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HOW TO GET "SATISFACTION."

It is the boast of modern American jurisprudence that it affords a remedy for every wrong. But there is a wrong frequently inflicted in this country which, if gauged by the degree of resentment it arouses on the part of the victim, and by the injury it produces to their feelings, and after to their finances, is a very serious one, for which our courts afford no remedy. We refer to attacks made by unscrupulous newspapers upon individuals. True our laws have a very beautiful theory, which is to the effect that a man may sue the culpable editor and recover damages. But editors of this stripe are commonly irresponsive to a civil judgment, and the plaintiff is simply minus the expenses of the action.

How then may a man who has been made the victim of a scurrilous attack by some financially irresponsible newspaper, "get satisfaction?" There is a summary method which, when adopted under favorable circumstances, is generally productive of the desired result, in an eminent degree. It makes the victim feel that he is abundantly compensated for any injury he may have sustained to either his feelings or purse. The principal elements essential to the success of this method are physical strength and swiftness on the part of the person applying it, and non-interference for a few moments on the part of the assailant.

We refer to the cow-hide. A lawyer cannot compare with it in the amount of "satisfaction" it will enable a person to obtain out of a scurrilous editor. This "satisfaction" which the injured party realizes from its use is highly contagious. A wave of it seems to pass over the entire community, and the most conservative and order-loving citizens participate in it. "Served him right" is an expression of approval which flies from mouth to mouth, until the adult inhabitants of the village have all, or nearly all expressed it. The editor who has deserved cow-hiding, and has received his deserts, has about as few honest sympathizers in the community as any offender against law, right and decency that could be named.

To impart a local tinge to the foregoing generalizations, it may be observed that there are newspaper scribblers in Utah who are likely to remain deaf to justice until some person gives them a cow-hiding. They have abandoned all show of decency, even, in the manner in which they use the names of good men. They are spreading the foulest slanders, and sinning the most abominable lies. Their devilish malice knows no bounds, and the higher their victim has heretofore stood in the confidence and love of the people, the more do they delight in vilifying him; and the more they succeed in injuring a man whom his community has hitherto looked upon as one after whom the youth should model their lives, the more do these journalistic hyenas, with bullet eyes, congratulate themselves.

There are alleged newspapers in Utah which are pestiferous. They are sources of foul contagion. Where there have been flowing streams of friendship and love, they exist to send stung emotions and hate. To anathemas are innocent and honorable men delight to impart the character of curses. They generally wear the roll of Lucifer when he show the part of an "adjutant of the brethren," and they have laid themselves to receive the executive sceptre of the powers of darkness in sowing strife and discord where there has always prevailed peace and union.

There are people in Utah that are in a moral existence on money that is contributing to their support with the express understanding that they will [illegible] something about the best man in community. It would be better for the people if the scribblers for these papers are kept flowing in this way were their perquisites. They may [illegible] about "local party organs," as politics and fanaticism are alike [illegible] to their purposes, and all to the very highest interest of the people are made to suffer in consequence of their existence.

There is not an up more and more [illegible] the force it is exercising, and an increasing clamor. It demands [illegible] and action from Boards of Justice [illegible] the Church. You have officers to serve your interests. Why do you not let them do their duty? Why do you not let them do their duty? Why do you not let them do their duty?