

THE LOCOMOTIVE



A GRASPING LANDLORD.

Rasping and grasping, and grasping for rent,
And never content under fifty per cent.
If you call, if you call, if you call,
You are ready to swallow down houses, goods
all;

May such creatures find neither home nor repose
And such rents, save a rest to their clothes,

than with the sort of an evening if I had
got it up myself.

"Are you much distinguished, Sir, as a
manufacturer and general dealer in first-class
articles of revenue mighty hot for a rebel
butter in the market?" asked Hope in
Tennessee in the summer of 1863.

"No, Robert, I can't say that I am," re-
plied Sir, "but I recollect that I made this
kind of revenue mighty hot for a rebel
butter in the market."

At once the little gathering of neighbors
and free agents put on an air of greater resig-
nation than the Almshouse army that seats at
Justice Ford's round-table.

"I tell her so, Sir; I guess we can stand it."

"There's nothing to stand particularly
about," said Sir, "It was a very simple affair
that any of you fellows have ever been
in the army will readily understand."

"I am sorry to say that Sir has been
about among artillery practice made per-
fect," observed Collector Charlie Thomas
Walker, with an air of profound conviction.

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about among artillery practice made per-
fect."

"If you can't eat along with us without
interfering with this funeral you'd better go
out in the back yard and play leapfrog with
yourself."

"I don't know what will you follow us
trying to talk about," growled Sir.

"So do they, Sir; so do they," said Justice
Ford, sternly.

"You go right ahead and tell us that story. Nobody shall listen to

you."

Sir glanced doubtfully at the little party
and proceeded cautiously:

"You know the commanding Battery D.

First Tennessee Regiment, which was

on detached service as an aside-to-camp

to ten Garibaldi, and he put me on this

post temporarily because it had lost all

its officers at Vicksburg. Well, Sir, I

was soon going on

not because I

had determined

to leave the house

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