Sam again retired cursing all democrats

generally, and the Dutch particularly, and

assigning them the hottest corners of the

brimstone region, and was going on to curse

every body that didn't curse them when he

was interrupted by an old Dutchman in the

"Sam Starret, I tells you vat it ish,if you

Samountched his head, studied awh

as dakes you vere you cum vrom.

he guessod he'd do it.

township has been O. K.

Madder came from the East

The onion originated in Egypt.

The nettle is a native of Europe.

The pine is a native of America.

Oats originated in North Africa.

The poppy originated in the East.

Rye came, originally, from Siberia.

Spinach was first cultivated in Arabia.

The radish is a native of China and Ja-

Horse radish came from the South of Eu-

The Zeland flax shows its origin by its

Barley was found wild in the mountains of

Rice came from Southern Africa, whence

it was taken to India, and thence to Europe

Wheat was brought from the central ta-

ble lands of Thibe:-whence its repre-

sentative yet exists as grass, with small

ly and Naples.

and Tartary.

Himalava.

cian Archipelago.

from Asia Minor.

Origin of Plants.

rity of Elections,"

hollow trunk of 250 feet in jength; it is

'Uncle Tom's Cabin' is about 300

feet in width, and will seat twenty five per-

feet high and 70 feet in circumference.

circumference, and full 300 feet high :

beautiful and regular green cap.

I shall leave here to day for Cave city.

I comain yours, de.

Shadow of Death.

Max seldom think of the great event of

Death, until the dark shadow falls across

their own path, biding from their eyes for-

ever the faces of the loved ones, whose liv-

ing smile was the sun light of their exist

frailer hold on life than the mightiest mon

arch that has over shook the earth with

and vanish like the grass, and the count-

less multitude that swarm the world to-day

will to-morrow disappear like footprints on

the shore. In the beautiful drama of lon.

the instinct of immortality, so eloquently

When about to yield his young existence

as a sacrifice to fate, his betrothed Clern.

dreadfal question of the hills which look

upon thy living face, I feel there's some-

thing in the love which mantles through

its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We

Departed Loved Ones.

shall meet again, Clemanthe."

when I will write you again.

high and 90 feet in circumference.

sons; and is 10 feet high.

crated into two parts. The space rid-

ough is 75 feet and 12 feet in diam-

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#### HOW TO PRESERVE THE PURITY OF ELECTIONS

The Knickerbocker for December, a crpital number, by the way, has the following capital Election story :

Preserving the purity of Elections.

"In the northwest portion of the State of Ohio in the county of Anglaize, there is a township the citizens of which are principally German, and notwithstanding their 'sweet accent," they are 'all democrats of the regular "un terrified stripe. From the time of the erection of the country up to Celery originated in Ge meny. the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, The chestnut came from Italy. there had never been a whig vote cast in the township spoken of, although there Tobacco is a native of Virginia. were over six hundred voters : but at the fall election of that year, upon counting . The citron is a native of Greece. the ballots, it appeared that there was one whig amongst them. There was the proof a regular, straight-out whig ticket, and they dare not pass it by. This caused great commotion; their e cutcheon was dimmed; Larsely was first known in Sardinia. there was a whiq amongst them; that blot The pear and apple are from Eu ope. must be wiped out, and with their courage (Dutch of course) up to fever heat in shade. The Sunflower was brought from Peru. they went to work slyly to find the man | The mulberry tree originated in Persia. who had dared to vote the 'Vig dicket;' The gourd is propably an Eastern plant. but their labors were unsuccessful. In the The walnut and peach came from Persia meanstime another year rolled round, and The horse-chestunt is a native of Thibthe good "peeples," were again assembled | let at the election precinct. It had not been The cucumber came from the East Indiforgotten, however that at the last election, some one had voted the "Vig Dicket;" and The quince came from the Island of Cres it was now the subject of open remark and | te

wonder. While they were having an out-door discussion of the subject, Sam Starrett a Peas are supposed to be of Egyptian ori late immigrant from the Eastern shore of gin. Maryland came along, and demanded the The garden beans came from the East Incause of the commotion.

" Vell, ve vas a vondering who it vas The garden-cress is from Egypt and the woted de Vig dicket at de last election, East said an old Dutchman.

"It was me,' said Sam 'and it wan't no rope. body else ?

"I dinks not," said the old Dutchman name and the ballance shook their heads incre. The coriander grows wild near the Mediterdulously.

I tell you it was though, said Sam.pul- The dver's weed is peculiar to Southern ling out a whig ticket, and may I be chaw- Germany ed up if I ain't going to do it again, I am The Jerusalem artichoke is a Brazilian progoing to vote that, (holding out the ticket,) duet. and vote it open, too. I'll let you know Hemp is a native of Persia and the East that I'm an Independent American Citizen, Indies. and I'll vote just as I please, and you The cranberry is a native of Europe and Acan't help it by Jemima !"

'So in he went to deposit his ballet .- The parsuip is supposed to be a native of There sat the three old Dutch judges of Arabia. election, 'enlin as a summer morning;' The potatoe is a well-known native of Peru and true to his word, Sam handed over his and Mexico. ticket, open. One of the old judges took The current and gooseberry came from it, and scanning it a few seconds handed Southern Europe. it back toward the independent voter and Rape seed and cabbage grow wild in Sicisaid :

'Yow dat ish a Vig dicket.'

Well put it in the box, said Sam. "Nat you say?" said the old Dutchman, Millet was first known in India and Abissi-

his eyes big with surprise, 'put him in de nia. Yes air-ree, put it in de box ! I am go-

Oh no! nix goot, nix goot! dat ish a Vig aten in Germany. dicket, said the old Dutchman, shaking his Anise was brought from Egypt and the Gre-

head. Well, I reckon I know its a Vig dick et said Sam, and I want you to put it in the box, darnation quick, too.'

'No, no! dat ish not goot; dat ish a Vig dicket, we not take 'em any more, 'said the old judge, turning to receive "goot dickets"

from some of his German friends. 'Sam went out and cursed till all we blue-said he had come that to vote and hed be flambergasted if he warn't going to rote in spite of all the Dutch in the township. So, after cooling off a little he went in, and tendered his ticket, very nea tly rolled up. The old judge took it again, Turnips and mangle wurtzles came from ference; they are perfect, and the most and notwiths anding Sam's demurring, un. the shores of the Mediterranean. The rolled it and looked it over; then turning white turnip is supposed to be a native of to Sam, in a manner and tone not to be Germany.

misunderstood, said : I tell you dat ish a Vig dicket ; dat it brought from Asia; others, however, main-

## CONCORD, N. C., SATURDAY A

The Big Trees of California A responsible gentleman from California assures us that the following is the most acurate discription of the large trees growing in that State that he has seen. It will be found highly interesting

WASHINGTON MAMMOTH GROVE

May 12, 1855. will vote der Dimergrat dicket, and leel EDITOR REPUBLICAN : Last Wed der gountry, we gifs you so much monish worning I left my residence in San Jo is locality, and arrived here ab and then said that as he had come than to n., vesterday. On my way hither I m vote, and warn't goh,' away without votin, through Sonora and Col

the Stanislaus at "Abbey's Ferry," in the 'Again sam made his appearance hefore untains. The road from Sonora to this the judges, and tendered his vote. The place (Big Tree) is in splendid order, and same old Dutchman took it, and looking can be travelled with perfect safety in it over quietly turned to Sam and said : a buggy or carriage. The distance from "Yaw, dot ish goot; dat ish a Dimer-Sonora via Muphy's camp is twenty-five gratic dicket!' and dropped it into the miles. On arriving at this place, I was much surprised to find a first-class liotel 'It is only further necessary to say that with every convenience of a similar esta-Sam went back to the eastern shore at the blishment in a large city. It is well fitted expense of the township; and that, at that up for the accommodation of ladies, being election, and ever since, that German amply supplied with bed-rooms, parlors,

&c.; there is also a commodious stable on 'That is what I call 'preserving the puthe ground which will accommodate some forty horses.

On the body of the Big Tree there is house, 14 by 80, which contains two fine lowling allers. The stump of the tree is intended for a ball room. I measured the stump myself at a distance of eight feet from the ground, and found it to be twen- to mention that it snowed at this place ty-six feet in diameter at the narrowest place. I am indebted to Mr. Charles S. Stephens for his kindness in guiding me through the forest, and for giving me the names of the trees.

The Mammoth Tree Grove contains in its valley eighty-five monster trees in an arena of fifty acres. The 'Big Tree' is not the largest tree in the grove, but it is the largest perfect one. It is 95 feet in circumference, and measured, after it was cut down 3000 feet in length, the stump standing 8 feet high. It is estimated by the grains of the stump to be 3,000 years old. Five men were occupied twenty-five days in felling it (which was done by boring) and three weeks to strip off its bark to the

height of 52 feet. The 'Miner's Cabin' is 80 feet in circumference, and nearly 300 feet high; it is open in front about 17 feet.

The 'Three Sisters' are a group evident y grown from the same root, about 300 feet high and 92 feet in circumference .-They are perfect, and the most beautiful ones in the whole group.

The "Pioneer's Cabin" is 15 feet0 high; where the top is broken off it has a small pening through it.

The 'Old Bachelor' is quite a forlorn looking gentleman, having many rents in from the great law that dooms us all to his back, and the roughest looking back n the whole group, and is 300 feet high and 60 feet in circumference.

The 'Husband and Wife' are about 250 feet high, and each sixty feet in circumference. They seem very affectionate, lean- his funtsieps. Generations of men appear ing toward each-other at the top.

The 'Family Group" consists of 26 trees -the father, mother, and twenty-four chillren. The father, from appearance, was blown down many years ago. This tree measures 110 feet in circumference, and the supposed height while standing was a dear response in every thoughtful soul, 450 feet; the remaining length, where it was broken off by falling against another tree, is 300 feet. It is hollow the entire length, and large enough to ride into on horseback. Nearly half of the trunk is embedded in the ground, and measures 22, eternal; of the flowing streams that flow Buckwheat came originally from Siberia feet in diameter above the surface.

The 'Hermit' stands enterely by itself, and is 320 feet high and 75 feet in circumference, exceedingly straight and symme-

The 'Hercules' is 350 feet high and 107 Hops, mustard, and carraway seed origin- feet in circumference; this is the largest standing tree in the grove, and would make 725,000 feet of lumber ; it, like many other large trees, is imperfect, being burned on one side 8 feet.

The cherry, plum, olive, and almond came The 'Mother' is 91 feet in circum'erence and 327 feet high. Linseed originally appeared as a weed in The Pennsylvania,' so called by two the originally grain crops of Southern Euyoung ladies of Philadelphia, is 24 feet in

> diameter and 315 feet high. The 'North Carolina' is 21 feet across the base and 301 feet high.

The 'Green Mountain State' is 22 feet in diameter and 300 feet high.

The 'Three Sisters' are a group evidently grown from the same root; they are about 300 feet high and 93 feet in circumbeautiful ones in the whole group.

feet in circumference; the Mother is 325 The carrot is supposed to have been feet high and the Son 300 feet.

The 'Siamese Twins and their Guardian.' are separate at a height of 40 feet. They is a greater and nobler being for it. There hears,

The A residence of the American and the second and

were capacities of her soul, affections of her nature of whose existence she was bere scarcely conscious and these have now ome active and manifest. She can say as Goathe, the great German Poet makes one of his characters say :-

"I have lived and loved." and though her child fades and perishes. she has acquired almost a new faculty, she life a richer experience, and a treasure of hallowed memories that ever enobles her

#### "Pll Call around and Pay.

WHAT a world of woe is contained in these few words to the artizan and mechanic !-I'll call around and pay ! says the rich man to avoid the trouble of going to his deak to get the necessary funds, and the poor cabin has a narrow entrance two and a half mechanic is obliged to go home, disappoint his workmen, and all who depend upon him for their due. It is an easy The 'Bride of the Forest' is not the largest tree but is noted for having the smoomatter to work-the only real glory in this thest bark of any in the grove, It is 280 life is an independent idea of being able to sustain yourself by the labor of your The Beauty of the Forest' is 65 feet in own hands, and it may be easily imagined what crushing force there is in "I'll call ais very straight and slender, and nearly free | round and pay" to the laboring man who of limbs; the top is surmounted with a depends upon that pay for subsistence. If those who could pay would only do it at The altitude of the grove is 4,500 feet once, it would place hundreds and thousabove San Francisco, and 2,400 feet above ands in a condition to do likewise and pre-Murphy's Camp. I had nearly forgotten vent much misery and distress.

[Readers of the Gazeite, ponder well last night to the depth of six inches, and upon the above, and consider how long at the time I am writing it is raining very you have thought you would "cal around and pay," and yet the day is perhaps as Ie is the intention of the proprietors of far off as ever. Many of you now owe for this grove to make it one of the most at two years subscription, while others owe greenble summer resorts to be found in the bills of long standing for advertising and State, and from the manner they have job work, and while you must know that commenced I have no doubt that all who we are sadly in want of the needful, yet visit the place will find their words true, you still delay te call around and pay !

The beginning of the new year is a good time to reform from bad babits, and we respectfully suggest that the indebted tall timmediately and pay us our just june We put the question to each delimenent personally : wouldn't you consider it a meau trick in another to hite you to work for him at two or three dollars a year, and then refuse to pay you ? Think of that !

A Woman Swimming the Mississippi ance. Death is the great antagonism of -Lloyd's forthcoming Steambon Directory gives a thrilling instance of the necessity Life, and the cold thought of the tomb is for women knowing how to swim, When the skeleton in all our feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valler, althe ill-fated Ben Sherrod was in flames on though its passage may lead to Paradise : the Mississippi river, and the lack passen we do not wish to lie down in the mouldy gers who had thrown themselves into the grave, even with the hings and princes for river were drowning around the boat, the wife of Captain Castleman jumped into the our bed fellows. But the fiat of nature is river, with her infant in her same, and inexorable. There is no appeal or reprieva swam ashore, a distance of half a mile,dust. We flourish and fade like the leaves being the only woman saved out of sixteen She had learned to swim when a girl. of the forrest, and the fairest flower that blooms and withers in a day, has not a

> Beautiful and True. - In an article in a recent number of Frazer's Magazine, this

brief but beautiful passage occurs : the Alphabet. It begins with a mother's look, with a father's smile of amprobation or a sign of reproof, with a sister's gentle uttered by the death devoted Greek, finds pressure of the hand or a brother's noble ings. set of forbearance—with handsfull of flow ers in green and daisy meadows; with bird ng sats and almost imperceptible emmets, profit perhaps. anthe asks if they shall not meet again, to which he replies :- "I have asked that with humming bees and glass bee hives, with pleasant walks in shady lanes, and with thoughts directed in sweet and kindforever; of the stars, among whose fields of ly tones and words, to mature to acts of benevolence, to deeds of virtue, and to the azure my raised spirit bath walked in glory. All were dumis. But while I gaze source of all good, to Ged Hunself."

### A Ghastly Spectacle.

It is almost incredible to state the loss of the Russians in Sevastopol slone; thousands and thousands of dead bodies putrify the air, and indeed almost the earth. It is infinitely better to mourn the loss of have been to see Sebastopol, and to desa good, than never to have known it .- cribe the state of it is almost, and indeed Give me friends, even though I must see utterly impossible. It is a frightful den them pass away. Let the fountains of true the last two bombardments liave made a affection be stirred within me, though the frightful havoc in the town; if can only be object that excited them cannot be enjoy- compared to a seive, it is so siddled with ed forever. What would life be worth shot and shell. The buildings look quite without something to love ! And since perfect from our batteries, but once near everything on earth is fleeting and perish- them you find them nothing but mere shells able, we hold all our treasures here only at -nothing remains of the inside but conthe will of the great Giver. But though fused rubbish; no stair case, po floors, nothey die, their memory does not perish .- thing remains except an unseemly mass That blooms eternally. In their influenc- nor is their a single door or window to be es on us, in the memory of their love, in seen in any of them. In walking through the admiration of their virtues the blessings the town, wherever you could turn, noth The "Mother and Son' are together 93 of our near and dear friends can never die. ing but dead bodies piled on each other " A thing of beauty is a joy forever." met the eye, and a horrid stench saluted And this holds with peculiar force in the the nose; and what was more shocking case of children. The woman who has still, there were casks filled with arms, legs, ish wix good; and dat we no take em any tain it to be a native of the same country The twins have one trunk, but their bodies known the rapture of pure maternal love, hands, toes and fingers piled away in great

SUBLIMITY .- Twas night; the wind howled fearfully are say the deserted places of ancient Rome, now sweeping with a dirge like cadence o'er some mouldering monument, and anon rushing with awful majesty through the realms of space, scattering destruction on every side. An old and sorrow stricken man, bending 'neath the weight of years and misery, opposed his bosom to the pitiless storm ; no son to aid, o friend to snecor him. Leaning his a ged frame upon his staff, and in a voice in articulate from emotion, he ejacuated-By gosh how my boots leak !

Five Wives and Six Husbands .- The Boston Traveller says:

'A few days since an old man of sixtyone years applied at the office of the city registar for the fifth marriage certificate.-His intended bride is but twenty four, it being her first marriage. This is the only case within the knowledge of the registar of a fifth marriage. Last year one wan applied for his fourth marriage certificate, and during that year more men were married for the third time than females. There is, however, a woman in this city of about forty years who is now living with her sixth husband. She was first married at the age of thirteen, and when fourteen was a widow. At the expiration of the third year she was married to her third husband .she had bad but three children.

A child was found at the door of a dwelling in Rochester N. Y., a few nights since. A paper was found in the basket in which the child lay, which reads thus : "A stranger-achild of sorrow but not of infamy. Heed its cries and take good care of it .-No one will ever call for it." It was taken in and adopted by the family at whose door it was left.

A GOOD ANECDOTE .- We understand that a country gentleman, residing in the wes'ern part of this county, while on his way to this city a few days since, met upon the road a vafuable house servant of Col J. B. Cobb's, named Governor and inquired of him where his master was. Governor replied, that he was in Columbus, running for Congress.' 'Why,' said the gen:leman-'Governor, the Colonel has no chance of being elected-he will certainly be badly beaten.' 'Well," replied the black Governor, "It makes no difference, sir, my master got plenty of money to bear his own expenses to Congress !

Columbus (Miss.) Eagle.

PROSPECT OF A LONG SESSION .- The fist session of the Thirty-fourth Congress will most probably be a very protracted one, as it is proposed to refer Longfellow's "Hiawatha" to the committee on Indian

The modest woman who gave the with ering look' to Captain Jonathan, becouse he talked of his vessel HUGGING THE SHORE. has again had her sensibilities shocked by the naked condition of the trees. While " Elucation does not commence with they were being stripped she retired to her room for a season of meditation. She will make her appearance on Christmas eve if the childred won't sav anything of stock-

If dress makes the man what does the tai nests admired but not touched, with creep- lor make ! From ten to twenty dollars

> Heaven and immortality are themes for profitable reflection; but unfortunately, many persons think more of new dresses and late fashion than they do of their fus ture destiny.

The man who will not, when necessary, incur hazards, for the sake of acting well his part in life, will never achieve success. much less distinction.

Wise men are instructed by reason,men of less undertaking by experience, the most gnorant by necessity, and brutes by na

A Fat Gal .- A gentleman informs the Sacramento Tribune that there resides. few miles from that city, a girl only sixteen years old, who weighs 416 pounds, and is increasing in flesh at the rates of three pounds per week.

A lady walking, a few days since, on one of the wharves in New York, asked a sailor whom she met, why a ship was called "she?" The proved. son of Neptune replied that it was "because the rigging cost more than the hull."

The punishment of criminals should be of use when a man is hanged he is good for nothing: Voltaire.

Mrs. Willoughby Moore, lady superintendent of the officers' hospital at Scutari, has fall n a victim to cholera.

# POETRY

"Trans is a pleasure in poetic That none but poets know."

ALL MANKIND ARE BARBERS I'll prove to you, my friend, I hope, That none a doubt can harbor. That all the world's a barber shop,

And every man a barber,

Some shave to make themselves look nest, And some because 'tis funny ; And brokers shave you in the street, And only shave for money.

Some shave their foreheads slick and slean, If with low heads they're bothered, But then 'tis plainly to be seen That they're the ones that lathered.

To court a girl with eloquence, The dandy never frets her : But lathers her with compliments. And shaves her when he gets her.

The maidens also, now and then, Who are so fond of sporting, Soft soap the shallow minded men. And shave 'em while they're courting.

But men and girls who thus will been Of sonping while they tarried, Will find at last with bitter cost, That both got shaved when married.

#### COMICALITIES

A country school master, happening to be reading of a curious skin of an elephant -- "Did you ever see an elephant's skin !" he asked. 'I have !' shouted a little "six vear old' at the foot of the class. "Where?" he asked, quite amused at the boy's earnestness. 'On the elephant,' said he with a most provoking grin.

An Imaginative Irishman gave utterance to this lamentation :- 'I returned to the halls of my fathers by night and I found them in ruins ! I cried aloud, 'My fathers, where are they ?' and echo responde : is that you, Pathric McGlathery?"

A person out West is offering for sale grass seed gathered from the "path of retitude." A religious professor fears that the path must be sadly overgrown with grass, as it is so little travelled now-a-

A man named Wooster has been fined 1,000 and forfeited six slaves, at New Orleans, for selling them in such a manner as to separate mother and child, contrary to the laws of Louisiana.

'Natur is natur,' and will show itself. is as impossible to sit by a woman's side, without getting your arm around her waist as it is to look at strawberries without wishing for loaf sugar and cream.

He that has no enemies is one of the the rulgar, and is without talents, powers

Prosperous providence are for the most part dangerous to the soul. The moon never suffers an eclipse but at the full.

A number of men from Kanawa county Va., with their slaves, passed through Cincinnati, bound for Kansas.

The following laconic epitaph carved upon a Spanish tembetone, should be re-

"I was well-tried to feel better, took physic and here I am.

A New York Grand Jury have found a ill of indictment against the Gold Hill . C. Mining Co., for declaring dividends not earned, and thus giving a false value

to the stock.

The Protestant Bible Society of Paris has declared its intention to present hereafter every newly married couple of the Pro testant church of France, with a Bible.

Rev. Dr. Duff has left England for Iudia, where he will renew missionary labors, in which he has so long been preminent and blessed. His health has considerably im-

A lady was asked to join one of the divisions of the Daughters of Temperance .--She replied, this is unnecessary as it is my intention to join one of the sons in the course of a few weeks."

A waterspout barst in the harbor of Tunia and wank five stiffs on the 18th ultim ?