EXCITING DEBATE IN THE SENATE—SUMNER SUES WHISPERERS.

In the Senate, on the 20th inst., Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts—who discredits the seat once occupied by Daniel Webster—delivered himself of a long and studied harangue on Kansas affairs, in which he spoke in the most offensive terms of President Pierce, Senators Douglas and Butler, and of slaveholders generally. He characterized 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 full of the villest and most dangerous appeals against the Union. The people of the South, and calculated only to increase the strife between the two sections and lead to civil and civil war. Mr. Cass characterized it as the most "austere-American and unpatriotic" speech he ever heard; Mr. Douglas followed, denouncing Sumner in the severest terms as an enemi to the Union, and holding him up in his true colors before the country; and Mr. Mason, of Va., concurring 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 retorted in the bitterest terms, and the debate closed.

But the meanest feature in 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 if Judge Butler returned—"he would slip to his tip, whisper a private apology, and beg him to accept it." But we give the account as we find it in the paper, which was the account 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.—Today, immediately after the adjournment of the Congress, while Mr. Charles Sumner, Black Leader of the Senate, was sitting in the Senate chamber, he was approached by Mr. Preston S. Brooks, Democratic member of the House of Representa-

tives, who assailed him with a whip.

Mr. Brookk, accosted Sumner with having slandered his grey-headed relative and friend, (Senator Butler of S. C.) and proceeded to "batter" him. Sumner rose to the floor, and Brooks repeated the blows without being repulsed. AlthoughSumner was not wounded, he was, as he termed it, "whipped the worst, cut the worst, and cried the worst.""

Some of the eye-witnesses say Brooks struck Sumner 50 or 60 times, wounding him, and nearly knocking his head off. The latter seemed extremely surprised, and was sitting in an arm chair when the attack was made. In the debate that followed, it was not yet ascertained whether the blows are dangerous, or not, but one thing is certain, Sumner finds himself in a dangerous position.

The latest accounts are, that Mr. Sumner is better, and was expected to resume his seat in the course of a day or two. It will be seen from the following that this whipping has stirred Boston.

Sympathy for Sumner in Boston.

Boston, May 23.—The attack on Mr. Sumner, yesterday, created great excitement. The indignation is general and irrespective of party. The first account was read in the House of Representativesyesterday, and the emotional excitement was such that some public action will be taken this morning. Mr. Templet, a Whig, declared Mr. Sumner was dead gnawed courage and crossness of integrity.

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A public meeting of the citizens of Boston has been called for to-day, to consider the matter.