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I think with pride, but sorrow, of the deuce that's been to pay
Since those bogus Indians drowned that tea in Massachusetts bay;
Of the fight begun in Kansas and which died when Richmond fell,
The tigers of the boys in blue and that far-off rebel yell;
But I have pride, and speak right out, for the boys that injured me
When they got up their rebellion and went out with Robert Lee.

I'm a man, myself, who thinks it no discredit to speak free, But if I can't win I must give in, however sad it be;
And England taught us that to do, and set the precept square, That to submit to conquerors is nothing more than fair, And all these states will lift the glass-their prohibitionists canTo the memory of that Irishman called Philip Sheridan.

Time goes right on, and always is that same old lesson taught That not so much our wishes as the Providence is wrought; The wealth that came from Nazareth comes from the cabin doorThe modest, patient, fearing man gives wealth to men galore And chief of all will always be the father Abraham.

1 wish for no unpleasantness-I part my lips to smile, Instead of winking with one eye and a countenance of guile, To think our Indians whipped Burgoyne, and how Cornwallis smote The fate that brought the rope around Britannia's ample throat; I bear no thought of evil to the outside world, and yet 1 want to shed one simple tear right here for Lafayette.

And now, to think! a hundred years since George and I began To make things square in civil life and proper man for manThink how the stars have multiplied and spread from sea to sea Of labor fed, rebellion dead, the black man fat and free! What of the hundred years that here and now have just begun ? I think I want the continent-what say, Ben Harrison?

PARADOX-He is the richest man on May-day who has the least property.

IT IS THOUGHT by some that the Grant monument will be completed in a hundred years, as George's was.

THE EAGLE is the bird of the golden egg, but in George's day she hadn't come to her little hatch yet.
$\mathrm{N}^{\text {EWSPAPER MEN }}$ are the best men for office; but they are the poorest men when they have office to give news and opinion to Proverb-Even the McAllister will turn.

GEORGE'S HATCHET was very large, or the cherry-tree was extremely small.

JAY GOULD is dancing around those poles as if every day were an English May-day.
THE PEN of M. Halstead is loaded to the muzzle, and its owner had better not be in the rear of it when it goes off.
THIS IS a nation of patriots. There is not a man living who isn't willing to take any office in the gift of the people and to keep it until he wears it out.

IT WAS very kind in the confederate states to inaugurate their rebellion in time to have it settled and leave a clean deck for the various centennials.


THE ANNEXED DISTRICT PARADE.
Impersonator of General. Washington-" Oi may be th' father of me counthry an' a law-lovin' man, but be th' powers! av Oi catch th' thafe av a Britisher thot pit a brick in thot bookay Oi'll hov th' blood av him !"'
their newspapers.

## $\mathrm{B}^{\text {UT FOR }}$ the mother of Washington this country would have been an orphan.

IT IS WELL not to cross a stream till you get to it, but D. B. Hill thinks he has already commenced to run for president in 1892.

THIRTEEN in the case of the colonies was a very lucky number, and it has grown and accumulated with amazing success.

WHEN WOMEN vote not a woman will be permitted to hold office. The sex knows the sex so well that it always prefers the other.

IN 1989 there will be a Panama and a Nicaragua canal, and so many bridges over the East and North rivers that the fish will come out on the abutments to dry and change their clothes.


LOTS OF GAUL.
Miss Oglethorpe-" Pardch me, Mr. Hagglewroth, but you seem a trifle distrait."
Mr. Hagglewroth (uncomfortably)-"I was just looking in my 'World's compendium of etiquette' to see what to reppytee when you overhear a lady call you a 'parvynoo.''
T. JEFFERSON said we ought to have the continent as a means to ordinary and common-sense protection. T. Jefferson was the principal papa of the Democratic party, but he had the utmost respect

WASHINGTON was a very proud man, and though Martha understood mending he never had a patch on his breeches even when for home resources.
$\mathrm{N}^{\text {EVER Mind, Murat. You }}$ can represent the state of Ohio at your office in Cincinnati, and that's gory and glory enough for one man.

YOUNG BENNETT had a great beat of the other London dailies with his London Herald the other day; so that the question regarding the Sunday newspaper is more important and agitating in London than it was a couple of weeks ago.

CROVER is doing a great deal of quiet thinking, but it is to be observed that D. B. H. is sending his henchmen out for their health and things. But, while David will beat Grover in the various caucuses, there is no doubt that Grover will beat David in the general election.

THIS REPUBLIC was born in ' 76 , and fully established itself between the years ' 6 r and '65. It will take at least a century to bring about another irrepressible conflict, and that will settle itself or the men who advocate the arbitration of the gun will be permitted to do the shooting themselves.


HIS OPINION.
Tommy (zho has been brought in to call on the revolutionary centenarian)" Did George Washington kiss her ?"

His mother-"Yes, dear."
Tommy - "Well, if he didn't lie about it he was a blamed fool."
with a long tail to it.

THE STORMS of the winter and spring have done such tremendous damage that people from Coney island to the gulf of Mexico are joining in the national cry " Protect the sea-coast." In fact Long Branch has already called for an appropriation.

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SENATOR MORRILL is an old man, and the Albany Journal says he proposes to go to heaven by way of Washington. If the senator doesn't understand the celestial geography better than that he will make an awful mistake.

## THE REASON.

A ROOM full of maidens together: A And 1 in my bachelor's den. Expected they'd talk of the weather.

But after a few laughing phrases I wondered what kept them so still; A room full of girls-one hour quiet. Surprised me quite into a chill.
Time passed; I could stand it no longer, I peeped through the keyhole and then
Discovered the cause of their silenceThey were putting the pigs in the pen. tone f. jones.

A man's best fortune is his money.

## POOR COATLESS WRETCH!



## HUM OF THE COURT.

【 HAVE the largest signature on that declaration of independence and don't you forget it.-Jahn Hancock.
I WOULD like to have many lives to give to my country, and if I had it wouldn't be half as bad to lose this one.-Nathan Hale.
$M^{\text {EN }}$ HAVE looked many times for a second Washington, but the hereditary principle was totally at fault with his name and generation.
[T IS LAMENTED that
George left no children ; and yet as the father of his country he left a family that promises to be the largest in the world.
OUR GEORGE was rejected by more girls than any other man. The one last mentioned by historians was Sally Cary, and we suppose his still living nurse has some of his love-letters to her still in her possession.

And I, who upon you would dote, Sit at home, brooding darkly, alone; How different from what I once wrote Are verses like these, full of m Rejoiced I to think you my own
'Til Miss X. for her ball sent a note And I had to refuse with a groan, As Snip would not trust a dress-coat. L'ENVOI.
I have basked in your smiles, dear Lizette, And to gain them much time did devote;
But I've lost them, my darling coquette, As Snip would not trust a dress-coat.


AT THE SONS OF HIBERNIA THEATRICALS.
Gen. Marion (Mr. Collins)-" We've captured a British shpy, sor." Gen, Washington (Mr. Deasey) - "Boil th' sassenach in hot karyosane oil. Shkin him be inches an' kim in an' repoort."


## WILLING TO COMPROMISE.

Uncle Pokelev-" Yo' ain't got a quahter fer one ob Gawge Wash'ton's body serbents, has yo., lehdy ?"

Miss Schuyler-" Why, uncle! you're not half old enough to have served General Washington.

Uncle Pokeley - " Make hit a short shillin' den; dar's a deah !"

THERE WAS nothing that George Washington couldn't do; for we must remember that the pigs-in-the-clover business didn't exist in his day.
THE BARBER who pounded his head with a flat-iron reminds one of the physicians-he preferred anything rather than his own method of destruction.
B. ARNOLD was for a time a mugwump, and it was quite natural that, having to go somewhere to save his life, he should go over to the enemy.--Larry Godkin. THE WALKING in this city in George's day was extremely difficult, and in George's transition from Wall street to old St. Paul's the gentleman took the oath several times before Chancellor Livingston administered the same.
THE TROUBLE with the people who celebrate is that they are not up to snuff-at least to the McAllister article of that titillating mash; but we can tell them that the McAllister, though scotched, is not subdued.
O NE HISTORIAN says the first president " blubbered like a boy" when the lady known as the highland beauty refused him; and it is certain that for a long time the young man looked upon this world as a whale of tears.
D OUBTS HAVE arisen as to the accuracy of Stanley's story of his march to Emin pasha; but there are two things against the doubts-Henry is a newspaper man, and he knows more about Africa than all of his critics together.
$H^{\text {ISTORY RELATES }}$ the deeds of those men who killed other men for a living, the cheap yeoman being forgotten, there are so many of him ; and yet, odd as it seems, the industrious man who makes the most money is to-day the larger hero.

## - An Ancestral-Exchange

 "Lovely?" why of coutrse she's lovely. All the Arsdales are wjen Young: Did you ever hear her romance? How ber gentle beart was wrung By great-grandpa Brandon?
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She was just eishbeen when Marion Brousht his troopers crogs He Bay. peace jad come to thege wom warriors Seamed and scarred by many a fray; T was no peace for grandma: "Wby" your agk? -' I was this way, listen
Whper in courge of happy time Grandpa Brandon. popped tie question, She was trothed to General prime: Brandon marriod mother's grandma.

## AT THE BANQUET.

Mr. Knickerbocker-"Ah, New York is something more than American now she is cosmopolitan!"

Mr. Sharpe (looking at the French menu)-"So I see. Even on such a day as this you get up a bill-of-fare that half of us cannot read."

## THE FRUIT OF CENTURIES.

Jawkins (viewing the centennial parade)-" How grand has been the progress of the Caucasian race from Thermopylæ to Bunker hill!"'

Hogg-"Yes ; we have moved somewhat. Sparta had its three hundred, but New York has its ' 400 .'

## TIRED OUT IN ADVANCE.

## Mr. Ukperten - " Are you going to the ball. to-night, Algy ?"

Mr. Forundred-"Aw-no. I've done so much kicking about it faw the las: month that I'm weally too tired to lift a foot."


OVER-BALLASTED.
Mr. Stuyvesant (as his son goes overboard)-" For heaven's sake hurry with the boat. captain! The poor boy's got his great grandfather's Bunker-hill bull's-eye watch on !"


## UP THE SPOUT.

Mrs. McAleenan - " Bring th' mop-shtick, Jamesey, 'till I poonch it out. Vure father wor afther talkin' in his shleep lasht night, an' he gev away where he hid his lasht sayson's shpring ovycoat."

## SHE WAS MISSED.

"There's one thing I've missed so far," says Jaggs at the centennial ball.
" What's that ?" asked Snaggs.
"The centennial fairy."
"That's a fact. I haven't seen Susan B. myself this evening."

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\text { BARRED. }
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Usher (at centennial ball)-"Sorry, sir, but I cannot admit you. You are not in evening dress."

Farmer Oatcake-"Gosh! Hev I got to git a pair $0^{\circ}$ knee-breeches like that statoo on Wall street?"

STILL BATTLING WITH THE SPIRIT.
Parrott-"As I gaze on this gorgeous pageant my spirit is carried back to the time when Washington was fighting his battles."

Guzzleton-"Don't look back; look ahead, my boy. Washington fought the battle of Brandywine ; to-night we fight the battle of champagne frappé."'

[^0] rendered, Mr. Linsey.

Mr. Linsey (under his breath)- "I wish, by all that's holy, he had!"

## COURT NEWS.

THE heir-apparent to the throne of Austria has not been rgade apparent as yet.
If Alexander of Battenburg needs money he can raise it on his wife's notes, as she is a prima donna.

Queen Victoria still eats four meals a day. It is very expensive, but that is all she has to do, except write books.

If Boulanger would decline to fight a duel with some rabid republican it would go to show that he was a fit person to occupy a throne.

A reward is offered for the return of Bismarck's temper, which he lost last fall. Sir Morrell Mackenzie is believed to know about it.

King Milan has discovered a new plot. It was a plot in a graveyard where a tomb was being built. The king is not worried over it, as a graveyard plot would not take his life.

The king of Spain delights in thumping the prime minister with his sceptre.

The English house of lords should rightly be called the house of commons. The reason is obvious.

No late advices from Africa make any mention of the king of Uganda killing anybody. It is supposed that the missionaries have converted him.

It is understood that the emperor of China selected his three wives from an orphan asylum so as to be free from mothers-in-law.

Later - They have no orphan asylums in China, so his majesty's matrimonial venture is regarded as a foolhardy act.

THE PSALM OF STRIFE.
Lives of plumbers all remind us We must make our bills sublime, If we wish to leave behind us Fortunes worthy of our time.


## DUPLICATED HISTORY.

Mamma-" What's this distressful screaming ?"
Freddy- '" I'm George Washington an' Toots is General Putnam, an' we're torturing Ben'dic' Arnold to get him to sign th' constitution of independence."

## THE PROPHET OF THE MOMENT.

## (HEARD ON THE STREET.)

March 28-Bright, warm, dusty.
Prophet No. 1-" I don't believe we're going to have any more cold weather.` I've noticed for so many years that when it gets warm and dry about this date it's sure to stay so."

March 29-Cloudy, warm, dusty.
Prophat No. 2-"Well, old boy, our winter's gone, sure. Never saw any snow after it gets warm and cloudy toward April. 'Clouds above and dust below knock out snow.' "

March 30-Cloudy, cool, dusty.
Prophet No. 3-"Spring's come to stay this year. My grandfather's way up in G on the weather, and he declares that when it's dusty, cool and cloudy on the thirtieth of March, the backbone of old winter is broken."

March $3^{1}-\mathrm{Cloudy}$, cool, rainy.

Prophet No. 4-" I'm positive it won't snow another flake this year. As far back as I can remember, when it rains and is cool towards the last of March, the snow might as well take a back seat."

April $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{T}$ wo inches of snow. Bright, cold.

Prophets 1, 2, 3 and 4" I told you so."

## OSCULATION.

They say by favor kissing goes
O maiden fair, come prove to me That thou wilt not resort to blows Should I thus seek to favor thee.

TOO ANCIENT.
Waiter (to diner)"Have some Washington pie ?"

Diner-" No; give me some that was baked this year."

A racing man generally belongs to the equip-age.


## A HINT.

IT WAS at the height of the ball and she sat in a corner behind the palms and roses, hedged in and surrounded by the flower of New York's young wealth and chivalry. Better dressed girls than she and far more beautiful were wall-flowering and yearning in different parts of the great opera-house,while men elbowed and tumbled over each other to get near her. "I see nothing particularly attractive about that young woman," remarked a guest from out-of-town. " What is the reason for the tremendous amount of attention she is receiving ?" "Don't you know?" was the manager's startled query. "Why, she's the only woman in the room who failed to write Messrs. Fish and McAllister, asking to be placed in the opening quadrille."

## OF INTEREST TO PERSONS ABOUT TO MOVE.

$\mathrm{B}^{E}$ SURE to pay the first month's rent in advance. It will put you on good terms with the landlord, and after that you need be in no hurry to settle.

It is well to engage your truckman about ten weeks in advance, and if necessary guarantee the payment of your bill by giving a lien on your furniture.

If your landlord says that the house has all the modern improvements, you must not look for a phonograph in each room. The landlord didn't mean that.

Examine your gas-meter in moving in a new house. The previous occupant may have left his score unsettled, and the gas-man will add it on your first month's bill.

When leaving a house do not trouble yourself by taking out the nails in the walls. It may make them worse than before, and your old landlord may come down on you for damages.

Do not scold at the man moving your furniture if he should run a bed-post through a $\$ 1,000$ mirror. Drop a bureau on him as he goes down stairs and you will have your revenge.

SHALL WOMEN PROPOSE $?$
Widow Coy-Smpin-"Always show a respect for your elders, Edith. I'll take the first chance at him myself, and if I don't succeed you can try."



## PROGRESSING.

Mrs. De Stang (making a college call)-"I trust, Rupert, that you're not neglecting the social training which goes so far to make a gentleman.

Her son-"By no means, mother. I devote two or three hours a day to Marquis of Queensbury rules."

Mrs. De Stang-" I'm so-o-o glad !"

Do not pack all your plates and knives at the bottom of the box. Remember that one of the first things you have to do in a new house is to eat.

If there is a lodge-meeting on the day you move be sure in going out at night to oil the front-door latch so it will not make a noise when you come home.

Patent sheet-iron covers for your thumbs are handy if you intend putting down your own carpets.

Have all your best pieces of furniture put on top of the wagons, so that the neighbors may have a high estimate of your wealth.

Have plenty of change in your pockets on the first of May for any beggar you may meet. You can realize how sad it is on that day to be in distress.

## SIR CONSEQUENCE.

Sir consequence crowed a haughty crow. His wives ran fearfully to and fro, His wives ran fearfully to and fro,
Wondering whether to stay or He crowed so mightily.
'" My lord, oh wherefore crowest so loud ?" Quoth a meek hen, timidly.
"Oh wherefore crowest so loud and proud?
Thy voice doth bring thee a goodly crowd
To hear thy royal decree.,
To hear thy royal decree.
" Now gather ye far, and gather ye near." Sir Consequence doodle-doos.
" Let great and small in the barnyard all
Quickly obey my kingly call,
And hearken unto the news."
Then ev'ry chick in that broad domain
Flocked to his lusty crow:
He got as far as "Spring again,
Rut further remarks were quite in
Hie was choked with a whirl of snow
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## A MAY-DAY MOVING.



O VE YEAR ago, upon the mart, Of a commodions furnished heart He found it so,
And dwelt therein for many a day; But now his rent he cannot pay Young Love must go.

Besides, he is a saucy wight
Who thinks my heart his home by right. I little dreamed how soon he might

A nuisance prove.
Each empty corridor and hall
Thrills and re-echoes to his call,
I scarcely know my heart at all
Yes, Love shall move.

He chose my haunted room " for fun," Through long-barred windows let the sun And made my family spectre run In fright away
He turns his lodging inside out It's life-long silence puts to rout And stirs the dust of years aboutLove cannot stay.

He's forced me to the last resort, Yet does not think his notice shortLove has no luggage to transport, No, not a bit,
Save arrows, quiver and a bow: His wings he carries where they grow; There are no clothes to pack, you know Ere Love shall quit.

And now regrets are all in vain Yet, half relenting, I would fain Bid my ex-tenant stay to drain A stirrup-cup-
If but to show we part in peace. That both would have our contract cease Since, powerless to renew his lease, Love's year is up.

Once more my heart is free from care And swept and garnished, clean and bare, With many an empty room to spare And all my own.
Ah, me ! that joyous voice shall fill Its walls no more, and all is still; The dwelling is but dark and chill Whence Love has flown!


## BADLY SOLD.

Officer-" What yer doin' ? Exercisin' ?"
Mr. Burnap (of Canajohavie) -" Nope. A feller said this wall was a-goin' ter fall, an' asked me ter help him hold it up. He's jest took my valise 'round th' corner so's it won't git crushed if she comes down."
A. DICTIONARY FOR ONE.
"What's the show, mister ?" asked a Delaware county farmer, viewing the parade.
"Centennial of the inauguration of Washington," replied a resident.
"Centennial, eh? Say, mister, how long ago did it take place?"
"THE GOOD OLD TIMES."
Parrolt (gazing at the Wall street statue)-" How calm, how noble are the features of Washington!"

Crabley (of Yonkers)-"Why shouldn't they be? In his day no man ever had to skedaddle like a wild Zulu to catch a train for any centennial show."
philip arxol.d.


NOT ENTIRELY VALUELESS.
Pierce (zoho has gone overhoard and can't swim)-"I knew it would be of some use to me at lawst !"

## A STRIKE OF THE NURSES.

One of the managers-" I'm having fearful luck getting that nurse of George Washington to come to New York."

Another of the managers-" What does she say?"
One of the managers-" She wants ten dollars a day while she's here."
Another of the managers-" Well, ten dollars isn't much."
One of the managers-" No, not for one, but there are fourteen of her."
THE BIGGEST MAN.
School-teacher-" Who is called the father of his country ?" Scholars - "George Washington.
School-teacher-"And who can tell me who occupies his place to-day ?" Scholar-" I know, teacher."
School-teacher-"You may tell the school, Master Bigby."
Scholar-" Ward McAllister."


CONTAGIOUS RASCALITY.
Gen. Washington-" What has my lieutenant got?"
Gen. Wayne-" Five aces, sire.
Gen. Washington-" S'death! I opined that your messing in the same tent with General Arnold would in time contaminate you! General Schuyler, call the guard!"'


TAKEN IN ALL AROUND.
Mr. Brercher-" You'll pardon me for forgetting to bring the tickets and for my neglect in not ordering the carriage in time. By the way, I couldn't secure supper checks. Shall I take you in now ?"

Miss Heathcote (sweetly)-"Not any more until I recpver a little, please."

## GOSSIP REGARDING THE WASHINGTON INAUGURAL

 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.JEREMIAH SKAGGS has sent a horn to the committee upon which his grandfather blew when Washington passed through Trenton. The horn is historical, as General Washington requested it to be removed, together with Skaggs's grandsire, out of his hearing.

The cormmittee in declining worthless contributions say that they are not worth a continental.

Forty-seven body servants of Washington have been secured, all of them in their prime of life.

It is no use for inventors to send new-fangled dynamite guns for the exhibition. They are undoubtedly anachronisms.

Silver spoons from which Washington is said to have eaten must wear the marks of his teeth to prove that they are genuine.

The Astors have declined to send their fortune to aid in the display, although their ancestor made most of it a hundred years ago.

The swords which General Washington carried are in the hands of a blacksmith, who iș hacking them in order to show the people what a fighter the general was.

As no two portraits of Washington look alike, it has been wisely decided that only two-cent stamps, bearing his profile, will be exhibited. These will then be sold for fifty cents each.

Oldest inhabitants are requested to send their addresses to the com-


AT OUR WASHINGTONIAN TABLEAUX.
Little Henry-"I don't believe this show is goin' to go."
Little Ediph-" Why not?"
Litrle Henry-"I just heard George Washington tell General Gates he didn't have a cigar, and I saw two sticking out of his
mittee, but not to apply in person. It is believed that the names are to be secured, so that the oldest inhabitants can be kept from buying ball-tickets.

Ice from the Delaware river will be used to freeze the ice-cream for the great ball, which will be served in the shape of medallions, bearing the historic picture.

A belt which General Washington gave to a British soldier at Bunker hill will not be exhibited, as the soldier expired from its effects.

It is universally regretted that Washington cannot be present at the celebration.

New York policemen will not be attired in continental uniform on that day. The police object.

A phonograph will grind out Washington's farewell address on the day of the celebration at the rate of twenty-five cents per farewell.

The committee beg leave to state that they have plenty of centennial poems. All MSS, received without stamps will be destroyed.

Gentlemen wearing wigs will be furnished with ball-tickets free of cost if they will consent to exchange their ordinary wigs for powdered perukes.

Arrangements have been made with the signal-service bureau so that only thirteen stars will be seen in the heavens on the night of April 3oth. This is in memory of the thirteen original states.

## His youth has never ceased,

 Him joy has never missedWho could always kiss the girls he pleased And please the girls he kissed.

THE WIDOWER'S DILEMMA.

$\mathbf{N}^{\text {OW, parson, you uv got a view } o^{\circ}}$ You knows that I can't see. You know that I am rayther shy; an' yit who'd credit me
had three wives wen I confess I've had three wives-a fact
That orter mean a man is keen, an'
shows his nerve an' tact.
' yit, sir, that jes' makes it pat that Tm a timid man;
Ef women chuse, who kin refuse? W'en-
everle life rla
single life, rd git a wife! No two war quite the same,
each o three jes' married me! Humph! how wuz I to blame?
Now, parson, you may have a clew $t$ '
wat I want to know:
uarried me to all the three; an' w'en they had t ' go
You preached about how real devout
they wuz, etsettery, they wuz, etsettery, 'll never know jes' 'zackly how your
sermons 'fected me! Mary, my first, I never durst gainsay er contradic' She wuz right kind, an' yit her mind ud git right thar an' stick. An' Nancy Jane, though in the main a likely, lovin' wife, Ud now an' then, jest like a hen, scratch whar 'twould dig up strife! Susan, my last, wuz a contrast. She never ud split hairs, W'ile Mary wuz inclined t' buzz 'bout other folks' affairs; An' Nancy Jane her p'int ud gain, no matter who wuz right; Susan wuz mild ez any child, and never'd wreak her spite. An' yit a tramp er any scamp that pedcled nicks an' nacks Cud steal her blind, er market find fer silk er carpet-tacks! In church they all war dutiful, ez you o' all men know; $A^{\prime}$ ' w'en they died you surely tried $t^{\prime}$ prove they'd hev a show In heaven, whar they bolt an' bar all sinful people outThis, parson, now, ef you'll allow, I want t' talk about. wouldn't vex one o the sex; an' I ud jes' despise A man who'd break a vow er make a row in paradise. W'at do you think? I'll never slink, an' want t' keep in grace; But ef they're thar, I'd better far jes steer fer 'tother place.

## AS GOOD AS A FAMILY TREE.

Mrs. Pancake (proudly, to the circle of boarders)-" Yes, indeed; though our family is now in reduced circumstances, I have some old documents to prove that we came over in the Mayflower."

Jack Borrowit (who has paid in advance)-" Pray don't take the trouble to produce them, Mrs. Pancake. Your fondness for baked beans and boiled dinners is sufficient proof of your ancestry."

## SHE WANTED PARTICULARS.

Bobby-"Grandma, did you know that Explorer Stanley was safe ?" Grandma-" No, Bobby ; when did that happen?"


Porter-" Dar's yo' berth in suction fohteen, sah."
Mr. Hol.DOFF- "'Tis, is it ? Well, I'm goin' in th' smoker an' camp out. I don't sleep in no Barnum's circus car."
"STRANGERS ARE NOT WELCOME."
She-"I do wish, Henry, that you'd take me some Sunday to hear Dr. Goldenmouth."

He-"Why not read his sermons in Monday's papers? Even a Fifth avenue sexton can't prevent your doing that."


TOWARD THE END OF THE FESTIVITIES.
Voice from the vehicie-"' Shay, boss!"
The officer-" What is it ?"
Vorce-" Where yer takin me?
The officer-" "To the station-house."
Voice- " Zash all right, ole man. 'Fraid I'd gotter go back $t$ ' Valley (hic) Forge. Z' terrible cold winter down zhere." (Slecps.)

MR. SQUAWKER PAID HIM DOUBLE.
Dr. Pille-" Your trouble, madam, is indigestion. You don't take enough exercise, I'm afraid."
Mrs.Squawker-"Whv, doctor, every day directly I've finished dinner I go to the piano and sing half an hour."
Dr. Pille-" Ahem! I would prescribe, madam, a little pepsin and-silence."

THE RULING PASSION.
" Doctor," said the sick lady, feebly, " how long will it be before I can leave the house ?"
" I'm afraid, madam," he replied, "that you cannot safely do so until warm weather."
"Dear me!" she sighed. "And so that lovely new sealskin of mine might just as well have been in the store all winter.

Live within my income?
Very much I doubt it;
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 conversation by asking Washington if he had a flask about him. Assured that he had, and taking so long a pull that the father of his country had to be impolite for once and knock his arm down, the British general remarked, " I want to assure you, sir, to begin with, that it is emphatically hot enough for me, without you asking the question. In the second place, here's my sword. You will notice that I have taken the diamonds and rubies out of the hilt as heirlooms for my children, but the rest of the weapon is all there, and ought to satisfy you. In the third place Ive got weapon is all there, and ought co satisfy you. In the third place, fve got a proposition to make. You know, George, during this little fracas of kith and kin. Now, I've been writing letters to my friends in England telling them that everything was going well, that I had you cornered for telling them that everything was going well, that I had you cornered for
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war you have reversed the situation, and if it gets out there'll be lowerwar you have reversed the situation, and if it gets out there'll be lower-
berth future state to pay. As a weak and humiliated man appealing to a strong and powerful one I want you to accord me a privilege."
"What is it ?" asked Washington as he fired another cartridge to be sure that his gun was in working order.
"I want you to shake me poker-dice to determine whether we have a dress-parade surrender, with flag civilities, etc., or let matters go as they are. If you beat me I'll have the whole army, rank, file and dragoon, presented to you to-morrow at 3 p.m., and slip off to Canada to let time poultice my reputation. If I beat you, you will issue an order granting an honorable parole to my whole outfit without any degrading ceremonies. How does it strike you?" diceabout any, diceabout you?" observed Washington.
"Certainly," and the lord produced the cubes with the remark that ever since he paid a visit to Portland, Me., he always went armed.
"Shake!"
commanded
haughtily. Cornwallis did so, and announced "Five sevens on the first throw."

"Darning a hole in one of his stockings."
"Darning a hole in one of his stockings."

Washington jiggled the box a moment and spilled out an ace, two, four, five and six, and before his opponent could catch his breath for an exultant yell, hissed through his teeth, "Two out of three, you caitiff!" and shook again. This time he used his own dice, dexterously twitched from the folds of his ruffled shirt-bosom, and shook four eights and big casino. Cornwallis got a bob-tail straight with a twelve-spot high, and on the next trial failed by one in tieing his adversary on fourteen aces.

I'll give in," he said, " but you'll admit, general, that there's something wrong with the dice.

There's something wrong with Cornwallis also," said Washington, quietly, as he took another explosion out of his pistol, "and I'll trouble you to meet me on the plains of Yorktown to-morrow with what assets you have in the way of an army. I'll be sure to be there and reporters shall not be excluded. Get that burnt cork off your face, and have another sword handy, as I want the thing done up in style. Good-night. It looks like rain, doesn't it ?" and the immortal George disappeared in the gloom,

Cornwallis simply groaned, and staggered off in the direction of the British camp, with the hoarse exclamation, "Coppered by a fakir."

Benson J. Lossing does not mention this incident in our country's history, probably because the drift of the narrative is un-Washingtonian, but the writer feels that the large contingent of our citizens who are sitting up nights trying to learn the mystery of poker-dice ought to know how the cubes were manipulated by these two chieftains of the Virginia campaign.

Zola is to ride on a fast locomotive during one of its ong trips for the sake of introducing the experience in new novel. This is a form of fast life less objectionable in print than that so unreservedly portrayed in
"Nana."-Chicago Herald.

## DOT BARBER.

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"EDITOR'S BACK STAIRS."

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Is not this absurd ?
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We shall leave it to our readers to say which is the wiser and more honorable.

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