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## Decision of Character.

[From the New Jersey Mechanic.]

It is but a truism to say that there ean be no success in life without decision of character. In spite of D Quincy's protest, we believe that John Foster, in his celebrated essay, did not exaggerate the importance of that quality, though we admit it is not strictly a moral power, and that the most inexorable decision is much more closely connected with physical differences of temperament than with any superiority of mind Decision of mind, like vigor of body, is a gift of God It cannot be created by human effort It can only be cultivated It has been truly said that, as resolution, or strength of will is a primary power in man, there is no higher power that can give birth to it, for this higher power would necessarily involve the existence of the lower that was to be produced. But every man has the germ of this quality, which can be cultivated by favorable circumstances and motives presented to the mind; and by method and order in the prosecutions of his duties or tasks, he may by habit greatly augment his will-power, and beget a frame of mind so nearly resembling resolution that it would be difficult to distinguish between the two. Here, as elewhere, "the statures of the perfect man," is attained by a slow gradation of travail study, effort and patience. The whole armor cannnot be put on at once. The first victory will reader the succeeding ones easier, until the very combat will be desired for the luxury of certain conquest .- " The angel of martyrdom is brother to the angel of victory."

decision is a quality vitally important to him who would get on in the world. Even brains are secondary in importance to will. A vacillating man, no matter what his abilities, is invariably pushed aside in the race of life by the man of determined will It is he who resolves to succeed, and who at every fresh rebuff begins resoulutely again, that reaches the goal. The shores of fortune are covered with the stranded wrecks of brilliant ability, but who have wanted courage, faith and decision, and have therefore perished in sight of more resolute but less capable adventurers who succeeded in making port. Hundreds of men go to their graves in obscurity, who have been obscure only because they lack the pluck to make the first effort; and who, could they have only ed the world by their achievements and successes. The fact is as Sydney Smith well said : "That in order to do anywe must not stand shivering on the the danger, but jump in and scramble tell you." through as well as we can. It will not do to be perpetually calculating and you can't thifer out." adjusting nice chances; it did all very well before the flood, when a man could years, and then live to see its success a barrel of thider, thir ?"

But, whether inborn or acquired,

and his uncles and his first cousins, and his particular friends till one day he finds that he is sixty five years of age .- That he had lost so much time in consulting first cousins and particular friends, that he has no more time to follow their advice." The world was not made for slow, squeamish, fastidia ous men, but for those that act instantaneously and with power. Obstacles and perplexities every man must meet, and he must either promptly conquer them, or they will conquer him. It is rarely that the comparative good and evil of different modes of action are equalty balanced; and he who would do anything to the purpose in this world, should perceive the slightest inclination of the beam with an eagle's

#### ----The Times' Charges.

The New York Times in a recent ar city government of New York, does not claim to be partizan in its charges, but names A. Oakey Hall; Richard B. Con nolly, Mr. M. Tweed, and Peter Sweeney. and says if any Republican can be proven to be in the ring it names him too. Referring to the fraudu ent balls it firml says: "A Democratic Board passed tne bills, a Democratic Mayor approved them, a Democratic Auditor (Connolly s appointee) audited them, a Democratic lontroller signed the warrants, and a Democratic Chamberlain paid them

But if Hall and Consoily were so shocked at the iniquity of the ld Board. of Supervisors (which they claim they could not prevent) as they new pre end to be, why have they so carefully concealed the frauds since the old Borrd went out of existence? Why did they not publish the accounts at the timas the law requires. Why have they refused to publish them since, or even at low any person to look at them? Every man of comm n sons e n answer, i was because they shared in the plu de under the old Board of Supervisors and intended to continue it under the new. Have they continued it, and are they continuing yet even now? The same men role the City now that rules it then. Some of them have been cle vated to still more responsible position. Have they all suddenly become hone-t men? We say no; and in conclusion we put to Mayor Hall and to the new Board of Supervisors one simple question which we have already asked three times without getting any response : Did or did not the Board of Supervis ors, of which the Mayor is President, approve and pass, in the forepart of last month, a bill of one McKenny, of the Twenty first Ward, for \$28,000, purporting to be for earpenter work in the Farine Court, which work any one of a hundred carpenters in this City would be glad to do for \$700."

A BRAVE WOMAN -On last Sunday evening a Mrs. Deffenbacker, residing in Siuslaw valley, left home, with a child about one year old, to meet her husband who had early in the day gone to the house of a neighbor. The road lays through thick brush, and she had proceeded about a quarter of a mile when attention was attracted to the singular action of a young dog which accompanied her. She stopped to admire and wonder at his clownish gymnastics. Her wonder, however, was soon changed to consternation, for on looking up she discovered in a tree at a distance of about forty feet from the ground, a large cougar in the attitude of springing upon her. She real ized her dangerous condition, and knew the safety of herself and child depended on her coolness. She fixed her eyes upon the monster and retreated until she reached a field near the residence of Mr. Barlow, where she shouted un til Mr. A. J Barlow put in his appears ance. On learning the state of affairs he procured a gun and speedily put an end to the "insect," which measured 9 ft. in length .- Euyene Guard.

Posing A Pedagogue. - " Sally you ?

" No thir ; I can't do it,"

thing in this world that is worth doing. Why at your age I could do any sum and earns a good living. Then look Mr. W. H. Stephens, who opportunely set me. I hate the word can't! for what a home and what a life she has arrived. Mr. Caffney received the conbank, and thinking of the cold and there is no sum that can't be done I deserted She was here surrounded solation of religion from two pastors of

" I think, thir, that I know a thum

"Ha! well, Sally, let's hear it."

consult his friends upon an intended cauthed the ruin of the whole human such misery?" quoth the stranger. publication for a hundred and fifty rath, how many such will it take to make

and hesitates, and consults his brother, A Desperate and Important Political Struggle in North Carolina.

> A Washington dispatch to the New York Times says:

"The political situation in North

Carolina is becoming very interesting, from the alleged fact that that State is the present State Constitutions of the Southern States. The issue, however, which presents itself publicly is be tween the Democratic and Republican election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention will decide which party shall hold supremacy in the State for a series of years. The Democrats boldly avow their purpose, in the Judges, and the substitution of Dem ocrats in their places, elected by the Legislature, with a life-tenure. All ticle concerning the great frauds in the the judicial officers, down to Justices of the Peace are to receive the same getting supplies. At the usual time he Senator Pool will go South in a few until yesterday, when all doubt as to egion, and will engage vigorously in essional C mentice are sending more than 150 000 documents throughout the State The contest has a national signiment will compel them to change front throughout the whole South.

## How Sal Disgraced the Family.

A traveler in the State of Illinois, some cars ago, came to a log cabin on the carries, at Cairo, and there halted. He went into the house of logs. It was a wretched affair, an empty packing box r a table, while two or three old chairs and disabled tools graced the rece tion room; the dark walls of which were further ornamented by a display of

and the man with tears in his eyes and a pipe in his month, sat on a stool, with his dirty arms resting on his knees, worst, of the Orange riot. and his sorrowful-looking head supported by the palms of his hands. No word greeted the interloper.

"Well," said he, "you seem to be in wful trouble here; what,s up?"

"Oh, we are most crazed, neighbor." said the woman, " and we aint got no National Guard On Wednesday, the patience to see folks now."

rebuff; 'but can't I be of any service headquarters. Believing that there to you in all this trouble?" "Well we have lost our gal; our

tones of despair.

she's so far lost as to be induced, but

marked the afflicted father. ay it as is her mother, but there warn't his post in the regiment was commented a pootier gal in the West than my Sal; on by his comrades, he grew very much she's gone and brought ruin on us and worse, and about noon, while sitting at

resolved to begin, would have astonish- Jones, have you done that sum I set could have done well, and might have fourth Street, rushed to the scene. Two married Martin Kehoe, a capital shoe- other physicians afterward arrived, but maker, who, although he's got but one their efforts were useless. The gentle-"Can't do it! I am ashamed of you. eye, plays the flute in a lively manner, man expired in the arms of his friend, by all the luxury in the country,"

"Yes, and who knows what poor Sal His death has caused a profound sensawill have to eat or drink, or wear, now," tion, not only in the 9th regiment, but "It ith tith thir :-- If one apple taken her from you, to lead her into Herald

"Why, d-n him, she's gone off and but at present a man waits, and doubts, to your parsing lesson;"-" Yeth thir." knows how they are to earn a living." and the bear was always bruin.

FATAL CASUALTY.

Another of those sad calamities which we have so frequently been called upon to record, involving the sacrifice of human life to the restless flow of the great cataract, has transpired the present week. Two more men have been the battle ground of the Ku Klux in swept over the Falls of Niagara, makthe trial of their scheme to overturn ing in all five persons who have in this way perished during the present summer. No living person saw the terrible event, or witnessed the agonized struggle which they doubtless made against parties direct, and the result of the the fate which had overtaken them, but the circumstantial evidence is such as to leave no question but that they lost

their lives in the manner stated Alexander Lancilot, a French Canadian, has for some time resided with event of the Convention being called, his wife and three children on Navy to be the expulsion of all the present Island, where, doubtless, he has been visited at his home by more than one to whose eyes this record may come. Last Wednesday morning he crossed in his boat to Chippewa for the purpose of treatment, and the machinery for Tam, did not return, and the distress of his many tacties in vote-counting will be family grew greater and greater when made complete by the Justices being hour after hour passed without bringing given the control of elections. The any tidings of him. At Chippewa, too, elections of delegates to the Convention others were seen in mourning, for when is to take place August 3d. The Con- the news reached them that Lancilot vention was not voted by two thirds of had not returned to Navy Island, it the Logislature, as the existing Consti- was made known that he started away usion privides, and would not be a from the shore at twelve o'clock last g ) bedy any way; but the Republic Wednesday night, accompanied in his cans will make a powerful offert to elect | boat by a man named Edward Bogarmajorary of the delegates, in which dus, belonging to that village. The case the Convention will be dissolved route they were obliged to take lies but stairs. without action; and success in this at- a little way above the rapids. Some emp is long ful, from recent accounts | mischance, the breaking of an oar, or If, however, the Demo rats should get some such fatel visitation, must have the election, Governor Caldwell would set them at the mercy of the current, trotally resist, and the President which irresistibly bore the hapless boat would have to decide which was the to the rapids and the cataract's brink, lantul State Government, and would over which it and its occupants were give that Government the support burled. The friends of the lost men of the United States authorities remained in the suffering of suspense days, into the heart of the Ku Kinx | the tragical occurrence was set aside by the discovery below the falls of frage e impaign. The Republican Con- a ents of their boat, and a flour-sack, matters pertaining to Real Estate. which they were known to have had with them. Neither of the bodies had been receivered at the time of our inforficance, as a defeat to the Ku Klux ele matien. Mrs. Lancilot was informed of the discovery of the evidence of her husband's death, and her grief upon yand the power of pen to pourtray. Whether or not the other victim. Bo gardus, was a man of family we have not learned - Buffalo Express.

## DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR.

Twenty-fifth Street, N Y, was in a fever of excitement vesterday, owing to the birth of a painful rumor, which afterward proved too true. A crowd 39-tf dirty tin-ware and a broken delf article a sembled at No. 222 in the abovenamed street, and looked long and ear-The woman was crying in one corner, nestly at the closed windows of the house. A terrible tragedy had occurred there-one of the last, and perhaps the

Mr Euward J. F. Caffney, a gentleman of courage, address and determination, beloved by everyone who enjoved his acquaintance, a wit and humorist of no common order, was a member of company H. 9th regiment. morning of the riot, his young wife "That is all right," said the visitor, locked him in his room and prevented would be no difficulty between the military and the people, he laughed at Sal is gone and left us," said the man in his wife, made no attempt to break out, and lay down and slept until evening. "Ah; do you know what induced He got very much excited when he her to leave you?" remarked the new heard the news of the riot and the loss of life; he could not be appeased. He "Well, can't say, stranger, as how brooded over the matter, and developed ail the symptoms of melancholy madthen she's gone and disgraced us," re- ness This continued until yesterday. when it had a terrible termination. "Yes, neighbor, and not as I should Having heard that his absence from her own head, now," followed the the dinner table, suddenly produced a razor, which he had concealed on his "Who has she gone with?" asked person, and drew it across his throat, An alarm was given immediately, and " Well, there's the trouble. The gal Dr. Edward Bradley, of West Twentyhis church while he was yet conscious " And who is the fellow that has in the entire National Guard .- N. Y.

What reason have you to suppose Order got married to a critter called an editor, that beer was make in the ark? The for six or seven centuries afterwards; "Miss Sally Jones, you may return as lives in the village, the devil only kangaroo was seen to go in with hops,

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