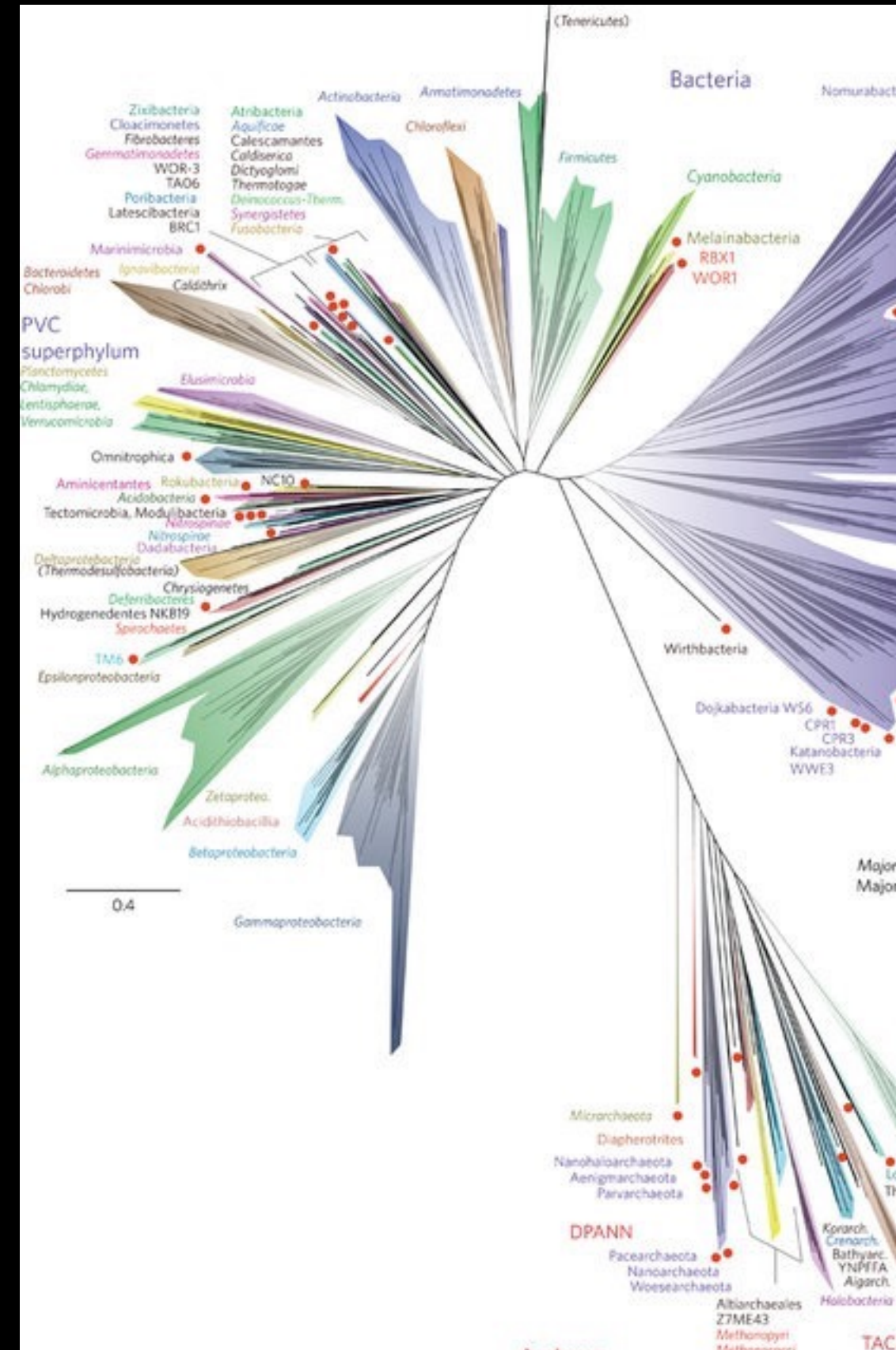
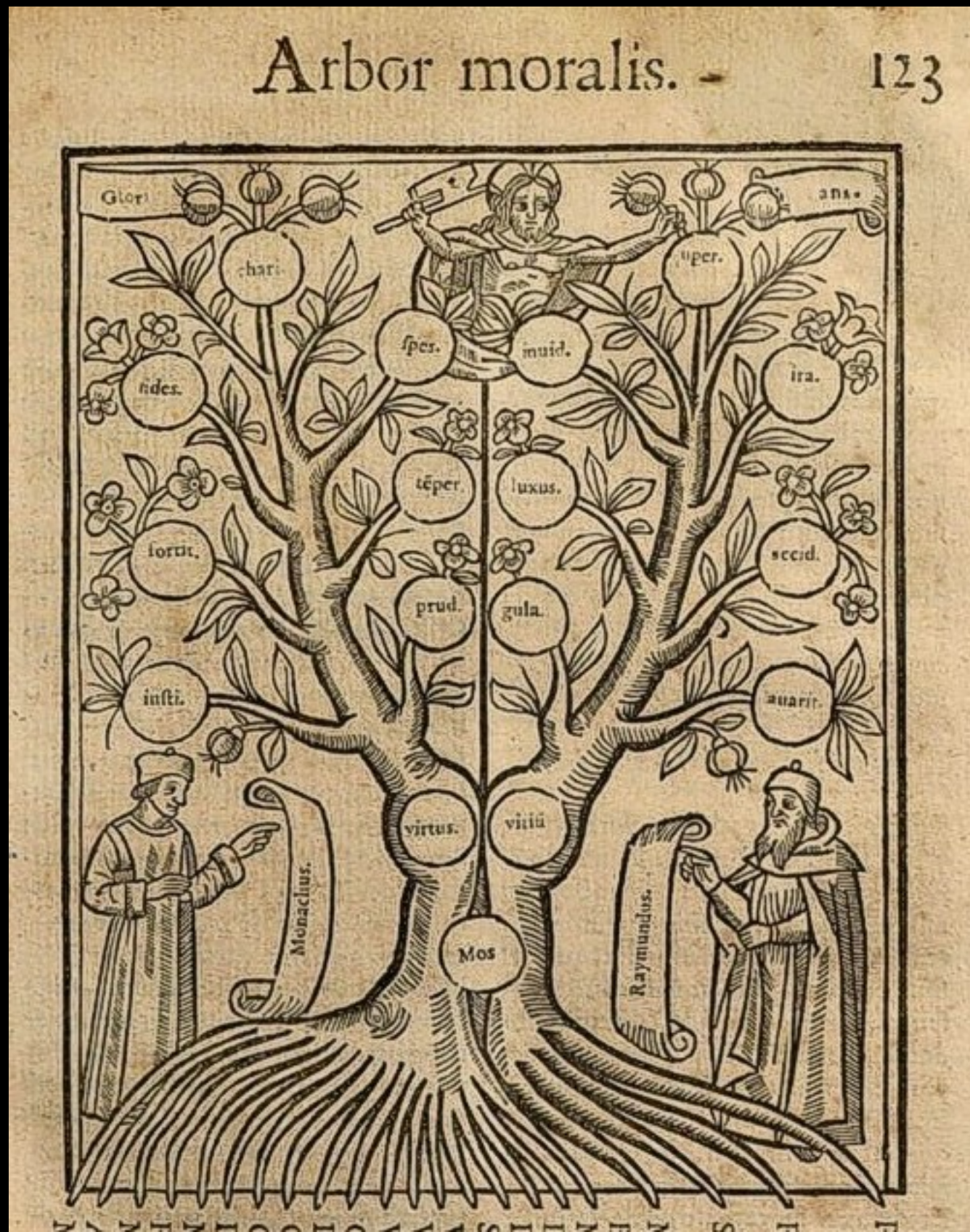


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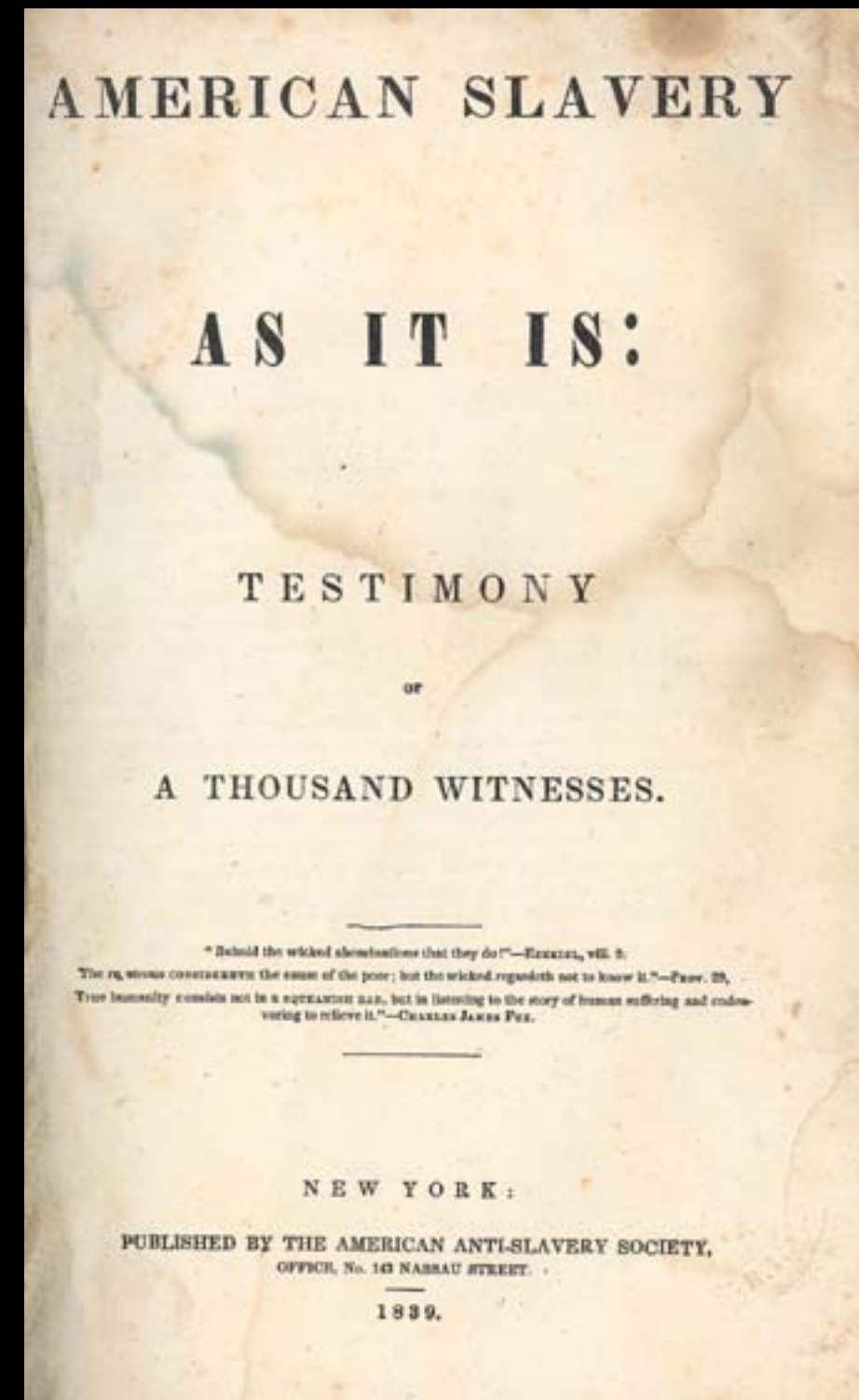
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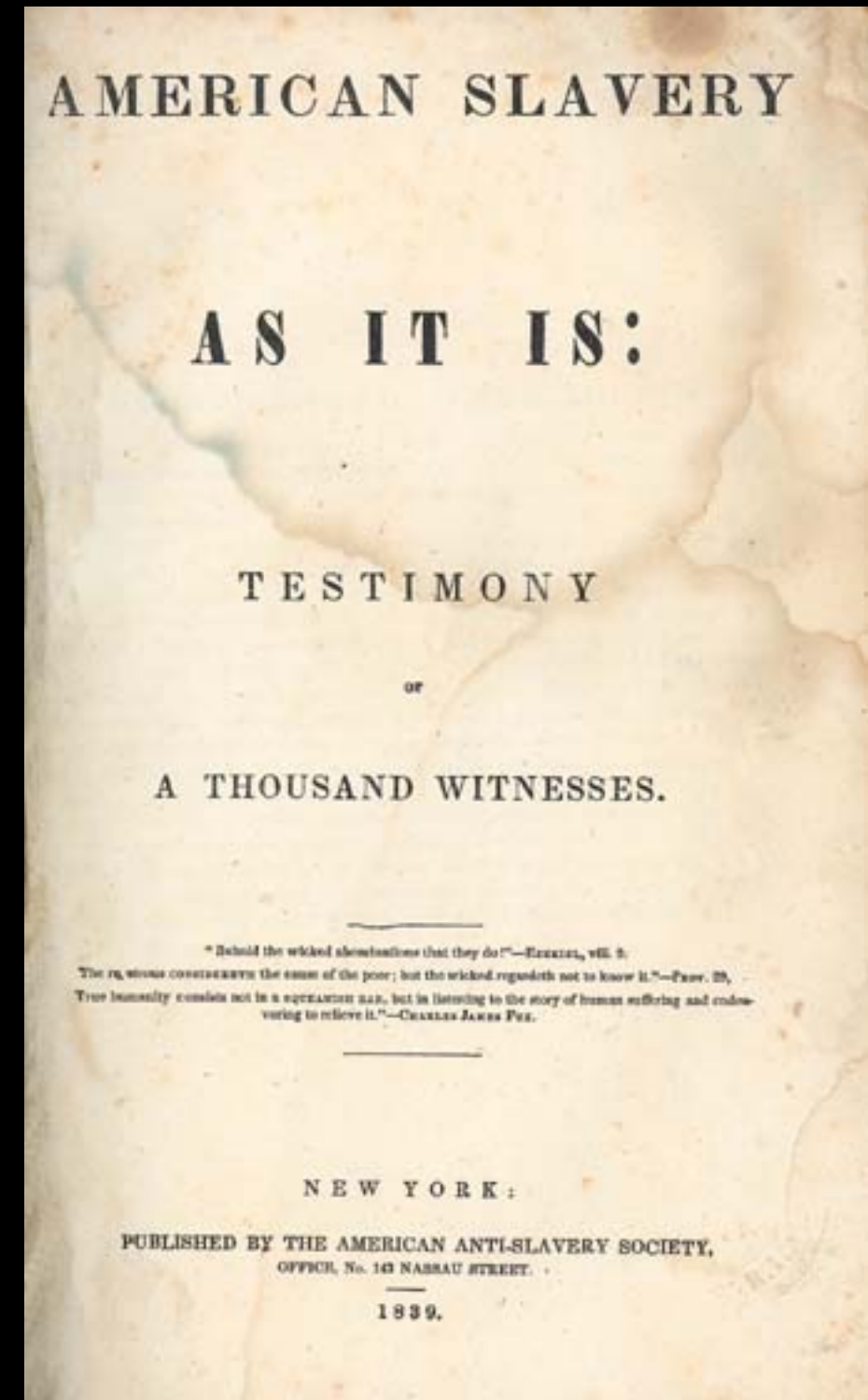
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Data Will out

Ads for runaway slaves turned  
against the slaveowners

Isolating and recontextualizing



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### Concordance: keyword search

Mr. A. G. A. Beazley, in the Memphis Gazette," March 18, 1338.	"Ranaway, Abraham, 20 or 22 years of age, <i>his front teeth out.</i> "
Mr. Samuel Townsend, in the "Huntsville [Ala.] Democrat," May 24, 1837.	"Ranaway, Dick, 18 or 20 years of age, <i>has one front tooth out.</i> "
Mr. Philip A. Dew, in the "Virginia Herald," of May 24, 1837.	"Ranaway, Washington, about 25 years of age, has <i>an upper front tooth out.</i> "
J. G. Dunlap, "Georgia Constitutionalist," April 24, 1838.	"Ranaway, negro woman Abbe, <i>upper front teeth out.</i> "
John Thomas, "Southern Argus," August 7, 1838.	"Ranaway, Lewis, 25 or 26 years old, <i>one or two of his front teeth out.</i> "
M. E. W. Gilbert, in the "Columbus [Ga.] Enquirer," Oct. 5. 1837.	"50 DOLLARS REWARD, for Prince, 25 or 26 years old, <i>one or two teeth out</i> in front on the upper jaw."
Publisher of the "Charleston Mercury," Aug. 31, 1838.	"Ranaway, Seller Saunders, <i>one fore tooth out</i> , about 22 years of age."
Mr. Byrd M. Grace, in the "Macon [Ga.] Telegraph," Oct. 16, 1838.	"Ranaway, Warren, about 25 or 26 years old, has lost <i>some of his front teeth.</i> "
Mr. George W. Barnes, in the "Milledgeville [Ga.] Journal," May 22, 1837.	"Ranaway, Henry, about 23 years old, has one of his <i>upper front teeth out.</i> "
D. Herring, Warden of Baltimore Jail, in "Baltimore Chronicle," Oct. 6, 1837.	"Committed to jail Elizabeth Steward, 17 or 18 years old, has <i>one of her front teeth out.</i> "
Mr. J. L. Colborn, in the "Huntsville [Ala.] Democrat," July 4, 1837.	"Ranaway Liley, 26 years of age, <i>one fore tooth gone.</i> "
Samuel Harman Jr. in the "New Orleans Bee," Oct. 12, 1838.	"50 DOLLARS REWARD, for Adolphe, 28 years old, <i>two of his front teeth</i> are missing."

Were it necessary, we might easily add to the preceding list, *hundreds*. The reader will remark that all the slaves, whose ages are given, are *young*--not one has arrived at middle age; consequently it can hardly be supposed that they have lost their *teeth* either from age or decay. The probability that their *teeth* were taken out by force, is increased by the fact of their being *front teeth* in almost every case, and from the fact that the loss of no *other* is mentioned in the advertisements. It is well known that the front *teeth* are not generally the first to fail. Further, it is notorious that the *teeth* of the slaves are remarkably sound and serviceable, that they decay far less, and at a much later period of life than the *teeth* of the whites: owing partly, no doubt, to original constitution; but more probably to their diet, habits, and mode of life.

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Sorting and categorizing and  
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## III. BRANDINGS, MAIMINGS, GUN-SHOT WOUNDS, &

The slaves are often branded with hot irons, pursued with fire arms and *shot*, hunted with dogs, maimed with knives, dirks, &c.; have their ears cut off, their eyes knocked out, their bones dislocated, their fingers and toes cut off, their faces and other parts of their persons disfigured with scars and lacerations with the lash.

We shall adopt, under this head, the same course as that pursued under previous ones,--first, by slaveholders themselves, to the mutilations, &c. by copying their own graphic descriptions of the same under their own names, and in newspapers published in the slave states, and, generally, in their own country, as heretofore, insert only so much of each advertisement as will be necessary to make the point.

WITNESSES.	TESTIMONY.
Mr. Micajah Ricks, Nash County, North Carolina, in the Raleigh "Standard," July 18, 1838.	"Ranaway, a negro woman and two children, she went off, <i>I burnt her with a hot iron on the face, I tried to make the letter M.</i> "
Mr. Asa B. Metcalf, Kingston, Adams Co. Mi. in the "Natchez Courier," June 15, 1832.	"Ranaway Mary, a black woman, had a scar on her right arm near the shoulder, <i>caused</i>
Mr. William Overstreet, Benton, Yazoo Co. Mi. in the "Lexington (Kentucky) Observer," July 22, 1838.	"Ranaway a negro man named Henry, had scars from a <i>dirk</i> on and under his left arm with the whip."
Mr. R. P. Carney, Clark Co. Ala., in the Mobile Register, Dec. 22, 1832.	One hundred dollars reward for a negro man, years old, he is <i>branded</i> on the <i>left</i> j
Mr. J. Guyler, Savannah Georgia, in the "Republican," April 12, 1837.	"Ranaway Laman, an old negro man
J. A. Brown, jailor, Charleston, South Carolina, in the "Mercury," Jan. 12, 1837.	"Committed to jail a negro man, has
Mr. J Scrivener, Herring Bay, Anne Arundel Co. Maryland, in the Annapolis Republican, April 18, 1837.	"Ranaway negro man Elijah, has a scar apparently occasioned by a <i>shot</i> ."

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**Hillary Clinton** has  
an **85% chance** to  
win.

Last updated Tuesday, November 8 at 10:20 PM ET

CHANCE OF WINNING



85%

Hillary Clinton



15%

Donald J. Trump

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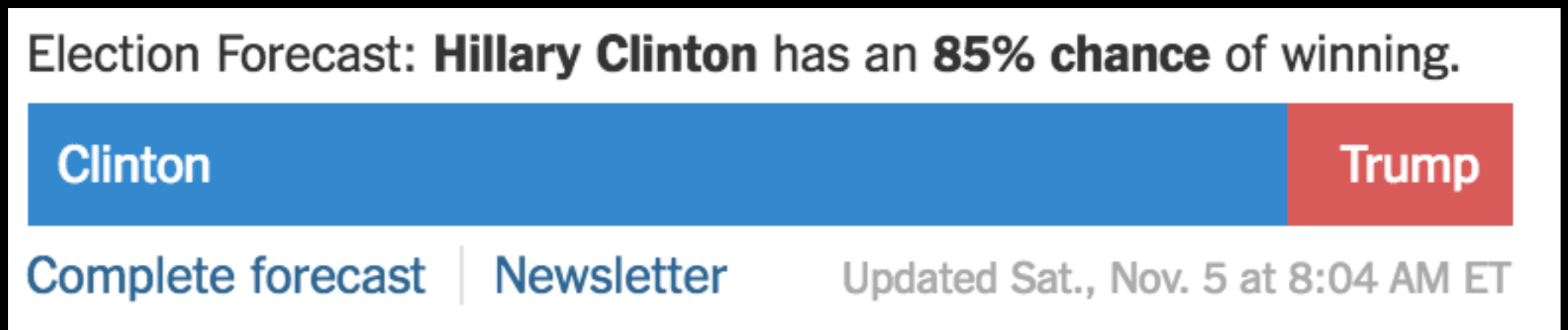
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