

RIOT.—On Sunday afternoon a serious riot occurred in 15th street, between the 6th and 7th avenues, which caused great excitement, and was productive of serious injury to many persons before it was suppressed.

It appears there is a public house in the location above mentioned, kept by a German, where it is common on Sabbath afternoons for persons of both sexes to assemble and indulge in music and dancing, after the manner of the people of the country from whence they come. On Sunday afternoon last, such a party assembled for such purposes, a lady playing on the piano, while others of both sexes were dancing. While thus engaged, a party of young men from the eastern section of the city, proceeded to the house in question, and marching into the room where the music and dancing were carrying on, commenced a disturbance by tripping up the heels of the male and female dancers, and throwing them down on the floor. This led to acts of resistance on the part of the party assailed, and a fight ensued, which resulted in the demolition and destruction of the furniture of the apartment, and in the final expulsion of the persons who first assembled from the house. Many of them were severely cut and beaten.

A number of them escaped with difficulty and danger from the second story window; some of them being much injured in their descent to the ground. Some of the females in their endeavors to scale the railing or fence of the yard, were caught by their clothes and hung suspended in a most painful and exposed situation, amidst the shouts and jeers of the ruffians who had caused the catastrophe. The rioters, who were stout young men, and from 40 to 50 in number, thus became the victors, and a larger mob was soon assembled, who perpetrated farther violence. Information being communicated to the Mayor, he mounted his horse and rode rapidly into the midst of the rioters, commanding them instantly to disperse. By his energy of conduct and manner, he succeeded in dispersing the rioters, and the mob separated, and a large crowd followed the Mayor with their approving huzzas. Information had been also sent to the lower police office, and Justice Bloodgood, ex-Justice Lowndes, Alderman Guion, and an officer immediately repaired to the scene of the riot, but most of the party had left before they reached. They ordered the house closed, which was done, and in the evening again Justice Bloodgood and his companions were there and remained until 10 o'clock at night, but no farther demonstrations of violence were observed. It is to be regretted that the originators and actors could not be discovered, apprehended, and brought to condign punishment.

DISTURBING RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.—On Sunday night last a man named Henry Springsteen (as was deposed by Mr. E. Duval, one of the officers of the church,) went to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Bedford street, and acted in a disorderly manner, and by rude and insolent behavior, by using profane language, loud yelling, and persisting in going forward into the church where there was no room for him, disturbed the worship of the congregation. He was finally taken out, handed over to a watchman, and lodged in the watch-house. Yesterday morning he was taken to the upper police, and in consequence of being a poor man, was fined only \$3 and costs, and held to bail in \$200 to keep the peace for six months. He might have been fined by law as high as \$25.

ANOTHER CASE. A number of rude and disorderly persons assembled in front of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sullivan street, between Amity and Bleecker, on Sunday afternoon, and created a considerable disturbance. In the evening, a number assembled there again, and began to create a noise and disturbance, when Justice Taylor of the upper police being sent for, took with him a party of watchmen, and soon dispersed and drove off the disorderly persons who assembled. It is understood that it is the determination of the city authorities to break up these impious attempts to disturb religious worship, (for which there can be no excuse,) and to bring a body of the watch upon them to arrest and put down every such disturbance at once.—*Journal of Commerce,*