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## The Daily Reporter.

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Editorial

The nomination of Edward Everett as minister to Great Britain met with unexpected opposition from some of the southern senators. When action was taken upon it, one of them called the attention of the senate to a published correspondence, which he held in his hands, between Mr. Everett and certain abolitionists who had addressed to him a series of questions touching the subject of slavery. The language of Mr. Everett's letter, which was written when he was a candidate for governor of Massachusetts, was said to be very strong and such as none of the southern senators considered to be justifiable. The senator, having read the correspondence, made it the text of a strong denunciatory speech against Mr. Everett, earnestly and vehemently appealing to the representatives of the southern interests and institutions in that body to record their sentence of condemnation against such dangerous sentiments by rejecting the nomination of a man by whom they were put forth.

The correspondence, together with the speech of the senator who brought it forward, arrested the attention of the whole senate, and awakened new and strong apprehensions among the friends of Mr. Everett as to the fate of his nomination. Soon after the senator in question had arisen from his seat and commenced speaking, Mr. Clay was observed to pause in his walk to and fro, and, as the senator from the south proceeded in his speech, he (Mr. C.) became more and more interested, until, at length, he returned to his accustomed seat, and was standing by it when the gentleman who occupied the floor finished his speech with the following emphatic language: "If, under these circumstances, Mr. President, the senate shall confirm the nomination of Mr. Everett, I consider the union virtually dissolved."

"And I say, sir," said Mr. Clay, instantly taking up the words of the honorable senator, "that if this senate sitting on the nomination of Mr. Everett, or any other man as a minister to a foreign court, shall take upon itself to reject that nomination on the ground that the person nominated has expressed to his neighbors and fellow citizens of the state to which he belongs sentiments not in accordance with our own, yet in no way impeaching his character or affecting his qualifications for the post to which he was nominated, then, sir," said Mr. Clay, elevating himself to his full height, and raising his voice to that clarion-like tone of impassioned eloquence for which he, above all living men, was so justly distinguished, "then, sir, I tell the honorable gentlemen in this senate that we have no longer a union to dissolve!" Proceeding from this point, Mr. Clay poured forth for the space of about ten minutes the most eloquent speech I ever heard in my life. And that speech settled the question of Mr. Everett's nomination." — *Benj. Perley Poore.*

A man or a woman who treats a child cruelly in Japan is an object of universal horror. Char-women will not accept employment there unless they can bring the little ones where they work with them on their backs. It is the same with factory women. It is funny to see the mother in the fan manufactory at Osato with a pair of sharp, merry, observant and oblique little eyes peering over their shoulders, and while they work they are constantly turning round to chirrup at the young ones and talk to them.

### Extravagance in Living.

Such crimes as those of Ferdinand Ward, while they spring often from depravity, are oftener the result of mere weakness of character. Thackeray in many of his minor sketches constantly draws the portrait of the man and woman whose means are not equal to the style of living which they desire; and they desire it not for itself, but only because others have it. They are not strong and steady enough to be content with that which they can command and afford, and the means to secure the other must somehow be obtained. Thackeray puts the fact in the simplest and most amusing form. The young couple must give a dinner, and instead of the joint of lamb and the glass of beer which is the only repast to which they have the moral right to invite a friend—if, indeed, the beer may be morally permitted—they must needs prepare a feast which they can not honorably afford, and for the sole reason that other people who can afford it give such feasts.

It is this doing a little more, or a great deal more, than the doer can honestly afford, which leads to the swindles of Wall street. Living in a house too expensive for his means, maintaining it accordingly, dressing as his richer neighbors dress, doing in all things as they do—it is this weak compliance which is hidden in the fine houses, and drives to the park in the fine equipages, which presently ends in Ludlow Street Jail and hopeless disgrace. Yet it is the poorest kind of competition, because the little imitator might see even with his dull eyes that there must always be a few persons who can "do the thing" better than all the rest, and without feeling it. The bulldog may sweat until he bursts, but he can not rival the ox.

This is the tendency which all sensible people—and a great many otherwise sensible people are swept away by it—ought quietly to resist. The power of individual example is immense, but it is often underestimated by the individual. "My vote is of no consequence, but, since you wish it, I will vote," said a man to his neighbor, and the right candid was elected by a majority of one. The family which in the midst of a saturnalia of luxury and extravagance refuses to take part in it, and holds to a simple, moderate, temperate way, is diminishing the supply of Ferdinand Wards and Wall street panics. — *Harper's Magazine for August.*

### Working Around a Point.

About the 1st of July a Chicago fruit buyer went over to St. Joseph, on the Michigan shore, to view the peach crop prospects, and he found one orchard owner who was feeling so very blue that he said to him:

"Now, then, I'll give you a check for \$1,000 for your fruit as it stands."

"No, I couldn't do it," replied the grower, after some hesitation. "It would seem to be doubting the Lord."

Two weeks after that, when the prospects were still poorer, he appeared in Chicago and said he guessed he would take the thousand dollars.

"But it will be doubting the Lord," observed the buyer.

"Yes it probably will; but I've concluded to doubt him on peaches, and make up for it by hanging on to 'taters and cabbage.'" — *Wall Street News.*

There is said to be a haunted house in Silver street, San Francisco, occupied by a man named Roberts. He says the doors are opened by unseen hands, the lights are suddenly extinguished in one of the rooms, picture frames move on their hangings, there is loud knocking on the walls, and the piano plays "Shall we gather at the river?" in the still hours of the night.

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