THE "KNOW NOTHINGS" DOWN EAST. - It would appear from recent accounts that the secret society, appropriately so designated, has been apreading its appropriately actions in Massachusetts, where the permicious and tatters of Puritan bigotry stand invitingly before it. It is well that our readers should know that bis society had its origin in this city (New York) that its members are composed of the lowest stratum of society, that its chief was until lately an inmate of one of our prisons, and that its object is to plot in seone or proposition of the acknowledged rights of Catholies and adopted citizens.—American Cell.

CHALLENGE TO JOHN MITCHELL, THE IRISH PATRIOT, WHO LONGS FOR A PLANTATION IN ALABAMA, WELL STOCKED WITH FAT NEGROES. - Whatever may be the national faults and failings of Irishmen, no one ever accused them of want of plurk; and, therefore, we take it for granted Mr. Mitchell will not refuse the following polite invitation, which we find, by the United States' papers, has lately been sent by Mr. Gorge L. Lleyd, a native of Africa, publicly to mainisin his position, that it is no crime to keep Mr. L.'s fellow-countrymen in a state of slavery. The challonge is thus worded : - Montreal Herald.

I, the said George L. Lloyd, a native of Nubia, Africa, challenge you, John Mitchell, a native of freland, to meet me in the city of Boston, on the first Monday in the month of April, 1854, in a public dehate between you and myself, before the thirteen first officers of the city of Boston, which gentlemen shall decide by the weight of the argument produced by Mr. Lloyd, that it is a crime, &c., &c., or by Mr. Mitchell's argument, that it is not a crime, &c., &c. Line said Mr. Lleyd, will secure the use of the most commodious hall in the city at my own expense; and in case your honor accept this challenge, I will forwand you a free pass from New York to Boston and back. Now, Sir. if you can make your word good and keep silent, very well; it not, come on John Mitchell, and a pillow of adders under his head who first backs out."

THE SHAME AND DISGRACE OF AMERICA. - As painfally as we are impressed with the deep and barbarous wrongs attending the ordinary manifestations of Slavery, every now and then some single incident turns up which makes the system appear yet more inhuman, demoralising and shameless. This may be the account of some cruelty - some lashing, burning-some hell-throe of the kind, which a Legree or other oligarch of the South inflicts on his mechanics and laborers whose skins are of African tinge, or, if as white as their master, of an outlawed blood. We believe, indeed, all these chivalric-drawn distinctions of color to be a lie-a lie deep as cruelty and deception could atter. When a mulatto child is born, and then still further the blood is diluted through successive generations, until the expert cannot tell the difference between the mixed blood and the pure-and the fire and ambition, and intellect of three or four white ancestors course in the veins of their descendant-and then that victim of concupiscence is hammered by the auctioneer from one master to another, if false to say that the same sort of democrats who buy and sell such a human being, would not buy and sell one another if they could. It is not mere culture which elevates man. There is something higher than that. It is a sentiment of justice, of the value of the golden rule, of the brotherhood of humanity.

Of the kind of incidents which startle the mind with a fresh sense of the enormity of slavery, take the following handbill, of a kind which we suppose to be no rarity, at least in the more southern Slave States. It has been forwarded to us by a correspondent, and is strictly authentic:--

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John Devereux." Marshall, (Texas) Feb. 11, 1853.

Our correspondent who dates from another town in

the same state, says:

"I send you here with the professional card of one of our slave catchers. I would remark, by way of information; that the dogs spoken of are unusually serere. Not long ago I saw a slave pass through the street of this place who had been captured by a pack belonging here, and his raimant and dusky hide were ruptured to a degree."

Now it is in vain for Union-Saving Committees, dough-faced white mechanics and laborers, or any of the caitiff army at the North, to gloss over such facts as these. There stands the South-look at her! Virginia the birth-place of Washington, sunk to the level of a mere negro-breading territory, and those slaves the most valuable that have the largest mixture of the blood of the first families. Gentlemen of Virginia are now engaged in rearing mulattoes to be sold and hunted by blood-hounds as above professionally adverlised. A white rutlian buys slaves within a stone's throw of Mount Vernon or Monticello for a few hundred dollars, and then further south hires them out or employs them, living on their labor, taking their earnings from them by force like a cowardly footpad; disporting his aristocracy at the springs in the summer and rejoicing in some shabby title of Major, Colonel, or General-and this is American democracy!

We may boast of our liberty, but the echo comes sailing from the clank of slave-chains, the whistle of overseer whips, the rustle of flaming negro-pyres, and the howl of the blood-hounds hunting and catching men formed in God's image like ourselves. But this is not the worst. This dark and shameful systems is to be spread over 300,000,000 acres of Virginia soil. In view of facts like these what scathing savcasm in the lines of the National Anthem!

"Hail Columbia, happy land!

Hail ye heroes, heaven-born band! Who fought and bled in freedoms cause? when seventy years after "the peace your valor won," we return to the days of imperial Rome for models of cruelty matching the crucifixions of gladialors, in order to keep in bondage as many human beings as "three millions armed in the holy cause of liberty" during the Revolution !- N. Y. Tribune.

RAPPING SPIRITS IN CONGRESS.-Mr. Walsh, (Democrat,, of N. Y., rose to a privileged question. He said it is well known there is a bill before one branch of Congress, soon to come before this, which has created a great deal of sensation in the public mind. Without expressing any opinion on one side or the other, I should like to know, while there is an immense amount of influence brought to bear, whether it is proper for distinguished members of this House to be seeking information by communications with the other world. (Langhter.) I understand a role has been adopted by this House excluding the introduc-tion of spirituous liquors, and I should like to know whether, in the face of this, it is proper to introduce spirits down stairs, to consult them on the Nebraska question. (General laughter.)
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