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Horrors of Civil War.

On Tuesday, on board one of the Brooklyn ferry-boats, two Republicans were talking in a very bombastic style on the necessity of subduing the Southern States, &c., &c., whenupon a strange old salt-worked man, disclosive of the marks of what was once a terrible wound in a breast, said that was received while battling for liberty in Italy; and that if the gentlemen whom he then addressed had had any actual experience in civil war, they would speak less flippantly of plunging the United States into horrors of this description. There was truth in the remark.—It were well if the people of this country could better understand what civil war is, without being told by their own historians.

They would stand appalled before doing an act which might precipitate it. Something may be learned by turning to the history of the American War of Independence. From beginning to end, the conflicts of the Whigs and Tories were marked by acts of surpassing atrociousness.

Of the siege of Fort Stanwix, on the Mohawk River, in 1777, it is recorded that Gen. Herkimer raised the ranks of the neighborhood to relieve the Fort, but failed in his ambition of Tories and Indians, and "insinuated his neighbor in deadly conflict."

The encounter was ex-

ceedingly desperate; quarter was neither given nor asked. "There were instances," says the historian, "when all was over, when the death-grasp still held the knife plunged into a neighbor's heart. It seems as if the fight had been presided over by demons."

And again, during the intense animosity which animated men in those trying times, occurred at the capture of Fort Griswold, near New London, Connecticut. After an obstinate resistance, the Americans laid down their arms and surrendered to the assailants; but the massacre continued, led on by Major Cromfield, a New Jersey Tory. As the story goes, when he entered the Fort he enquired who commanded. "Ledyard came forward saying, 'I did, sir,' whereupon he 'had me' him, and felling up his sword. Thereupon Cromfield plucked the instrument into Ledyard's breast. Sixty of the yeomanry of Connecticut, whom he had lately commanded, were slaughtered in cold blood.

Again, at the massacre of Wyoming, in the valley of the Susquehanna, the Tories took advantage of the absence of nearly all the able bodied men, who were then in the army under Washington, and led on a party of 1,100 white men and savages. The whole village was desolated by a few women and children who escaped to the mountains afterwards pursued under incredible suffering.

On another occasion when the British were in possession of Long Island, Washington being anxious to learn the designs of the enemy, Nathaniel Hale (a graduate of Yale College) who had previously contemplated studying for the ministry, undertook the perilous job of procuring the desired information. When returning from this duty he was recognized by a Tory relative, "John Howe," to Howe's headquarters, and unceremoniously ordered to be executed the next morning.

Four years later, in 1770, the Battle of King's Mountain took place in North Carolina. Col. Ferguson, who commanded one of Cornwallis's divisions, was attacked and surrounded by a formidable body of backwoodsmen, many of them from Kentucky and Tennessee, and after a severe struggle, all three hundred and three hundred and three hundred had been slain. Ten of the Tories, noted for their cruelty to their countrymen, were hanged upon the spot."

Many other soul-harrowing tales, characteristic of those "days which tried men's souls," might be collated; but they would faintly depict the horrors of a fratricidal war taking place at this more advanced stage of our history, with a population ten times more numerous, and acting under the influence of passions engendered by protracted sectional controversy.—*Journal of Commerce*.

A Frenchman, resolved to be rid of life, went before high tide to a post set up by the sea-side. He had provided himself with a ladder, a pistol, a bundle of matches, and a vial of poison. Ascending the ladder, he tied one end of the rope to the post, and the other round his neck; then took the poison, and shot his clothes on fire, put the muzzle of the pistol to his head and kicked away the ladder. In kicking down the ladder, he sloped the pistol so that the ball missed his head and cut through the rope by which he was suspended; he fell into the sea, thus extinguishing the flames of his clothing, and the sea water, which he invariably bathed, cooled him, and thus, in spite of his precautions, he remained unharmed, unshot, unpoisoned, unburned, and undrowned.

Fanny Fern really thinks "there is great and sensible improvement in the matter of female apparel this winter. Dress bonnets are scarce upon promenade—that's a blessing when one never sees more than three pretty dress-bonneted girls in a life-time." These bonnets are woven "gentle outside garments are fashioned with an air of dash as well as shapeliness. The timid who turned aside with a shocked "oh!" when the first independent lady pinned the skirt of her dress up off the mud, now go and do likewise. All our pieces of evening amusement, guaze bonnets, ermine and white kid-skin are marks of 'the stranger within our gate,' or persons with whom one would feel honored to be at variance on the dress question. The play is fresh, beginning to be popular, as it should be to the 'drawing-room' and Fanny is glad to see this, on the score of good taste as well as economy."

Population of New York.—Gov. Morgan in his message, announces that the population of New York is about 3,870,000.

An address to the Queen of England for a separate Irish Parliament, and the right of self-government, has already received over 30,000 signatures.

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