

## Mr. Helper's Lecture Postponed.

THE REASON: DISORDER AND AN ARREST.

The lecture which Mr. H. R. HELPER, the author of *The Impending Crisis*, was to have delivered on "Two Systems of Labor," at Clinton Hall, last evening, was postponed. The crowd which gathered there early in the evening was confronted by a placard announcing that it was deferred, and by a copy of a letter, posted near the doors, which ran thus:

CLINTON HALL, JAN. 14, 1860.

H. K. Helper, Esq., No. 181 West Twenty-eighth-street

DEAR SIR: Owing to the excited state of the public mind, the Trustees feel it to be their duty to close the Hall this evening.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

EDMUND COFFIN,

Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association.

The peaceably-disposed read what was written and departed; but a small crowd lingered in Astor-place, evidently bent upon a brawl. They gave three cheers for South Carolina and groans for HELPER, and all who held with him. At length Capt. CAFFEY, of the Fifteenth Precinct, who, with 27 policemen, was stationed inside the building, came forth and commanded the loiterers to move on. They seemed "loath for to go," but he soon made them "loather for to stay." One more unruly—a large man, said to be a Southerner—after defying the Captain, was arrested by the latter and conveyed to the Fifteenth Ward Station-house—a large crowd following, cheering for the Union and for Major ANDERSON. The prisoner said his name was H. H. JAMES, and that he was from New-Jersey, that he was 35 years old and was married, and that he had no business in particular. It was afterwards ascertained that his real name is Col. H. H. TRUS, agent, doing business at No. 506 Tenth-avenue—house No. 117 West Fortieth-street. At the Station-house he asked the Captain to let him go, but the Captain said, "You must not get yourself into such business. The laws must be sustained." The Captain asked him whether he had any weapons. He answered that he had not but when the Captain, searching him pulled forth a loaded revolver from his pocket, he said he had no arms except those he always carried. He was consigned to a cell for the night. It was expected that there would be a very serious disturbance if Mr. HELPER lectured. Besides, Col. TRUS, WM. L. WILEY, ex-Captain of the old Police, and Col. VAN ZANDT, were most conspicuous in the crowd. Capt. WILEY, during the evening, was busily engaged in endeavoring to obtain the release of the prisoner. The latter told Capt. CAFFEY that he would give him \$1,000 if he would let him go.