

Gentlemen, look at this girl! Good nurse and seamstress. Do I hear one thousand? One thousand is offered—one thousand—going—going—sold for Cash, one thousand." Next is sold for \$1,200, a plantain hand, named Jim; then a "boy" aged about 50, named Tom, for \$1,000; then two "boys," mulattoes—first-rate "coopers," for \$1,500 each; then a "family," composed of a mother and four children—the latter all mulattoes—for \$2,500. Our eloquent friend having disposed of his entire lot, proceeded, without hardly a moment's interruption, to sell a lot of real estate, the three other gentlemen auctioneers were driving on as equally flourishing, though not quite so rapid, a trade. One of them—a very handsome, youngish looking man—was devoting himself exclusively, to the sale of young mulatto women.—On the block, at the time I approached his stand, was one of the most beautiful women I ever saw. She was aged about 16 years, was dressed in a cheap, striped woolen gown and bareheaded. I could not discover a single trace of the African about her features. She was much whiter than the average of northern white women; her form was graceful in the extreme, and she carried in her head a pair of eyes that pierced one through and through. Unlike many of her fellow captives she seemed fully sensible of her degraded position, and shrank with true maiden timidity from the imprudent stare of the hard-featured throng about her. Sensitive reader! what do you think became of that beautiful girl? She was struck off for \$1,250 to one of the most lecherous-looking old brutes I ever set eyes on. God shield the helpless victim of that bad man's power—it may be, ere now, that man's—lust! But I was destined a moment after, to witness a far sadder, more heart-rending scene. A noble looking mulatto woman was sitting upon a bench, holding in her arms two little children—one an infant, and the other a beautiful bright-eyed little boy of some seven or eight years. Her face wore a troubled and frightful look, as if she was conscious that some great evil was about to befall her, when her turn to be sold came, she ascended the platform, the babe in her arms and the little boy clinging to her skirts. The auctioneer offered to sell the "lot" together, but no responsible bids having been made, the mother and the little boy were put up separately and sold to separate parties—the one going to Texas, the other to Mississippi. The final separation of the mother and child took place a few minutes afterward. I shall never forget the horror and the agony of that parting. The poor frantic mother begged and implored of "masser" to "buy little jemie, too" (and I will do him the justice to say that he was much moved by her appeals) and when she found that her appeals were in vain, she burst forth into the most frantic wails that ever despair gave utterance to. At last mother and child were forcibly separated and hurried off, to see each other no more on earth. My heart is not adamant, and I execrated with more than former ardor a system that could ever permit such fiendish atrocities. Thus I saw with my own eyes—thus had I thrust upon me almost two of the most detestable and horrible features of the slave system—the sale of beautiful young women to lustful male owners, and that forcible separation of parents from their offspring.

A NEW PHASE OF ROBBERY—CHLOROFORM ON THE CARS—A WOMAN IN THE CASE.—We learn the following facts respecting a recent robbery committed on board the cars of the Central Railroad. On Friday last, a young woman took the cars for the West, at a station a short distance beyond Utica. Her baggage was checked for Buffalo. After proceeding a short distance upon her journey, a woman, who was a fellow passenger, with an affected desire to relieve the loneliness of the young lady, took a seat with her, and became very social. She was, in fact, quite attentive, and among other marks of familiarity, offered her protegee her bottle of smelling salts, which was accepted, and used. Soon after inhaling the pungent odor of the vinaigrette, she became powerfully affected by the influence of some subtle soporific agent which it contained, and fell asleep. She remained in this unconscious condition for some time, and on recovering from her stupor discovered that she had been robbed of her purse, baggage, checks, &c. On arriving at the Clyde station, she made known the facts to the Conductor, and the railroad men made up a sufficient sum to take her on to her destination. This circumstance develops a new and dangerous scheme for the robbery of unsuspecting persons on the railway trains. Doubtless the female adept had caused her victim to inhale the vapor of chloroform, and thus had her fully in her power, while she perpetrated the robbery. If they carry their operations to the extent of taking baggage, also, it is a still more serious business. Let every one be cautious about encouraging the approaches of plausible strangers on the cars.—*Rochester Democrat.*

ITALIAN MORALITY.—A recent American writer in a book called "My Consulship," tells what he did not see in Italy:—"First, I never saw in Italy a drunken man who was not a foreigner. Second I never saw brazen faced vice, flaunting its ribbons and velvets, on fashionable promenades, in an Italian city, by day or by night; and every body knows what we Americans, and I might add, what we Englishmen, and we Frenchmen know on this subject (and yet we are the people, and wisdom of necessity must die with us.) Third, there are no gambling halls in Italy, of which New York and London are full. When men or women play in Italy, it is a mere matter of form to lose or win a few francs among their friends and acquaintance; but an Italian gentleman would consider himself insulted if you should propose to bet with him. Fourth, there is no American spreeing in Italy—no getting under the table—no breaking of decanters, crockery, windows, mirrors, and furniture—there are no swelled heads in that country—the Italians meet courteously, pass their time joyously, converse genially, and amuse themselves with moderation; but good taste is always the presiding divinity, and when next they meet there are no headaches, nor is there anything to be ashamed of. Fifth it has been the fashion for a century or two, and perhaps more, to talk about the immoralities and even the licentiousness of the Italians. But nine-tenths of this, or more, has come from unprincipled or slippant travellers and writers. I have been in upwards of fifty Italian cities, and I can say of every one of them, what no Englishman, and no American, can say of any city in their countries; I never saw, nor do I believe that any man of this generation has seen, in an Italian city, what can be seen in Regent-street or Broadway every morning and every afternoon, and evening and every night—painted women, walking the streets, dressed in the height of fashion; alone, brazen-faced, impudent.

A Dutchman thus describes the New Yorkers: "Fine peebles; dey go about der shreets all day cheating each oder, and dey call dat pizziness."

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON ON FOREIGN AUXILIARIES.—About midnight I patrolled, in advance of our sentries, down to a vidette of the 1st Hanoverian Hussars. On communicating with him, he told me, in his own peculiar English, that "She move" (meaning the enemy). I asked him his reason for thinking so; he answered, "Lissen! you hear vagon and gun moves on the road." On placing my ear to the ground, I found this was the case. I then asked in what direction he thought they were moving; he answered, "from de left to de right." I demanded why he thought so. "Because leetle ting (shadows) pass bivouac fire from der left to der right, so dey go dat way." Having for my own satisfaction, ascertained the correctness of his intelligent observation, I reported the circumstance to my supporting picket and the field officer of the night. Lord Wellington immediately came down, and advancing to the outpost, asked, "Who reported that the enemy were in motion?" He was informed of the fact, as well as the grounds for the belief that they were moving in our front to their left. Lord Wellington reconnoitred himself, and, being satisfied of the truth, said, in allusion to the Hussar's report, "A d—d sharp fellow that; I wish I had more of them."—*Sketches of Campaigning.*

#### SPEECH OF MR. ZACHARIAH SPICER.

On the question, "Which enjoys the greatest amount of happiness—the bachelor or the married man?" Mr. President and Gentlemen—I rise to advocate the cause of the married man. And why should I not? I claim to know something about the institution. I do. Will any gentleman pretend to say that I do not? Let him confront me with my wife and seventeen children, and decide. High as the Rocky Mountains tower above the Mississippi Valley, does the character of a married man tower above that of the bachelor. What is a bachelor? What was Adam before he got acquainted with Eve? What but a poor, shiftless, helpless, insignificant creature? No more to be compared to his alterself than a milldam to the great roaring cataract of Niagara. [Applause.] Gentlemen, there was a time, I blush to say it, when I too was a bachelor; and a more miserable creature you will hardly expect to find. Every day I toiled hard, and at night I came home to my comfortless garret—no carpet, no fire, no nothing. Everything was in a clutter, and in the words of the poet—

"Confusion was Monarch of all he surveyed." Here lay a pair of pants, there a dirty pair of boots; there a play bill, and here a pile of dirty clothes.—What wonder that I took refuge at the gaming table and bar-room. I found it would never do, gentlemen, and, in a lucky moment, I vowed to reform. Scarcely had the promise passed my lips, when a knock was heard at the door, and in came Susan Simpkins after my dirty clothes.

"Mr. Spicer," said she, "I've washed for you six months, and I haven't seen the first red cent in the way of payment. Now, I'd like to know what you are going to do about it?"

I felt in my pocket book. There was nothing in it, and I knew that well enough.

"Miss Simpkins," said I, "it's no use denying it—I haven't got the pence; I wish for your sake I had."

"There," said she promptly, "I don't wash another rag for you."

"Stop," said I. "Susan, I will do what I can for you. Silver and gold have I none; but if my heart and hand will do, they are at your service."

"Are you in earnest?" said she, looking a little suspicious.

"Never more so," said I.

"Then," says she, "as there seems to be no prospect of getting my pay any way, I guess I'll take up with the offer."

Enough said. We were married in a week; and what's more, we haven't repented. No more attics for me, gentlemen. I live in a good house and have somebody to wash my clothes. When I was a poor miserable bachelor, gentlemen, I used to be as thin as a weasel. Now I am as fat as a porker.

In conclusion, gentlemen, if you want to be a poor, ragged fellow without a coat to your back, or a shoe to your foot; if you want to grow old before your time, and as uncomfortable, generally, as a hedgehog rolled up the wrong way, I advise you to remain a bachelor; but if you want to get married, I've got ten daughters, gentlemen, (overpowering applause), and you may have your pick."

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