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## PROPORTIONS OF ORIGINAL RACES IN AMERICA.

In writing these letters to the Boston Daily Advertiser, I attempted to confine myself to the facts which directly affect legislation or charitable action. There is, however, a curious question as to the effect to be produced on National character, by the intermixture of blood and race produced by such large emigration as we see.

What I have said in my last letter has been carefully guarded, so as to refer everywhere to the absolutely *unmixed* Celtic race. Of its value as intermixed, I have spoken as highly as I could. An anxious question is asked, however, by men of the old American blood, whether there is not an over-preponderance of the Celtic element coming in upon us?

I do not profess to answer the question. It rests on the prior question, how far the origin of the native American blood is Celtic. In what proportions do the Celtic and Gothic or Germanic elements mingle in the Englishman of to-day, and of course in the American of to-day?

Dr. Kombst estimates in 1841, that there are of	
pure German blood in England,	10,000,000
Of mixed blood, where the Teutonic prevailed	
in England and the north-east of Ireland,	6,000,000
Of mixed blood, where the Celtic prevailed in	
England, Scotland and Ireland,	4,000,000
And of pure Celtic, in Scotland, Wales and	
Ireland,	6,000,000

But Dr. Latham, with more reason, I think, doubts the purity of any Germanic blood in England, saying that "a vast amount of Celticism not found in our tongue, very probably exists in our pedigrees." And in another place he says, that in nine-tenths of the displacements of races made by conquest, the female half of the ancestry of the present inhabitants must have belonged to the beaten race. I think the history of the Saxon invasions is such as to give color to this idea in the case of England. And I am not sure, but what it could be made out, that the American people, before the recent Irish invasion, showed in their proportion of black-haired men, of