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It appears that the suggestion, at least, of the much discussed phrase, "Of the People By the People For the People" belongs to Mr Webster, who in his speech in the Senate, the second on Foot's Resolution, was exposing the absurdity of Col. Haynes's idea that the General Government was "the servant of four and twenty masters, of different wills and purposes, and yet bound to obey them all."

This absurdity, Mr Webster said arose from a false conception as to the origin of this government, and its true character; and then he added: "It is, sir, the people's

Constitution, the people's government, made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people".

The original use of the phrase which we have just quoted has been ascribed to President Lincoln and to Theodore Parker. We agree with the Newman Daily Advertiser, which calls attention to Mr Webster's words, that in putting their substance into a different, though slightly different form, both Mr Lincoln & Mr Parker were guided by an unconscious memory.
