

Men do not blame so much the Cuban Blood-hounds, which ran down the Indians and fugitives in the swamps of Florida, as the *Men* who set them on.

#### A Strange Advertisement.

We see in one of our city papers, an advertisement for a *white* man, as a runaway slave. The reward offered is fifty dollars. The description of the man runs as follows:—

“White complexion, hair straight, and brown; eyes blue; lips thick; and will be taken for a white man by any that do not know him.”

To us, it makes no difference, whether a man be clothed in a white coat, or black. He is a *man*; that is enough.

We have never been able to understand how highminded and moral men could reconcile it to their consciences and to common decency, to publish a **MAN**, endeavoring peacefully to regain his liberty. Every heart, not miserably depraved, sympathizes with such a man; and the scoundrel who lays violent hands upon him, and, for hire, returns him to bondage, commits an offence differing in no respect from the act of the pirate who steals his victim from Africa. Our laws may recognize a distinction, but the eye of the Great Father of us all, sees none.

Now, what is the difference between the action of the professed slave-catcher, and that of the editor who, for money, informs this slave-catcher who the fugitive is, what is his appearance, where probably he may be found, and suffers his paper to be made a medium, for stimulating the most cold-blooded avarice?

Recollect; the most ultra advocatè of slaveholding claims, does not pretend that the people of the free States are bound to turn slave-catchers—or that the Compromises of the Constitution bind our editors to join in a slave-hunt, by advertising the slave. Such advertising is volunteering, for reward—for the price of blood—to reduce to galling bondage, a man who has done us no harm, and is seeking peacefully, a liberty, we esteem priceless.

Grant that a slave is held as property in Kentucky—while in that State, I may plead that I may not violate its laws: but, in Ohio, our Constitution knows nothing of the right of property in human beings; and there is nothing in the United States Constitution, binding me to treat men as property. To these Constitutions I owe allegiance, not to the laws or Consitution of Kentucky. Nor is the morality of that State any standard for me.

The fact then is, that, the only obligation on an editor to publish a slave-advertisement, is, the *reception of the hire or price*. But, this obligation is voluntarily assumed; assumed too in a free State, whose Constitution repudiates slavery; assumed moreover by honorable men, who deem the slave-catcher, odious; by republicans, who affect to regard Liberty as above all price; by christian men, who are in the habit of repeating,

“That mercy I to others show,

That mercy show to me!”

We refrain from publishing the name of the highly respectable paper in which this advertisement appears, for we cannot but hope that it slipped into its columns without the knowledge or deliberate assent, of the proprietors and editors.