

### "KORN KOB" ON THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

HE FURNISHES A BILL HE THINKS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT REJECT.

MR. EDITOR,—I flatter myself I understand something about the Alabama claims. I have investigated the subject thoroughly, and have come to the conclusion that the American Senate was perfectly justified in rejecting the Bill negotiated by Johnson. The American people have been treated shamefully by the British Government, and it was just simply an insult to offer such miserable compensation to a free and enlightened nation—a nation, too, that would scorn to take advantage of any other country in difficulties.

Now, Mr. Editor, I propose to settle the matter thus; and should my suggestions be acted upon, the thought that I may have been the humble instrument chosen to keep the peace between the two great free nations of the world will be a source of satisfaction to me, compared to which any pecuniary profit I may derive from the transaction will be as dust in the balance:—

*Imprimis*—Great Britain will hand over at once and forever all her American possessions, North and South, to the United States.

Mr. Monroe will be canonized, and the anniversary of his birth observed as a statutory holiday throughout the United Kingdom.

In case of war between the two nations, the rights of Nova Scotia, as a neutral power, will be respected.

The Hon. Joseph Howe will be banished to Alaska; and Messrs. Wilkins, Murray, and Annand constituted life-members of the New York Common Council as a reward for distinguished services.

The American people will be put in immediate possession of the Atlantic Telegraph, the Gulf Stream, the Banks of Newfoundland, and the Aurora Borealis.

Should any future British explorer discover the North Pole, he will immediately give it up to the United States to serve as a national flag-staff for the Great Republic.

All titles of nobility, from Duke down to Colonial Knight, will be abolished; those only excepted whose owners have intermarried with Americans.

The Queen will be allowed the title of the "Honorable Mrs. Guelph."

Any loss or damage resulting to the property or persons of American citizens from earthquakes, storms at sea, floods, high tides, volcanic eruptions, June frosts, electric fluid, cattle disease, weevil, potato blight, or other supernatural agency, in any quarter of the globe whatever, will be made good at once, out of the British Treasury.

Mr. Sumner, Mr. Chandler and Ben Butler will have seats in the British House of Commons, placed at their disposal, in order to give them a chance to educate public sentiment and promulgate their peculiar ideas on the rights of man.

Mr. Roebuck will receive imprisonment for life, with hard labour, and Earl Russell, Mr. Laird and the Editor of the *Times*, be hanged immediately, without benefit of clergy.

In all European Courts, a free and independent American citizen will take precedence of Englishmen of all degrees, and Queen Victoria must cross the Atlantic, at least twice a year, to kiss the toe of the President of the United States.

Gibraltar, Malta, and the Cape of Good Hope, will be ceded to the Republic for coaling stations, and as soon as the Americans can manage their own affairs at home, they will take charge of Australia, New Zealand and the Indian Empire.

The British Lion will have his teeth pulled, his claws

clipped and his mane and tail shaved, and then be handed over to Miss Columbia for a poodle-dog.

"Yankee Doodle" will be, hereafter, the National Anthem of the Britishers.

Macaulay's New Zealander will be required to start immediately for London Bridge.

The Union Jack, God save the Queen, the Magna Charta, Mr. Vernon Harcourt, and the *Saturday Review*, will be buried in the Goodwin Sands.

For the present, England will be allowed to retain possession of Great Britain and Ireland.

Lastly, England will be required to give up her lines of Steamships, all her "Monitors" and armor-clad vessels; suppress all newspapers inimical to American supremacy; pay off the United States National debt; blow up the House of Lords; shoot a few hundred bloated aristocrats; and walk mighty considerably darned straight in future, if she doesn't want to get the American Eagle into her hair.

### WOMEN IN PARIS.

In answer to an Ottawa correspondent, the Cynic stated in his last number, that certain strange manners and objectionable habits were now prevalent among the women of most civilized countries. A short time ago, Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame, and the natives of the Chinese mission, gave a grand ball, at which "all Paris" assembled. One of the Mandarins named Te-to-tum, wrote home an account of this *fete*, which he kindly permitted a French gentleman to translate. From this letter DIOGENES borrows as much as suits his purpose in corroboration of his statements to his friend at Ottawa.

After describing a "severe dinner," at which he had been present, the observant Te-to-tum, thus speaks of the Ball given by the Chinese. "Our rooms would permit 500 men and women to circulate with ease, but we invited 2,000, because to make fashionable people in Paris happy, you must make them uncomfortable, by packing them densely. All the ambassadors honoured us by their presence. Some of them asked us most stupid questions. The men generally are very ignorant. The women look at each other with envy and jealousy. All the bad feelings of humanity prevail in high society. The best-mannered people are the waiters, the best-dressed, the footmen. Heaven forbid that we should import any French social habits! Oh! if you had seen the women at our ball. They came half-dressed—that is to say, the upper part of the body was wholly exposed; but they are jealous of showing their feet, and seem to desire to hide the floor also, as each woman drags about with her a long robe, on which it is not *etiquette* to place your shoe. Their eye-brows and eye-lashes are generally painted, and they use carmine for their lips and cheeks, as well as pearl-powder for various exposed sections of the frame. They purchase the hair of the dead, and have it worked by artists into various designs. Then the women put it on their heads with flowers—and yet, they are not a dirty people. Nevertheless, any one of these women divested of her ornaments, and thoroughly washed, would, doubtless, present a very different appearance. The high-caste women are allowed every license. At our *fete*, they were clasped around the waist by men to whom they were previously unknown; and they danced with painful vigour,—for it was hot."

This extract will probably satisfy the Cynic's correspondent that the ladies of Ottawa are not yet upon a level with Parisian *belles*.

### RATHER A DEEP DRAIN.

The following is from the *Daily Witness* of May 31:—  
"When Letitia Power was arrested she had a bottle of whisky in her pocket, which she drained to the bottom while the policeman's attention was momentarily drawn from her."