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THE CAMPAIGN OF THE CONFEDERATION.

In the midst of the enjoyments of the festive season now dawning upon us, and whilst the whole loyal North is congratulating itself upon the glorious victories vouchsafed our arms in all the various theatres of the war, it becomes us, as men of sober thought, to gauge the future by the past.

The plans of Lieutenant-General GRANT, now in progress of development, give us the great promise for whose fulfillment we are so eagerly looking. His schemes bear the impress of grandeur, and yet maintain that solidly which gives to the people the most undoubted confidence in the one great mind which is directing our armies to decisive triumph.

The total defeat of General Hood by General Thomas in Middle Tennessee, so clearly predicted by us upon several occasions, is an important branch of the scheme for crushing the Rebellion. General THOMAS is not only now "master of the situation," but may be called master of the West.

Back again in East Tennessee we find the forces of General BRIDGEMAN cut off from supply from Virginia, and isolated from retreat to the bosom of Hood's army. The petty invasion of Kentucky projected by the Rebel General LYON has already met an untimely end.

From all this it is plain that General GRANT intends to take his time in the reduction of the greatest Rebel strongholds in Virginia. Frozen up as he will be on the head-waters of the James during the three winter now setting in, it will be the work of the Armies of the Potomac and James to hold and watch the Southern communications of the enemy.

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SENATOR FOOTE'S SPLENETIC ATTACK. Mr. FOOTE, of the Rebel Senate, has lately made a speech, in which he reviews the situation at the South, and indulges in vituperation against Mr. DAVIS. The discussion of the currency question gave rise to Mr. FOOTE'S remarks. They are of an exceedingly despondent and apprehensive nature.

and popular freedom. An irresponsible military despotism is being built up. In the Executive Department have occurred enormous abuses of power, and the policy of the House through armed violence. Freedom of speech and freedom of press were being speedily annihilated. The displacement of JOHNSON from the command of the Army of the Tennessee is stigmatized as unjust, unwise, and deeply criminal.

PHILADELPHIA A CITY OF HOPE. At such a season as this, when everybody is spending all that he makes, one cannot but be struck with the great good fortune and success which attend the career of Philadelphia. It is the only city in the Union, by-the-by, where life can be really enjoyed.

It is a very excellent opportunity for gaiety, smooth-tongued, and treacherous mendacity. Garretts flourish there, and strut about on parade. But his beauties are meretricious and his jugs are few. To have the sword of DAMOCLES suspended over one's head may be a classical and peculiar mode of enjoying life, but it gives too keen an edge to enjoyment.

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We live in an age of practical enlightenment and invention, and the increasing wants of civilized society are being constantly supplied by the ever-active intelligence and observation of men of mechanical genius.

One of the desiderata of the time is a fire-proof mail-car for railways. Cannot such a thing be contrived? We have seen in our counting-rooms and banks which effectively preserve their contents from injuries by fire or by water. Why, then, cannot some smart Yankee devise and construct a salamander railway-car for the carriage of the mails? It might seem, at first sight, that such a locomotive fire-proof safe would necessarily be too heavy for the matter it was to carry. But that consideration should not weigh at all against the incalculable value of the freight which the public mails are composed, while it is quite certain that an incombustible mail car could be made strong enough to answer all the purposes of security, and yet not enough to be conveniently drawn along a railway.

Goldsmith's Exp. in a Dramatic Author. It is said that Goldsmith was nearly worried to death over his comedy "The Good-Natured Man and the Steps to Congress." The first, revised by Garrick, was produced by Colman at Covent Garden. Beside by his heavy delivery of Johnson's heavy parody, continued to dash the spirits of the audience at the very first. Powell, not liking the part, did his best for the hero, and the ballad scene drew down a shower of execrations upon the unfortunate Goldsmith.

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