New York finds the number of deaths among its California risks, *seventeen*, instead of 34, which they should have been according to the tables. This affords some idea of the hazards to life encountered by California adventurers. Young men who are even doing tolerably well at home had better stay where they are."

"In the country, we understand the usual substitutes for coffee, when prices are high, have been extensively resorted to, viz: rye, corn, barley, potatoes, and sassafras. In this city, at most of the retail groceries in the outer parts of town, burnt rye and corn are now regular articles of sale; and a mixture of about equal parts of coffee, corn and rye, carefully burnt, is exposed at some of the larger groceries in the central parts of the city, and sells at something less than one-half the price of coffee alone. This last preparation, we are told, is not at all unpalatable."

A great counterfeiting establishment in Illinois was recently broken up. All

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