The Face that Ever Wears a Smile.

I love the man whose open brow
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I love the sympathetic soul
That feels for all mankind—
That feels for human wrongs and woes,
And pities e'en their guile;
And O, I love the angel face
That ever wears a smile!

I love my little lisping child,
And her who gave it birth;
I love the memory of the dead,
Whose deeds illume our earth;
I love the friend of freedom's cause,
Whom gold could ne'er defile,
And O, I love the angel face
That ever wears a smile!

The face that ever wears a smile
Hath sunshine in the heart:
Its beaming rays reflect around—
A thousand joys impart;
It gladdens, cheers, inspires with hope,
Far more than tongue can tell;
'Tis in such hearts the angels bright
Forever love to dwell.

[From a Charleston Letter in the New York Times.]

Taxation in South Carolina.

The tax bill of South Carolina has been unanimously adopted by both branches of the Legislature of that State. The entire amount proposed to be raised by it is $1,800,000. This includes certain extraordinary contingencies which may arise for the military and other exigencies of the State, amounting to about $900,000. The amount necessary to meet the pressing demands of the State, about $850,000, is provided for by direct taxation. Treasury notes and bills receivable in amounts of $50, $100 and $500, for about $700,000, are to be issued, bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent. This rate of taxation above that of the previous year is about 25 per cent. The appropriation of $30,000 for the dredging of Maffit's channel has been restored, and $50,000 appropriated to meet the contingencies of mail service. "Much of our future prosperity"—remarks the Courier, in commenting upon the passage of the bill—"of course will depend on the peaceful termination of the present disturbances.—Upon this we confidently rely. The prospect of the early establishment of a Southern Confederacy, and its peaceful recognition by our late confederates, will again restore harmony to the commercial interests of the whole country, and we may look for a revival of trade such as the most sanguine could scarcely have anticipated."

Our Cities--Rank and Population.

The following table will be interesting for present examination and future reference. It will be seen that the growth of several of the cities has been remarkable—8 of them having more than doubled in ten years. The first column shows the relative rank in 1860, and the last column the rank in 1850:

Rank in '60.	City.	1860.	1850.	Actual Increase.	R'k '50
1	New York	814,227	515,547	298,730	1
2	Philadelphia	568,034	408,862	159,272	2
3	Brooklyn	279,425	96,838	176,587	7
4	Baltimore	214,087	169,054	44,983	3
5	Boston	177,902	136,881	41,021	4
6	New Orleans	170,766	115,375	54,391	6
7	St. Louis	162,179	77,860	84,810	8
8	Cincinnati	160,060	116,435	44,625	5
9	Chicago	109,420	29,963	79,457	18
10	Buffalo	84,000	42,261	41,739	11
11	Louisville	75,196	43,194	32,002	9
12	Newark, N. J.	72,055	38,894	33,161	14
13	San Francisco	66,000	34,870	31,140	16
14	Washington	61,400	40,001	21,399	13
15	Providence	50,689	41,513	9,156	12
16	Rochester	43,096	36,403	11,693	15
17	Detroit	46,834	21,019	25,815	22
18	Milwaukee	45,393	20,061	25,262	24
19	Cleveland	43,550	17,034	26,516	29
20	Charleston S.C.	40,192	42,985	loss 2,791	10
21	Troy	39,653	28,785	10,868	19
22	Richmond	37,958	27,570	10,388	30
23	Lowell	37,069	33,383	3,686	17
24	New-Haven	30,277	20,345	18,392	22
25	Jersey City	29,456	6,856	22,400	35
26	Hartford	29,168	17,966	11,202	26
27	Cambridge	26,074	15,215	10,859	22
28	Roxbury	25,137	18,364	6,773	25
29	Charlestown,	25,120	17,216	7,904	27
30	Worcester	25,963	17,049	7,914	23
31	Nashville	23,715	10,165	13,550	34
32	Reading, Pa.	23,171	15,743	7,428	31
33	Salem	22,486	20,265	2,222	23
34	New Bedford	22,309	16,443	5,866	30
35	Dayton, O.	20,132	10,977	9,125	33

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Gov. Pickens:—Your gunners this morning fired into the Star of the West. If you do not disclaim the act I shall 'rip' into all vessels within range of my guns in Charleston harbor. My forbearance has been great.

R. ANDERSON.

REPLY OF GOV PICKENS.

CHARLESTON, JAN. 9, 1861.

Major Anderson:— Your note is received threatening to open fire upon the vessels in Charlston harbor unless I disclaim the firing into the Star of the West. The act is perfectly justified by me. If you think best, "let her rip." Yours,

F. W. PICKENS.

REPLY OF MAJOR ANDERSON.

FORT SUMPTER, Jan. 9, 1861.

Gov. Pickens: I was a little too hasty. I have concluded not to "let her rip." I desire to consult J. B., and request that you will allow a messenger to proceed to Washington.

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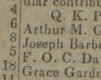

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The Election of Delegates to the Virginia State Convention --Who has Triumphed?

The returns of the election held in Virginia, on Monday, for delegates to the State Convention, published yesterday, (says the Baltimore Sun of Wednesday,) will doubtless be used by the abolitionists of the North, as they have already been here, to induce the people to believe that the "Old Dominion', is disposed to look with indifference upon the wrongs done her Southern sisters. This is gross injustice not only to that gallant State, but to the friends of the Union and the constitution, both North and South. That many of those termed "secessionists" have been defeated, is true. But who has been elected is now the important question to be answered. Doubtless it will be a difficult matter to classify the members, and for several days to come we may look out for very different rows of figures. Meanwhile we give the following explanations from the Virginia Sentinel, concerning the positions of the candidates generally:

So far as we have seen, the candidates nearly all agree in three positions. 1st. That Virginia must have additional guarantees of peace and security, such as will constitute "a settlement" of the questions at issue between the North and the South. 2d. That Crittenden's propositions are the least that will be assented to as the substantial basis of this settlement. 3d. That failing to obtain such settlement, Virginia must retire from the Union.

We say almost every candidate who has appeared before the people in every part of the State announces the above as his position. The number is very few that proclaim themselves for the Union under all circumstances, or that advocate war in the Union as the remedy against federal wrongs. Save perhaps half a dozen, every candidate is for secession if a suitable settlement be not obtained, and every candidate is against secession if a suitable settlement be obtained. Nearly all are therefore "*secessionists*" in a contingency that seems certain to occur.

The difference between the candidates is chiefly one of time. They may be divided into quick-step and slow-step secessionists; and of these there are various grades. Some consider all hope of honorable and safe settlement already gone. These are for secession without a day's delay. Others wish—some with a faint hope

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