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THE FISH-TREATY PEDDLERS.
BAYARD—"Here's your weak fish—weak fish—all fresh!"
But nobody wants it.



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assumption of indifference, and perhaps that's what took the national convention as far away from New York as possible. Don't you think so, David?

THE CLEVELAND ADMINISTRATION.

As a people we are unwisely apt to look leniently on administrative blunders, if the mistakes are excusable from want of experience rather than intent. The Democracy, depending on its instincts and propounding without thought grave and perhaps serious experiments, is not subject to the same severity of criticism that it would be if it were not in the matter of government a mere apprentice. The light of its wisest counselors is gone out. Its brightest stars have slipped down and below the horizon of shadows. The meteorites, with a temporary glare and too erratic for a guide, have the sky. Twenty-five years of exile from the active management of federal affairs has dulled even the alert and aggressive southern Democracy, who come now, with recently rubbed brass buttons and the arrogance of the cabin boy, to captain the old ship. The capital this administration has drawn upon is its immeasurable vanity. Lifted to success by the narrow bigotry of a sentence, it was canonized by the adulation of a few idealists who worshiped the mirage of their own minds. The statesmen who, knowing them well, pointed out the shoals and rocks in the difficult course; the Tildens, the Thurmans, and Mannings were treated with both ingratitude and contempt. Is it to be wondered at that each step in its untried road should be a stumble or a blunder? Without even

accusing the president of cant in his civil-service manifesto, it must be conceded that even he overestimated his inertia against the pressure of the crowd that pushed him (perhaps gladly) from his path. Without claiming that his pen was hypocritical when he indited his condemnation of an executive that would be seduced by the allurements of power to subordinate the honesty of administration to the hunger of ambition, it is to be deplored that such self-evident weakness should coddle to itself the airs of wisdom. It is easier for Mr. Cleveland to deceive himself than to deceive the people. It was bad enough to have a new pupil in political economy dignify the free-trade animosity to American industries in a dictatorial message. The last and sorriest spectacle, however, is the utter humiliation of the proposed fishery treaty,

in which everything is given and nothing gained. It is not even a protest against the arrogant abuse of American citizens, or an inferential apology for insult to the American flag. No extradition of our criminals has been proposed, and Canada is still a refuge for the thieves and embezzlers that escape across the border. Of a truth, stupidity alone believes itself infallible.

MRS. CLEVELAND is by no means extravagant, but the president has eager eyes on that magnificent surplus.

WE HAD SUPPOSED that one Tascott murdered Millionaire Snell of Chicago, but the *Graphic* remarks every day that "Cleveland is the man."

WHEN WE HEAR that William C. Whitney is Mr. Cleveland's candidate for governor of New York we are reminded of the old adage that when the wine is in the Whit is out.

WHEN FIFTEEN American rosebuds of women give a luncheon to Joseph Chamberlain, as was recently the case in Washington, it may be fitting to inquire, "Why so much man?"

MR. SULLIVAN and Mr. Mitchell being about to meet in argument, we beg to present in advance our cordial sympathies to the scholarly Englishman and wish him a fond good-bye. And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and that foolish man's grave.

THE QUESTION of the hour—Do withdrawals withdraw?

ONE CANNOT very well decline a presidential nomination.—C. M. Depew.

IN 1868 General Grant said *he* didn't want to run for president. Do you mind that, Philip Sheridan?

IF YOU ASK what land he hails from our sole reply shall be, he rode that race to Winchester and he whipped old Jubal E.

HENRY ABBEY says many things to Elbridge T. Gerry regarding the deep damnation of his taking Hof.

THE BOYS at Albany remind one of a corner grocery, they are so persistent in displaying the sign "No Trust."

A RECENT CONVENTION at St. Louis repudiated Cleveland first, last, and all the time; but that's no Democratic criterion to go by.

"A PROHIBITIONIST," says the *Pioneer*, "is a man who acts what he thinks." Oh, no! A prohibitionist doesn't think—he merely hates.

P. H. SHERIDAN has executed his first retreat; but if the Republican party should sound the bugle for his return he would obey like a little man and a good soldier.

OUR ASSEMBLYMEN are so frightened over the condition of their chamber that they momentarily expect to have the floor come up and hit 'em in the nose.

AMERICANS ARE SWearing so over the fisheries agreement that they won't never catch no fish no more.

To C. M. D.—See here, Chauncey! if you don't want to run for president what are you making those infernally able speeches for?

REMARK BY an indignant Republican—"No Eytalian in Florence is going to run the Republican party of this country this year—you hear me?"

OF COURSE Mr. Blaine is out of the fight. That's what makes those mugwump papers howl and growl at him to the extent of about two columns a day.

SAME THING about that lazy, cowardly Democratic house of representatives; and presently Mr. Cleveland will get so mad that he'll bite his moustache all off.

To MRS. VICTORIA—Good lady, take your uniformed men out of Venezuela and save trouble. We love you, but you must keep on your own side of the coast defence.

THERE ARE two things which D. B. Hill insists on. One is that the president shall not agitate him lest he become mad, and the other is that if the president treats him with indifference he must be permitted in self-defense to tear his eyes out.

THERE'S A POWERFUL sight of influence in Mr. Cleveland's



SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED.

MISTAH MOSELY—"Is dat de great rabbit dawg yo's been a-tryin' ter sell me?"
MR. SHINE—"Yas, dat's d' one. Yo' see he allus fetches de game 'round befow he chases it jes' ter let yo' see if it 's de right kind 'r rabbit."

A STRICT CHURCHMAN.

Clergyman—"I suppose, Dobbin, that you intend to keep Lent this year?"

Dobbin—"In course, sir; I keeps it all the year 'round. We 'as a Hash Wednesday at my boardink 'ouse hevery veek."

ONE WAY OF DOING IT.

The summer vacation.

"What a lucky fellow to be able to spend your vacation in the country."

"Yes, only at night the change of air keeps me from sleeping."

"But in the day-time?"

"Oh, the days I spend in town."

ELEMENTARY.

A man named Spunk has just married a western girl named Spink. How they have twisted it up, to be sure! Past tense spink; present tense spunk; future tense spank.

PRINCIPLE AND INTEREST.

"They may talk as much as they like about old Moneybags," said Higgins, "but he's certainly a man of principle."

"Yes," responded Wiggins, "but you can't see his principal unless you put up a pretty stiff interest."

WOKE UP THE WRONG CUSTOMER.

A timid youth had business with a firm consisting of two brothers. Finding one of them alone in the counting-room, he stammered out:

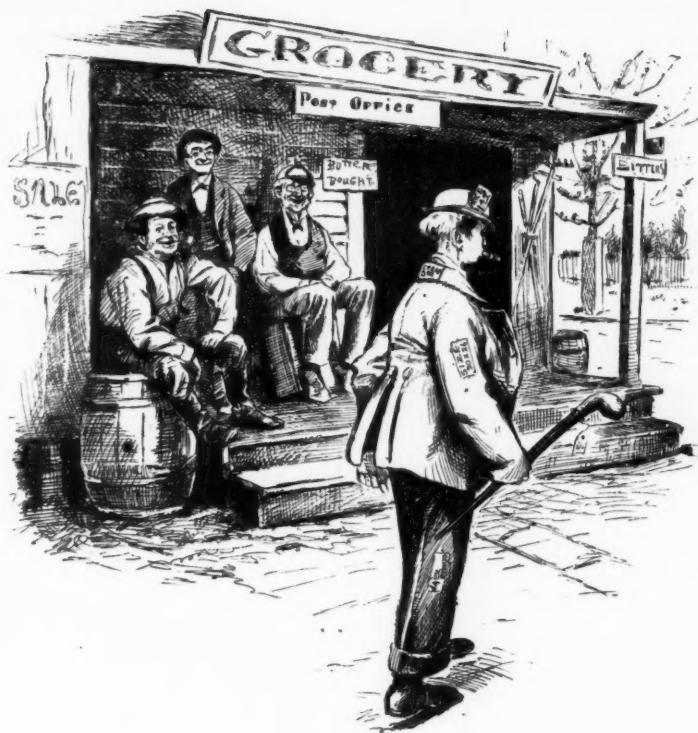
"P-p-p-please, sir, h-h-h-have I the h-h-honor of ad-d-d-dressing you, or y-y-y-your b-b-b-brother?"

"My brother, sir," was the uncompromising reply.

PATRICK'S FINESSE.

"Well, Pat," said Foodlebright, "how do you propose to tide over the strike?"

"Faith, sor," answered Pat, "I prophose to Bridg-et. She teks in washin' an' arns two shillin' the day."



HE WAS RIGHT.

UNCLE EPHRAIM (returning from the city)—"Be gosh, I knowed these here city clothes would paralyze 'em."

OLD CHOCOLATE'S TARGET PRACTICE.

De unlucky man allus wants toe tell a long sto'y.

Dar er mighty little flavah in de swallered mo'sel.

Blossoms ah sweet, but dey doan' allus mean fruit.

Yo' mus' buil' a new trap ef yo' 'spec' toe cotch de ole mouse.

De selfish man leaves in de paf de stone dat bahks 'is shins.

Yo' musn' complain ef yo' sell a stole chicken fo' a bogus dollah.

A race-hoss ud break a leg wha' a po' nag ud o'ny git a limp.

De man dat loiters in business am allus wadin' knee-deep in trouble.

No mattah how hahd yo' blow yo' can't change de win'er 'spute de weddahcock.

Some men ah onreas'nble enuff toe plant onion seed an' 'spec' toe halves' tu'nips.

W'en yo' wantoe shut anodah in, be cahful dat yo' own coat tails doan' git cotched in de do'.

De son dat improves on de reputashen ob a bad foddah am a king side ob de son dat doan' equal a good sire.

J. A. WALDRON.

THE SANCTITY OF ST. LOUIS.

The boating party who tried to pray
In a state of great dejection,
When the waves were high, found they couldn't say
A prayer, so they took a collection.

That the Democrats feel a similar need
Of some odor of sanctity true is,
So their pious committeemen have agreed
To convene the mob in St. Louis.

J. P. B.

Dar's on'y one t'ing yo' kin draw dat'll beat a straight flush, an' dat's a razzar.



THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

CLARA—"I wonder what has become of my new tidy? I haven't seen it since Mr. Sopp was here this afternoon."



Where it was.

DUVAL'S COLLAR BUTTON.



HUM OF THE COURT.

Every dog has his day, but not necessarily in Madison-square garden.

Marriage by telephone may be valid, but it is as stupid as a fizz without the fizz.

I shan't do it, so there now! You go right away and let me alone.—*P. H. Sheridan.*

The father of triplets indulges the belief that three of a kind are better than two pair.

A jawbone three feet and seven inches long has been unearthed in Nebraska. The owner of it must have talked himself to death.

There is going to be dreadful weather and very muddy streets. We judge so from the nearness of St. Patrick's day in the morning.

It never occurs to most men to be wise until some three weeks after they have had the opportunity.

The late dog show was a success; yet very little honor or sympathy came to the under dog in the exhibit on.

A Rochesterian puts it strongly and well. "I am down," he says, "on all trusts that I have not a share in."

George Washington made but one farewell tour. We refer to his address of that name. And yet it is annually reproduced.

There is fair evidence that many persons went to a recent very large reception in this city to scoff, and remained to drink and misbehave.

Some recent agitation revives the old adage that thrice armed is he who puts his faith in trusts.

To Joseph Pulitzer—What profiteth a man if he gain the whole *World* and lose his own eyes?

It is a good idea to Americanize the young man, but if you cosmopolize him you make him a better American yet.

Some stories about the man who killed the last buffalo are about as surprising as the one regarding the buffalo that killed the last man.

It must be remembered that the people of St. Louis are not all guilty: We dare say there are thousands of them who wouldn't have had that convention for any money.

The sweet smile of Mrs. Cleveland is not large, but



it has made itself felt from Washington to the Gulf of Mexico, and has designs upon the island of Cuba.

We don't know whether Chauncey's Chicago speech will give him the presidency; but it is likely to become the kind of classic that goes in all the school-books.

When General Rossa heard of the Sheridan boom he lost so much faith in the republic that he wanted to fall on Jefferson Davis's bosom and cry himself to sleep.

Charity is good; but the woman who empties her purse for the heathen and then empties her husband's purse for a diamond necklace is taking more credit than belongs to her. These things must be balanced with more discretion.

We are requested to state by the father of a large family that the fashionable Easter bonnet this year will be the one of last year made over and generally fixed up.

Somebody says that Amos Cumings created his own opportunities. He did, and they were very bright ones. Yet you can buy one of them on the street any day for one cent.

"Vienna," says the *Philadelphia News*, "is renowned for its beautiful women and for the best of reasons." Pooh! Vienna has no better reasons than London or New York.

The *World* is a great trust. It is in the hands of one man. It is a monopoly. It manages to sell a dollar's worth of good matter for two cents, and therefore it is a fraud. Ah, what a dreadful thing this trust business is!

They are making a new kind of champagne. A few bottles of it gave a famous actress neuralgia, pneumonia, chilblains, and various things, with some symptoms of Asiatic cholera. Perhaps the best inspiration is that which leads you to let that kind of inspiration alone.

"St. Louis, St. Louis? H'm! That's the place we got licked from in '76, wa'n't it?"—*An aged Hunker.*

The death of W. W. Corcoran makes every needy man feel as if he had been suddenly orphaned; but that which is his loss is counted over there a great accession.

Somebody calculates that within a thousand years New York city will be engulfed by the Atlantic ocean. It may be a pre-election boomerang, but surely it would be the part of wisdom to look after the coast defences.





SUCH IS LIFE.

WE walked o'er the farm where
the wild clover grew ;
He told me he loved me, I
thought it was true.

Oh, girls, don't believe men whatever you
do,
Another face charms them and they for-
get you.

I sing of my love in this heartrending
rhyme,
I know Fred's a-courting a girl at this
time ;

She thinks she has got him, but won't she be vexed
When he wearies of her and flies off to the next ?

He tells you the sweetest things ever you heard.
You raise your eyes doubting, he says, "On my word."

I scarcely know why I am writing this stuff,
It puts Harry Arlington all in a huff ;

He says I don't love him as much as I ought ;
I don't think I do, now I'm sure that he's caught.

Bob's coming this evening ; he's wealthy, and so
Just which one to marry I really don't know.

You say this is flirting ; perhaps so, and yet
The lesson Fred taught me I cannot forget.

Tho' I may be guilty, 'twas he did the harm ;
He stole my heart from me last year on the farm.

I would have been true had he made me his wife,
While Bob, he is rich, and I—well, such is life.

CLYDE RALSTON.



B. HOWELLS (on a visit to his city cousins, who are so crowded that they have to make him up a bed on a folding sofa chair)—"This here must be the head-board."

IN THE FUTURE.

Visitor to city—"What's that big building going up in City-hall park ?"

Citizen—"That, sir, is the greatest outrage that was ever perpetrated on this much abused city. Just think of the sacrilege that utterly ruins one of our oldest and most beautiful breathing-places."

Visitor—"I know—but you ought to be thankful for one thing."

Citizen—"What is that ?"

Visitor—"I was afraid at first that Pat Divver was building a new saloon."

A PARADOX.

Jones's latest aphorism.

"The poorer a man is the more he tries to seem rich: and the richer he is the more he tries to appear poor. Queer, isn't it ?"

LOCAL ITEMS.

EVOLUTIONS OF VILLAGE LIFE AS PORTRAYED IN THE BEANVILLE SENTINEL.

The Beanville band practices in the school-house to-night.

Hiram Perkins has a fresh lot of West India goods and is selling them off like hot cakes.

The young folks in the First Methodist church talk of holding a sociable after harvest time.

Deacon Elderkin's boy Jake lost his new straw hat while returning from the Methodist picnic last Friday.

Peleg Tier is out again—this time with a crutch and a cane. It takes something more than rheumatism to knock Peleg out completely.

The Rev. Sawdust Johnson, the worthy colored divine of West See, will supply the pulpit of the African M. E. church next Sunday.

Hiram Woodley says he can saw and split a cord of hickory wood quicker than any man in the country. Now let us hear from John Collins.

Sadie Root is visiting friends in Cohoes, and some of the boys down Bricktop way are beginning to look scared for fear she'll stay there for good. How's that, Sammy ?

Miss Miranda Larabee will have to gum it this week while Dr. Forceps makes some alterations in her new set. The doctor has a cozy office on Main street. Give him a call.

The boys who went down to the hog-guessing at Copake Junction last Wednesday want to know why Jim Slayback got away with that half a water-melon. 'Nuff said, Jim.

IN IMITATION OF WALES.

First Anglomaniac—"Where to-night, deah boy ?"

Second Anglomaniac—"A lahge pahty of us are going to the theatre."

First Anglomaniac—"Take a box ?"

Second Anglomaniac—"Of course, deah boy. Join us. Come with a full on; we're going to have a loud time and stop the perform-ance."

HUMAN NATURE.

He had fought in many a battle
And had won by hook or crook,
But he yielded to the rattle
That the little baby shook.

AND BEAUTY DRAWS US WITH A SINGLE HAIR."

Brown never can make up his mind—a chronic hesitator, in fact.

"He's a good fellow," said a friend of his the other day, "but he always waits so long that instead of taking the bull by the horns he's lucky if he gets hold of the last hair in his tail."

HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

Boston youth—"You said, Miss Vassar, that there was one question about Browning you wanted to ask me."

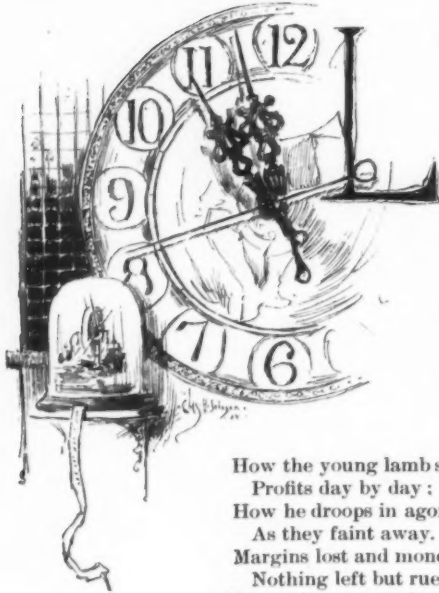
Poughkeepsie girl—"Er—oh, yes; do you know what kind of gum Browning chewed ?"



VICTOR

But it wasn't. It was the foot.

OWED TO A LAMB.



LISTEN to petroleum,
Through the livelong
day;
How the ticking of the
eighths
Wears the hours away.
Lambs are bidding strong
and fast,
Up the market heaves—
From the fields producers
sing,
Binding up the sheaves.
And this proverb haunts
my mind,
As a spell is cast,
The mill will never grind
With the margin that
has passed.

How the young lamb skips with glee—
Profits day by day;
How he droops in agony
As they faint away.
Margins lost and money gone,
Nothing left but rue;
Slow gains prosper best in life,
So they will with you.
Honest thrift is honest gain,
Nothing else will last;
The mill will never grind
With the margin that has passed.

Take this lesson to thyself,
Keep it well in view—
Don't expect a fortune
From a cent or two.
Margins up or margins down,
Everything in doubt,

You'll be empty pocketed
When the new fields sprout.
Treasure then this maxim wise,
Take it, hold it fast—
The mill will never grind
With the margin that has passed.

M. B.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Ship captain (to party of visitors)—"I'm sorry you didn't come sooner. The men have just spliced the main brace."

Fair visitor—"Mr. Captain, when are they going to splice the minor braces?"

BRUTE INTELLIGENCE.

Jim Sweet remarked as he took his pipe out of his mouth, "They is a sort of instink or inteltek in dorgs which approaches intelligence." Every man in the grocery leaned over and nodded sagely and Dick Griffith asked a small boy to hand him a broomstraw to clear out his pipe. "I have owned several remarkable dorgs in my time, but old Suitor was the darndest dorg of all. You remember old Suit, don't you, squar?" and he appealed to Squire Stephens, who stood up majestically leaning against the counter.

"As a deer dog on a cold scent old Suit was a remarkable dog," said the squire with dignity.

"An allgeewhillikins dog you better say," said Jim as he threw a quid of tobacco into Kelsey's pocket, who sat on the opposite side of the stove asleep. "But it wasn't about his allfired grit on a cold scent I was goin' to speak. It was about his intelligence and foresight and calculation. He laid over any dog I ever seed on them qualifications, and, squar, yew know it."

"Tell yer blamed old story and don't hev so many introductory remarks," said Hugh Jones as he put his feet up on the stove.

"Tain't no old story," said Jim; "but when I read these yer noose-paper yarns about the inteltek of dorgs it makes me mad to think old Suit ain't alive to jest take the cake. It was along in the winter of '59 or '60 and Brayte Worden, Bob Griffith and I was up to Jock's lake after deer. We started a big buck and he left the runaways and steered right back towards the Raywheel mountains with old Suit on his track. Well, we hurried on behind fur about ten mile when it begun to snow, and I knew if it snowed in our tracks we would hev to use a compass to git back, and I looked in my pocket fur the compass. It was gone, and thar we was. We knew our fate if it continued to snow, so we turned around and jest galloped back fur camp before our tracks was snowed full. Well, we knew old Suit was a goner. If he followed the deer an hour longer he would hev no tracks to foller back, and we hove a sigh at his loss. When we got to camp we made ready to git out of the woods next mornin', fur we couldn't do nuthin' without a dog or a compass either. So next mornin' we



YOU CAN'T MAKE IT UNPOPULAR.

JERSEY CITY PASTOR—"I tell you, my hearers, that these pugilistic encounters are debasing, immoral, soul-destroying affairs, and should be crushed into the depths of oblivion by every right-minded"—

SMALL BOY (in audible whisper)—"I'm blest if that ain't Jack Dempsey comin' in the door."

THE FAKIR'S CONFESSION.



N de banks ob Passatawney
Clus ter Bayou Lanch
er vel,
Dar's de place I'se got mah
cabin ;
Dar's de spot I lubs to
dwell.
Hoe de cohn an' grub de
cotton ?
Not so much 's 'r uster do,
Dey's a snap wuf two o' dat
air,
Wuckin' nigs fer ole
Voodoo!

How's I 'range ter mek de
bizness
Pay fer all de 'xpense I'se
at ?
Git yer gorn, chaild! 't
yain't so drefful
Costin' callin' ez all dat.
I hez knowed 'r prime fat
hop-toahd.
Filled a-chucker-full ob
glue,
Cuah a case ob busted knee-
jint.
How'd it help 't? Dat's
Voodoo!

J. S. G.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN COLD.

Bagley—"We don't know anything about the extreme cold in the west, Bailey. That blizzard in Dakota was a fearful one."

Bailey—"Yes, I imagine it was."

Bagley—"Well, I know it was. Our traveling man took out a line of summer suitings, but he couldn't sell them; so he sent them back."

Bailey—"What was the matter?"

Bagley—"Why, fur had grown on them three inches long. The cloth wasn't thick enough for winter wear and the people in the west are not partial to fur trimmings on their summer suits."

ANOTHER CIPHER.

My name is Ignatius Donnelly,
And a cipher I lately have found;
But I can't quite read it myself yet,
And a question I'd like to propound.
Simply: If Shakespeare was Bacon,
As the cipher seems to convey,
Then who was the wife of this Bacon?
My cipher says, Anne Hathaway.

A. C. S.

One good tu'n deserves anoddah; an' dar er mighty few dat a'n't ob de sama min' abo't a bad tu'n.

commenced to pack up to git out, when blame my skin if we didn't hear a dog bark up on the side of the mountain, and thar come old Suit. We seen him paw the snow off a stump and then look down and sort of take his pints and then come straight down to camp. When he walked in among us he stopped in front of me and dropped outen his mouth *my cumpuss*. That ere blamed dog had watched how we took our bearin's with a compass, and when he started out in the mornin' he jest natchally stole that instrument and carried it all day and worked his way back to camp with it. Now, boys, when I read"—

But the boys had all silently got up and started for home. "Gentlemen," said Jim, "old Suit is dead and I can't produce him, but here's the compass with teethmarks on it now."

The old squire looked angry and asked, "Do you call that yarn a evidence of brute instinct?"

"Of course I do," said Jim; "ef it ain't, what is it?"

"It's a blamed lie," said the squire, "that's what it is."

"Boys," said Dick, "I am goin' to shut up this grocery, and it ain't the only thing that better shut up either."

Geographical—Through what states does the Salt river flow?



A BLOW AT RELIGION.

MULLIN (on Sunday morning)—"It's you that laved th' wash out, Rosie, an' it's me thot forgit th' nanny-goat's shanty-dure, an' between tha two of us I tink our phew in th' cothaydral 'll be impty ter day!"

THE DIFFERENCE.

Jones in youth, resolved to wander,
Court'd first a blue-eyed maid;
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder"
On her parlor-grand she played.

Jones, remote on hill and prairie,
Hummed this fact with faith persistent,
While, at home, his plighted fairy
Sang to Smith to be consistent.

Cards received caused Jones to ponder:
Yet the truth as certain ran.
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder"—
Fonder of the other man.

HOWARD SEELY.



THAT ETHEREAL JAPANESE FURNITURE.

CULBERTSON—"Is there anything peculiar about my personal appearance, Jack? I've just been talking to Mrs. Brazer in the library, and when I passed through the drawing-room just now I appeared to attract a great deal of attention."
(That miserable copal varnish had simply failed to harden.)

ANXIOUS FOR EASTER.

"Occupied in your devotions, I see," said Hawes to Miss Brewster, whom he found looking over her prayer-book, when he called the other evening. "Were you looking up something in reference to lent?"

"Yes," replied the girl, "I was trying to figure out how soon it ended."



UNCLE SAM—"This style may do for John Bull, but it doesn't suit me. I'll stick to my old clothes." CLEVELAND, THE EN

Jude



D. THE ENGLISH CLOTHIER.

CHORUS OF ANGLO-MANIACS—"Oh! it looks chawming! And it's so English, you know!"

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The Blue Pencil Club

Conclusion.

At the next meeting of the club there was a perceptible tremor in the silent air that made every member of the club feel that they were on the eve of a great change. It was not because a levy had been made on the coal stove for unpaid rent. They could chip in and save the stove. It was not because Bostick had returned from Canada with side whiskers and chilblains. Something more profound was in the air. With a tremulous voice the president said:

"When this club was organized it was with a view to mutual improvement and it was expected to become a living institution to go howling down the ages. As an encourager of literature and a hot-house of sentiment it has not lived in vain. But an unforeseen contingency has contingenced, so to speak. Who could have foretold the juvenile precocity which would crystalize this amateur club into a gleaming, corruscating success in three months? The janitor will please lock the door and let down the window curtains."

A silent suspense almost painful caused one of the ladies to grow faint and fan herself feebly. When, all was secure the president said:

"Let all the club present bring their chairs forward and form a semicircle around me like a thirty artist minstrel troupe. Now all who wish to become millionaires hold up your right hand."

Every hand went up.

"Now then, to divulge the radiant idea which has demolished the club and driven us as a body into publishing a paper, for that is our plan. Is there a long felt want in literature?"

A blank look of disappointment stole over many faces, but Bostick and Gibbs winked at each other and Holme Stretch laughed outright.

"You think there is no vacuum in the world of letters. You think the long felt want is chokeful of dead newspaper ventures by this time. Well then let me tell you the name of the new paper. *The Rejected Manuscript*. Now do you catch on? Bostick, how many persons in the United States send MSS. and have them rejected every year?"

"At a low estimate one million. If you add poetry about three millions, sire."

"Very good. Now does the idea begin to penetrate the arid wastes of your comprehension?"

A smile ran around the circle like a sunbeam creeping along a picket fence. "*The Rejected Manuscript* will be issued weekly and cost two dollars per annum. It will promise to publish every manuscript sent to it after due revision. Each manuscript sent will be published in the order sent. First come, first served. Need I add that Holme Stretch, our professional liar, will keep the books and number the manuscripts? Perhaps some of you begin to feel the dawning of an idea now in the opaque darkness of your brain."

A shout of mad, delirious laughter shook the windows.

"If published in the order sent some of those literary efforts will be due about the time Proctor assigns for the gradual cooling of this orb, about 150 thousand years hence. A large fireproof block will be hired in New York in which to store the valuable articles while waiting for publication. Future ages will owe us much. Our receipts for the first six months will derange the currency and we will have to open a special banking house in order to get the vast accumulations back into circulation. Three million ambitious amateur writers will crowd our facilities hard for a time."

Skaggs got up and put his arms around Bostick's neck and wept for joy.

"The paper will exist at least one year, and then the increase of insanity and suicide and the crowding of idiot asylums will necessitate the stopping of its issue. Hay will have to be made while the sun is at the meridian, and iron pounded while it is exuding caloric. Dividends will be declared every day, and we will carry perpetual passes over roads leading to Canada. There is the efflorescence of our literary

labors. Members will affix their names to the stock book and then Bostick will sing, 'Where, O where is my little dog gone?' while Skaggs beats time with the gavel on the desk. Now join hands and circle to the left, and let a shout of joy go up as we wind up the Blue Pencil club."

THE OLD PROFESSOR.

LOOKING OUT FOR CONSEQUENCES.

Wife (in the night)—"What's the matter with Fido?"

Husband—"It sounds as if he had got hold of a burglar."

Wife—"Oh, John! do hurry down and call Fido off. I don't want to have any gentleman suing you for not keeping Fido muzzled."

THE REASON WHY.

"Say, Boggs, old fellow, is that really your new house the red flag's flapping out from? What's the matter?"

"Got to sell off the furniture at auction. Bought a ton of coal last week."

Why, but I don't see how your buying coal"—

"No, hang it all! That wouldn't; but the blasted dealer made me pay for it before he'd draw it."

"Oh, I see."

A CHICAGO VIEW.

Chicago young man—"And

what did you think of Mt. Vesuvius, Miss Palmerhouse?"

Chicago young woman—"I couldn't help thinking, Mr. Rattantan, what a magnificent toboggan slide it would make."

NO FEAR OF EVICTION.

Mrs. O'Rourke—"And so yez would put us all out in the street for the sake of a week's rint?"

Agent—"That's all. I must have my money or out you go."

Mrs. O'Rourke—"Well, thin, let me tell yez the first step that pig o' moine takes outside the door, I'll have yez arristed by the S. P. C. A."

OF THE SAME OPINION.

First gentleman (to fellow traveler on the train)—"I think that Jersey is the most miserable place in the world."

Second gentleman—"That's my opinion exactly. Where do you live?"

First gentleman—"In Jersey."

Second gentleman—"Why, so do I."

THERE WOULD BE SOME ON THE PLATE.

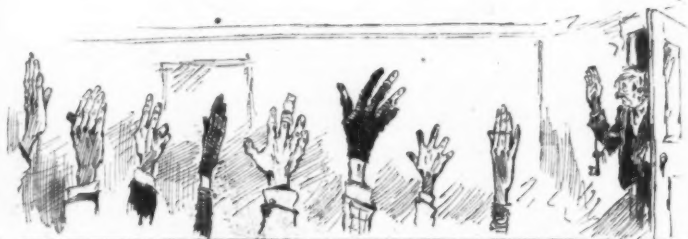
Minister's wife—"Richard, I wish you'd give me money to buy some buttons for the children's clothing."

Minister—"Wait until after Sunday, my dear; I'm going to ask the congregation at that time for an extra collection."

MUSICALLY EXACT.

Prof. Goodear—
Ah! Miss De Capo, your brother has a very fine tenor voice. But I can't just make out the part of the gentleman who is endeavoring to sing with him."

Miss De Capo—
"Oh! Signor Nobasso, you mean. He is only the tutor, you know."



"Every hand went up."



"Put his arms around Bostick's neck."



A BANK PRESIDENT'S STORY.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., March 13, 1886.—I have been afflicted with a dull pain or *backache*, in the region of my kidneys, for many years. In 1883 I seemed worse. In the summer of that year I purchased several bottles of "Warner's SAFE CURE," and at times took it, but not regularly in accordance with the directions. Still it helped me much. I had run down in weight from 176 pounds to 126 pounds. After taking it I increased in weight up to 191 pounds. During the fall of 1885 I found my health rapidly falling again, until the 15th of January, 1886, when I became entirely prostrated with what I believed to be at the time inflammation of the *Bowels*, and especially of the colon connecting the bowels with the rectum. The pain would become so intense at times as to render it necessary for the doctor to administer *hypodermic injections*. The pain seemed to be located in the lower region of the abdomen, and my physician treated me mainly for inflammation and *Catarrh of the Bowels*, which no doubt were affected and in sympathy with the main trouble, which afterward proved to be in my *left kidney*. These terrible pains would continue most distressing through the whole night, accompanied with *flashes of fever*, and then again with night sweats, which would leave me with no pain in the morning, though much weaker than before. For several days I could keep *nothing on my stomach*, especially in the shape of liquids, and yet was intensely thirsty all the time. On Friday, February 19th, I was much worse. The doctor remained with me until 3 o'clock the next morning, at which time he returned home. By 4 o'clock I was in *intense agony* again. The pain located itself in my left kidney, and seemed *unendurable*. I bore it till 7 o'clock without calling my wife, when I called her and requested her to send at once to the drug store for a bottle of "Warner's SAFE CURE." I began to take it at 9 A.M., and continued it each hour till 11 o'clock, after which I divided up the time so as to take about 8 doses in 24 hours. I was *relieved of pain within 20 minutes* after I had taken the first dose. I had taken the second dose when the doctor came in; I informed him what I had done, and explained to him the *terrible pain* I had experienced after he left, and that I had decided to take no more medicines of him until after I had fully tested the effect of "Warner's SAFE CURE." I continued to take it till 1 o'clock Saturday morning, 14 hours, at which time a *severe pain* commenced again in the left kidney, and seemed to *move down slowly* along the ureter to the bladder. The pain ceased instantly, and the urine seemed to flow in great abundance for a few moments, when suddenly *another lacerating pain* seized me, which seemed to pass down the urethra and out. At this I heard some hard substance drop into the vessel, and ring as though a nail had been dropped into it. *After this all pain ceased*. The next morning the water was examined, and in the bottom of the vessel was found a *calcareous Stone*, about the size and shape of a bean. From that on I began to improve rapidly, and am still improving and gaining in strength and weight.

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OF THE UNITED STATES,

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1887.

AMOUNT OF LEDGER ASSETS, JANUARY 1st, 1887.....\$70,196,260.30

Income.

Premiums \$19,115,775.47
Interest, Rents, etc. 4,125,073.82
23,240,849.29
\$93,437,109.59

Disbursements.

Claims by Death and Matured Endowments \$5,748,845.60
Dividends, Surrender Values, Annuities and Discounted Endowments ... 4,313,664.21
Total Paid Policy-holders.....\$10,062,509.81
Dividend on Capital..... 7,000.00
Commissions, Advertising, Postage and Exchange..... 2,321,647.31
General Expenses, State, County and City Taxes .. 1,747,997.11
14,139,154.13

Net Ledger Assets, December 31, 1887.....\$79,297,955.46

Assets.

Bonds and Mortgages..... \$23,548,376.48
Real Estate, including the Equitable Buildings and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages 14,355,771.87
United States Stocks, State Stocks, City Stocks, and other Investments... 26,516,182.38
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (Market Value, \$627,362). 507,000.00
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure of mortgages..... 6,590,151.74
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies, at interest; and in transit (since received and invested)..... 7,657,967.50
Due from Agents on account of Premiums..... 122,505.49
\$79,297,955.46

Market value of Stocks and Bonds over book value..... 2,398,321.78
Interest and Rents due and accrued..... 812,351.61
Premiums, deferred and in transit..... 1,869,666.00

Total Assets, December 31, 1887.....\$84,378,904.85

I hereby certify, that after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in this statement, I find the same to be true and correct as stated.
JOHN A. McCALL, Comptroller.

Total Liabilities, including legal reserve on all existing Policies (4 per cent. Standard).....\$66,274,650.00

Total Undivided Surplus, over 4% Reserve..... 18,104,254.85

Of which the proportion contributed (as computed) by Policies in general class, is.....\$5,917,336.85
Of which the proportion contributed (as computed) by Policies in Tontine class, is..... 12,186,918.00

New Assurance written in 1887.....\$138,023,105

Total Outstanding Assurance..... 483,029,562

We certify to the correctness of the above calculation of the reserve and surplus.
From this surplus the usual dividends will be made.

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JANUARY 1, 1888.

Amount of Net Assets, January 1, 1887.....\$71,819,623.48

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Premiums.....	\$19,328,519.87	
Less deferred premiums, January 1, 1887.....	1,041,666.15	\$18,286,853.72
Interest and rents, etc.....	4,252,430.50	
Less interest accrued, January 1, 1887.....	486,497.10	3,765,933.40
		\$22,062,787.12
		\$93,872,410.60

DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT.

Losses by death, and Endowments matured and discounted (including reversionary additions to same).....	\$4,361,366.83
Dividends (including mortuary dividends), annuities, and purchased insurances.....	5,173,843.96
Total Paid Policy-holders.....	\$9,535,210.79
Taxes and re-insurances.....	264,495.60
Commissions (including advanced and commuted commissions), brokerages, agency expenses, physicians' fees, etc.....	3,531,026.06
Office and law expenses, salaries, advertising, printing, etc.....	629,360.98
	\$13,960,068.43
	\$79,912,317.17

ASSETS.

Cash on deposit, on hand and in transit.....	\$3,038,499.60
United States Bonds and other bonds and stocks (market value \$52,255,814.86).....	49,088,286.14
Real Estate.....	6,887,062.59
Bonds and Mortgages, first lien on real estate (buildings thereon insured for \$14,000,000 and the policies assigned to the Company as additional collateral security).....	15,969,372.78
Temporary Loans (market value of securities held as collateral, \$2,404,853).....	1,867,500.00
* Loans on existing policies (the Reserve on these policies, included in Liabilities, amounts to over \$2,000,000).....	388,799.44
* Quarterly and semi-annual premiums on existing policies, due subsequent to January 1, 1888.....	1,174,340.36
* Premiums on existing policies in course of transmission and collection. (The Reserve on these policies, included in Liabilities, is estimated at \$1,300,000).....	899,153.06
Agents' balances.....	170,792.59
Accrued interest on investments, January 1, 1888.....	488,477.59
Market value of securities over cost value on Company's books.....	\$79,912,317.17
	3,167,528.68

TOTAL ASSETS, January 1, 1888, - - - - - \$83,079,845.85

Appropriated as follows:

Approved losses in course of payment.....	\$327,078.38
Reported losses awaiting proof, etc.....	292,214.54
Matured endowments, due and unpaid (claims not presented).....	27,582.30
Annuities due and unpaid (claims not presented).....	13,042.96
Reserved for re-insurance on existing policies; participating insurance at 4 per cent Carlisle net premium; non-participating at 5 per cent Carlisle net premium.....	\$68,807,642.00
Additional amount of Reserve (transferred from Surplus account) required on account of new State Standard of Valuation (Actuaries' 4 per cent), taking effect December 31, 1887.....	1,592,098.00
Reserved for contingent liabilities to Tontine Dividend Fund, January 1, 1887, over and above a 4 per cent Reserve on existing policies of that class.....	4,176,425.25
Addition to Fund during 1887.....	1,785,602.54
DEDUCT—	\$5,962,027.79
Returned to Tontine policy-holders during the year on matured Tontines.....	646,306.96
Balance of Tontine Fund, January 1, 1888.....	5,915,720.83
Reserved for premiums paid in advance.....	32,886.73
	\$78,428,265.74
	6,651,580.11
	\$83,079,845.85

Divisible Surplus (Company's new Standard)..... \$11,846,793.06

Surplus by the present New York State Standard, i. e., 4 per cent Actuaries' (including the Tontine Fund).....

From the undivided surplus, as above, the Board of Trustees has declared a Reversionary dividend to participating policies in proportion to their contribution to surplus, available on settlement of next annual premium.

Number of policies issued during the year, 28,522. Risks assumed, \$106,749,295.
Total number of policies in force December 31, 1887, 113,323. Amount at risk, \$358,935,536.

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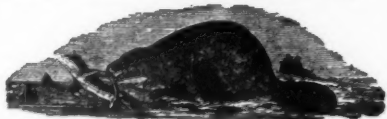
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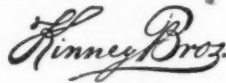
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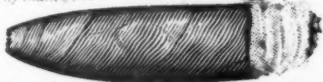
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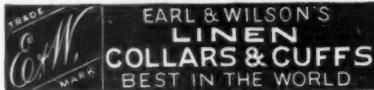
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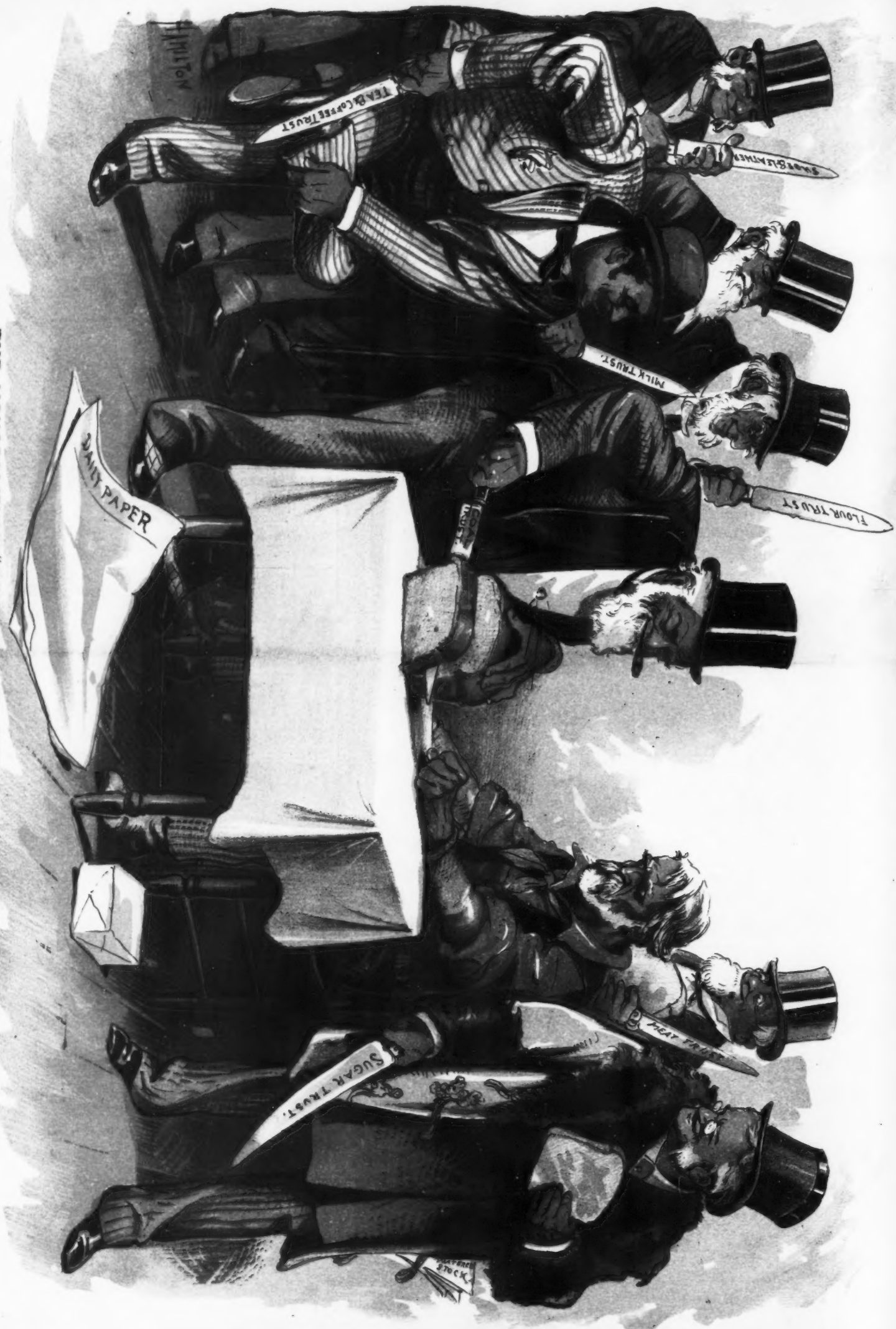
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