

Oneida Whig.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1.

BOLTING AMONG THE LADIES.—A Woman's Rights Convention was held at Seneca Falls on the 19th and 20th inst., at which the opposers of female slavery adopted a declaration of sentiments, declaring that these truths are self evident—that all men and women are created equal, &c., &c., and that when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government. The delicacy of Jessica when she assumed the unmentionables, has been much praised as indicating a consciousness that she was departing from the line of female propriety:

"I am glad 'tis night, you do not look upon me,
For I am much ashamed of my exchange."

but the Woman's Rights Convention glory in the publicity of such an exchange. They have "let the facts be submitted to a candid world:"

"He has never permitted her to exercise her alienable right to the elective franchise.

He has compelled her to submit to laws in the formation of which she has had no voice."

Was there ever such a dreadful revolt?—They set aside the statute, "wives submit yourselves unto your husbands;" they despise the example of the learned Portia, whose conduct Mrs. Jameson characterises as "consistent with a reflecting mind and a spirit at once tender, reasonable and magnanimous," when she, who was the lord of a fair mansion, master of her servants, queen over herself, committed herself to her husband, "to be directed," and her house, her servants, and the same herself were given to the care and keeping of her lord. This bolt is the most shocking and unnatural incident ever recorded in the history of womanity. If our ladies will insist on voting and legislating, where, gentlemen, will be our dinners and our elbows?

where our domestic firesides and the holes in our stockings?

Here is another shot:

"Having deprived her of this first right of a citizen, the elective franchise, thereby leaving her without representation in the halls of legislation, he has oppressed her on all sides.

"He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.

"He has taken from her all right in property, even to the wages she earns."

"The most beautiful pagan, the most sweet Jew," shows herself at this point very strikingly. She scethes such abominations as scant pin money. Oh man! proud man! "it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant." Do give the girls the spoons! Trade will be more brisk if bargains are not quite as sharp.

More grape!

"He has made her, morally, an irresponsible being, as she can commit many crimes with impunity, provided they be done in the presence of her husband. In the covenant of marriage she is compelled to promise obedience to her husband, he becoming to all intents and purposes her master—the law giving him power to deprive her of her liberty and to administer chastisement."

This is the age of reform. Our ideas of female excellence, formed from the study of such models as Lady Russell and Catherine of Arragon, are getting sadly out of fashion. They used to speak,

"Not as desiring more,
But rather wishing a more strict restraint
Upon the sisterhood!"

but the bolters are too wise, too witty and too wilful to endure such a state of bondage, and the lords of creation will hardly escape the "predestinated scratched face." They should recollect however, the illustrious member of their bolting sisterhood who had not long worn the nether garments before she found it in her heart to disgrace her man's apparel and to cry like a woman. The lion's skin in history was not large enough to hide the timidity of the peaceful animal who thought to swagger.

We give the rest of the declaration.