

cards, on which were inscribed: 'My bedtime is nine o'clock.'

"As a stump-speaker the backwoodsmen, who called him 'Old Sam,' thought he had no equal. He had a melodious voice, excelled as a relater of anecdotes, and was fond, though he spoke pure English, of dropping into the *patois* of his frontier audiences. In 1859 (eighteen hundred and fifty-nine) the Legislature of Texas refused to re-elect him Senator, because he had voted against the 'Kansas-Nebraska Bill' He ran for Governor. In one of his speeches, during the excited canvass, he said: 'But, fellow-citizens, you *whooped* me good. Now, *ef* I *done* wrong, you have had your satisfaction; and, *ef* you have done wrong, God knows I forgive you.' The backwoodsmen cheered the man who could talk to them in their own *lingo*, and Houston was elected by an overwhelming majority."