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AN EXPLODED 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 merest fabrication—a canard of the worst kind.

THE HISTORY OF THE BUTTER BATTLE.

A meeting of butter dealers was held in New York City a short time ago to take steps to be taken if possible to the satisfaction of the butter trade. We are very much inclined to think that there is not much chance of a butter battle to be waged in New York.

the history of the last Presidential election—what preceded and what followed—are in a position to understand and appreciate the President's unpleasant predicament. Under the infinitesimal appeals of Sherman and the "visiting statesmen"—God save the mark! Mr. Hayes came near being impelled at once to his fate—

But all this has been averted. His natural good sense and his attachment to liberty, law and order, overcame passion and mortification, and a very different course was pursued from that anxiously hoped for by Sherman, the "visiting statesmen," and their "pals" in Louisiana, if not from that first proposed by the President himself.

THE PROGRESS OF THE BELL-PUNCH.

The Supreme Court of Virginia has settled the question in dispute as to the constitutionality of the Moffett law. The legislature is now wisely perfecting the law and making it more efficient. According to the returns thus far made the Auditor of Public Accounts is of the opinion that over six hundred thousand dollars will be raised during the first year from this source alone.

Some of our State exchanges are discussing the above question, and are offering some impressive and potent reasons in behalf of the fence law. The Raleigh News of the 14th inst. had some statistics that are worth considering. It shows that in 1877 there were twelve million dollars worth of fence put up, and that the value of the stock in the State is \$3,800,000.

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