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FORCE AND FRAUD.

It is as clear as the noon day sun that the conspirators who are plotting the destruction of popular liberty by wresting from the people the right to control the suffrage question, have resorted to the most villainous system of fraud in order to accomplish their infamous purposes. Under the pretense that the people of the "loyal States" should not be deprived of the privilege of regulating the elective franchises in their own way, legislators were elected in those States containing large Radical majorities. These men are now wielded by the conspirators as instruments of fraud in presenting the people to interfering with the success of the plot to make the Fifteenth Amendment a part of the Federal Constitution. Their machinations are made to usurp the right of Americans to settle this great question for themselves. Nor is it less apparent that force is to be resorted to in carrying out the infernal programme. Morton's bill, passed at the last session of Congress, makes it a condition precedent to the admission of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to representation in Congress, that these States ratify the Amendment. Although declared by the United States Supreme Court to be in the Union, the people of these States with the bayonets of the Federal garrisons point at their breasts, are told that they will be kept out of the Union until they agree that this radical black patch shall be put upon the Constitution. These States are to be forced to give their assent to the Amendment. In the Legislature of Indiana, the radical majority is not sufficiently large to hold over that body to the conspirators as an instrument in their hands. The Constitution of Indiana requires the presence of three-fifths of the members in either of the branches of the Legislature to form a quorum. More than two-fifths of each House are democratic, and these democrats, in accordance with their constitutional privilege resign, and leave the Legislature without a quorum. From the instant there is not a quorum of members present the legislative body is powerless to transact business. Nevertheless, the radical members proceed without a quorum, to pass a resolution ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment! And this lawless proceeding will doubtless be referred to the Department of State at Washington, by the radical Governor of Indiana, as a ratification of the said Fifteenth Amendment by the Legislature of that State! — In this way, by the employment of fraud and force, the game of the radicals is to be won. But the cards are handled so skilfully that the trick is transparent to everybody. Even the stolid equanimity of the philosopher of the Tribune is disturbed by the awkwardness of the play. In Saturday's issue of that paper, Greeley says:—"We confess the mysteries of Indiana's legislation are too deep for us. The democrats in the House, forty-two in number, resigned; the Governor gave notice to the House of their resignation; the point of order was raised that this left the House without a quorum; but the remaining members refused to sustain it, and proceeded to adopt the Fifteenth Amendment. We prefer to wait further details as to the whole novel procedure before rejoicing over the adoption by another State.

Foroy, too, though revelling in the beauties of such artistic chicanery as Morton's Bill, is disgusted with the bungling Indianaans. His gorge rises at the very thought of the indecency of the performance. In Saturday's *Press*, he speaks as follows:— "Connecticut, which has just ratified the Fifteenth Amendment, was, it will be remembered, one of the doubtful States, and its favorable action almost insure the success of the measure. Before the people there is no doubt of the issue. How alone the democracy can successfully oppose it is shown in the case of Indiana, from which State we have this week more discreditable and disgraceful news."

In his supreme disgust at the want of art on the part of his fellow conspirators in Indiana, he admires the demoracy of that State "successfully opposed" the Amendment, and thus virtually acknowledges the futility of the attempt to ratify by the quoromatic Legislature. The "success of the measure," he tells us, is "almost assured." This is another way of telling his readers that it is doubtful. But he consoles his dupes by pretending to think that "before the people there is no doubt of the issue." We agree with him.

A YOUNG LADY TAKES A DOSE OF ARSENIC TO BEAUTIFY HER COMPLEXION, AND KILLED HERSELF.

From the San Francisco Bulletin.

Courier Letterman was informed yesterday that a young lady had died in the city, the circumstances of whose death required investigation. He found that the name of deceased was Delinda Louise Cook, her residence 408 Shipley street, near Eighth, and that the cause of death was poison. On visiting the house the Courier found that arrangements had been made for her funeral yesterday afternoon. She had given directions to the funeral parlor, took charge of the family, and in the evening held an inquest over the remains. The investigation established the fact and singular fact that the deceased had taken a dose of arsenic to beautify her complexion, and had thereby destroyed her life.

Miss Cook was a native of Maine, aged eighteen years. She had been in this State but five or six weeks, and was living with some friends on Shipley street. She was blessed with robust health and endowed with more than an ordinary degree of beauty, but a ready complexion. For the purpose of acquiring a more delicate complexion, it appears she decided to resort to the arsenic, a bold but uncommon remedy for weak-minded and frivolous women. Miss Cook seems to have been entirely ignorant of the use of the material. She visited the drug store of C. D'Assouline, 115 Franklin street, and procured two ounces of arsenic. The box, which contained it, was marked "arsenic poison."

On Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Miss Cook was taken suddenly ill. When questioned, she stated that she had taken a large quantity of the contents of the box. When informed that she had taken a large dose of deadly poison, and that her life could probably not be saved, she was greatly astonished and intense mental anguish was added to her already terrible physical suffering. Every possible effort was made by the physicians in attendance to save the life of the sufferer, but she died at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. One of the physicians

in attendance signed a certificate that death was produced by accidental poisoning, and on the strength of this certificate, arrangements were made for the funeral, which were interrupted by the Coroner. Judicial, under such circumstances, can legally take place without the knowledge and approval of the Coroner.

The jury found a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death April 25th, by having taken a dose of arsenic for the purpose of beautifying her complexion, and the jury is of the opinion that the drug was undoubtedly prescribed for selling it to her without a physician's prescription.

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