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LIBRARY OF P. P. FISH AND THE AMUSEMENT OF IT.

One of the hypocritical traits of the Black Republican press and lecturers at the North, is that of the South men are not allowed to exercise a full "liberty of speech." These agitators desire to preach their abominable doctrines in our midst, and circulate their mischievous pamphlets and newspapers among our slaves; and because, forsooth, we put a rather sudden stop to such proceedings, they cry out in a loud voice, "What a tyrannical interference with the freedom of the press, and the liberty of speech!"

Now the fact may be, as stated by Mr. Beecher, that a certain range of subjects can be handled with more freedom at the North than at the South. Perhaps, for the peace and tranquility of the country, it would be better if there did not exist quite so great a disparity in this respect between the two sections. But we ask, if the difference in the position and circumstances of the two extremes of the Union does not explain and justify the difference in their policy in this matter? Liberty of speech, like every other species of liberty, must be regulated by circumstances. No man can enjoy an absolute liberty of speech; but only so much as will not be a danger to the rights and happiness of those who are around him.

It is a solitary man on the desert may be allowed to talk as he pleases, as long as he pleases, and as long as he pleases. He can say also just what he pleases. But as soon as he has a single companion, his right of utterance must submit to such modifications as the existence and a fair share of comfort of that companion require. For instance, he would have no moral right to sing while that companion was taking his requisite sleep; nor to say such things in the hearing of his companion as he knew were working to his moral injury, or offensive to his feelings. In short, he would be compelled to restrain himself in the exercise of his absolute right of speech.

In communities, the same principle operates, but of course is more extended in application. A man still preserves the right of speech, but he must so modify the exercise of it as not to injure his neighbors, or endanger the public peace and safety. It should be not upon the exercise of this right, and as these circumstances differ in different localities, so the just limitations of the liberty of speech must also be different in different widely-separated sections. What would be innocent if said in Boston, because injurious to nobody, might be extremely pernicious if said in Charleston, where it would cause painful anxiety, if not revolt and bloodshed. Small exercise of the right of speech in Boston, he would be working to his moral injury, or offensive to his feelings. In short, he would be compelled to restrain himself in the exercise of his absolute right of speech.

The influence of circumstances in properly modifying the absolute exercise of natural rights is constantly exemplified. Men have an undoubted right, for instance, to discuss, publicly and privately, religious questions; but when, for years past, a "fanatical" sect, originating in the North by persistent abuse of the Roman Church, succeeded in inducing riots and disorderly conduct on the part of the rabble that congregated to hear him, the authorities felt justified in causing his arrest and locking him up in jail. Now, abstractly, this man had as much right to preach as any other man. But in the state of religious excitement then existing there, the public safety demanded he should be confined in the exercise of his right; and as the public safety was paramount, he was forced to acquiesce. In cities, in times of riots, knots of people are sometimes forbidden to assemble on the street. This is an interference with the personal liberty of the citizen; but the public safety justifies it by rendering this interference necessary.

Then, if we look at the thing coolly and calmly, and in its legal aspect merely, the Black Republicans have no cause of complaint; they are not entitled to a hearing in the streets. We cannot be needed to surrender our safety and peace to enable them to exercise an abstract right. Such an exercise would be a flagrant violation of our rights, and our more important rights, because they are such as are vital and practical; and the man who would give up asking such a sacrifice as our hands are either cramp himself, or in the belief that we are idiots.

TALK ON CHANGE.
The talk yesterday was of a varied character. The gathering on the Carondelet and environs were first, considering that a good amount of "largest" was to be paid to-day. It was manifest that almost every party had prepared for to-day, which will be a day of larger payments in our city than ever before recorded. Nearly five millions of dollars of commercial obligations have to be provided; and, to hasten on the good work, many merchants commenced paying yesterday. There was some talk about cotton, which resulted in some sales. There was some talk among the knowing ones of the grand "coup d'état" on Baronne street, which is fully detailed under our financial head.

The accounts from the West are altogether of an optimistic character. All the telegrams of the great Mississippi are blocked, closed up by ice, and of course we must wait for moderate weather before we can talk of a lively state of trade and business on our great levee and landings. Stocks of various kinds of Western productions are ample for the immediate demand. There are speculative tendencies apparent, which may result in an advance on almost every article of Western produce. This will at once check any movement, and prevent purchases for foreign markets. Theophanias, Poydres and New Levee streets seem to feel the effects of the Arctic weather of the past few days. It has been cold, very cold; but we have had such weather at several periods during the present winter. It is all nonsense to remark that there has never been weather of a similar character in this latitude before. The great steamboat landing, from the sugar depot up, will be rapidly cleared of the large accumulations of produce in a few days. The receipts of cotton are expected to fall from the shipping points on the Mississippi river. The estimated receipts at this port are deemed conclusive at two millions of bales, provided Red river should be relieved of its interferences to free navigation.

THE ST. CHARLES.

Edwin Booth, attracted another large house on the St. Charles last night. He appeared in a new character, which the critics have worn as thread-bare as the cassock of a country curate—a character that defies the introduction of any novelty in his personation, for all its "points" are foregone conclusions in the public mind, which entirely recognizes the prerogative obligation of applauding the passages "There is no such world as fall," "who pen is mightier than the sword," etc., etc. The public knows all the text, and knows to a fraction just where the admirably appropriate apostrophe must come in, but it is taken on the wing of the suppositions of the actor, who, to meet its idea of dramatic propriety, must stagger as if a piece of gin were added to the oppressive weight of years and public care. Mr. Booth has a very popular stammer—the stammers well, which is half the battle in *Richard III.* and commands the entire approbation of the house. He staggers as if the weight of years, rather than the weight of art, were striking in *Richard III.* as a hundred other stage-worn roles. What actor dare risk being fanned professionally by attempting any material innovation in the smallest iota of traditional usage which the public has set down as the proper thing, and would consider itself offended in the changing—its good sense incited? The public lauders its appreciation from its fathers, and it likes to have the belief that it is right confirmed by the player. Antagonists public! Antagonists players!

We have noticed that the public go to playhouses for one or the other of two reasons—to see what is new for novelty's sake, or to see what is old for acquaintance sake. So the public are suited either way, but the critic is not—the former attraction has his sympathies. It gives him ideas and a chance to express them. He is "played out" years before on the old stand-by of the starring class; and unless their personation is so good as to excite him, he can only repeat himself, or make a public nuisance, amounting in the aggregate to—so many words.

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Booth of ALBANY.—The first proceedings of the meeting of this body last night will be found under the official head.

MERCHANTS AND PRODUCE BROKERAGE.—The office of Messrs. Fisher & Sharp, merchants and produce brokers, is located at the corner of Gravier and Fulton streets, and they will be ever ready to give the market quotations on the sale of manure, sugar, tobacco, rice, coffee, liquor, etc., and to return a good account of such transactions, for they are experienced and careful merchants. Indeed, they are better known to be such than Thomas F. Fisher—a gentleman noted for his business qualifications, his shrewd intelligence and general ability. And the junior of the firm is sharp—too. We ask attention to the business card of the house.

THE BALL TO-MORROW NIGHT.—Let it not be forgotten that the first of the series of balls announced by the Benevolent Association of the Sons of Louisiana takes place to-morrow night, at Odd Fellows' Hall. It will be a well-managed and brilliantly attended affair; bringing out the flower of Creole beauty and gallantry. The programme in another column gives all the particulars.

THE VARIETIES.—"Dot" dotted the cheeks of auditors, with tears in its pathetic parts, as usual, last night, and dimpled their cheeks with smiles or laughter in its humorous scenes. The house was large, of course, and the dress-circle brilliant with fair faces and those graceful curls of costume inseparably connected with the idea of a grand operatic performance, which indicated the fashionable character of the attendance. "So" "Dot," by and of course we must wait for moderate weather before we can talk of a lively state of trade and business on our great levee and landings. Stocks of various kinds of Western productions are ample for the immediate demand. There are speculative tendencies apparent, which may result in an advance on almost every article of Western produce. This will at once check any movement, and prevent purchases for foreign markets. Theophanias, Poydres and New Levee streets seem to feel the effects of the Arctic weather of the past few days. It has been cold, very cold; but we have had such weather at several periods during the present winter. It is all nonsense to remark that there has never been weather of a similar character in this latitude before. The great steamboat landing, from the sugar depot up, will be rapidly cleared of the large accumulations of produce in a few days. The receipts of cotton are expected to fall from the shipping points on the Mississippi river. The estimated receipts at this port are deemed conclusive at two millions of bales, provided Red river should be relieved of its interferences to free navigation.

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[BY THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN PRESS.]
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Canada steamship Canada arrived at Boston yesterday morning. Her mails were forwarded by the evening train and arrived here this morning in season to be forwarded South by the first morning train.

YESTERDAY, in consequence of adverse winds, spinners came forward more freely, thus checking the downward movement and causing the market to close with more steadiness. Nevertheless, it is evident that there is a desire among holders to press the sales. A further decline seems to have been prevented only by the liberal supply of wool.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.
CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—In the Senate to-day, the proceedings of the Union meeting recently held at Rochester were read and laid on the table.

MEETING OF THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.
ALBANY, Jan. 3.—The New York Legislature met to-day. Governor Morgan, in his message to the Legislature, says that the State of New York still maintains her previous opinions in regard to the slavery question; that her devotion to the Union is unshaken, and that she sympathizes with the institutions of her sister States, North or South.

THE PROHIBITION CHAMPIONSHIP.—The New York correspondent of the Charleston Mercury, in his letter of Dec. 25, writes:
The Benjamin Day is pulling the big weights and knocking the dumb-bells daily at Charles Ottomann's with the happiest results. He is an athletic beauty, and would serve as a model for Ajax Teleman, the champion of the world in the lifting of the heavy iron, and is confident of a victory, though not an easy one—over the mighty Gladiator of England. He will leave for England the first week in January, and compete in the grand British and the British fashion. The light will probably come off the 18th of March.

THE AMPHITHEATRE.—We have a strong notion of disbanding any more lengthy notices of the doings of this establishment than merely "ditto," which, interpreted, means—good house, fine performance, tremendous applause, and everything satisfactory generally. So it was last night, and so it is every night.

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CHOCOLATE'S...
Henry, slave of Mr. Duggan, was before the same Recorder, on a charge of having thrown into a gutter, and dragged by his hair a white pig, seven years old, son of L. R. Rogers, No. 1179 Canal Street, the pig being severely hurt by the kick of the animal, and the dog, and that dog, and that dog's life would satisfy him, as it did not appear that the vegetable merchant was dangerously injured by the restaurant's blood, he was simply put under peace bonds.

KILLED BY A MULE.—The Coroner yesterday held an inquest on the body of Michael McLaughlin, an Irishman, 33 years of age, at his residence on St. Joseph street, between Magazine and Poydres streets. He was killed by the kick of a mule.

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