EXCITING DEBATE IN THE SENATE—SUMNER SPEAKS.

In the Senate, on the 20th inst., Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts—who disgraces the seat once occupied by Daniel Webster—delivered his own sense of the Kansas-Nebraska act as a great "crime," and held these gentlemen, together with the Democratic party, responsible for it. It was a speech full of abuse and lies, in which he has all the vitriol and most dangerous arguments against the South, and calculated only to increase the strife between the two sections and lead to civil war.

Mr. Cass characterized it as the most "anti-American and unpatriotic." The speech he had ever heard; Mr. Douglas followed, denouncing Sumner in the severest terms as an enemy of the Union, and holding him up in his true colors before the country; and Mr. Mason of Va., concluding with Judge Douglas, regretted that Senators were required by the circumstances of their position to have personal intercourse with a man like Sumner, so lost to all decency, honor, and truth. Sumner reported in the bitterest terms; and here the debate closed.

But the meanest feature of Sumner's conduct was his attack on Judge Butler, of South Carolina, who was absent. This was the conduct of a coward.

Judge Douglas told him what he would do when Judge Butler returned;—"he would alight to his seat, whisper a private apology, and beg him to accept it." But we give the account as we find it in the paper, in which Sumner received at the hands of Mr. Brooks, of S. C., the nephew of Judge Butler:

Whipping the Insulting Yankee Abolitionist.

WASHINGTON, May 22. To-day, immediately after the adjournment of Congress, while Mr. Charles Sumner, Black, and others were engaged in a debate in the Senate Chamber, he was approached by Mr. Preston S. Brooks, Democrat member of the House of Representatives, and asked Sumner to come outside. Mr. Brooks, accosted Sumner with having slandered his gray-headed relative and friend, Senator Butler of S. C., and Sumner, with no provocation whatever from Mr. Brooks, assailed the Senator, and the struggle was on. Mr. Brooks, with great physical strength, struck Sumner in the face, and Sumner, with a great deal of self-control, gave in. Mr. Brooks vented the whip, but Sumner felt he had given the coward yipkee a thorough going. This being very amusing, every one, including Republican Sumner, laughed, and there has not yet been any assertions whether the blow was dangerous action, but one thing is certain, Sumner finds himself in a mighty state.