

A STRANGE INCIDENT.

THE following strange incident is related by the Baltimore *Episcopal Methodist* as having taken place recently in New York city:—

“A Southern lady, on a visit to the city, went to worship in one of the up town churches:—Soon after, an elegantly attired New York lady, of high social standing, entered the same pew and remained during the service; after which the Southern lady called her aside into the vestry room, and in the presence of the Rector, with whom she was acquainted, thus addressed her:— ‘Madam I do not wish to offend you, but that shawl you are wearing belongs to me.’ (The shawl was a superb one.) The New Yorker protested, and declared that there must be some mistake—‘If,’ says the Southern lady, ‘you will examine a certain corner, you will see my initials worked in it, and the Rector knows my name very well.’ The corner was found, as well as the initials. The Southern lady then remarked: ‘That ring you have on your finger is also mine, and if you will take the trouble to examine the interior, you will see the same initials engraved in it.’ Similar movements as above described took place and with similar results.

Turning to her again, the Southern lady said, ‘Madam, that bracelet you have on is mine also, by pressing a spring on the side it will unclasp and show you my portrait.’ The New York lady did as requested, and there was the lady’s portrait. She promptly returned the ring and bracelet, as she was convinced beyond the power to controvert it that they were the property of this Southern lady, and she remarked as she did, ‘They are yours and you are welcome to them, but as I wore the shawl to church I must beg the privilege of wearing it home again.’

The Southern lady acceded, of course, and exchanged cards. The shawl came back in due time, but the New York lady had probably obtained the articles in such a manner as to render it to unpleasant to divulge. No more was said about it.

MORAL.—If Southern ladies want to know where their articles of missing jewelry and wardrobe furniture are, let them attend some fashionable ‘up town’ New York Church, and if the men want to know what has become of all the fine horses shipped North by the army officers and ‘bummers,’ let them spend an evening in Central Park.”

MAN’S ACTIVITY REQUIRED.—It is not fit that heaven should take all the pains to bring earth to it: earth must do somewhat to bring itself to heaven. He that lies in a dark pit will yet offer his hand to him that will help him up. Jeremiah did put the cords under his own arms, that Ebed Melech let down to draw him out of the dungeon.

WORKING CHEAP.—“What does Satan pay you for swearing?” asked one gentleman of another. “He don’t pay me anything,” was the reply. “Well, you work cheap: to lay aside the character of a gentleman; to inflict so much pain on your friends and civil people; to risk your own precious soul—and for nothing. You work cheap—very cheap.”