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THE ENTIRE ANIMAL OR NOTHING. The proslavery papers still come uttering complaints against the Union meetings at the North. The St. Louis Republican says: "Great as was the meeting in Philadelphia, and eminent and revered as may be the men who participated in it; equally great in numbers, and influential, so far as men are concerned, as was the meeting in Boston, they will have accomplished no good unless those who participated in them will come out and declare that they will attach themselves to the Democratic party, as the only party that can beat the Black Republican party in 1860. Unless they do this, and that speedily, the South and the Slave States may well doubt whether these demonstrations were intended for any more than mouth-offerings for the preservation of the Union."

Do not some of our sturdy old Whig friends, who entered honestly and earnestly into the Union meeting movement, begin to see "the cat under the meal"?

Again, the Virginia Index, published in Richmond, is terribly sayage—quite as much so in its way as Ex-Attorney Gen. Cushing in his—and talks in this style:—

Public meetings, like those at Philadelphia and Boston, do very well to ventilate the "fossil remains' of a defunct conservatism, and to beguile the fearful and timid at the South into a false security—but they are the pageants of an hour, the mere twitching of a galvanized corpse. The whole Northern mind, conservatives and all, is de-

bauched and abolitionized—they differ only in degree! Levi Lincoln, Esq., who presided at the Boston meeting, could not refrain, even upon that occasion, from larding his otherwise patriotic speech, with his declarations of his love of freedom and dislike to slavery. He knew to whom he was addressing himself and he could not hold in. The cities of New York, Philadelphia and Boston want our trade, for it is their life blood, the breath of their nostrils, and without it they will die. Let them not have a dollar's worth of it.

We are tired of the whole Yankee nation, with their nasal twang, their hypocrisy, their canting, praying and cheating, preaching and swindling, lying and stealing, and creeping about the South with maps and books as mean and false as their makers and authors. Always in the wake of these Aminadab Sleeks, you hear of one or more negroes making a stampede. We prefer them as open en-emies to false friends. We have had quite enough of them and of this Union. The South has within itself every element of a great nation, and all we want is to cut loose from the free States and form a Southern confederacy. In a Southern Union is o ir only hope of safety, our only chance for prog-ress, and it is madness to delay. Now is the day and now is the hour, (unless we mean to succumb to Northern aggression and submit to Northern insolence and insult,) to stand forth and take our stand as a separate nation, and a new power in the earth. Let us march right to our goal, peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must. It is all a mistake that liberty will perish with this Union-it will take up its home at the South and there abide."

Such are specimens of many of the insulting responses which come back from the Slave States to reward the conservatives who have taken part in the Union meetings. How can they fail to consider their efforts as labor lost?