

## THE BATTLE OF THE BLONDES.

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### Renewal of the Henderson-Butler Controversy--Arrest of the Defendant Butler.

The case of ALEXANDER HENDERSON vs. GEORGE H. BUTLER has been again revived. It will be remembered that about the first of June last, a certain article appeared in WILKES' *Spirit of the Times*, commenting in severe terms upon ALEXANDER HENDERSON, manager and half-owner of the LYDIA THOMPSON Burlesque Troupe. Mr. HENDERSON feeling himself aggrieved thereby, made efforts to discover the author, and through his counsel, demanded his name from Mr. GEORGE WILKES, the editor. Mr. WILKES expressing a willingness to share in the responsibility of the authorship, a suit was instituted against him for libel. A short time after the article appeared Mr. BUTLER appeared at Niblo's Garden after the close of the performance, and calling Mr. HENDERSON out, stated that he (BUTLER) was the author of the article complained of, at the same time attacking and beating Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. HENDERSON preferred a charge against BUTLER at Jefferson Market for assault and battery, and the latter waiving an examination and giving bail, the papers were sent before the Grand Jury, but that body failed to find an indictment. These articles continuing to be published in the paper, and Mr. HENDERSON believing that they had some effect in the different cities of the Union where he was about to play, instituted a suit against BUTLER for libel, laying his damages at \$50,000. On Thursday last, on application of Mr. JOHN D. TOWNSEND, counsel for HENDERSON, Judge FITHIAN granted an order of arrest, fixing the bail at \$5,000; and yesterday the defendant was arrested and gave the required bail, Mr. ALEXANDER M. STETSON and Mr. CHARLES DELMONICO being his bondsmen.

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