neither so "ignorant" nor so "stupid" as to be caught in the meshes of abolition-know-nothing-ism by any such transparent clap-trap. The effort is a forlorn hope of the factions to sustain their sinking cause, which daily becomes more hopeless of success.

Assault in the United States Senate Chamber.
A telegraphic dispatch of the 22d inst. states that immediately after the adjournment of congress on that day, Preston S. Brooks, of South Carolina, a member of the lower house, entered the senate chamber and approached the seat of Mr. Sumner, and struck him a powerful blow with a cane, at the same time accusing him of libelling South Carolina and his gray-headed relative, Senator Butler. Mr. Sumner fell from the effects of the blow. Mr. Brooks continued beating him. Mr. Sumner recovered sufficiently to call for help, but no one interfered, and Mr. Brooks repeated the blows until Mr. Sumner was deprived of the power of speech. Mr. Sumner received several severe, but not dangerous, wounds on his head. The cane held by Mr. Brooks was shattered to pieces by the blows.

The assault on any account is to be regretted, but when we take into account the provocation, much may be said in palliation of it. All parties confess that Sumner's speech, surpassed in blackguardism anything ever delivered in the senate. Blinded by rage at being used in debate by his political opponents, he commenced levelling his filth and slime at every senator opposed to him, among whom was the venerable Butler-who was not present. Sumner is a young man professes to be a non-combatant; proclaims to the world that he does not profess to be a gentleman; claims the right to use just such language as he pleases in the senate, and out of it, to old men as well as young, without holding himself answerable to any code of honor, or any recognized rules of etiquette, or senatorial courtesy. Pursuant to these assumptions he made a speech against Senator Butler which was never equalled by the lowest pot house slander.

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