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Choice Poetry.

LIBERTY AND UNION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE.

These flags our glorious ensigns,
These still our ensigns fly;
And from the central point of land
Down pluck them from the sky!

more persons who would have counsel-
ed acquiescence. Yet Washington and
his patriots enforced the hard laws
of war, regardless of opposite opinions,
and would only accept of the surrender
of Yorktown.

In the last term of the next President,
Madison, several of the New England
states, dissatisfied with the war, and with
the manner in which it was conducted,
assembled in convention at Hartford to
devise means of security adapted to their
situation and "not repugnant to their
obligations as members of the Union."

A VOICE FROM THE LOYAL NORTH.
BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.
We sing our country's song to-night,
The truth we utter bold and free;
Her banner drops in clouded light
Beneath the whistling sky.

The Only Possible Compromise.
The proposition discussed in the Tri-
bune a few days ago, that Congress should
purchase and emancipate the slaves in
the Border Slave States, has already at-
tracted considerable attention, and meets
with much favor from all but the fanatical
devotees of slavery in the North, who,
like Charles O'Connor, consider the insti-
tution a divine blessing, and would be
glad to introduce it into the Free States.

A WORD FOR THE HOUR.
BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.
The drumbeat breaks up. In black eclipse
Light after light goes out. One evil star,
Luridly glaring through the smoke of war,
As in the dream of the Apocalypse,

Florida has receded, without produc-
ing a remark beyond the telegraphic an-
nouncement of that event, or creating any
sensation except that occasioned by the
burning of a little harmless powder in
Charleston and elsewhere in Cottondom.

Miscellaneous.

Some Practical Lessons from our His-
tory.
Laws do not execute themselves. Even
moral and physical laws presuppose in
their operation other forces than what is
simply inherent in the laws themselves.

Afterwards, while Washington was in
the second term of his Presidency, an in-
surrection arose in Western Pennsylvania
and the adjoining States, where the peo-
ple, wanting a market for their grain,
distilled it largely, and, therefore, felt
burdened by the exorbitant duty then exist-
ing.

Disunion the Doom of Slavery.
Those who are plotting the disruption
of this Government and the establish-
ment of a Southern Confederacy, claim
to be the only true friends of the South
and its institutions. Those who are for
maintaining the Government are denon-
ced as Republicans and Abolitionists.

The Slave Population of Virginia.
In speculating upon the course likely
to be pursued by Virginia in the present
crisis, we may obtain a good deal of
light by considering the distribution of
her slave population, and its relative
proportion to the whole population east
and west of the Blue Ridge.

Driving Out Poor Whites Men.—The
Mobile Mercury, of the 27th ult., a lead-
ing secession organ in Alabama, comes
to us with a leading article headed "Vigil-
ance Needed," and among other things,
says:
"21. Slaves are constantly associating
with low white people who are not slave
owners. Such people are dangerous to
a community, and should be made to leave
our city."

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