

A LEGEND OF THE HEMLOCKS.

"The hands are already up out of the wood! Is the table-cloth on, Marg, dear?" "The table is waiting, and so is the food; Let them come, mother mine, never fear."

SPONTANEOUS RESTLESSNESS.

BY NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN.

The discussion of annexation, the formation of republican clubs, the sage forecasts of Canada's future, and the brilliant calculations of the advantages which would follow the severance of the gentle links which bind us to Great Britain and Ireland, and make us part of the great imperial chain of free governments, strike me as hardly worthy of the attention which they have excited.

would be to add to rather than contract her franchise, and imperial confederation would mean making a pool with the lion and the lion would have the lion's share. If we want a new departure there are only two roads before us— independence or annexation.

But it may be doubted whether the United States, in its present state, has that quality. Diverse conflicting interests are growing larger every day. The South and the North are not yet one. The West and the East must soon clash, that is to say if the principles of pure self-interest, on which the annexationist proceeds are to prevail.

VARIETIES.

TOM JONES.—We are told of Fielding's "Tom Jones" that when the work was completed the author, "being at the time hard pressed for money took it to a second-rate publisher with a view of selling it for what it would fetch at the moment. He left it with the bookseller, and called upon him the next day for his decision.

THE GLEANER.

LIBRARY contemplates publishing the various catalogues of the Valparaiso Library. The Lee Monument Association of Virginia have raised \$20,500 for a monument to the Confederate leader.

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