in the wood, whose uncles are the plotting tyrants who have disinherited them.

There is one temptation you do not promise me. I would go a great way to see one of those persons who have tried to make favor with city mobs and border barbarians by abusing New-England.

I should have looked with intense curiosity to see what manner of persons they were whose culture entitled them to sneer at her educational Institutions, at Harward and Yale, at Dartmouth, Amherst, Williams and the rest. I would have thankfully sought a photographer with me to catch the features of the person whose learning authorizes him to dispise her libraries, whose taste entitles him to scoff at her galleries, whose science can dispense with her museums, whose knowledge of the past fits him to sit in judgment on her historians, who can teach her philosophers how to think and her poets how to sing—in short, who can whistle any tune he chooses better than that overgrown bagpipe foolishly called the "Great Organ," can play it.

I should like to take a cast of the countenance of the man who surveys the benevolent agencies of New England, her hospitals, her city missions, her schools for every form of bodily or mental infirmity from a platform of moral elevation, which entitles him to treat her as an inferior.

That persons answering to this description have been running at large is unquestionable, but Mr. Barnum has never exhibited one of them; not one of them is to be found among the preserved reptiles of our National History Societies on the shelf with the blind worm, or among the eyeless fishes of western caverns, nor yet among the globe-rolling beetles of the entanologists. I should have liked a model of the cranical developments in one of these persons, for I am curious in phrenology, and I should like to know whether the shell has a mountain in place of "self esteem," or a bottomless pit in the situation where we look for the organ "consciousness."

If I could be sure of seeing one of these specimens of humanity I should find it hard to stay away from the meeting of the New-England Society. An American by birth, a citizen of the United States, who could sit down in cold blood to abuse New-England at a time when her ___ is a white hot furnace in which the future is sharpening itself, and her blood is oozing from her veins like sweat from the mower's face—at an hour when national division would be national death and loyal union is the triumph of liberty, not only for America but for all mankind—such a being is better worth studying than the Aztecs and Bushmen we look at with so much curiosity. Even the *homo-caudatus*, the African human being with a caudal appendage, would interest us less as a specimen of natures aberrant types, for he puts forward no pretensions, and could be made a decent man of by a slight surgical operation.

New-England is abused by half-taught and half-souled people, simply because she has made *thought* her specialty, and understands her business. Let them knock their silly heads against her as much as they like, they will and their success chronicled in a few lines written for another set of simpletons, but which will fit the case well enough:

The feeble sea-birds, blinded in the storms,
On some tall lighthouse dash their little forms;
And the rude granite scatters for their pains
Those small deposits that were meant for brains.
Yet the proud fabric, in the morning's sun,
Stands all unconscious of the mischief done:
Still the red beacon pours its evening rays
For the lost pilot with as full a blaze.
Day shines all radiance o'er the scattered fleet
Of gulls and boobies brainless at its feet.

Therefore, as a sentiment:

New-England and Defamers—As long as they will find brains she will furnish granite, and let them find out which is hardest. Yours, very truly,

Boston, Dec. 18, 1863. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

To ELLIOT C. COWDIN, esq.

BANGOR, Nov. 25, 1863.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of the 16th inst., inviting me to be present at the dinner of the New-England Society in the City of New-York, at the Astor House, Dec. 22.

I assure you it would afford me much pleasure to meet the New-England Society, and to participate in the festivities of the occasion, but I fear my public duties may prevent me from doing so. If I can consistently with those duties, I will be glad to be present with you. But I am not able to assure you positively that it will be in my power.

New-England is to-day in the terrible crisis through which the Government is passing, I trust vindicating her true position, thought, sentiment and opinion. Her history of the past is written, and we may be pardoned for the just pride we feel. Those who shall succeed us can have no regret for her present position. To maintain the Government, to preserve the Constitution, and to vindicate the principles of liberty now in issue by a wicked and causeless Rebellion, she has contributed as fully of the means and sons as her sister States. That she will do to the end, until the constitutional power of the Government shall again extend over every State and territory there can be no question. May we not hope, may, may we not believe, that she has removed, and is removing much, if not all of that prejudice, provincial and unjust, which has too often and in too many sections existed.

If her history of the present shall be as fair as that of the past, we can even desire no more. Let all her sons at home or abroad emulate each other to make it so, and we need have no fear of results.

To meet the Sons of New-England, and to say something upon these and other kindred topics, would, I confess, be gratifying, but I am not able to promise myself that pleasure. I will only add, I shall be glad to do so if I can.

In haste, yours, truly, H. HAMLIN.

ELLIOT C. COWDIN, esq., Chairman, &c., New-England Society, New-York City.

SENATE CHAMBER, Dec. 21, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR: I had counted on partaking of your patriotic, strengthening, and gratifying festival, where New-Englanders away from home annually meet for fellowship, but the Senate is in session, and you know it is not my habit to leave my post. Therefore, I must postpone to another occasion the pleasure which I had promised myself.

Never before since the May Flower landed its precious cargo have New-Englanders had more reason for pride and gratulation than now. We have been told that a little leaven shall leaven the whole lump; and this saying has been verified. The principles and the ideas which constitute the strength and glory of New-England have spread against opposition and contumely, till at last their influence is visible in a regenerated country—tried it may be by murderous conspiracy and rebellion—but aroused and invigorated to the manly support of Human Rights. Amid all the sorrows of a conflict without precedent let us lay fast to the consolation that it is in simple obedience to that spirit in which New-England was first founded that we are now resisting the bloody efforts to raise a wicked Power on the corner stone of Human Slavery, and that as New-Englanders we could not do otherwise.

If such a wicked power can be raised on this continent, the Mayflower crossed its wintry sea in vain.

It is not forgotten that another ship crossed at the same time, buffeting the same sea. It was a Dutch ship with 19 slaves, which were landed at Jamestown in Virginia, and became the fatal seed of that Slavery which has threatened to overshadow the land. Thus the same ocean, in the same year, bore to the Western Continent the Pilgrim Fathers, consecrated to Human Liberty, and it bore also a cargo of slaves. In the holds of those two ships were concealed the germs of the present direful war, and the simple question now is between the Mayflower and the slave ship. Who that has not forgotten God can doubt the result? The Mayflower must surely prevail.

Believe me with much regard.

My dear Sir, very respectfully yours,

ELLIOT C. COWDIN, esq. CHARLES SUMNER.

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VAN AMBURGH'S MENAGERIE, Broadway, above Spring street—Grand Caravan of Wild Animals.
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BROADWAY AMPHITHEATER, Broadway, near Broome street—Equestrian and Athletic Performances.
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BOYDEN—FLAGG—In Guilford, Vt., on Thursday, March 5, by the Rev. Ethan Allen, Rector of Christ's Church, Mr. Frederick A. Boyden to Miss Sarah S. Flagg of South Royalston, Mass.

FONDA—BAYARD—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, by the Rev. A. H. Dashiell, D. D., Richard D. Fonda and Susan V., daughter of the late William M. Bayard, esq.

THORNE—RICHARDSON—In Louisville, Ky., on Thursday, Dec. 17, by the Rev. Mr. McKee, Robert T. Thorne of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Sallie Allen Richardson, daughter of the late William Richardson of Louisville.

WOOD—WILSON—At St. Philips-in-the-Highlands, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, by the Rev. Chas. F. Hoffman, John Wood to Mary Eleanor Wilson.

DIED.

BOYDEN—In Fitchburg, Mass., on Friday, May 22, Mr. Frederick A. Boyden of Guilford, Vt., aged 31 years, 10 months and 19 days.

DEVOE—On Sunday, Dec. 20, at East New-York, Long Island, in the 38th year of her age, Henrietta M., youngest daughter of the late James Devoe.

The funeral will take place from the Universalist Church, corner of Fourth and South-Third street, Williamsburgh, on Wednesday, 23d inst., at 1 o'clock p. m. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

EARL—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1863, Mrs. A. E. Earl, in the 43d year of her age, wife of James R. Earl, after a lingering illness.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 147 Allen street, at 1 o'clock p. m., 24th inst. The friends of the family, also the members of Harry Howard Hook and Ladder Company No. 11, are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

Newark papers please copy.

FUNSTON—At Washington, D. C., on Monday, Dec. 21, after a short illness, in the 21st year of his age, John James, son of William and Sarah Funston of Spring Valley, Rockland County, N. Y.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 1 o'clock p. m., from the M. E. Church at Spring Valley, N. Y. The train leaves Jersey City at 9¼ a. m.

GREGORY—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, Mary Sarah, twin daughter of James and Mary L. Gregory, aged 4 years, 1 month and 19 days.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 235 Henry street.

LATOURETTE—At Bergen Point, N. J., on Saturday, Dec. 19, Margaret, wife of Capt. David Latourette, in the 72d year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, on Wednesday, 23d inst., at 2 o'clock.

MINER—On Monday, Dec. 21, of pneumonia, Elizabeth, relict of the late Wm. W. Miner, M. D., of New-York, in the 69th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Thursday, at 1 o'clock p. m., from the residence of her son-in-law, R. H. Sawyer, No. 225 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, without further notice.

McDONALD—In Jersey City, on Monday morning, Dec. 21, after a long and painful illness, Jane, wife of James McDonald, aged 53 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, L. L. Lambert, No. 225 Grand street, Jersey City, this (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock, without further notice.

California papers please copy.

TWIGGS—At Bloomingdale, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, Mrs. Ann Adelia, widow of Henry Twiggs.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, 24th inst., at 12 o'clock, from One-hundred-and-fourth street and Broadway. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

UNDERHILL—On Monday, Dec. 21, at Bedford, Long Island, at the residence of her stepfather, John W. Thompson, Emma L., daughter of the late John S. Underhill.

Notice of the funeral will be given hereafter.

VAN ALEN—At Bergen, N. J., on Monday, Dec. 21, Evert, infant son of J. Pruyn and Mary G. Van Alen.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his grandfather, the Rev. B. C. Taylor.

Special Notices.

The New Patents.

Public attention is invited to important improvements in FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF SAFES, recently patented by WALTER K. MARVIN of our firm, and bearing the following dates:

FIRST PATENT, for Improvement in Filling for Safes, Dec. 1, 1863.

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The knowledge gained from over twenty years' experience as manufacturers and sellers of the two popular Safes, known as the PLASTER or WILDER PATENT and the ALUM PATENT, enables us to construct a Safe possessing the good qualities of each of these, while defects have been remedied which experience has proven to belong to both of them. The explanation is simple. We take dry calcined Plaster of Paris and Alum (the latter being broken into small lumps), and thoroughly mix them.

We pack this mixture between the inner and outer cases, where it remains unchanged any number of years, until fire melts the alum (which contains a large quantity of water), and thus saturates the plaster, and forms the steam, which always preserves the contents of the safe. The plaster, by being wet, sets firmly, and even, if the alum near the outside is entirely melted, it forms cells, which retain the precise shape of the lumps of alum, and the filling or plaster keeps the safe as well filled as before the fire. This constitutes the First Patent.

The second patent consists in coating the sides of the cases exposed to the filling with liquid quartz or glass, making a complete enamel, and thus rendering the joints hermetically tight.

Our Improved Safes, therefore, possess the following advantages:

They combine the two most fireproof substances known.
They are perfectly dry, and do not corrode the iron.
They do not lose their fireproof qualities by age.
Our locks are superior to any others in use.

When it is remembered that nearly all the Safes now in use are filled with plaster and water, or with alum and clay, the value of our improvement in obtaining perfect security from fire, non-liability to shrinkage of filling, so troublesome and dangerous in other modes, will be recognized and appreciated.

We would call special attention to our STEEL BURGLAR-PROOF BANK SAFES and SPECIE CHESTS. As they are made of three, or five, or more thicknesses as may be desired, and the steel is hardened beyond the temper of any drill, the rivets being so arranged that they do not go through more than two plates, and consequently cannot be punched in, we know that we can produce a Safe that is impenetrable to any burglar, however skilled. We make these of all sizes, from $100 upward, which can be securely fastened in any of our Fireproofs.

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"WALTER K. MARVIN, esq.—*Dear Sir*: I have submitted to careful experiment the combination of materials lately patented by you as a non-conducting filling for Fireproof Safes, and I find them admirably adapted to resist the action of fire; the proof of which I placed in your hands the day. Having long given much study to the improvement of Fire Safes, I can confidently say, that I consider your new composition superior to all others of the kind that have come under my notice."

Respectfully yours, JOHN TORREY.

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ALEXANDER H. EVERETT,
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DUBOIS D. PARMELEE, M. D.,
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Tenth Ward Union Association.—At a Primary Election held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, the following named gentlemen were duly elected DELEGATES to the General Committee for 1864: WASHINGTON MULLIN, SAMUEL M. HUTTON, GEORGE JAMER, W. BARBOUR, JOSEPH McVEAGH, ROBERT WATSON.

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Inspectors' Meeting will be held at RUNK'S HOTEL, Grand-st., near Forsyth-st., THIS (Wednesday) EVENING at ½ o'clock. T. L. JAMES, President.
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