

TO ABBY.

Demurely quiet and sedately mild,
Thou seem'st a woman, whilst thou art a child,
Or older nature hold'st imperial sway,
Controlling, yet obedient to their way.

Kind be the hands and soft the fire that guide
Thy fragile bark o'er life's impetuous tide;
May gentle hearts with constant faith still spare
The rippling glories of thine unbraided hair.

And virtue kind with truth in every braid,
April, 1877.
Editor Democrat—Louisiana has grappled
beneath tyranny, unwarred and unwarred
corruption, and is now threatened with compromise,
foul in conception and hideous in contemplation.

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Table with columns for wine types and prices. Includes entries like G. H. Mummi & Co., Pommery & G. Reims, etc.

SOLE AGENTS OF "PIPER-HEIDSIECK" AND H.
PIPER & CO.'S
"CARTE BLANCHE SEC."
OLD RELIABLE
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THE ONLY WINE THAT IS ALWAYS THE
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LUCKY ALASKA.
The United States Troops to be Removed.
(St. Louis Republican.)

By direction of the President the
Secretary of War has ordered that the
United States troops now in garrison in
Alaska be withdrawn and the Territory
turned over to the control of the Treasury
Department.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE.
The President Gives Up the Idea that
the Administration Can Elect
Its Speaker.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—There has
been considerable gossip since the inauguration
of President Hayes as to the
possibility of securing an organization
of the House friendly to the Administration.
It may be said that while the
President has contemplated the possibility
of such an event, he does not look
upon it as very probable. He is understood
to believe that if his liberal policy
could be allowed to operate without
interference by Congress until next
October, it would have such an effect
upon party organization in the South as
to lead many of the more conservative
men from that section of the country
to join with Northern Republicans in
supporting the Administration and in
securing for it a friendly majority in both
houses. Under present circumstances
this is hardly to be expected. It will
be with great difficulty that Democrats
of any section of the country can be
induced to vote against the obvious
enemies of their party in the organization
of the House, even though they may
intend to support all the measures
proposed by the President.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.
Mr. Hayes Orders \$204,000 to be
Expended.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The President
has authorized the expenditure of the
certain sums, under the direction of the
Chief of Engineers, for the improvement
of rivers and harbors. This money is a
portion of the suspended appropriation
voted at the first session of the XLIVth
Congress. Among the sums to be expended
are the following:
Galveston Outer Bar, \$88,000;
Mississippi, Missouri and Arkansas rivers,
\$10,000; Des Moines Rapids, \$115,000;
Tennessee river, Mussel Shoals and
Upper Tennessee, \$140,000.
The total is \$204,000, still leaving a
balance of \$1,000,000 to the credit of
various improvements. Applications
have been filed for the allotment of the
whole of the appropriations for Georgia,
Alabama and Tennessee, and will be
reported on shortly. The President
desires to do justice to works which are
of general utility, but a number of jobs
run through the bill will be ignored.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
The Condition of the Hampton Govern-
ment.

COLUMBIA, April 11.—There was no demonstration
of all in consequence
of Hampton's victory; indeed the city
looked, for all the world, as if it was
Sunday. The Republicans are generally
hopeful that the consequences of the
change will not be as calamitous to
them as they had been induced to believe
at first, and most of the influential
natives of the party are earnestly
counseling the rank and file to give Hampton
a hearty support so long as he acts
consistently with the policy he has indicated,
and which they believe he will
observe in good faith. The Republican
State officials are still in possession of
their several offices and archives belonging
to them as they have a *de facto*
title until the *quo warranto* cases now
pending in the Supreme Court. And
which were instituted to test their
titles, can be determined judicially.
This will probably involve a delay of
at least a month, as the two surviving
members of the Supreme Court are
likely to disagree in their conclusions,
and the vacant Chief Justiceship can
only be filled by an election by the
Legislature, which will not meet before
the time indicated. Gov. Hampton did
not go into the State-House to-day, but
he will assume control in the executive
chamber of that building in the morning.

WITHOUT A DIME.
In their pockets. The Democratic officers
elected with Gov. Hampton will
go into the State-House when Gov.
Hampton does (to-morrow) and will
assume the discharge of the duties con-
nected with their respective positions,
and of course they will be recognized by
Hampton as the proper officials. Con-
sequently the Republicans will find
themselves with an empty bag to hold.

AT IT AGAIN.
These Indignant New England Metho-
dists.

Boston, April 11.—At the New Eng-
land Methodist Conference a letter was
read detailing the recent killing of Rev.
William H. Scott in South Carolina,
and the following resolution offered:
Resolved, That we hereby utter our
protest against those twin relics of slavery and
rebellion, the slave whip and shotgun, and
call upon all Christian people of the South to suppress
the renewed outbreak of barbarism.

OUR ARTIST'S STUDIO.
A Flying Visit to Julio's Gallery of Art.

As it is a chronicler's duty to inform the
public of everything that is going on, we have
taken the liberty, presuming upon the well-known
courtesy and gentlemanly freedom of an artist's
hospitality, to pay a visit to Mr. Julio's studio, on
Carondelet street.
Our reporters never fail to chronicle the per-
formances at theatres and concerts, and we
therefore thought that a sister art—that of painting—
should not be left alone, to speak in a Dun-
dreary way, to "flap away all in a corner by
itself," and ought to be brought before the public
in honorable mention. We may be bulldozed
to-day on the streets by melodians for saying
so, but we sincerely believe that the poetry of
form, color and indicated motion is at least equal
to the poetry of sound.
It is useless to say that Mr. Julio received us
and showed us around with cordial amiability,
and that our eyes feasted on the most exquisite
expressions of form and color, gathered by the
artist from all parts of the world in his meander-
ings and researches in pursuit of art.
The first object that strikes the sight is in the
art gallery, and that is the fine painting by Mr.
Julio, of the meeting between Lee and Stonewall
Jackson. As most everybody knows that painting
we will say very little about it; we cannot pass it
over, however, without complimenting the artist
upon the life that he has infused anew into this
reproduction of the two deceased heroes, and
the life-like fire and movement of their horses.
As a patriot and played-out rebel, we had to
mention Lee and Jackson before anything else,
but we consider the "Pifferaro," or Italian bag-
piper, as superior to point of art. The Italian's
soul seems to be entirely blended in sounds that
we almost seem to hear issuing from the instru-
ment, and all the surroundings and appurte-
nances are in perfect keeping.
In this art gallery we also noticed, among other
works of art, an ideal crayon portrait of the
child, as the artist informed us, of one of our
prominent follow-citizens. We sorely know you
to compliment more, the parents upon the beauty
of their child, or the artist upon his talented
representation of nature.
In the studio our eyes were particularly at-
tracted by three pieces. One is a landscape scene
taken in Terrebonne parish, on the borders of
Bayou Black. All who are acquainted with the
country will immediately recognize the flat, luxu-
riant ground with its splendid vegetation, and the
cypress trees rearing their lofty fronts from
the background in the distance. The other is a
plantation scene, remarkable for life in execution
and accuracy in detail.
It can be labeled "Knocking off work"—an
aged negro man, with spade on shoulder, is
returning from the field, and by his side walks
a stripling carrying a luscious sugar cane. The
artist has admirably succeeded in showing off the
stiffness of joint in the old man's gait in contrast
with the elasticity of the boy's walk.
Last, but not least, for the painting may be
termed an exponent of the artist's talent for
portrait painting from nature, is the venerable
head of one of our old and well-known citizens,
standing out, as it were, life-like from the can-
vas. This painting Mr. Julio intends to keep on
exhibition for some time in his studio, and we
are authorized to invite the public to come there
and see it. The likeness is perfect, and the
artist's brush has admirably shown out the
various textures of the face, the tones, if we may
use the expression, of fleshiness, and where the
bone shows hard under the polished skin.
It is evident that Mr. Julio has taken all his
lessons from nature, and copies the eternally
beautiful mother of art with the enthusiasm of a
devotee. He calls this last portrait "Le Greco,"
and is anxious that it should be seen. We advise
a visit to the studio, just by way of a treat that
pays and costs nothing.

THE GREAT BOND CASE.
Judge Woods' Decision Rendered in the
United States Circuit Court.

United States Circuit Court, District of Louisi-
ana.—Hoeslie Monahan et al. vs. the City of New
Orleans. In equity. Mr. J. A. Campbell and
Mr. E. Hernandez, for complainants. Mr. B. F.
Jones, City Attorney, and Mr. H. C. Miller, for
defendant. Woods, Circuit Judge.
The complainants are holders of bonds issued
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