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MR. SEWARD'S PARABLE OF THE
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Our facile and accomplished Secretary of State undertook, in his late stump speech at New York, to convey his ideas in the pleasantest manner, by the use of a parable. The parable, of course, was a parable of apology. The *chef d'œuvre* of our Secretary's parable is the parable, borrowed from the ancient Sadducees, of the woman who had seven husbands, of the woman who had seven husbands, accompanied by various enquiry whose wife of the seven was she in the resurrection. Mr. Secretary applies this to President Lincoln and his seven successive declarations on the slavery question to which he has been, once and again, duly wedded. The result of the application is even more curious.

of the Sadducees. To which he said: "I have seven brothers and contradictory declarations will be made. Lincoln adhere after the Restoration? The seven are these:

First, The famous Springfield speech in which he said that "a house divided against itself cannot stand," before this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. It will become all one thing or all the other."

Second, The inaugural address in which he declared: "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists. I believe I have no constitutional right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so."

Third, The order squelching Gen. Fremont's emancipation proclamation.

Fourth, His celebrated remark to the Chicago delegation: "I do not want to issue a document that the whole world will see must necessarily be inoperative, like the new constitution."

Fifth. President Lincoln's proclamation of emancipation.

Seventh. The Niagara manifesto "to whom it may concern."

die also. Whose, therefore, of the seven shall she be in our coming political heaven, — the Restoration? "For they all had her to wife." It is not we, but Mr. Seward who suggested that President Lincoln is an old woman. The secretary's parable has no point unless Lincoln is denoted by the woman; old she must have been, both in

body and in years, to have outlived her seventh husband. The query of the Sadducees could not have been raised if the woman had but one husband, nor the query respecting Mr. Lincoln's policy on the slavery question if he had not plighted his troth to so many different policies. Never was a fable more apt ; never did one in all points

more perfectly tally.—*World.*

ENGLISH VIEW OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

(From the *London Times*.)

Nobody can well anticipate that Mr. Lincoln would be re-elected without a contest, or that the contest would be otherwise than desperate. But a desperate contest implies conflicting principles, and Mr. Lincoln's principles have been distinctly pronounced. His policy, as at present avowed, is war—war "to the bitter end," and it is not on the

party professing similar views that he has hitherto relied for support. But this adoption of the war on the part of one political section leaves the other no alternative but to adopt, in some shape or other, a policy of peace. It may be transformed or concealed under various disguises, but to this end it must come at last. Whoever condemns President Lincoln's policy must virtrally condemn the war. It is vain to talk of the prosecution of the war on better military principles or a more skilful plan. All plans and all principles have now been tried.

Every General has had his chance in turn, and all have failed alike. McClellan's scientific caution fared no better than Grant's invincible obstinacy, except that under the former commander there was not so great a sacrifice of life. That the war has been wasteful beyond all precedent is perfectly true, and if exceptions were taken to the prodigality with which blood and treasure have been lavished, they might doubtless be sustained. But, though the war might have been managed more cheaply, we do not see how it could have been conducted more successfully. No minister could have raised

more men than Mr. Stanton, or more money than Mr. Chase. No chief of the public could have kept "pegging away" at the war more indefatigably than President Lincoln, or rejected more bluntly all proposals of compromise. If the Republicans with their unsparring efforts could do nothing against the South, it is not to be imagined that the Democrats, with their half and half policy, could do any more. If McClellan is to be their champion, we know already what may be expected. The armies of the North would be more prudently handled, and after a

The *St. Helena* Guardian says: It is reported that the slave trade has been carried on very briskly for some time past by means of steamers of such a class that our cruisers have no chance of catching them. One 800 tons has got away three times, each time well laden with negroes. The barracons are full.

The "*Royal Alfred*," screw frigate, is expected to be launched next Oct. 15th.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday morning, says the *Oshawa Vindicator*, a German, while cutting bands for a thrashing machine, on Mr. William Drew's farm, south of Harmony, took an unfortunate step backward by which one of his legs was caught in the cylinder and was hatched to pieces up to the knee. The poor man lingered in great agony until about noon, when death came to his relief.

We see it estimated that sugar and syrup enough were made last spring in the State of Vermont to furnish all the sweetening necessary for the entire population one year. Isn't it worth while for farmers to think more about preserving, or planting sugar maples?

A gunmaker in Paris, named Giroulet, has just created several models of a new firearm. It consists of a musket with a receiver attached to the stock in such a manner that it may be fixed up to the collar with his left hand while holding himself with the bayonet.