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What the President says.

The Williamsburg Times publishes the following extract of a private letter from a gentleman at Washington:

"The President's anger is up for once, and now look out to see the fur fly. He has been disappointed and mortified beyond measure by recent events. It will take a week or two to repair matters, and then for vigor. Some of the peacock officers who have failed to come up to the scratch will now have to give place to more trifling will be allowed. 'Old Abe' is mad, his old Western dander is up, and I have heard him make some pretty strong language within a few days past, in private conversation. The leading politicians who come from the North, pretending to represent the wishes of the whole world, and almost annoying the life out of the President and his Cabinet officers, by asking impossible things of them, will now be tabooed. They have kept the wheels of the war machine locked long enough, and the President and Halleck will soon run the machine themselves, and entirely on war principles. Your folks in the West cannot possibly feel more chagrin at the discouraging situation of affairs at the present moment than we do here, and the President feels worse than any other man in this nation possibly can. But we are full of courage."

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And so it is. Washington Irving, in his imitable *Knickerbocker's History of New York*, published almost three quarters of a century ago, speaks of the Van Summers as the first that ever did kick with the left foot; gallant bushwhackers, and hunters of raccoons by moonlight.

Filit, in his well-known "History and Geography of the Mississippi Valley," has this passage: "The propelling power of the keel boat is by oars, sails, setting poles, etc., and when the waters are high, and the boat runs on the margin of the bushes, bushwhacking, or pulling up by the bushes."

Carlton, in his "New Purchase," says, "do you think all our esteemed dignitaries combined could have compelled young bushwhackers to wear coats and shoes in recitation rooms?"

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A sturdy attempt was made to fire the State armament at Haverford on Sunday—a quantity of cotton waste saturated with burning fluid, a bottle of burning fluid, and matches having been found near the building, which the boundary had left behind in his flight.

Captain John Adams has been arrested in Prospect, Maine, for resisting the draft. He was a light house keeper under Mr. Buchanan.

James A. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, has tendered the free use of a new house near his residence in Brookline, erected by the late Wm. Agassiz, for a soldiers' hospital. He has also volunteered his services as steward of the hospital, if it is established there, and with other members of the family, will see that all inmates receive every needed attention.

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**RAISINATION REMOVED.** — The restriction upon clearing veins from this port was removed yesterday, and the business was prosecuted as usual. The reason for the restriction is still a subject of discussion, but no one yet been able to discover it. — *Baltimore Sun* of yesterday.

**EDUCATIONAL.** — *NEW AND SIMPLIFIED METHOD FOR YOUTH AND GIRLS.*

Professor ALEXANDER W. WOLLOWICH, pianist and organist, has written a book, "Loudon's Education and Organ Playing," for Girls and Young Ladies.

**PROPOSALS.** — *NAUTICAL DIARIES.*

Office of Capt. J. D. COOPER, Sept. 1, 1862.

SEALED PROPOSAL FOR CHAM NO. 10, THE PLATE FOR THE NAVY YARD AT (NAME OF THE PORT).

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