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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### The Lesson.

A TALE OF DOMESTIC LIFE. Three young ladies were seated in a richle fimished apartment. They were the ni Delilah Charleton. The latter was engaged in the womanly occupation of sew-engaged in the womanly occupation of sew-ner the two former in discussing, critically, ball at which all three had been present

ding evening. "I don't like that Mr. Barton, at all," aid Miss Amanda, continuing the conver-

"Nor me either," responded Miss Emm, who was the eldest. of am sure he is handsome enough-

"Yes; but-" "But what coz!" she said to Emma, who alsoken last. "Surely his manners are ng, and his language polished-with-

"Yes, yes, but for all that, he is vul-"said Emma pettishly, "vulgar in his

"Yulgar!" exclaimed Delilah, "you must mallow me to differ with you, coz," ontimed, looking in her cousin's face with a winning smile, "I think he is quite mined, more than Mr. Price, or Mr. Brown, and many of the other gentlemen." "Only think of comparing Mr. Barton with Mr. Price, or Mr. Brown-two gen men!" exclaimed Miss Amanda Ellis. the Mr. Barton is a mechanic !

"Well, suppose he is, dear," said her in the true sense of the word) as a million.

"Well, I declare, cousin Lile, you do some of the funniest notions," said Miss Amanda, "just for the world like pa: he thinks one man just as good as another,

renthough he is a laborer."

'Yes, said Emma, 'I do wish he would lea little more circumspect, and find better nor for his daughters, than mechanics. is fault that Mr. Barton comes here : he gives him such pressing invitations. 1 sele wants me, or you, Amanda. wooden't it make a fine paragraph for the papers? Miss Amanda (or Emma,) daughter of James Ellis, merchant, to Mr. Chas.

Barton, mechanic. Oh, dear!" and the spoiled beauty (for both sisters possessed grat personal attractions) threw herself-back upon the sofa and laughed heartily, as also did her sister.

'Well, well, girls,' said Mr. Ellis, who hides by the half open door of the apartment, had been an unobserved listener to conversation, and who now entered the com, 'you may laugh now, but you may Mr. Beree for a husband. Mark that' and the old gentleman, taking his hat left

'Who would have thought that pa was ning!" said Miss Amanda, 'but I don't

'I declare, if there is not Mr. Barton on

steps! exclaimed Emma, who was look-g through the blinds. 'Come, come,' continued, addressing her sister, 'let he a pleasure to her, for she is partial to es,' and the sisters left the room. The object of the foregoing conversation vas a young man, whom Ellis had intro-baced to his daughters and nicce, some she before, as a master mechanic. But moths before, as a master measurement for character, and not his money, the Misses Ellis were great sticklers for respectabili-7, their standard for which was riches the consequence was, as we have seen, that Mr. Barton did not stand any too high be estimate of respectability was a predom-ant fault in his daughters' characters, and e gave them a practical and salutary les-

ut the middle height, with a fine figure, eye-brows finely arched, and his forehead and white, from which the jet black hir was pushed back, displaying his fine proportions. He was certainly a handness with which he greeted Miss on, spoke his claims to that which that had herself had awarded him—the tite of a gentleman.

ith Delilah. Delilah Charleton was a knew g girl. It is true she did not posexquisite proportions, and regular res of her two cousins, but then there ever a sunny smile upon her face, and t cheerful sparkle in her clear light blue soon take place I easily foresaw. Your cousin that made her appear, if not as beau-until to-day. I see you look surprised, girls,

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 14, 1841.

How much better thought he, would it be would be, than either of the Misses Ellis, with their spoiled tempers, and their fortunes. Thinking thus, is it to be wondered at, that he left her with a half-formed determination to win her love if it lay in his

When Delilah appeared at the dinner ta ble that day, many were the meaning and inquisitive glances her cousins cast upon her. At last, unable to retain their loved habit of 'running' their cousin, they spoke.

'I hope you spent a very pleasant morning, cousin,' said Miss Amanda, with a mock arch look.

'A very interesting tete-a-tete, was it not?' whispered Emma across the table,

'I spent the morning very pleasantly answered Delilah, blushing slightly.
'Oh! I dare say," said Emma sarcasti-

cally, 'I suppose he gave your dissertation on mechanics, did he not, coz?" 'Well, and suppose he did?' said Mr.

Ellis, who had been listening patiently, but into whose honest face the color now rose. It is better to listen to that than to the senseless conversation, and sickly sentiments drawled out in affected tones by the foplings, half men, half monkeys, who disgrace humanity?' and the old man cast such a look upon his daughters as made them before I could perceive any appearance of quail beneath it.

cheek, never mind, Mr. Barton is worth three or four such would-be-gentlemen as Mr. Price and Mr. Brown, and in more ways than one. Mark that, girls! He is worth two or three such in more ways than ed by the buzzing wings of the beetles one.' The last sentence he addressed to which form their food, and the distant howlone.' The last sentence he addressed to his daughters.

Days, weeks, and months rolled by, and Mr. Barton had become a frequent visitor at Mr. Ellis'. It was evident he was paying "particular" attentions to Delilah Charleton, and it was also plain to see that that they were not unacceptable. This ess respectable? For my part I think a fact furnished an ample subject for the sis-sechanic can be as much of a gentleman ters' sarcastic remarks. As for their fafact furnished an ample subject for the sisther, whenever they indulged in them in his presence, a knowing smile would play upon his face, and he would repeat to them his assertions, that they would some day wish they had obtained Mr. Barton for a

Thus, things continued for some time. At length, one morning, about three months subsequent to the period when our story. commences, Mr. Ellis entered the parlor where his daughters were sitting, with a light step and sparkling eye.

Well, girls, what do you think of it said he rubbing his hands in glee. 'What?' asked both the young ladies in a

breath. 'The wedding we're going to have.' 'The wedding! what wedding?' Delilah's?

Yes. She is going to honor the mechan. ic with her hand. What do you think of

it, ha!" 'I don't think much of it,' said Miss Em na, with a toss of her head.

Nor I,' said Amanda. You don't, eh? Well, suppose I wa

worth two hundred thousand dollars, would

that alter your opinions? 'Why, what do you mean, pa?

'Listen! and I will tell you girls,' said the old gentleman, bending upon his daughters a grave and somewhat stern look 'The father of Mr. Barton to whom your cousin is soon to be married was an old friend of mine; we were playmates in boyhood. Feeling hungry, I inquired what sort of fare I might expect. Such a thing as a bed go up stairs into the other parlor; and about the same time I entered the count-are cousin Lile to entertain him, it will ing house. Soon after he had finished his trade, he went to the city of Baltimore, and there started business for himself, and where he married. Being possessed of I was fatigued. She had espied my watch, genius and having a good education, from a mechanic and builder, he soon became an architect; and subsequently amassed a arge fortune. Knowing the reverses of fortune to which all are liable, he resolved to make his only son Charles a good architect, so that if ever the fickle dame should desert him, he would have wherewith to earn honestly his daily bread. He suctheir good graces. Mr. Ellis knew this ceeded. A year or two ago he died, leaving his son his whole fortune-his wife being already dead, and Charles being his only child. About six months ago Charles How he succeeded, the sequel of our came to this city on a visit. He called upon me as his father's friend. In the course A few moments after the sisters had left of conversation I asked him why he was the room, Mr. Barton entered. He was not married. He said that he had never about the middle height, with a fine figure, yet met with a young lady that he thought gular features, and an intellectual coun- worthy of calling his wife, that he could nce. His eyes were of deep blue-his find enough that would marry him for the sake of his money, but, that such a one he would never marry. I told him that I would introduce him to some of our city ladies, and see if he could find one among man, which fact even the Misses Ellis them to suit him. He required then that I them to suit him. He required then that i should conceal his wealth, and introduce him only as a master mechanic. I acquiesced, and, knowing your false estimate of respectability, I embraced the opportunity of teaching you a lesson, which I sincere He was soon seated, and in conversation beliah. Delilah Charleton was a knew when I brought him home with me, and introduced him, that neither of you would be his chosen, because I was certain you could not stoop so low as to marry a master mechanic; but the event which will

ing; at least so thought Mr. Barton, as he ry some day that you did not obtain him for gazed upon her laughing countenance. a husband? And did I not tell you he was worth two or three such ninny-hammers as to possess her for a wife, dependent as she Mr. Price and Mr. Brown in more ways is upon her uncle, and dowerless as she than one? Remember girls, that wealth is man may not be respectable, but that very often he who earns his daily bread by the sweat of his brow, is more of a gentleman than he who counts his thousands.

And they did remember it. For in af ter years they showed in their choice of husbands that they had not forgotten their honest old father's LESSON.

#### [From Audubon's Episodes.] Dangers of the Prairies.

On my return from the Upper Mississip oi, I found myself obliged to cross one of the wide prairies, which in that portion of the United States, vary the appearance of the country. The weather was fine, all around me was fresh and blooming, as if it had just issued from the bosom of nature My knapsack, my gun, and my dog, were all I had for baggage and company. But, although well moccasined, I had moved slowly along, attracted by the brilliancy of the flowers, and the gambols of the fawns around their dams, to all appearance as thoughtless of danger as myself.

My march was of long duration; I saw the sun sinking beneath the horizon, long woodland, and nothing in the shape of man But never mind, Lile,' he continued in I had met with that day. The track which a softer voice, and patting his neice's rosy I followed was only an Indian trace, and as darkness overshaded the prairie, I felt some desire to reach at least a copse, in which I might lie down to rest. The night hawks were skimming around me, attracting of wolves, gave me some hope that should soon arrive at the skirt of some wood-

> I did so, and almost at the same time firelight attracting my eye, I moved toward it, full of confidence that it proceeded from the camp of some wandering Indians. I was mistaken: I discovered by its glare that it was from the hearth of a small log cabin, and that a tall figure passed and repassed between it and me, as if busily engaged in the household arrangements.

I reached the spot, and presenting my self at the door, asked the tall figure, which proved to be a womany if I might take shelter under her roof for the night. Her voice was gruff, and her attire negligently thrown about her. I walked in, took a wooden stool, and quietly seated myself by the fire. The next object that attracted my notice, was a finely formed young Indian, resting his head between his hands, with his elbows on his knees. A long bow rested against the log wall near him, while a quantity of arrows, and two or three raccoon skins, lay at his feet. He moved not-he apparently breathed not. Accustomed to the habits of the Indians, and knowing that they pay little attention to the approach of civilized strangers, (a circumstance which, in some countries, is considered asevincing the apathy of their character.) I address. ed him in French, a language not unfrequently partially known to the people of that neighborhood. He raised his head to tell you she is going to marry a man pointed to one of his eyes with his finger, and gave a significant glance with the other. His face was covered with blood.

The fact was, that an hour before this, as he was in the act of discharging an arrow at a raccoon in the top of a tree, the arrow had split from the cord, and sprung with such violence into his right eye, as to destroy it forever.

was not to be seen; but many large untanned bear and buffalo hides lay piled in a corner. I drew a fine time-piece from my breast, told the woman it was late and that the richness of which seemed to operate upon her feelings with electric quickness. She told me that there was a plenty of venison and jerked buffalo meat, and that on removing the ashes I should find a cake. But my watch had struck her fancy, and her curiosity had to be gratified by an immediate sight of it. I took off the gold chain that secured it, from around my neck,

and presented it to her. She was all ecstacy, spoke of its beauty asked me its value, and put the chain round her brawny neck, saying how happy the possession of such a watch would make her. Thoughtless, and, as I fancied my self, in so retired a spot, secure, I paid lit tle attention to her movements. I helped

my dog to a good supper of venison, and was not long in satisfying the demands of

my own appetite. The Indian rose from his seat as if in extreme suffering. He passed and re-passed mc several times, and once pinched me in the side so violently, that the pain nearly brought forth an expression of anger. I looked at him. His eye met mine, but his look was so forbidding, that it struck a chill into the more nervous part of my system. He again seated himself, drew his butcher knife from its scabbard, examined its edge, as I would that of a razor suspected duil replaced it, and again taking his tomahawk

from his back, filled the pipe of it with tobacco, and sent me expressive glances whenever our hostess chanced to have her back towards us. Never till that moment, had my senses been awakened to the danger which I now supposed to be about me. I returned

tiful as her cousins, at least more bewitch- but did I not tell you that you would be sor- glance for glance with my companion, and rested well assured that whatever enemies I might have, he was not of their number.

I asked the woman for my watch, wound it up, and under pretence of wishing to see how the weather might be on the morrow. a false standard by which to judge of re- took up my gun and walked out of the cabspectability and worth. Not that a rich in. I slipped a bullet into each barrel, scraped the edges of my flints, renewed the primings, and returned to the hut, giving a favorable account of my observations. took a few bear skins, made a pallet of them. and calling my faithful dog to my side, lay down with my gun close to my body, and in a few minutes, was, to all appearance, fast

> A short time had elapsed, when some voices were heard, and from the corner of my eyes I saw two athletic youths making their entrance, bearing a dead stag on a pole. They disposed of their burden, and asking for whiskey, helped themselves freely to it. Observing me and the wounded Indian, they asked who I was, and why the devil that rascal (meaning the Indian, who they knew understood not a word of English,) was in the house. The mother-for so she proved to be, bade them speak less loudly, made mention of my watch, and took them to a corner, where a conversation took place, the purport of which required little shrewdness in me to guess. I tapped my dog gently. He moved his tail, and with indescrible pleasure I saw his fine eyes alternately fixed on me, and raised toward the trio in the corner. I felt that he perceived the danger of my situation. The Indian exchanged a last glance with

The lads had eaten and drunken themselves into such a condition, that I already looked upon them as hors du combat, and the frequent visits of the whiskey bottle to the mouth of their ugly dam, I hoped would soon reduce her to a like state. Judge of my astonishment, reader, when I saw this incarnate fiend take a large carving knife, and go to the grindstone to whet its edges. I saw her pouring water on the turning machine, and watched her working away with the dangerous instrument, until the cold sweat covered every part of my body, in despite of my determination to defend myself to the last. Her task finished, she walk. ed to her reeling sons, and said, "There, that will soon settle him! Boys, kill you -, and then for the watch.'

I turned, cocked my gun locks silently, touched my faithful companion, and lay ready to start up and shoot the first who might attempt my life. The moment was fast approaching, and that might have been my last in this world, had not Providence made preparations for my rescue, All was ready. The infernal hag was advanc-ing slowly, probably contemplating the best way of despatching me, while her sons should be engaged with the Indian. I was several times on the eve of rising and shoot. ing her on the spot: but she was not to be punished thus. The door was suddenly opened, and there entered two travellers, each with a long rifle on his shoulders. bounced upon my feet, and making them most heartily welcome, told them how well it was for me that they should have arrived at that moment. The tale was soon told. The drunken sons were secured, and the woman, in spite of her defence and vociferations, shared the same fate. The Indian fairly danced with joy, and gave us to understand, that as he could not sleep for pain, he would watch over us. You may suppose we slept much less than we talk. ed. The two strangers gave me an account of their once having been themselves in a similar situation. Day came, fair and rosy, and with it the punishment of our cap-

They were now quite sobered. Their feet were unbound, but their hands still securely tied. We marched them into the woods off the road, and having used them as regulators were wont to use such delinquents, we set fire to the cabin, gave all the skins and implements to the young Indian warrior, and proceeded, well pleased, toward the settlements.

#### The Old Family Bible. An incident from real life.

Whoever has travelled among the Scottish hills and dales, cannot have failed to observe the scrupulous fidelity of the inhabitants to the old family bible. A more honorable trait of character than this cannot be found; for all men, whether christians or infidels, are prone to put reliance in those who make the bible their confident, and whose well thumbed pages show the confidence their owners possess in it.

A few years ago there dwelt in Ayreshire an ancient couple, possessing of this world's gear sufficient to keep them independent from want or woe, and a canny daughter to bless their gray hairs and tottering steps A callant of a farmer became enamoured of the daughter, and she, nothing loath, consented to be his. As the match was every way worthy of her, the old folks consented, and as they were desirous to see their bairn comfortable, the two were made one. In a few short years the scythe of time cut down the old people, and they gave their bodies to the dust and their souls to the

The young farmer having heard much of the promised land ayout the sea, gathered together his duds, and selling such as were useless, packed up those calculated to be of service to him, at his new home. Some neighbors, having the same itching for adventure, sold off their homes and homesteads, and with the young couple set sail not like the generality of emigants, poor and friendless, but happy, and full of hope of the future. The first thing done after neighbor. the landing was, the taking out the old family heir loom, and returning thanks and praise to Him who had guided the barque

As the farmer's object in coming to this country was to purchase a farm and follow his occupation, but little time was spent in the city he had arrived in, and as his fellow passengers had previously determined on their destination, he bid them farewell, and with a light heart turned his face towards the setting sun. Indiana at this time was settling fast, and having heard of its cheap and fertile lands, he determined on settling within its borders.

On the banks of the Wabash he fixed on farm, and having paid cash for one half, gave a mortgage for the balance, payable n one year. Having stocked his farm, and put seed in the ground, he rested from his labor, and patiently awaited the time when he might go forth and reap the harvest: but alas! no ears of grain gladdened his heart or rewarded his toil. The fever of the country attacked him, and at the time, when the fields were white with the fullness of the laborer's skill death called him hence, and left his disconsolate wife a widow, and his only child an orphan.

We leave this first sorrow, and pass on to witness the struggles of the afflicted widow a year afterwards. The time having arrived when the mortgage was to be paid, she borrowed the money of a neighbor who had been very attentive to her husband and herself, one who knelt at the same table with her to renew their professed obligations to the giver of all good. Hard and patiently did she toil to repay the sum against the promised time; but all would not do; forune frowned, and she gave way to her accumulated troubles. Disheartened and distracted, she relinquished her farm and the steek for less than she owed her christian neighbor, who, not satisfied with that, put an execution on her furniture.

On the Sabbath previous to the sale, she took courage, and strengthening herself with the knowledge of having wronged no one, went to the temple of her Father, and with a heart filled with humility and love. poured out her soul to Him "who turneth not away," and having communed side by side, with her christian neighbor, returned to her desolate home.

Here her fortitude had like to have foraken her, but seeing the "old family bible," she reverently put it to her lips, and sought for consolation from its pages .-Slowly she perused its holy and inspiring verses, and gathered hope from its never failing promises, and while the tears flowed freely, her heart seemed to say-

Within this holy book I trace The life of Christ, his wondrous grace, His anxious care and holy love, Not earth's, not mine, but Heaven above. The path is clear, the track is sure, Why wilt I then, these pangs endure; O, grant my God my life may be Sincere and prayerful Lord, to thee.

The day of sale having arrived, her few oods and chattels were, in due course, nocked off to the highest bidder. Unmovticle after article, without a murmur, till This was too much. Tears flowed, and gave silent utterance to a broken heart. She begged the constable to spare her this memento of her revered and departed parents; and the humane man of the law would willingly have given it to her, but her inexorable creditor declared every thing should be sold, as he was determined to have all that was owing him.

The book was, therefore, put up, and bout being disposed of for a few shillings. when she suddently snatched it, and declarng she would have some relic of those she oved, cut the slender thread that held the brown linen cover, with the intention of retaining it. The cover fell into her hands, and with it, two flat pieces of thin, dirty paper. Surprised at the circumstance, she examined them, and what was her joy and delight to find they each called for five hundred pounds on the Bank of England. On the back of one in her mother's hand writing were the following words:

"When sorrow overtaks ye seek yer bible."

And the other, in her father's hand-"Yer father's ears are never deaf."

The sale was immediately stopped, and the family bible given to its faithful owner. The furniture sold was readily offered to her by those who had purchased, which she gladly took back. Having paid off her relentless creditor to the utmost farthing, and rented a small house in the village of he placed the balance of her money in

such a way as to receive interest enough to keep her comfortable, and is now able to enjoy the precepts of the old family bible without fear or molestation. Her time and attention is devoted to the bringing up of her bright blue-eyed Alice, and if the happy smiles of the countenance may be conidered an index of the heart and mind, little Alice bids fair to be a shining star in the community of which she at present forms

At the meeting house in the centre of the village, may be seen every Sunday, sitting about half way up the south aisle, a lady about thirty years of age, dressed in deep mourning, with a face glowing with the beauty of holiness, but on whom may be seen deep traces of massed sorrow. At which a Chief Justice of the Udited States may the public house in the same place, and at be presumed to know."

Possossed of considerable property in the same time, may also be seen a being in the shape of "silver," this company were the garb of man, bloated, and setting over the poisoning bowl. The one is the pos-

#### A Militia Training.

"Tention, the hull! shoulder as you were!"

"I say, Capting, Mike's priming his firelock with brandy!"

"Why, Deacon Michael Bigelow, an't you ashamed to do sich a thing arter signin a temperance paper. I'll report you to the Court Martial;"

"You without bagonets on your cornstalks, stand back in the rear rank—Trail arms!"

"Canting, why the dikens don't you put the

"Capting, why the dikens don't you put the ranks further apart?—that are chap's bagonet stuck right straight into Jim's trowsers, and I rather guess he won't set down quite so alick as he

"I say Mister, don't blow your backer smoke in

"Why, darn it, how could I help it; this here feller shoulderin his firelock stuck his bagonet right straight through the rim of my beaver, and I rather guess as how any on ye would jerk your head a leetle one side, smoke or no smoke."

"Mister, hand me down my hat ?"

"Can't do it; wait till the Capting tells us to order arms; won't bring down my firelock without

orders if your head was on top on't."

"That's right, Joe, rale soger I tell ye—only arter this shoulder your firelock perpendikiler. John, you've got a firelock, what made you bring your "Why, Capting, the wind was due east, and I

heard the turkies screechin, so I knew we'd have a shower."

"Why Capting, Jim Lummins has smashed my toe with the butt of his gun, and rather guess it's a 36 pounder, for it's tarrashun heavy."

"Jim Lummins, jist have the perliteness to take your gun off Tom's toes, and look out how you smash arter this."

"Capting, I say, here's an engagement, or rather an attack on the right flank."
"Why, Leftenant, you don't say so!—what is't?"
"Why; Parka Lummins and George King fight-

ing like blazes!"
"Well, make a ring arter parade and see fair

play; only tell them to stop till we git done so-gerin. I say, Leftenant, what made you put fat Arthur in the front rank ?"

"Kaze as how, Capting, he's so tarnal switchel bellied he'll keep the ranks in open order. I rather guess if he should ever be promoted to Major, he'll look like a sack of salt on horseback. If we should go to battle and all be killed but him, he wouldn't be the skeleton of the regiment."
"Cubed Skinflint, you go on the right of the

company."

"What for, Capting?"

"Kaze as how the tallest men always do; you are as long as the Grand Canawl, and split up like a two-foot rule. Now I tell you if you don't go right off, we'll make a lightnin rod of ye.' "Capting, I say, it's arter sun down, and I rather guess I needn't stay any longer cordin to law."

Well, I'm agreed. Now get into a straight line as quick as greased lightin. Right face! Jurisprudence of Texas The following provisions, either constitutional or legislative, characterise the jurisprudence of

the Republic of Texas, viz: 1. The President of the Republic is elected for three years only, and is ineligible to re-election for three years after the expiration of his term.

It is expressly provided by the constitution, that Congress shall not interfere with the institu-tions of slavery in the Republic.

3. Senators are elected from Districts, by the people, for the term of three years, and are classed into three classes, so that one-third thereof are chosen annually. Representatives are elected for

4. It is provided by the constitution, that as ministers of the gospel arc charged with the care of souls, that they are ineligible to a scat in either house of congress.

5. One Chief Justice, with the District Judges,

or majority of them, constitute the Supreme Court. ed, she saw pass from her possession ar-ticle after article, without a murmur, till the constable held up the old family bible.

The Subreme Court has apellate jurisdiction only, and tries causes de novo, without a jury, up-on the record and facts, which facts, are to be agreed supon by the parties, or certified by the nist

prius judge.
7. The District Courts have general Common Law, as equity and admirality jurisdiction. Cases at law are instituted by filing a petition setting out with the writ.

8. The Common Law of England, as now practised and understood, is declared to be in full force in Texas; and the constitution makes it the rule of decision in all crimpal cases.

9. All free white persons who have been six months in the Republic, are entitled to all the privilges of citizenship, upon taking the oaths required by the Constitution. 10. By a late act of Congress, it is provided,

that persons, males, who have emigrated to Texas since the first of January, 1840, or who may emigrate by the first of January, 1842, heads of families shall be entitled to 640, and single persons 320 acres of land; provided, they reside on and cultivate ten acres thereof for the term of 3 years. 11. Congress at its last sesion passed a General Bankrupt Law, founded upon the broadest principles of liberality. By an act of the same ression the collection of foreign debts is prohibited for

and during the term of five years.

12. Congress has also provided, by a late law, that Negro property shall not be the subject of levy and sale under any execution or legal process. It is further provided by law, that in all cases the defendant in execution may point out, or select the kind of property to be levied on, and that unless the property thus selected bring two-thirds of its appraised value there shall be no sale.

caustic article on "Congressional Eloquence," in the last North American Review, in the course of his illustrations, relates the following anecdotes, which though old will bear repeating :
The versatile Gen. Alexander Smyth, of Virgin

ia—now legislator, now soldier, now commenta-tor on the Apocalypse—in the course of a two day's speech upon nothing in committee of the whole, was called to order by Mr. Arthur Liver. more, of New Hampshire, for irrelevancy of mat-ter. "Mr. Chairman," said Smyth, "I am not ter. "Mr. Chairman," said only in, speaking for the member from New Hampshire, speaking for the member from New Hampshire, but to posterity." "The gentleman," rejoined but to posterity." "The gentleman," rejoined but way, before he finishes, Livermore, " is in a fair way, before to have his audience before him."

to have his audience before him."

Here is another in relation to the forensic eloquence of the Federal City. A western advocate,
already prominent in the Legislature, had begun
somewhere near the origin of things, and the first
principle of society, and was working his way
down through Bracton and Coke to the case in
hand, in argument before the late Chief Justice
Marshall. The magnificent old gentleman was
seldom weary and never impatient—but he thought
that on this occasion, some time might be saved.

"Brother H——," said he, "there are some things
which a Chief Justice of the Udited States may