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The World Would be Better for it:

If men cared less for wealth and fame,
And less for battle fields and glory;

If written on human hearts, a name

Seemed better than in song or story;

If men, instead of nursing pride,

Would learn to hate it and abhor it;

11 more relied

On love to guide,

The world would be better for it.

If men dealt less in stocks and bonds,

And more in bonds and debts created;

If Love's work had more willing hands

To link this world with the supernal;

If men stored up Love's oil and wine,

And on bruised human hearts would pour it;

If "yours" and "mine"

Would once combine,

The world would be better for it.

If more would act the play of life,

And fewer spoil it in rehearsal;

If Bigotry would sheathe its knife,

Till Good became more universal;

If Custom, gray with ages grown,

Had fewer blind men to adore it—

If Tab-n-shene

In Truth alone,

The world would be the better for it.

If men were wise in little things—

Affecting less in all their dealings;

If hearts had fewer rusted strings

To isolate their kindred feelings;

If men, when wrong beats down the Right,

Would strike together and restore it—

If Right made Might

In every fight,

The world would be the better for it.

A STEELED HEART—"I am afraid of the lightning," murmured a pretty woman, during a thunderstorm. "Well, you may be," said a despairing lover, "when your heart is steel."

As daylight can be seen through very small holes, so little things will illustrate a person's character. Indeed, character consists in little acts, daily life being the quarry from which to build it up, and rough-hew the habits that form and stamp it.

Do not waste a moment, not a second, in trying to demonstrate to others the merits of your own performance. If your work does not vindicate itself, you cannot vindicate it, but you can labor steadily on to something which needs no advocate but itself.

A GOOD MAN.—"I plows, I sows. I reap, I mows; I cuts up wood for winter; I dig, I hoes, and taters grows, and for what I know, am indebted to the printer. I do suppose all knowledge flows right from the printing press; so off I goes in these're clothes an' settles up—I guess."

He was reading to Mrs. Partington, the other day, an account of the inspection of a steamship by Government officials, and came to the paragraph: "They found her knees all sound, though her breastworks were a little shaky." "It is too bad," I declare, said the old lady indignantly, "that Government officials will be so immoral. Examining the breastworks wasn't so bad, but feeling of the knees—how bad she must have felt!"

Ike privately wished that he was ex-

Address of Democratic Members of Congress to the Democracy of the United States.

FELLOW CITIZENS: The perilous condition of our country demands that we should reason together. Party organization restricted within proper limits is a positive good, and indeed essential to the preservation of public liberty. Without it the best government would soon degenerate into the worst of tyrannies. In despotism the chief use of power is in crushing out party opposition. In our own country the experience of the last twelve months proves, more than any lesson in history, the necessity of party organization. The present Administration was chosen by a party, and in all civil acts and appointments has recognized, and still does, its loyalty and obligations to that party. There must and will be an opposition. The public safety and good demand it. Shall it be a new organization or an old one? The Democratic party was founded more than sixty years ago. It has never been disbanded. Today it numbers one million five hundred thousand electors in the States still loyal to the Union. Its recent numerous victories in municipal elections in the Western and Middle States prove its vitality. Within the last ten months it has held State Conventions and nominated full Democratic tickets in every Free State in the Union. Of no other party opposed to the Republicans can the same be said.

SHALL THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BE NOW DISBANDED?

Why should it? Are its ancient principles wrong? What are they? Let us platforms from thirty years speak:

Resolved. That the American Democracy place their trust in the intelligence, the patriotism and the discriminating justice of the American people.

That we regard this as a distinctive feature in our political creed, which we are proud to maintain before the world, as the great moral element in a form of government springing from and upheld by the popular will; and we contrast it with the creed and practice of Federalism, under whatever name or form, which seeks to palys the will of the constituent, and which conceives no imposture to monstrous for the popular credulity.

That the Federal Government is one of limited power, derived solely from the Constitution; and the grants of power made therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the Government; and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.

That the support of the State Governments in all their rights as the most competent administrations of our domestic concerns, and the surest bulwarks against anti-republican tendencies.

The preservation of the General Government in its whole constitutional vigor as the sheet anchor of our peace at home and safety abroad.

A jealous care of the right of election by the people.

The supremacy of the civil over the military authority.

As explanatory to these the following from Mr. Jefferson's first inaugural:

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formed in 1860, absolute and eternal repudiation of all sectional parties and platforms concerning domestic slavery, which seek to enthrall the States and incite to treason and armed resistance to law in the Territories, and whose avowed purposes, if consummated, must end in civil war and disunion!

Such Democrats, was the ancient and the recent policy of the Democratic party, running through a period of sixty years—a policy consistent with the principles of the Constitution, and absolutely essential to the preservation of the Union.

Does the history of the Democratic party prove that it ought to be abandoned? By their fruits shall ye know them. Sectional parties do not achieve Union triumphs! For sixty years, from the inauguration of Jefferson on the 4th of March, 1801, the Democratic party, with short intervals, controlled the power in the field and courted of victory. That party is the natural and persistent enemy of abolition. Upon this question its record is dead. Rule, Lovers of the Union, the Constitution and Liberty, to the standard of the Democratic party already in the

Abolition. That fountain must be dried up. Armies may break down the power of the Confederate Government in the South, but the work of restoration can only be carried on through political organization and the ballot in the North and West. In this great work we cordially invite the co-operation of all men of every party who are opposed to the fell spirit of abolition, and who, in sincerity, desire the Constitution as it is and the Union as it was. Let the dead past bury its dead.

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We scorn to reply to the charge that the Democratic party is opposed to granting aid and support to the Federal Government in maintaining its safety, integrity and constitutional supremacy, and in favor of disbanding our armies and succumbing to the South. The charge is libelous and false. No man has advocated

any such propositions. Democrats recognize it as their duty as patriots to support the Government in all constitutional