

Dont return ! possible ! why how you talk ? have you done with the clock trade ? I guess I have, it tante worth follerin now. Most time, said the other, laughing, for by all accounts the clocks warnt worth havin, and most infarnal dear too, folks begin to get their eyes open. It wa~~nt~~ needed in your case, said Mr. Slick, with that peculiarly composed manner, that indicates suppressed feeling, for you were always wide awake, if all the folks had cut their eye teeth as airly as you did, their'd be plaguy few clocks sold in these parts, I reckon ; but you are right, Squire, you may say that, they actilly were *not* worth havin, and that's the truth. The fact is, said he, throwing down his reins, and affecting a most confidential tone, I felt almost ashamed of them myself, I tell you. The long and short of the matter is jist this, they dont make no good ones now-a-days, no more, for they calculate 'em for shippin and not for home use. I was allstruck up of a heap when I see'd the last lot I got from the States ; I was properly bit by them, you may depend ; they didnt pay cost, for I couldnt recommend them with a clear conscience, and I must say I do like a fair deal, for I'm strait up and down, and love to go right ahead, that's a fact. Did you ever see them I fetched when I first came, them I sold over the Bay ? No, said Mr. Allen, I cant say I did. Well, continued he, they *were* a prime article, I tell you, no mistake there, fit for any market, its generally allowed there aint the beat of them to be found any where. If you want a clock, and *can* lay your hands on one of them, I advise you not to let go the chance ; you'll know 'em by the 'Lowell' mark, for they were all made at Judge Beler's factory. Squire Shepody, down to Five Islands, axed me