

as vehement, though not quite the same as those PUNCH in his clever cartoon puts in the mouth of the head of a seal family rising through a hole in the ice, on either side of which John Bull and Jonathan are standing and bitterly squabbling. The seal begins by, "*Mare clausum* be blowed; that's all Blaine's big bow-wow; Give us a close time; we shall be very grateful," and urges the same reasons for it as I have done. He then complains that Lord Salisbury has not answered his verbal difficulties about geographical and diplomatic expressions which may very well be left to the Arbitrators, and winds up with a new bit of argument in the "tu quoque" or "you're another" style, by urging that a British Act of Parliament makes it criminal for any person to fish in certain ways in a tract of water off the Scottish shore, containing some 2,700 square miles, far outside the 3-mile line; and that therefore Mr. Bull cannot object to the United States doing the same thing with respect to a smaller tract outside the Pribiloff Islands in Behring Sea. As a Canadian I may not, perhaps, object to the use of this peculiar figure of rhetoric, inasmuch as some of our smaller sometimes, but never—well, hardly ever—any of our greater statesmen, use it; but, however powerful its rhetorical effect, I totally deny its logical, in order to which the cases supposed to balance each other should be alike, while in neither the Ceylon Sea case, or the Scotch one, or that respecting St. Helena, does the President assert that the British Government seized a foreign vessel, carried her to a British possession and caused her to be condemned as forfeited for contravention of any alleged prohibition,—as the United States did the *Sayward*; and it is only fair to hold that when a legislator prohibits the doing of an act, he must be understood to mean that such prohibition shall apply only to persons over whom his jurisdiction extends, though it is not necessary or usual to express this in every case. The President concludes by repeating the claim, that seals living on islands belonging to the United States, and returning to them at night are the