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*Serious Advice to the GOVERNMENT-MENDERS,
who are to assemble at Harrisburgh, on the 3d of September.*

A gentleman once gave his son (a lad about 14 years of age) a handsome new watch. The youth, upon opening it, perceived something in the watch which he took to be a hair which had fallen into it, and instantly pulled it away. It proved to be the pendulum spring, the loss of which rendered his watch good for nothing. Beware, gentlemen Government-Menders, how you touch any part of the new constitution. You may by mistake destroy its pendulum spring.

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