

shall eat, wear, and enjoy while they Hve, and be buried in when they die. It is a rising despotism that will dig its own grave and pave the way into it, unless some common sense and common justice shall be injected into its schemes and its counsels.

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A NEEDED REFORM.

It has often been stated that profanity is much more prevalent in the United States than in European countries. There are, however, "cuss words" in common use among all nations, and many of them are of a local character and peculiar to the people of each nationality. The coupling of the name of Deity to common swear words is heard oftener in America than in Europe, and this makes swearing here more offensive than there. But in recent years it appears that this vile custom has found its way across the ocean, and has been incorporated into English oaths, so that there is not much choice between the two nations in this regard. An illustration of this given in the Pall Mall Gazette.

A story is told of the failure of a working man to take passage on a quick train which he had aimed to reach, but had been misdirected by a porter, and was compelled to take a slower train. In explaining the incldent to a companion he found it necessary, in order to relieve his feelings, to employ as auxiliaries the following list of expletives:

Seventeen adjectives of a lurid hue; five appeals to the Almighty; two invocations that his own eyesight might be destroyed; three invocations re the eyes of the official: seven iterations of the name of the infernal regions; one side issue, necessitating the name of the Messiah: seventeen adjectives of simple obscenity; four expletives of an unclassified nature.

That these were entirely unnecessary will be conceded, we think, by all reasonable persons. Vigorous language is often allowable, particularly when the feelings of an individual are wrought up into high pressure; but this does not require profanity, vulgarity, or the use of language that shocks the sensi-

bilities of decent people. A reform in this particular is demanded by the culture of the times. If men who have been in the habit of interjecting the name of Deity into animated conversation would put a check on this unpleasant habit, and make up their minds to eliminate those rough expressions that are needless, and that are obnoxious to refined ears, they would do much towards purifying the conversational atmosphere , and thus aid in a general advancement in the art of lingual communication.

If an old law in this state were to be enforced, which inflicted a fine upon every person who used profane language, we think that there would be a chance for a reduction of taxes for the support of the local government. We hope that the time will come when no gentleman, or one who desires to shine In that capacity, will think it proper to

curse, and swear, and profane, even freedom enjoyed by the common peo-

