

RETALIATION.

In Congress recently, Representative Dunham was directed by the House Committee on Commerce to report favorably the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Edmunds, providing for the inspection of meats for exportation, prohibiting the importation of adulterated articles of food or drink, and authorizing the President, whenever satisfied that unjust discriminations are made by any foreign State against the importation of United States products, to direct that such products of the foreign States so discriminating against the United States as he may deem proper, shall not be imported into the United States.

The Patti Craze.

The Patti craze has again struck San Francisco. We could stand it if the people of that city were really in love with the diva's divine music but the people who make the biggest splurge at the theater and pay the highest prices for private boxes have but a meager appreciation of the singer's art and hardly know the names and nativity of the immortal composers from whose inspired brains these wonderful melodies sprang.

A War Reminiscence.

Col. Shaw tells a war reminiscence which sounds new:

"We were holding an earth work when the Confederates charged, led by a tall, gaunt fellow waving a sword. As they neared the works we reserved our fire and they saw the odds were against them and began to waver. The man leading the charge was as brave as a lion and in his enthusiasm he got about fifty yards ahead. Presently he looked behind and seeing his men lagging he called out: 'Come on, d—your souls, do you want to live forever?'"

A peal of laughter ran along the earth works, and with a shout the Confederates, who seemed inspired with new life by his words, gave a yell and charged with a will. They made a desperate attack but were beaten back with heavy loss. During the fray we all avoided firing at the leader and every man in the earth works determined that he might live forever as far as he was concerned."

The Reno Gazette says that the coming to Nevada of a man of the intelligence and brains of Surveyor General Irish is a direct benefit to it. In that respect we are disposed to think the Gazette is right but we would rather have seen Mr. Irish here three or four years ago when the glorious climate of the State, its enterprising people and its natural resources attracted him. We like to see men like Irish come here in flocks and droves and grow up with the country. However, whenever such men as Irish come and locate here, we would also like to see chronic disturbers of political peace, like the late Surveyor General, go East and locate in Iowa.

When Mr. Blaine gets on that suit of clothes which he had made in Maine by a Maine tailor, of Maine wool, the Democracy must look to its broadcloth.

After the British Lion. Ingalls made a rousing speech in the Senate on the bullying, arrogant and cowardly attitude of England toward the weaker powers. Americans will applaud such a speech. England has over and over again violated its treaty obligations with the United States, and that, too, with impunity. The English love to insult Uncle Sam, who is pretty good natured, but some time they may do this once too often, and the retaliation will be more than they looked for. Just now, however, we could not retaliate to much advantage. It will be necessary to build a navy before we can do that.

In another column we publish a letter to the Enterprise regarding the bankrupt law. The bankrupt law is simply a loop hole to enable men to escape paying honest debts. There are cases where a combination of circumstances financially ruin a man and he has the sympathy of the public, but in the majority of cases the debtor should not be absolved from his obligations. Some wholesome legislation on the subject is needed.

A bold, bad boy of Illinois thrust a couple of plugs of tobacco into a big jug of whisky he found in the horse sheds during a church supper. And the next day the local physician reported seventeen cases of ice cream poisoning, all men, and the poor women who made the ice cream cried their innocent eyes out about it.

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