A MISTAKE.

There had been a little tiff ,tween the farmer
and his wife—
"Ah! woman's been our plague," he said
'since first we went astray!
There was never any trouble, and never any
strife,
There was never loss of money, and never
loss of life,
But a woman, good, or bad, was the reason of the fray."

"If woman's such a plague to men, why do
they marry, dear?
Why do they woo and flatter her, and take
her to their home?
Why are they never satisfied but when their
plague is near?
And is there a necessity to whisper in her
ear:
'You are fair as any angel, and sweet as
honey-comb?'

"And if their plague should sometimes make
a visit half a day,
You'd think they'd do their very best, the
visit to prolong;
But instead of that, they grumble that she's
so long away,
And they wonder 'what's the matter;" and
when she comes they say:
'I'm thankful you are back again, for
every thing's gone wrong.'

"It's certainly remarkable!" She tossed
her pretty head;
And then she set the supper things, and
cut the bread and cake;
Her eyes were bright as any stars, her
cheeks were rosy red,
The farmer looked at her, and rose and
with a kiss he said:
"I meant our comforter, dear wife,
'plague' was a great mistake

"The best of men will make mistakes, so
just forgive me dear,
For foolish words said thoughtlessly, since
this is what I meant—
There was never any happiness, good fortune or good cheer,
There was never life worth living but with
some good woman near;"
And she smiled and kiss'd him lovingly,
and both were well content.

The Brooklyn Union, a very dignified independent Republican paper, ordinarily reserved in the use of language, says: "The Tribune misrepresents the charges against Mr. Blaine so as to create the impression that it has answered them. It persisted in the impudent assumption that the most absolute, compact and contemptible lie of the entire series of Blaine falsehoods reflected the conscious innocence of an honest man."

Plain language that for one Republican paper to use of another. The respectable, plain citizens of this reblic may see that, if the Democratic party does not come up to its profession, there is manhood enough in the indepent Republicans to lead the masses to political salvation. Honest wordsds call for a hearty cheer in response. Honor to the true manhood in the Republican party.—[Gal. News.

However unnecessary to the campaign the publication of the Indianapolis Sentinel's scandal was, the truth of the charges is pretty well established. It is safe to predict that Mr. Blaine will never let the case come to trial, Had he not attempted to answer the charges at all he would have stood much better today, since now it is very generally believed—believed even by many of the organ editors who publicly assert disbelief—that Mr. Blaine has added falsehood in 1884 to his youthful indiscretionof 1850. The people may forgive the indiscretion as a bygone, but audacious falsehood, warm on the lips to-day, is not a recommendation for the presidency.—Chicago News.

The aggressive campaign that was promised seems to have been lost under the tremendous stack of explanations that Mr. Blaine has found it necessary to make. The republicans have been on the defensive side of the court-room every minute since theirconvention adjourned.—[Chicago News.

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It is said Tom Varnell, the murderer, lives on his ranch in Bell county, defying the officers of the law, who are afraid to arrest him. A reward of $300 was offered by the Governor for his arrest, but nobody, it appears, wishes to give up life for so small a sum. What about the officers, whose duty it is to look after him without reward?—[Statesman.

COMPARE THE STATEMENTS.—Blaine to Holloway, Aug. 14, 1884.—"I have this moment received the atrocious libel of the Indianapolis Sentinel. It is utterly and abominably false in every statement and every implication."

Blaine to Phelps, Sept. 16, 1884.—"I feel sure I could strengthen the confidence of those who are friendly to me by bringing to view the simple thread of truth which is concealed in the endless tissue of falsehood."

His answers to the interrogatories amount to a confession of judgment.

SWEET PLACE!—A recent dispatch from Fort Worth says:

The gambling houses all opened again to night after being closed for a month past during the session of the grand jury, which adjourned to day without finding a single indictment. What course will now be pursued is unknown, the gamblers having defeated the city authorities in the prosecution against them. The games to night are heavier than usual, many dollars being lost.

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Some idea of the growth of this country may be gathered from the postal statistics just published in Washington. In the year 1789 there were 75 post-offices and 2275 miles of postal route. The revenue of the department was $7,510, and the expenditures $7,560. The amount paid for transportation was $5,563. The population of the United States at that time was 3,919,214. The figures for 1882 give the number of offices at 46,231; extent in miles, 243,518; revenue, $41,883,005; expenditure, 40,432,021: paid for tranportation, $22,849,112; postage stamps, etc., issued, $40,978,053; money orders, $113,400,118; letters received in dead letter office, 4,284,385; population, 50,155,783.

The Prince of Wales is on the Liberal side, and he has a vote in the House of Lords. It is said he is naturally a liberal by inclination. There is little question that his future interest is that way.—[Galveston News.

Hutchings, the strangler, who was hanged in San Francisco last Friday, said Ingersoll's teaching was one of the influences that brought him to the gallows. The word of a murderer, hoping for pardon, is not always to be believed, but if Ingersoll can do anything to bring such persons to the gallows, he may fill a long felt want. Too many of them escape both the gallows and the penitentiary.—[Galveston News.

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