A Wife to Her Husband in Congress.

shand, dear husband come home to From Washington and the capital so warm;

And see to the things on the farm

If I would but once let you go, Jou'd surely return before March was

And I really believed 'twould be so. Come home! Come home Dear husband, kind husband. Husband, dear husband, come home to m

Come home e'er the springtime is through. The old brindle cow has got a white calf, And the young lambs are bleating for you; The hens have been setting a fortnight or

They soon will be off with their broods, The old speckled turkey has stolen her nest, Away in the breaks of the woods.

Husband, dear husband, come home to me The garden needs spading for peas, The boys should be picking up stones in the

And you should be trimming the trees When will you get through with bills' and "resolves," Stop talking of finance and ruin,

Of railroads and such other things. And tend to your business at home? Husband, dear husband, don't write to

more. Of the theatre lobby and club; Nor dinners you've eaten at the "Capital"

But hurry away my own hub, Yes, hurry back home, your Betsy is sad, Her heart is so honest and true ; All winter she's slept in the bed room

And say dearest husband have YOU ? Husband, dear flusband, come home to me

Come home while the birds sings so gay And let not the smile in the gallery there, Distract you or tempt you to stay. The voice of your Betsy is calling you now

Come home, for you know what it means, I'm getting quite nervous about you, come And we will have cowslips for greens.

THE POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF THE DIFFERENT STATES.

contest as doubtful. It gives as it thinks a fair estimate of how the different States will vote in the Presidential election next November and thinks there is no considhave no doubt will be the great battlelagely Democratic, we think the Herald Abba Father ! erred in placing it in the doubtful list as it did in placing Florida among the Republican States. DEMOCRATIC STATES REPUBLICAN STATES

10 Frorida, Alabama, Illinois, Arkansas, Colorado. lowa, California, Kansas, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware, Michigan, Georgia, Indiana, 15 Minnesota, 12 " Nebraska. Kentucky, Louisiana. 8 New Hampshire, 5 Ohio, Maryland, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, 15 Rhode Island, Missouri, South Carolina. Nevada. Vermont, New Jersey, Wisconsin. North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas. Virginia, West Virginia, Total

THE BIGGEST SNAKE STORY you can't in this case."

Char. Observer.

"Tell you what's a fact, men; I was you?" agwine 'long by myself, when, all at wun it, I seed a little king snake not bigger'n my little finger a nosin' about piano." 'crost the road, like as he was a trailin' somethin'. Thinks I, I've allers hearn der his arm, rubbed his nose thoughtfully ov it, all my life, an' now I'm agwine and left. ter see it. So I follers him, sly au' quiet like. Wall, he smells along, a windin' and twistin' about jist like my blue speckle houn' on a hot deer track, pine blank. I could a most hear him of indolent habits, in Sussex, who made bark. Finerly, after he'd smelt all the it a business in the winter season to visit grass an' bushes roun', he starts off, his friends extensively. After wearing brisk like, toge the fence, and then I'd out his welcome in his immediate vicinity, seed the marster rattler. Gentle-men ! last winter, he thought he would visit an I begin to git excited an creeps up put old Quaker friend, some twenty miles ty clost. Leetle king he slides roun distant, who had been a school mate of 'ithout noticin' 'o me, a watchin' his his. On his arrival he was cordially rewhance, an' ole rattler he lets in ter ceived by the Quaker, he thinking his singin'. Jeeminy cracky! I couldn't visitor had taken much pains to come so hear my own yurs. All at once leetle far to see him. He treated his friend king he gives hisself a quick wriggle au with great attention and politeness sevthe next thing any body knows he war eral days, and, as he didn't see any sign tied into a double bow-knot round ole of his leaving he became uneasy; but he rattler's neck. I let you know, men, bore it with patience till the morning of thar war fun. Fur a minit I couldn't see the eighth day, when he said to him : nothin' but a kind o' glimmer like o' "My friend, I am afraid thee'll never dimunts and black an' silver stripes an' visit me again. glitterin' scales; but, after a little, every thing quieted down, jist like a lamb, an' then I seed the curusest sight yet. Ole rattle war dead, clean choked to death, an' thar he laid, biggern my thigh an' six foot an' a half long, an' he had nines teen rattles au' a button. O, I medjured him and counted the rattles ! Well, gentlemen, little king he swallers ole rattler ! Turns in an' licks him all over an' swallers him bodashusly, and then crawls inter a hole! Hits a fact. I'll sware it, an' I kin provet by seven livin' witnesses."-Thomasaille (O) Times.

KEEPING THE TONGUE.-Keep it from unkindness. Words are sometimes wounds? Not very deep wounds always, and yet they irritate. Speech is unkind sometimes when there is no unkindness in the heart. So much the worse that needless wounds are inflicted; so much the worse that, unintentionally, pain is caused. Keep it from falsehood.

tion of others should be dear to us. Siu only speech made by me in Charlotte but it should be in accordance with the since the war. A similar allegation was Scripture method, "Go and tell him of his privately made in 1865 But I promptfaults 'twixt thee and him alone," And it ly repudiated the position thus attributed Christendom. should be borne in mind that what is too to me, both publicly and privately. I often considered as merely harmless gossip avowed then, as I do now, that my opporuns dangerously near, if it does not pass, sition was to the Administration of the if the intent be not malicious .- Rural New

NEW ROAD TO HEAVEN.

In the town of Hopington, Mass., lived certain Deacon Small. In his advanced age he had the misfortue to lose the rib of his youth. After doing penance by wearing a self to the Confederate government. weed on his hat a full year, he was recommended to a certain Widow Hooper living in an adjoining town. The deacon was soon astride of his old brown mare, and on arrivthe act of turning the suds from her washtub. Said the deacon :

"Is this Widow Hooper?" "Yes sir," was the reply. "Well, continued the deacon. "I am that and have one question to propose to you."

"Please propose. sir." "Well, madam," said the deacon, "have you any objection to going to heaven by way of Hopington ?

"None at all, deacon," was the reply. 'Come in. deacon." They were married the next day. CHRIST'S LOVE .- You mourn over an

mpenitent heart. Does the Spirit not love to soften it? You complain of inward deadness and insensibility. Does He not love to make you feel? You cry out because of unbelief. Does He not love to deliver you from that evil heart of unbelief? You tell us of the power the world has over you. minded, to set your affections on things above? The New York Herald gives a list of You complain of your ignorance. Does He the States with the political bearing and not love to teach you? You say you realize forth. The chief problem to be solved, showing you that it is not His own work in it declares, both at St. Louis and Cincin- you, but the Redeemer's work for you, that natti, is, what candidate has the greatest is your peace and hope? You complain that strength in New York? New York we you have so little of child-like confidence and love toward your heavenly Father. Does he not love to pour that love into you, enground of the campaign, but as it has for larging your stammering tongue, and teach the last two successive elections, gone ing you with childlike lip and heart to say

### A VERY GOOD REASON.

Judge Pitman came down stairs the other day in response to a call from his servant girl, and found standing at the 11 front door a man with a carpetbag. The

"Is your piano out of tune?" "No, I don't think it is," said the "Ain't you sure about it?"

"No; I never tried it to see.".

"How long since it has been tuned?" "It has never been." "Then, of course it ought to be tuned

at once. You'll ruin it if you don't have it attended to." "I don't believe I will." "Oh, yes, you will though. Nothing's

worse for a piano than standing un "Do you think you can tune it ?"

"Certainly I can." "I don't believe you can," said the "I'd like to know why not. I nevey

saw a piano yet that I couldn't tackle.' "There's one mighty good reason why "I'd like to knew what it is." "You want me to tell vou, do

"Well, it's because I haven't got any

Then the man put his carpet-bag un-

Hint to Bores.

Some time ago there lived a gentleman

'Oh, yes, I shall,' said the visitor, 'I have enjoyed my visit very much, I'll certainly come again.'

'Nay,' said the Quaker, 'I think thee will never visit me again. 'What makes you think I will never

come again ?' asked the visitor. If thee never does leave, said the Quaker, 'how canst the come again?' The visitor left.

A boy on his way to Sunday school found seventy-five cents. This good fortune was held up to him as a reward While the heart is on the left side of for being found in the path of duty. He the body, it is on the right side of human-ity, on the side of mercy, politeness, ich finement, sympathy, neighborly kindness, dollar while he was setting up pins in a and good will to all, peace, sobriety, and ten-pin alley. And now he doesn't see his way in the future quite so clear,

[BY REQUEST.]

OPEN LETTER TO MR. CANTWELL Rowan Mills, March 14, 1876. To the Editor of the Era:

Dear Sir :- In reply to my letter of the 10th ult., you state that in the North Tis lonely without you, why do you not It is so easy to give a false coloring-to so Carolina Senate, it was alleged and not make a statement that it may convey a denied, that at some public meeting, in meaning different from truth, while yet there Charlotte, after the war, I confessed You told me when you were elected last is an apperance of truth—that we need to be had assumed and actually used official FACTS on our guard. There are very many who would shrink from telling a lie, who yet suffer themsevies in such inaccurate. or ex- Confederate Congress, to embarrass the aggerated, or one-side statements, that they government. In answer, I desire to say really come under the condemnation of those that I am pleased to know that you did whose "lying lips are an abomination to the not make the allegation; but I have not troubled myself to learn who did. I cer- the largest, and oldest established in Salisbury

Keep it from slander. The good reputa- tainly made no such confession, in the the confines of slander. A reputation is government, as contra distinguished from too sacred to be made a plaything of, even the government itself, which latter I accepted, but had not been instrumental in procuring; that I had gone to Congress, hoping to mitigate the horrors of war and procure peace. I had exerted myself to this end as far as I could consistently with my oath-I had failed, but had been true to every obligation I took upon my-

These facts, stated in all my public speeches, in eight counties of the State, including Mecklenburg, in 1865, were not questioned, so far as I ever learned. ing at the widow's door discovered her in They should be remembered now, and should certainly exonerate me from the allegation thus made in the Senate. Why this matter is thus tromped up, after a sleep of more than ten years, I leave little bit of an old dried-up Deacon Small, others to determine, and may be best understood, perhaps, by those whose loyalty to the present government needs no vindication. However this may be, I Colognes. WRIGHT'S, LUBINS, and all desire to say, once and for all, that I protest against any interpretation being put upon anything I may have ever said or done, inconsistent with the facts, stated in this letter. I am respectfully your friend and fellow citizen.

To the Hon. Edward Cantwell.

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