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AN EXPLAINED CANARD.

The New York Sun's pretended revelations concerning the Presidential election, and its effort to make it appear that Senator Lamar and Representatives Tucker, of Virginia, and Gibson, of Louisiana, entered into a conspiracy to betray the Democratic party, turns out to be the mere fabrication—exारान्द of the worst kind. The charge the Sun brings is that these distinguished Southerners gave Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Tilden's factotum and go-between, the information that they intended to support the proposition that the Vice President had authority to count and declare the result of the Presidential vote. It will be remembered that the formation of the Electoral Commission grew out of the novel and absurd claim that the President of the Senate had a right to decide the whole matter, whilst the joint Houses would sit, in his presence merely witnessing that the performance was according to programme and well done. The Sun in its charge makes Lamar, Tucker, and Gibson very contemptible fellows, and if what it says were true, it would damn them forever in the estimation of every honorable man who understands the question at issue.

But it turns out, and as we supposed, to be entirely untrue. Each gentleman denies the charge most emphatically. Mr. Tucker says:

"So far from it, I had examined the whole question before coming to Washington at that session, and came to the conclusion, which, without material modifications, I sustained in a speech January 23, 1877, and especially of the point of the absolute want of all power in the President of the Senate to count the votes or declare the result."

Gen. Gibson is equally emphatic. He says:

"There is not a word of truth in the statement. My whole course, from beginning to end, was controlled by the conviction that the presiding officers of the Senate had only ministerial duties to perform under the Constitution, and could only count the votes when their validity was passed upon by Congress."

Senator Lamar stamps the entire story as false. He says:

"The sentiment in the Sun is without any foundation in fact. No such statement of Gen. Grant's purpose was made by Mr. Hewitt in my presence. No such separate consultation ever took place."

We are trying to make the STAR a vehicle of general news, and to make it also useful to the household. Hence this oily article. Our dear old friend Mr. Samuel Weller, Junior, once indulged in a very knowing soliloquy over the virtues of "west pie." We have not printed by us, but we remember that he thought "weal pie a worry good thing when it arn't *kits*." Butter is a delicious article for the table when "it arn't oleomargarine," or some other execrable compound. Our cry and warning is—O, ye butter dealers, give our people butter from the mountains of Virginia or North Carolina, and from all fair butter, and *via* compounds, all "oleomargarine" deceptions, please deliver me! an *old* man said.

A SECOND SOLEMN THOUGHT.

The President appears to have recovered his mental balance. That arch-traitor John Sherman, came very near, we suppose, leading Mr. Hayes into a trap, in which he would have found his political grave. But he appears to be himself again, and now he says the administration never purposed interfering in the Andrew case. We can understand very well how deeply he would feel when he saw the pending Louisiana *Nemesis*, and how anxious he was that the fate of the returning Board should be averted, if possible. All who know

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