THE GRAND QUESTION.

The great perplexities we are now in, make it necessary for us to consider the question of the Union.

The first step toward its solution is to understand the nature of the Union, and the principles upon which it was established.

The Union was founded on the principle of popular sovereignty, and was intended to be a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

This principle is manifested in every part of the Union, from the highest to the lowest, from the states to the counties, and from the counties to the towns.

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COUNTRY-WIDE DEBATE ON THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

AUGUST 9, 1861

THE ATTACK ON BRITAIN

In the midst of the current debate over the American Civil War, the British were facing their own internal struggles. The Conservatives, led by Mr. Disraeli, were attempting to gain control of the country, and tensions were high.

The British government had long been divided over the issue of Irish Home Rule. Mr. Gladstone, a Liberal, had proposed a scheme for Home Rule, but the Conservatives opposed it with great force. The conflict had dragged on for years, and the situation was becoming increasingly fraught.

The British people were weary of the constant fighting and the uncertain future. They longed for peace and prosperity, but the Conservatives' desire for power seemed to threaten their hopes.

On this day, the British government announced that it would not yield to the demands of the Liberals. This move was met with widespread opposition, and a new wave of protests swept across the country.

The British people were divided in their feelings about the situation. Some supported the Conservatives, while others favored the Liberals. The debate over Home Rule continued, and it remained to be seen whether the situation would improve or worsen.
Poetry.

A TIMBER-RAFT.

To fill a want.

'Tis said, that in the West, in youth, a strikingly fine pensant named Penn, was thus arraigned before the bar of the court:

"You are charged with having, in your youth, hewed and made use of a wooden raft?"

"Yes, I hewed the 'raft, and made use of 't in my youth="

"And under what circumstances?"

"I hewed it to fill a want."

"You hewed a wooden raft to fill a want?"

"Yes, I hewed the 'raft, and made use of 't in my youth="

"Why?"

"To fill a want."

"The want?"

"To fill the want."

"If that be 'so, why did you make use of the 'raft to fill the want?"

"Because I hewed the 'raft."