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We presume there is not a well-informed business man in Chicago, who does not believe in the solvency of this house, and that in a short time it will again be open and receiving and paying out as usual. It is well known that it has not dabbled in any of the securities that are so much depressed in the New York market, ~~that it has not dealt in real-estate~~, and that it has made no advances to railroad or other corporations. Its business has been banking; and this it has conducted with integrity, and, in spite of the now closed doors, we believe with profit. That a crowd of depositors excited beyond reason by the thousand and one rumors ~~that have been set afloat by the careless or malicious~~, should have compelled a temporary suspension, is no wonder to us, nor would it be to the depositors themselves, if they had stopped to think that nine out of every ten bankers in the United States would have been obliged to adopt the same course, if thus attacked. During Monday and Tuesday, it paid out \$239,000, a considerable part of which was in coin; but, despite that large draft upon its resources, we are sure that the suspension was but a precautionary measure, resorted to only to enable it to gather up its large resources, and assume a position that will be impregnable. It is the opinion of those who know best, that depositors and others need give themselves no uneasiness—an opinion in which we, who have a sum there that we can ill afford to lose, most certainly agree. Outside of the large sums in notes of customers, daily maturing, Gen. SWIFT has a handsome fortune in real property, which ~~all who~~ know him believe that he will—down ~~to~~ the last brick or shovel of earth—devote to the liquidation of his and his partners' liabilities. But we are told that the resources of his banking house will enable it to go on without any such outside assistance.