

out-stretched, containing thirteen cork-screws attached to pocket knives, or in other shapes. There were seventeen Kentuckians in the party.—*Home Journal*.

To our esteemed brother we say, that we kick against such as the above. Because Kentucky has a county called Bourbon, and because there are a thousand brands of forked lightning, called Bourbon, the State of Kentucky, as a whole, should not be held responsible for all the cork-screws in christendom. If there is anything we venerate beyond the name of mother, it is Kentucky; and if the truth was known, those very cork-screws were imported from Ohio. They have use for them there.—*Texas Freemason*.

No, "the boys" knew that as soon as they struck Ohio, the Buckeyes would want to borrow something, and as cork-screws were most in demand there, the Kentuckians took over a lot of them.—*Mas. Home Journal*.

THE Grand Lodge of Canada has for years boasted of the vast sums she expends in the cause of benevolence and charity. We are willing to admit that, in comparison with her sister Grand Bodies, she does expend a great deal, although we maintain that she does not do half enough. What is twenty dollars half yearly or yearly to a poor widow with half a dozen children? And yet that, as a rule, is the pittance doled out. Among the grants this year, we note the widow of a Past Grand Master is given forty dollars, and he, in his day, spent hundreds,—we might say, thousands,—for the benefit of the Craft, and ever gave to the poor with a liberal and open hand. His widow is wretchedly involved, paying off her husband's debts by her own endeavors, and in order to save her furniture from the sheriff, has actually been obliged to part with certain heirlooms, and at the time of writing, we have a ticket before us for the raffle of two of his watches. Surely, the Grand Chapter

(over which he so long and ably presided), and the Supreme Grand Council of A. & A. S. R. 88° of Canada, of which he was, at the time of his death, its honored chief, should not suffer such a disgrace to their escutcheon to take place. The widow of one Past Grand Master receives three hundred dollars per annum, and surely the other has equal claims upon our charity. The Supreme Grand Council, especially, should come forward, and it will be a crying shame if the Grand Chapter does not do something.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—There was a large meeting of the Scottish Rite bodies held on Thursday night, notwithstanding the excitement attendant upon the great procession. That, however, may have, in a measure, increased the numbers, inasmuch as the parade passed the Temple, and all the windows, on Third street especially, were filled with ladies and children, who had an excellent view of the brilliant spectacle. Meanwhile the escorts, husbands and brethren, who were entitled to the privilege, proceeded to a solemn business which none but themselves were aware of. This was the excommunication—unanimously rendered—of seventeen former members of Ohio Grand Consistory. The expulsion was made without protest; and the cause was briefly stated as a direct violation of the vow of fealty to the Northern Supreme Council, through defiant affiliation with an irregular order, which is not recognized by the A. A. Rite of Ohio. The work was short but effectual, and settles, as far as this body is concerned, what has been somewhat loosely announced as "that muddle at Columbus."—*Ex.*

We have had occasion more than once to denounce the practice of black-balling when it is done merely from motives of personal pique, though the character of a candidate may be unexceptional. Such a proceeding is