

CHILDREN AT SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Slave States, - - - - - 301,172 | Free States, - - - - - 2,212,444

A young New Yorker, now on his first southern tour, and not yet cottonized by the new influences surrounding him, has written to one of the publishers of the New York *Tribune* an account of a slave auction he attended in Richmond. His letter has been published in that paper, from which we copy an extract :—

RICHMOND, VA., March 3, 1853.

Since I left New York I have seen the original Declaration of Independence, and I have seen it "illustrated" here in this place. Oh, my God! Oh, my country!!

I have been an eye-witness this morning to scenes such as have never been described, and never can. You and I have been told by some of the *doughfaces* of the North that the evils of Slavery are exaggerated. But they have not been half told, and I have neither the ability nor the heart to describe the scenes I have this moment come from witnessing.

I have spent two hours at the public sales of slaves. There are four of them, and all in the same street, not more than two blocks from the Exchange Hotel, where we are staying. These slave depots are in one of the most frequented streets of the place, and the sales are conducted in the building, on the first floor, and within view of the passers-by. There are small screens behind which the women of mature years are taken for inspection; but the men and the boys are publicly examined in the open store, before an audience of full one hundred. These examinations are carried on by various persons interested, and are enough to shock the feelings of the most hardened. You really cannot conceive that men in human form could conduct themselves so brutally; each scar or mark is dwelt upon with great minuteness—its cause, its age, its general effect upon the health, &c., &c., are questions asked and readily answered. I saw full twenty men stripped this morning, and not more than three or four of them had what they termed "clean backs," and some of them—I should think full one quarter of them—were scarred with the whip to such an extent as to present a frightful appearance; one in particular was so cut that I am sure you could not lay your finger on any part of his back without coming in contact with a scar. These scars were from the whip, and were from two inches to one foot in length. These marks damaged his sale; although only about 45 or 50 years old, he only brought \$460; but for these marks he would have brought \$750 to \$800.

I saw several children sold; the girls brought the highest price. Girls from 12 to 18 years old brought from \$500 to \$800. * * * * *

But I cannot go further. This subject grows on my hands, and if I should only say half what I think and feel just at this time, I should tire your patience. I am *chuck full*, and shall reserve the overflow until I see you. But think me not untruthful from this unavoidable excitement. I don't tell half the truth. I have said nothing of the brutality of the audiences I saw at four of these auctions. I tell you for a truth that I saw full one hundred Legrees, and even worse than he.

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AMALGAMATION.

"In those States of the Union where Emancipation has taken place, there is not the hundredth part of amalgamation, that is found in the Slave States."—*Rev. J. G. Fee.*"

"A Colony of blacks, three or four hundred, were settled in the County of Brown, a few miles from my residence in Ohio, and there has been but one Mulatto child born amongst them, as I am credibly informed, during the last 15 years. I repeat in the