

THE NIGGER IN THE FENCE AGAIN.

Hicks still insists that Mr. Mercer and Mr. Meiggs are in collusion to fill this country with colored laborers, and adduces in proof a statement that appeared in the smut-mill some time ago to that effect, and "that Mr. Mercer did not deny it." Mr. Mercer regarded the statement as beneath contempt—as an insult to the young ladies he brought out, and a burlesque on the mill owners. This was a common sense view. Besides it is not generally considered that Hicks' effusions are entitled to credit. Now we aver that the whole statement from first to last is an unmitigated falsehood, and Hicks and Tilton knew it. We are not in the betting line—having no Democratic money extorted from subscribers so illiterate that they don't know B from a broomstick, nor when a newspaper is right side up,—but we will find a man who will give Hicks one thousand dollars on Mr. Mercer's arrival, if he bring any class of persons other than white. Will Hicks pay a thousand dollars for his *black* lie, if it is one, which will be determined on Mr. Mercer's return. The fact is, his statement is a base pandering to the base passions of baser men, for their votes, and he knows it. It shows how low down men can go in corruption. If we are not deceived the more respectable portion of the party will cease to follow such base, corrupt men.