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> For the Argue. Life.

Dear F .-Life has its morning, noon, and eve:
Upon thee now its morning shines—
May no dark cloud its shadow leave,
Nor care impress too soon its lines.

Remember thy Creator now,

"In Jesus thy whole heart be giv'n—
No passion mar thy youthful brow,
Nut e'er by an thy peace be riv'n.

If the nountide of life be thine, Fierce storms may sometimes intervene, And stinging briars may thick entwine Amongst the roses thou wilt glean.

Let not thy spirit weakly shrink, Full oft from mothing streams thou'lt drink, Still find a place thy head to lay.

Then, when Life's day has nearly gone, If thou thy part hast well performed in grandeur will its shades draw on, Like eve by setting rays adorned.

When Death's slumber strain upon thee, Swelly caim thou wilt lay thee down, The Almighty arm beneath thee, And immortality thy crown. Dec., 1860.

> For the Argue To the Old Year,

Eight times the sun has sunk, Old Year eath the western wave, Since Time's exequial train thy corse Laid in th' oblivious grave.

But weeping friends, and bring tears-How gladly ' Leo's ' withered heart Exchanged thee for the new !

Were youthful hopes, and burning loves, And every promise bland, But trifling toys, or slender reeds, In thy remorseless hand? Does not thy spirit back recoil

Upon its guilty self, Beneath the weight of 'Leo's' woes, Thou most ungrateful elf? Thou knewest he loved-that love alon-

That love thou brought'st, all unreturned Has changed to durk despair. Does not accusing conscience scan The luring hopes, the cheers, The stip-ulations thou proposed. Which brought him grief and tears!

Thy proffered cup of boney bliss His proved a phantom toy, His bosom love, the promised ****, The knell of all his joy.

Aye, quake, thou haggard ghost of T.me!
And well the bloodless cheek.
To have the shameless deed revealed,
Which 'Leo's' groans bespeak! PORTLAND, Jan. 9, 1861.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY .- The Fort Wayne (Ind.) Times says that a most terrible and fatal accident, with consequences still more terrible, occurred in Adams county the other day. The story is at once the briefest and most awful we have read in many a year. A woman, about to churn butter, threw some boiling water in the churn, into which one of the children had, unnoticed by was instantly scalded to death. In her frenzy, the mother seized a chair and inflicted a death blow upon the little girl .-After realizing what she had done she threw herself into the well and was drowned.

The Ami de la Religion announce the return to Catholic Unity of the Bulgarian nation en masse, in number about four milions. The Bishop of Bulgaria, on Oct. 23, his clergy and people, signed a document, previously approved by the Catholic Archbishop of Constantinople, in which they renounce communion with the Greek Patriarch, and place the Bulgarian Church under the authority and protection of the See of Rome.

The Oswego Times tells a story of a fashionable lady of that village, whose parents are not possessed of wealth in proportion to her pretensions, who excused herself to a visitor for doing housework, thus:-" Mother and I do our own housework, because it is so exceedingly romantie!" We wish more of our women thought housework romantic.

The pork trade of the West is im mense, and prices are 'all up." It is estimated that the farmers of the West will receive \$40,000,000 for their hog crop, within two months. Ten years ago the same number of hogs would not have brought \$18,000,000.

One of the Southern papers closes an article on disunion thus: " All who are in favor of civil war, revolution, ruin, desolation, robbery, arson, murder, and the atter destruction of the South, should go for disunion."

The Court of Queen's Bench at Toronto, C. W., had decided to deliver up the fagitive slave Jones, to the U. S. authorities. No attempt was made at a rescue, but much excitement occurred. An appeal was taken.

At a recent festive meeting, a married man, who ought to have known better, proposed "The Ladies," as the "beings who divide our sorrews, double our joys, and treble our expenses."

A correspondent of the S. F. Balletin suggests that the remains of La Fay. ette, which are neglected at Paris, be re moved to the United States.

The red, white and blue-the red checks, white teeth, and blue eyes of a lovely girl—are as good a flag as a young soldier in the battle of life need fight for.

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Items from Washington.

Secretary Thompson left yesterday for North Carolina. He favors the secession of certain States in friendly co-operation, when the non-slaveholding States shall refuse to give Constitutional guarantees.

Different State delegations are holding

meetings at Washington for consultation At one meeting on Monday n ght [17th Dec. | all the Penusylvania delegates were present, except Stevens, and including both nia, that the Constitut onal right s of all sections should be respected and secured: that all laws should be faithfully and promptly executed; and that the Union of the States, the Constitution and the laws should be enforced in all their integrity.

Oa Saturday evening [15th Dec.] the Albany Journal came out in favor of a compromise. It says: "We are almost prepared to say that the Territories may be safely left to take care of themselves." ses a division of territory, as in 1820 .-Senator Seward had been three days in Albany, and it is thought that the article

war Brooklyn is prepared to proceed to bask ts and tramp down the cotton. One management. The old nurse has her rules all men, without distinction of color, inhab-Charleston, to aid in the defence of the Government Forts at a moment's notice .-The order has created quite a stir among naval men

gress has determined that the true course is the protection of the public property and enforcement of the revenue laws, at all hazards.

The Illinois delegation declare the Union

must and shall be preserved.

Democrats of the Ohio delegation took pains in the meetings not to commit themselves to any measure contemplating coercion, believing the result to be civil war,

torney-General.

A bill for arming the State passed the North Carolina Senate by 41 against 3. Nearly all the leading merchants in Baltimore are signing a petition to Gov. Hicks contained the name and number of each to immediately call an extra session of working slave, with a record of the amount

the Legislature to consider the crisis. A meeting of the members of the Geor-gian Legislature, held on the 19th, favored co-operation, urged a Convention of the where he can see the figures on the balance. Southern States willing to co-operate, and und detect any attempt to deceive him in plantation, a half pound of ment was the United States, and came into the possession issued an address to that purpose, signed by 52 members of the House. Resolutions out, "Weigh, in a little less than no time!" The black driver then calls to the slaves to Share an Mossachusette. The black driver then calls to the slaves to Share an Mossachusette. were adopted, by 56 to 54, asserting the principle of co-operation. A motion to rezens from process in Federal Courts, was sir," and the one who takes account of the the prescribed allowance of which he deals or as the Governor says:

setts was published on the 18th, denounc-ing the Personal Liberty bill, and recommending its repeal. It is signed by Chief and orders the black driver, who stood Justice Shaw, Judge Cartis, ex-Mayor ready, with whip in hand, to give No. 50 ted in like manner, about one o'clock. Lincoln, Clifford, Washburn, Gardner, and fifty lashes, "d-d well put on." "She others, representing nearly every county in ought to have had over two hundred

Mr. Hamilton, of Texas, arrived here a pounds such a day as this-a moist day-Mr. Hamilton, of Texas, arrived here a possession, the few days ago, and contradicts the reports no wind, and better cotton to gather in nearly five months. Other crops, such as slaves remained de facto slaves. But there that Texas is in favor of dissolution. the people are decidedly opposed to seession; but, he adds, if all the other Cotton States should unitedly determine to print, that he will flog every nigger that when cotton could not be dried, if picked, secode, Texas might then join them.

Senator Douglas recently said " Secession is anarchy, and it would be better that a million men should fall upon the battle field than that anarchy should pre-

vail in this country." sons from different States assembled at Washington, and pledged their influence to promote honorable and fraternal feeling throughout the country.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Latham emphatically pledged the fidelity of California to the Union, as it will be-to the great North and West, no matter what occurs"-to that power on the Continent secession sentiments which Washington correspondents have so recently attributed citizens, who, putting faith in these telegraphic Roorbacks, had come to the conclusion that the young Senator of the Pacific had really been seduced into the path and more wily colleague. Before the week is over, we shall doubtless hear from Sonator Baker pledging Oregon to the same path which Mr. Latham says California is

lestined to trend.

the Union question.

THE FORT MOULTRIE BUSINESS. Buchanan, apparently, does not intend to strengthen Fort Moultrie. The wife of Maj. Anderson, who commands it, is here, and made a personal appeal to the President to send him reinforcements, stating that her husband intended to defend the position to the last. It is stated also that Gen. Scott advised the President, some time since, to strength n the force at Fort Moultrie: but instead of complying with this advice, the President caused the troops stationed there to be ordered to California. when there were plenty of other troops who could have been detailed to that duty .-The Secessionists, meantime, are not idle, and we learn here that the men are already picked, and are principally concentrated in Charleston, who are to be assigned the duty of taking Fort Moultrie. Ludders for scaling the walls are constructed, and other preparations are made for the attack. The assaulting party are only awaiting orders to strike. In the meantime the fort is manned with a force weak be ready for sunning the next day. in number, with strict orders from the Presidest to act only on the defensive, which deprives them of the privilege of preparing signal of the bell they all repaired, in haste, tem, which is a mere abstraction, The last mail from Santa Fe was attackto meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted by a party of Camanches, but to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches them to their respective cabins, calling at the charge it, by implication, upon all who susted to meet an enemy who approaches the charge it.

fations of Louisians, and Missinstppt, and Ten Years an Overseer, or Inside views

Think, ye masters, iron hearted, Lo ling at your jovial boards, The uk how many backs have smarted For the sweet your cane affords! LIFE ON THE PLANTATION.

It was the cotton-gathering season, and witnessed

-who was following his gang, whip in hand emptying their sacks into them. Two or If this suggestion is inadmissible, it propo- to receive the cotton when weighed. The months, twice a day; and once a day therecalled out, "All ready, sir." Several slaves months. immediately jumped into the large wagon slave with a lantern seated himself on the laid down, which she must rigidly observe. side of the wagon to examine the baskets Care is taken that the mother does not as they were emptied, to see that there nurse her infant while her blood is heated The New Hampshire delegation in Con- were no pumpkins, clods, or other sub- by toiling in the sun. stances secreted in them to increase their a large folding slate in his hand, which with the main gang, of cotton gathered by each one for two or three previous days-is seated on a basket. The slave who ennounces the number of bring their cotton to the baskets, change there in bondage, only because of their ig-

one time, massa!"-her head and back hurt her so bad she could hardly stand up, "Go to the black driver, you infernal On the anniversary of Washington's b-h, and he'll cure your aches and pains? death, Dec. 14th, delegations of Free Ma- The cotton is wasting in the field-the weather is good for gathering it-cotton must come, shall come, or Mr. Nigger's

hide must pay the penalty!" Another, who was sent to the black driver, plead that the skin was worn off his "fum and finger." The overseer cursed his thumb and finger, and charged the that is both able and willing to build the driver to give him "particular hell," and Pacific Railroad. These atterances of Mr. learn him to take care of his thumb and Latham, so directly antagonistica! to the fingers. The black driver ordered them, one after another, in their turn, to "shell min, have served to lift him many pegs off and come down," [i. e., to strip and lay higher in the esteem of our Union-loving down.] to receive the execution of the overseer's sentence. When any one in-

As the female slaves came down, they cut up my hide? No, sir-ee-dis nigger gathered their clothes up to their waist, not go n' to be ketched in dat manner. If Stout, of Oregon, is said to be sound on fused, or did not keep her clothes out of one instantly planted herself on the ground, secured the victim's head between her knees. and drew her clothes over it, so as to confine her arms, and lay bare her back for and there are multitudes of just such cases the driver's lash, while two others stretched -who is responsible for this atrocious out her feet and held them.

Gin, and when the last wagon was loaded. the slaves hurried to the Gin house.

Here, their first business was to gather

Their day's work thus finished, at the

Twenty-Eve Years Among the Cotton Plan- to be washed down with water. From this time no slave is permitted to leave his cabin LOCISIANA FREE TERRITORY AT THE TIME OF until the turn-out bell rings in the morning. The second morning bell, which is the signal for turning out to work, is rung at the earliest dawn; when the men, boys, girls, and women that have no small children, are at once marshalled and on their way often west out on the plantation at night to the cotton field, and the women who to witness the weighing and summing up of have children under ten are hurried off with Senators. It was manimously believed to to witness the weighing and summing up of have children under ten are hurried off with be the opinion of the people of Pennsylva- the day's work. The following is a description of the first scene of the kind I things are committed to the charge of an old slave appointed for the purpose, who When the overseer reached the place for makes the larger children take care of the weighing, he called out to the black driver helpless ones. Here the nursing mothers were set to gathering cotton near the house. "Bring in the cotton." Instantly I saw and the rest sent after the gang. The chilthe slaves harrying up to their baskets and dren under three months old, were to be nursed four times a day; between three and three wagous were on the turn-row ready six months, three times; from six to nine black driver adjusted the scales, and then after until weaned, at the end of twelve

numbers on the baskets, stood ready to an- shoot," though she stimulates them more force, for which the law gave no warrant. nounce the number of each basket as it was with other appliances than with the rod; III. That while this law was in force,

sippi Valley. When nearly off, the slaves' were no slaves in all France-not one. weight, responds, "One hundred and seven- out to each one, while they seat themselves

Their dinner is brought out and distribu-

The above is a fair specimen of life on a cotton plantation, during the cotton-picking season, which extends through a period of Toward the close of the cotton-picking

has not more cotton to-day than he had yesterday. No. 50 begs for mercy-"dis season, when the weather becomes cold and wet and the slaves need more blood stirring exercise to protect them from such diseases take away their rights." as cold, rheumatism and pneumonia, the strong men are put to mauling rails, clearing land, or ditching, and the feebler ones. together with the females, to clearing off the stalks from the corn and cotton fields.

When a slave is sick he applies to the overseer, who examines his pulse and tongue, and, if inflammatory symptoms appear, sends him to the sick-house, to the care of an old slave, who gives him such medicine as the overseer prescribes. But il no visible symptoms of disease can be detected he turns a deaf ear to all his complaints, curses and sometimes flogs him for playing possum to deceive him, and drives him out to his hard toil weeping and groaning, perhaps with real disease and stinctively put up his hand to protect his suffering. Should he appeal to the black firsh from the blood-extracting lash, the driver, as his last resort, for pity and favor, of Di-union through the efforts of his older driver called on other slaves to stretch him his reply would probably be; "Do you tink I is a fool, nigger, to let white folks you am got to work. Dit am dis nigger's Now, suppose this to be a case of real

sickness and suffering, and not feignedcruelty? Not the poor black driver, sure-I have seen from one to thirty slaves is it the overseer? Should be adopt a florged after this manner, at one cotton different course, his occupation would be weighing. As fast as the wagons were gone; his work would never be done; every loaded, they were driven off to the Cotton slave that could get rid of work by feigning sickness would be sure to do it. No; it is the system which is the legitimate source of all this cruelty-a system which has been blasphemonsly landed as the offspring of up in large baskets the cotton that had God, and indicative of the highest type of been sunned that day and carry it up two civilization! Voluntary labor, stimulated by flights of stairs, into the second story of the gin-house. This done, the wagons were may be safely left to the labour himself. drawn up and their contents spread upon But the victim of coerced labor cannot be the scaffolds that had just been cleared, to trusted thus -his driver must decide the question for him, and he is very liable to decide it cruelly, though unintentionally.— An Old Error Corrected.

ITS PURCHASE BY THE UNITED STATES. It has long been a prevalent idea that Louisiana was slave territory when ceded by France to the United States; and hence, that the enactment of the Missouri Compromise was an encroachment of the North upon the South, inusmuch as it excluded the "Southern institution" from a vast country in which it legally existed at the ime that country was acquired. This is a gratuitous assumption, and fulse in fact.

Recently, an eminent legal gentleman of Illinois, Gov. Koerner, well qualified by his habit of research, his legal acumen and general scholarship, to investigate a question of this kind, has just published the result of his examination of the very point at issue. He establishes, beyond all dispute, these facts:

I. That the National Convention o France passed the following law in 1793:

"The National Convention decrees that represents Mr. Lincoln's views.

It is understood that the U. S. sloop-of-bed, made for carting cotton, to empty the ble to be exposed to careless or unskilful the Colonies; it is therefore decreed that itants of the Colonies, are French citizens and shall enjoy (jourierant) all the rights guarantied by the Constitution." [Loi du 16 Pluvoise, an 2.]

II That this law destroyed at once the When the dew is off, an old female legal tenure by which slaves in the coloweight. Another, who had been taught slave brings out all the children over six to nies were held; and that though they were the numbers on the balance, prepared to gather cotton. In her hand is a bundle of not formally set free and suffered to enjoy weigh; and another, who had learned the switches, "to teach the young idea how to their liberty, their detention was an act of

put on the scales. One set of hands stood such as the fear of the overseer and black Louisiana was ceded by Spain to France, rendy to drag up the baskets and lift them driver, and encouraging them to race with and at once came within the operation of E. M. Stanton has been appointed At- on the scales, and another to lift them off one another in cotton picking. These this salutary enactment; and that every when weighed, and dump them into the juvenile laborers are generally between the slave in the territory was legally set free large wagon bed. The overseer-with ages of six and ten; all over ten go out as soon as the act of cession was accomplished. They were yet nominally slaves, The dews are very heavy in the Missis- but free by the law. At that time there

breakfast comes out in a cart, which con- IV. Before Slavery was introduced into sists of a box of bread and ment, accom- the French colonies, in 1804, by Napoleon, panied with a barrel of water. (On this Louisiana still free, had been ceded to the The black driver then calls to the slaves to Slavery as Massachusetts. Men were held

"Louisiana at the cession was a free An Address to the People of Massachu- ty-five, sir." The overseer compares the on the ground, or on the edge of a basket, territory. All negroes were French citizens, and, under our treaty with France were entitled to be 'maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liber-ty, property, and of the religion they pro-

status of the negroes. I presume that, as He than yesterday." He declares, in tones corn, peas, and pumpkins, are also to be is no statute of limitation to the recovery says, on the contrary, that the majority of which send terror through all their hearts, gathered during a part of the same period, of liberty. If treaty stipulations are sawhich is generally done in wet weather cred, all slaves who were in existence when Louisiana became a part of the French possessions, all born while it remained a French colony, and all their descendants, are entitled to freedom, as no law of Congress, nor even a State Constitution, could

> Here, then, the whole fabric goes to the ground. The truth turns out to be this: Louisiana was free when acquired.

The Missouri Compromise gave half of it up to the encroachments of S'avery.

The North was outraged by the conces sion, and she, not the South, is the party to complain.

A statement was recently presented to the Statistical Congress in England, by the delegates from Australia proper, and of Tasmania and New Zealand. The summing up made the yield of gold, from 1851 to the close of 1859, £101,371,828, or over five hundred millions of dollars,-The American gold regions have yielded even more than this, and in round numbers it may be stated that in twelve years the addition to the world's stock of gold exceeds one thousand millions of dollars.

EMIGRATION FROM IRELAND .- The Western (Ireland) Star alleges that the exodus gathered their clothes up to their waist, you not able to work, go to white folks. still continues: "Even at this late period and lay flat on their faces. If any one re- and if white folks send you back to work, of the senson the 'exodus' is scarcely a of the senson the 'exodus' is scarcely a whit abated. The rush is still onward, the way of the lash, two or three women business wi' dis whip. So don't fool you and America seems to be the chief destin-were ordered to put her in the vice—when time gruntin' to dis nigger, I tell you—ation of those leaving the country. The 'cause if you does, you is go'n' to grunt stream of emigration via Liverpool still more worse 'en dat, firs' ting you know." continues to flow almost as rapidly as in June or July."

How to OBTAIN A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND. -A Louisville paper has some answers to correspondents. Here is a sample:

Jenny-Ministers are not more addicted to dissipation than men of other professions. A few of the Kalloch type take gin-toddies and libertles with females, but the great majority of them are as good as lawyers and loctors. If you want a true Christian, marry an editor.

There are 100,000 warriors on the right side of the Caucasus, who are vigoronsly defending their independence. The capture of Schamyl did not end the war, so a great Russian expedition is now talked of to see if it cannot be done during the next two years.

But in charging this cruelly upon the sys Gloncester, England, to Bishop Hooper, on the spot where he was hurnt. A few

RATES OF ADVERTISING: quare (twelve lines, or less, brevier m advertise by the year.

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Obituary notices will be charged half the

above rates of advertising.

Jos Paintine executed with neatness and Payment for Job Printing must be made on delivery of the work.

Carrier's Address.

The new-born year bath come, and doth demand

The usual off'ring from the Carrier's hand; But think not custom, stiff and cold, Has power your humble servant's heart to mould; To eke from me a cold and plodding strain,

To tickle patrons, or in hopes of gain. I never write, unless with poet's fire Some lefty, stirring themes my pen inspire; One of the Nine must fan me with her wing, Before my soul is in a mood to sing.

Full many years we've seen both come

and go, Since Breakspean broke his lance upon the foe;

Since Freedom's banner, raised on high by those Who vowed from Oregon to drive its foes, Was nailed to masthead, by a noble few, Whose patriot-love nought but their

country knew. For eight long gloomy years it seemed to

some As though an everlasting night had come; And FREEDOM, rightful mistress of the world, Had from her golden throne been rudely

hurled.

But Freedom's triumphs have at length

exposed The false predictions of her ancient foes, Who scorned to own that men could ever be Each other's peers in claims to liberty-But held the Democratic doctrine right That governments are justly bas'd on might; That tyrants rule by laws as fixed and old As these which Nature's labyrinths unfold; And sagely held the normal state to be, Of all the laboring classes, slavery.

The iron hand of tyranny, they said, On Sinai's tables wrote, all we have read, And ordered Moses to reveal to Jews That mercy meant, in Scripture, "turn This, such as Tacitus and Cornwall saw, Was heaven's fixed, unalterable law, Which made it right to rob the poor of pay,

Then coolly auctioneer their wives away. The rights of caste such only did respect, All natural rights they must of course reject. They said they thought that any one who

would But peer in ocean in a thoughtful mood Could see that whales were humored in

their likes, And God intended they should swallow

Pikes." A conflict 'irrepressible,' 'twixt might And heaven-born Liberty, as natural right, Was never thought of till our noble sires On Bunker-Hall lit up the glowing fires, That shone o'er lurid night's despotic pall, And told the world that freedom was for all. They hung a ' Declaration' in the sky, And toiling, wayworn millions, passing by, Paused, bent their heads, and with their

burnished swords Pointed their comrades to the noble words That gave the lie to what kingcraft had said, And claimed a crown of freedom for each

hend Hail, Freedom! Liberty! whate'er thy name,

Thy character and purpose are the same, On this the natal day of SIXTY-ONE, They were when gleaming sword and thundering gun.

On Boston's heights, espoused the hely cause Of heaven-born natural right and equal King Street in Boston saw the fight begun, Chicago now proclaims the vict'ry won. The sons of Boston dealt in bloody knocks, Chicago's cohorts used the ballot-box. Boston slew tyrants clad in coats of mail, Chicago rode the tories on a rail,

George Washington our fathers taught to Abe Lincoln taught their sons to rote for

Old Honest Abr'am, stately, noble, tall, Has made on Buck and Breck a New Year's call; He rang no bell, but thundered at the door,

As callous fists were wont in days of yore. His knocks repeated made each panel shake So terribly, Old Buck began to quake; He shook with fear, and turning deadly pale Exclaimed, " Some person's knocking with a rail!" Jo Lane stagger'd up, and twisted the knob,

Thinking some Democrat wanted a job; "God bless you," said Jo, "you certainly must [dust; Have come a long way, you're covered with Pray, what can I do? Speak out, my good

friend, On honest Jo Lane you may, sir, depend. Perhaps from Orleans, you come all the way To lift a fat job, or get your back pay? Or do you but wish to rifle the mails?

" No, sir," said Old Abe, " I'd rather make rails." Make rails!" said Old Jo. "that beats the old cat!

You certainly are a good Democrat; But, if so, I'm sure you're dreadfully green, For the like of you was never yet seen To stand at the door and ask for a place Which true gentlemen all think a disgrace. I see, to be sure, you're robust and tall, And look as if you could handle a maul, But no Southern man, which of course you

To rob a poor slave of this tool would dare; So dry up your jokes, and tell me your will; If sound on the goose, your pockets we'll

But read me that scroll you hold in your It reads," said Old Abe, " Go out, Buck,

and stand !" At this, poor Old Jo fell down at the door, And eaves-dropping Buck sweat blood at each pore.

Says he to old Cass, 'The Nicholson end!' Says Cass in reply, 'Remember Ostend!' Says Buck to old Cobb, 'Your dev'lish Slave Code!'

Said the whole gang, giving shoulders a shrug, We're certainly doomed! our graves are

Says Cobb to poor Buck, 'Remember

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