

expression of countenance; 'it ain't safe. When I was chopping at our wood pile onct, the axe flew right off the way as quick as wink, and took the ear off of old Jabez Snow, our black nigger help, as slick as a knife. The varmint thought when he felt the blood runnin' down his cheek that his skull was split, and his brains oozing out, and he gave a yell so loud they heer'd him clean across the river, which was more nor the matter of a mile wide there, and then he fell down in a conniption fit. It spoilt his beauty, I can tell you, for nothin looks so bad as a half-cropt nigger; it gave his head a lop-sided look ever arter. So don't fly off at the handle that way; it's dangerous, that's a fact.'

'Well,' said the Senator, 'we ought not to be angry with you, for men eminent for their ability and station in the British Parliament have talked as loosely and absurdly as you do. It is grievous to hear a man like Lord Campbell dispose of the arguments derived from Scripture against the remarriage of divorced parties; and the scruples of learned and pious men on the subject, with a flippancy that betokens either ignorance, or indifference, or both. As I said before, I will not enter into that wide field of controversy, although I entertain a very strong opinion upon the subject, founded, not like that of his lordship, on a superficial view of it, but after mature consideration and anxious investigation.

'Leaving untouched, therefore, the interpretation, Mr. Shegog, which your legislature has put on those passages of Scripture, on the subject of divorce, I will content myself with saying, that I cannot approve of the enactments of the recent law. Nothing can be worse than that portion of it which makes a marked distinction between the rights of husband and wife. The former can procure a divorce "a vinculo," upon the proof