It would be a colemn vindication of the power of the Government. It would be an ear-set to the world that it meant to maintain itself; and to loyal citiens that it meant to restore its authority and protect their rights.

We all owe it to ourselve and to the rebels to show that we mean the supremacy of the Government and the punishment of all who lead the fight against it in the same way that, when the laws are broken by a riot, the Government proceeds against the ringleadors.

If this were a war with a foreign nation, when soldiers were taken prisoners they would be shipped home again and the officers retained upon parole, and exchanged as opportunity offered. But we can not ship our prisoners out of the country; and we certainly do not want to be perpetually righting the same men. Therefore, to deal with their leaders as they shall be found to merit will dishearten and weaken the men.

RETALIATION.

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If the Government punishes traitors—if it hangs pirates, for instance, will not the rebels retailiate?

Very possibly x and what then? Which is best, that every man who takes up a masket or ships upon a privateer to shoot and rob honest American etizons shall know that he does so at his extremest peril, or that it is a game in which if he be caught he will be leg or again?

A Government that fears retailation is not sure of itself. When Washington was personally entracted by André, not to spare his life, but to mitigate his sentence, the Gommander-in-Chief was deeply pained by the and necessity of refusal; but his duty to a people was stronger than his pity for a strelle man, and he exacted the utmost penalty. Did he do wrong? Did he not endanger the lives of American pissoners in the enemy's hands? Did he not endanger the lives of American pissoners in the enemy's hands? Did he not endanger that he was the property of André—but do we blame Washington? Do we not know that to have done chierwise than he did would have been a betrayal of the cause confided to him? Do we not know, as he did, that sharp severity is often the tenderest mercy?

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL.

A FRIEND at the West writes to know why General Scott, who was a Major-General forty years ago, is supposed to be advanced in rank by the title Lieutenant-General?

A wiser friend in the East replies that the rank of Major-General is one of the regular grades of army promotion; but the Lieutenant-Generaley is a rank of hoor especially created by Act of Congress for General Scott,

HUMORS OF THE DAY.

TRISH FERTILITY IN EXCUSE MAKING,

As aglishman, traveling in areasons of the Irian drive. In coach upon the tremendous length of the Irian miles.

*** Corfound your Irish miles! Why, there's no end to

them?" said the coachman, "the roads are had about here, and so we give good measure."

A PERTY HOME TRUTH.—Man may be the Head of the Family; but, far better than that, Woman is the Heart of it.

anoemaker was taken up for bigamy and brought be-the sitting magistrate. "Which wife," asked a by-der, "will be be obliged to take?" Brown, always by ut a joke, replied, "He is a cobbler, and of course ick to his last."

on Louis XIII, passed through the little town of Landoc, the mayor and the consuls were very much embard about his reception. They consulted a butcher of
place, who was reckoned a very S-lomon. The fellow
d of being sought after, offered his services to lointthem to the king, and performed his duty by saying,
ea I am a butchen by trade, I bring you a few of
the "The mayor and the consuls them made a low bow,
the ceremony ended to the general satisfaction of all.

when nobody ever ned with:

It will be interesting to lowers to know exactly the difference between a kies and a treading on the toe—as to the
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A man in Kennited; killed a core a few days since, "In
whose stomach was found a large brase pin, a half pin, and
a quantity of hooks and eyes. It is inferred that the old
cow awallowed the milk-maid.

"It his your house and home?" abded a traveler of a
farmer as he saw him bearding up a pig-say, "No," repilled the farmer. "I'm only bearding here."

"How much can you pay us?—what can you offer in
the pound?" demanded the creditors of a bankrupt farmer.
"Alasi gendlemen, all I resulty have is a donkey in the
pound," replied the rubuel agriculturies.

"PIL lety out now when I come again," as the rheuma"PIL lety out know when I come again," as the rheuma-

"I'll let you know when I come again," as the rheumatism said to the leg.

"Well, Patrick," asked the doetor, "how do you feel to-day?" "Och, doetor, dear, I enjoy very poor health intriey. This runnaties is very distressin indade; when I go to sleep I lay awake all night, and my toosis swilled as large as a gooe hear's eggs, so whin I stand up I fall down inmediately."

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A man down East has invented yellow spectacles for making lard look like butter. They are a great saying of expense if worn while eating.

An emigrant to Fort Natal, writing home to one of his friends, says, "We are getting on finely here, and have succeedy laid the foundation of a larger jail."

An emity bettle must certainly be a very dangeross thing, if we may judge from the fact that many a man has been found dead with one at his side.

'Very good, but rather too pointed," as the fish said en it swallowed the bait.

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Why is a fol in bigh station like a man in a balloon?—
Because every body appears little to him, and he appears little to every body.

The following is a true copy of a letter received by a willage scondanset; "Sur, as you are a man of noledge, I intend to inter my son in your skull."

Water isn't a fashionable beverage for drinking your friend's health, but it is a capital one for drinking your own.

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The man who "claillenged contradiction" got into an awful fight, and was severely beaten.

A man, whose sen ran away for "parts unknown," advertised him in the papers, describing him as "red-haired, blue-goed, and having a turned-up nose." One evening, while the anxious father was, as usual, inquiring of every standing by exclaimed,

"Pn positive your son will turn up roon, my man."

"Have you seen him, my friend?" asked the father, grasping the other by the hand.

"You say his nose turned up, don't you?"

"You have he nose turned up, don't you?"

"You have no ore must follow his nose, you know his nose, you know, or will turn up too; for every one must follow his nose, you know."

The father groaned at this poking fun at misery.



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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

SURRENDER OF PEGE

again against the Frence average (General McCollane dispatch):

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THE PRIVATEER "SUMTE THE PRIVATEER "SUMT."

Information reached as lay week of the more vessels, bound for American ports, b Sunter, of the southern coast of Cuba, were run into the port of Clearingers, and the late of Pigs. The Sumter was former, de la Habena, one of Miramon's Medician staws setzed by the United States symdow. This bombardment of Vera Cruz. We public of here a few weeks since.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.