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OUR SICK PRESIDENT.
"ALL RIGHT, JIM; HANG IT OUT, AND BRING UP ANOTHER BOTTLE OF MEDICINE."

## THE JUDGE



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## The President's Illness.

W ishingtos newspaper correspondents are just now flooding the country with diapatches setting forth that our own "Chet"-the handsome President of these United States, is ill, and unable to receive visitors. We wonld not be astonished even if the correspondents aforesaid were actually spreading truthful information. A marble statue, if compelled to listen to some of the visitors to the White House, would become dizzy and topple over. We have the pleasure, however, of communieating the fact that the President is not so ill as
at first reportel. He is just ill enough to find it convenient to be shut up with a few of his most intimate friends in the red-white-and-blue room of the White House. That he is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances we have not the slightest doubt. We salute him, because, like many of his old companions-be really is a "Jolly good fellow."

## A Desperado's Funeral.

The recent oatentatious funeral of a murderel thief and desperado in this city was certainly sufficient to appall the parents of rising youngsters. There was no glamour about Elliott's life. He had no friends. It is possible that as a hard-hitter he had admirers. Almost every criminal tas some goolness tucked away in his heart, but in Elliott, we are informed, not one releeming trait of character was ever discovered. He was a law-breaker from his earliest childhood, and many years of his life were passed in the prisons of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. He was always quick to turn upon those who had befriended him, and in his cutbursts of temper made brutal assaults apon crippled men and weak women. He was cowardly and cumning. He never entered the prize-ring unless satisfied that he was more than a match for his antagonist, and took defeat with exceeding bail grace. Alonist, and took defeat with exceeding hal grace. Al-
though better known throughout the country as a pugilist than as a thief, he was, in fact, shunned even by pugilists. That the remains of such a scoundrel as he was should have been'paraded through the streets of this city, the procession being reviewed by 100,000 men and boys, is something that might well stagger thoughtful men and women. Small boys and young men had an opportunity of knowing that desperadoes are not honored only in flash publications in this nineteenth century; and it is more than likely that thousands of the spectators werefled to believe that, although Elliott was a desperado of the lowest possible description, he had an sarmy of friends. No, for the sake of humanity, The Jctose protests against the fostering of any such belief as that! Elliott had no frienis. A few of his old associates saw a chance to advertise few of his old associates saw a cliance to advertise
their largeness of heart, and they prepared the extra-
ordinary display witnessed in this city last Sunday afternoon. The lesson of Elliott's life teaches small boys and young men that the pistol or the knife is certain to play an active part in the departure from the face of the earth of men of his kind.

## Flat Houses.

The burning of the "Cambridge," one of those great tenements known as flat houses, suggests to TuE Judae that the grand jurors of this county will fail to do their duty if they neglect to indiet the owners of such tenements. There is an official in this city's government who is supposed to bave all buildings inspected so that every precantion against fire or other disaster may that every precaution against nire or ofter risaster may
be guarded against. It is made painfully evident upon too many occasions that this official is not equal to the task set before him. There should be some power rested in him to prevent the construction of such lofty and faulty tenements. When the grand jurors shall have discovered that the owners of the tenements have violated the laws from the sub-cellar to the roof of those tuildings, then we shall hope that the owners will be promptly indieted, tried, convicted, and punished.

## A Blessing to Mankind.

He came into the office with a noiseless tread, and took a chair without waiting to be asked. Everything about him was funcreal. He was dressed in black, his gloves were black, and he lookel as solemn as an owl. When the ellitor had finished a leader on the tariff, he turned to the intruder with:

What can I do for you, sir $?$
The visitor drew out a black-bordered handkerchief, and after giving his nose a tremendous blowing, said:

I wish to insert an advertisement in your really valuable journal, but as I am just at present in a state of financial difficulty, I will be unable to ofler you the cash. If you desire, I will repay yon with shares, at par, of "The Blessing to Mankind " burial case company. I am the sole inventor of a new method of dis. posing of the dead, which is destined to completely revolutionize the whole matter. Hitherto, tre subject of death has been a thing to be dreadel, but by my new and improved process, all terror will be taken away. Young people will find it a pleasure to die, and children will cry to be put to death.
Here he paused, while a sweet smile, equal in brightness to a dark cellar, illuminated his countenance. Then he went on before the editor could speak:
" Burial caskets will soon be a thing of the past when my invention is fully understood. Instead of placing the body of a loved one "-here he wiped his eyes with his black-bordered handkerchief-"in a deep hole in the ground, you can keep it by you; it will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever."
"My invention," he said, as he picked up the halfburned cignr of the editor and coolly lighted it, " is a simple one. Immediately after death, I take the body and place it in an iron mold and then run pure, clear, melted glass in the mold. This forms a perfect protection against decay, and you can then have the bodies of your loved ones set anywhere in your house. You will need no bric-a-brac. Your wife can be placed in a corner of the parlor: your children on the mantel, and your mother-in-law can be stool in the hall. Just think how handsomely a house could be decorated with such loving tributes! Neither climate nor weather can affect-Hold on," he cried ns he suddenly found himself flying through the air from the fourth-story window.
"There," exclained the irate editor, " just go and put yourself in glass," and he shat the window spitefolly.

## That Surprise Party at Breakup's,

Breakip's oldest boy, Sam, was extremely fond of doughnuts. He could put away more of these indigestible articles under his little jacket than two fullgrown men could masticate. But donghnuts were not furnished every day, and last week he felt hungry for about a dozen; so he put up a litte job on the old
folks. Last Monday morning be stopped in at Mrs, Blabem's and intimated that there was to be a surprise party at his house on Tuesday night.

Don't tell any one for the world," said Sam, knowing all the while that Mrs. Blabem would never rest rasy until she had iuformed Mrs. Breakup. "It's goin' to be a real surprise. Pa and ma don't know any thing about it. Been invited?"
" No," exclaimed Mrs. Blabem, snappishly. "Who's a-grettin' of it up?"
"Can't say," ventured Sam. "Guess must be Miss Goosle."

The hateful old maid!" said Mrs. Blabem. "Gook day, sammie. Come again."
Sam went dows the street to await events. Pretty soon Mrs. Blabem came out and struck a bee-line for the Breakup mansion. Half an hour later Sam strolled
" Here, you, Sum," cried Mrs. Breakup, " you just go down to the grocery and get a bag of flour.

What's up?" inquired Sam, innocently.

- Why, we're going to have a surprise party tomorrow night, and I'm going to cook doughnuts for the company.
When Breakup came home that evening, and was told $o^{\circ}$ the coming festivities, he immediately resolved to hire an orchestra, and, the next morning, on his way down-town, he secured a string band of six

Tueslay niyht came, and all the Breakup family were arrayed in their best, Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and anxious for the coming of the surprise party. Sam. however, was not hilarious over the party, but he chuckled to himself as he viewed the huge pile of doughnuts.

Surprise party," he m.uttered under his breath; - itll be a surprise before they see one.

Nine o'clock came, so did the musicians. Ten clock arrived, but the surprise party did not. Finally the lights in the parlor were turned out, and the musicians dismissed; not, however, until Mr. Breakup and the leader had some words over payment, Breakup insisting that as the fiddlers had not fiddled, they ought not to be paid.

I tole you vot it vas," said the leader, "yon vas shust the meanest man the whole city in, so belp me Moses.
As the surprise party had not consumed the doughnuts, it fell to Sam's share to dispose of them, which he did very readily.

As association has been started, or at least the movement for its starting is upon foot, called the * Business Men's Truth-telling Association." The charter provides that all the members will, under all and any circumstances, tell the truth. If the society proves a success what a blow it will prove to the well-known paster stuck upon the office door. Instead of the sign "Will be back in five minutes," we will see "Gone out with the boys, be back, if lucky, in three days;" ." Just stepped out," "Gone for the whole week:" "Out upon business," "Around the corner playing pool," and "At the other office," "Can be found at the beer saloon next door."

Tus song "We Never Speak When We Pass By" is said to have been suggested to the author while he slid past his tailor with his hat pulled down over his nose and coat collar turned up to his eyes.
Ex-Sevator David Davis is to be congratulated upon the fact that he is the possessor of a young and blushing bride.

Mayor Ensos, in appointing Robert G. McCord to the position of Excise Commissioner, shows that he appreciates the fact that politicians only are able to deal with the liquor dealers.

Mr. Patrick Egan, of Dublin, the treasurer of the Irish Land League, has a peculiar way of departing from home. A few days ago the world was electrified by the intelligence that be had mysterionsly disappeared with the cash-box. Now he mysterionsly turns up in this city, and declares that he not only did not use for his own purposes the money taken from poor Irish men and women, but that he came to this country upon a business errand. Great man, eh :

## THE J U DGE.



CALLING FOR WIGGINs.
Fabmer: - Well, Id just like to find that weather prophet, Wiggins. Here I have sent my jamily away, anchored my house and barn, ant cared for these poor dumb beasts, and no storm to speak of -and besides, cut all my trees down for fear they would blow down on my house.

## ELEVATED RAILWAY SIGHTS.

Whizzang through the air on the pleasant winter nights, On the elevated railway as we go;
I frequently have witnessed some tantalizing sights, Of which I'll tell you something that I know.
I know I saw a gentleman who stopped to ring a bell, And lingered on the doorstep neat and trim; But the train it went so fast, alas ! I could not tell Who answered to the bell to welcome him.

1 know I saw the tables for many evening meals, But the train it went so fast that my memory reveal Nut pieture of the things they had to eat,

I know I saw the beds with pillows smooth and white, Invitingly arrayed for sweet repose;
But the train it went so fast I never saw the sight Of who reclined beneath the snowy clothes.

I know I saw a lover who met his heart's delight, And pressed her with a greeting full of bliss ; But the train it went so fast I was far, far out of sight Before they even had begun to kiss.
And so I sit and sigh, as the train goes whizzing by At many of unfinished sights for me;
For the trains they go so fast, I bave already passed, Before I have a half a chance to see. -W. L. orsisby, JR.

He Went to the Ball.
The ball season is very demoralizing.
It tends to corrupt the juvenile reporter.
The Judge states so because he is aware of the fact personally.
The other day there came to the office an invitation for one of our staff to attend a ball given by the "Society Shriekers' " Association at Never-quit Hall. As a private note from the secretary of the "Society Sbriekers'" Association stated that said social sircle
contained over one thonsand members, each of which took four copies of The Judge-whether at newsstands or off of front stoops was not mentioned-a representative was sent down.
He was a nice, ox-eyed young fellow, who had come down from way, East, Maine, with a spring poem, expecting to reap fame and fortune from it. Unluckily the poem did not connect.
Cruel editors failed to perceive its inwardness, resultantly he was forced to accept a menial situation at our office, where for three dollars a week he was engaged to light fires, carry coal, sweep out, carry corpses from our private morgue, write leading articles, and also be ready to do all neceasary reportorial work.
We sent him to the "Society Shriekers' " ball, and the following report is what came to us.
Evidently, from its perusal, it must have been written under wine-room influences --the interpolations appear to so denote.
Here it is:
The ball of the "Society Shriekers," an association composed of the first gentlemen of Cherry street and vicinity, was a great success. (No-I won't have nothing now.) The hall was tastily bedecked with(Well, I will have one.)
"The hall was cheerfully-no, tastily-bedecked with -bedecked with-be-(Thanks, here's to The Judges) bedecked with flags and bunting.

At eight A.M.-P.M.-No, A.M.-P.M. is right, the worthy president (All right, I will be there in a minute) the grand march was led by the worthy president, Mr. McGilder and his lady-like wife, who was attired in pink silk and gems. Following them came Mr. McGloin and sister (Now I am ready to go with you.
" Mr. McGloin's sister wore a hem-stitched polonaise, gored down the back and (There is only seven of you. Well, Ill come.)
"Ball great success. Miss De Lacy got moire antique dress. Greatest affair season. Ald'man Murphy
jolly fellow. So is his wife. All good fellows. 'Rah for S'ciety Sbriekers. Ex-Judge Mud's cousin, from Bohoken, elegantly 'tired in Charlotte de Russe style. Senator Hoolihan and lady captured all hearts. Sena or showed diamonds no object. Lady splendid. Wore sellow turban with plon-plon on. Bully for her

Met Miss Plantagenet. Nice girl. Got on a Pompa lour dress all fluted. Winked at me. Mash. I guess stan' a bottle anyways. Write report later, and-"

We got the report.
And soon afterward we got our reporter
It cost us ten dollars, and Jeflerson Market was where we got him out of.
He returned home to his parents very soonly, but we still hold his grip-sack for the tenner.
Ten cases are ten cases.
But we have an idea, that if we don't get the promised check from his paternal, that we will be left upon the grip-sack.
From its feel we think that it contains a bottle of hairoil and a "Guide to New York."

- john catanagh.

Tllden is reported shaky, Blaine is said to be pros trated by the recent attempt upon his life (?); Jule Ferry has the neuralgia, Bismarck is weakening every day, the Prince of Wales' stomach has gone back upon him, David Davis is going to be married, George Francis Train has not written a poem for a week, and we-we have a boil upon the back of our neck. Can it be Wiggins' wave that has thus afflicted all of the world's great men?
'I AM a native American citizen, born, bejabers, in this counthry," said Mr. Muldoon, at a recent political gathering, "and If ye disbelieve it, come around home and I will show ye me naturalizathion paphers."

behind the scenes.
Auful terror of Mrs. Mctinns's youngest kid who is left alone in the property-room, while her ma, the Fairy Queen of Realm of Joy, is mashing on the stage.

## HOW THE ROSE TURNED RED.

A white rose grew on a tall rose tree,
And the glow-worm rivaled the love of the bee But the glow-worm came by his own faint light, While the fair one slept, on a summer's night, And the bee in the morning came.
The glow-worm wooed till the stars grew pale, But the rose slept on while he told his tale; The bee buzzed merrily all day long,
And the fair rose flushed, as she heard his song. With the joy of a tender shame. -david a. curtis.

## Visitors at Our House.

## by e. e. ten eyck.

Our house is to let.
Our landlord and ourselves had a little falling out in regard to the payment of the rent, we wanting to pay it at the expiration of every ten years, while he held that the ducats should be on deck the first of every month. Therefore, to oblige him, we will voluntarily move upon the first of May

It is always well to do a favor if you can, and then having your furniture placed upon the sidewalk impedes traffic.
There is a bill on the outside of our house which says (hat it is to let, and that people desirous of becoming its proud and happy occupants must inquire within.
It is paralyzing to see how many people appear to want our house.
It seems to me that half of New York have called to see it already-with Brooklyn and Canarsie yet to be heard from.
All sorts of people have called, from a millionaire's wife who came in a carriage, to a well-developeng specimen of the spring tramp, who examined every room carefully; gazed at the back-yard with great interest found fault because the parlor was not large enough, asked the dimensions of the cellar, and finally wound up with a request for cold victuals.
The following experience-just the experience of an hour or so yesterday-will show what a bully time you have while "showing" a house.

The first comer was lean, lank and spare, with : white choker and a ministerial air. Indeed, I mentally located him as a pulpit-pounder right off.
"Good-afternoon, my dear friend," said be; "I would like to casually survey this residence."
" With pleasure," said I.
I took him around.
He was very silent.
Only one or two questions did he ask.
Finally we returned to the hall.
Somewhat surprised at his taciturnity, I asked him how he liked the dwelling.
" Very well," he replied, and then suddenly, first looking around to see that we were alone, he blurted out: "Say, cull?"
" Well?" I replied, greatly astounded at the sudden transformation in his style of speech.

Will the old gull let us run a bank here?"

- What old gull ?

The landlord."

- Oh, what kind of a bank do you desire to run ?" " Don't you drop "'
"No."
Why, a game, of course. I'm solid with the captain of the precinct, rent ain't an object, and rll keep it on the dead quiet."
He was a gambler, looking for an eligible site for a faro-bank. How appearances will oft deceive!

I told him that he had better see the landlord. That gentleman was Superintendent of a Sunday-school. Right Bower of the Society for the Suppression of Everything, Deacon of the Church of the Holy Hippodrome, and would therefore doubtless rent the house for a faro-bank, if enongh rent was paid.
"Thanks, cull; so long," said the gambler, as he left. "Ever play ?"

## "No."

"Sorry; going to give you a card of a friend of mine who runs a day-game down in Ann street. See you again, some time later."
My next caller was a lady.
She was dressed up in a flaunting exaggeration of the current mode, and her diamonds-Lord, they made her look like a pawn-shop window out for a holiday.
"Is this the masther av the house ?" asked she, with
a soft Milesian patois.

I said I guessed so, as my wife was out and our servantrgirl had gone to the funeral of her cousin who dies regularly every month.

How many rooms are there in the house ?" was her first question.

Twelve."
Only twelve ?
"That's all."
Positively all ?"
Will ye let me luk over the house ?"
I said "Of course," for I am the most accommodating cuss that ever was.
She could look over the bouse, or under it, or all around it, if she wanted to.
During the course of our prowl up-stairs and downstairs she told me who she was.
She was the wife of a gentleman named McGuire, who, having acquired fame, fortune, a broken nose, and an eye out while keeping a low dance-house, had concluded to retire from business and do the celestial high grand.
Having been used to living in one room all of her life, a palace would not have suited Mrs. McGuire.
"Ye haven't a boudoir in connecthion wid the place?" she asked.

No," I answered.
"Shure, I'm so sorry. I can niver darn Pat's socks dacently unless I am in a boudoir. I must have a house with a boudoir. (Where she got the word I don't know, unless somebody had given it away with a sample sheet.)
I expressed my grief, and explained that if I had had my way, the house would have been covered with boudoirs.

And ye ain't even got an esplanade?" went on shes Pat is so fond of an esplanade."
I sorrowfully confessed that no esplanades lurked about anywhere,
"Thin I will have to go somewheres else. Goodbye ! $!$ and off she went, while I clutched for breath. Esplanade knocked me out temporarily.
Another lady came next.
She was a professional.
Professional house-inspector, one of those lovely, endearing creatures who work a regular route of houses to let, for the sole purpose of prying into the affairs of the families occupying them.
That is their sole purpose.
They hire a house! Well. they will, just about the time that the Passion Play gets produced, or Wiggins' wave comes.
Inside of five minutes she had told me that the Smiths' house was in terrible order, that in the Jones abode Mr. Jones was blind drunk, and Mrs. Jones had a black eye; that at the Browns', Mrs. Brown acted like a lunatic, and she never was so glad to get out of any house in her life as she was out of Robinson's, because it smelled carbolic acid all over, and she bet there was a case of small-pox concealed somewhere in the dwelling.

Shen she left. their house to let.
I will wager a new five-dollar piece (gilding warrant ed not to wear off), that she told them there that from strong ocular evidence-a tack-hammer lying upon the third-story front mantel, and a screw-driver lingering in the second floor back-she considers me a burglar.

My next-
Heavens!
There goes the bell as I write
I will cautiously reconnoiter through the blinds.
What do I see?
Six women and two men, a whole family party, come " see the house."
Reader, excuse me for this week!

Never judge of a man's good intentions by his actions; many a man looks heavenward to avoid an avalanche of snow from some roof, or gets on his knees at his bedside to hunt for a missing collar-button.

Six persons, who climbed the icy mountains of Switzerland last summer, were overpowered by fatal accidents, A man might just as well stay at home, and meet death climbing icy sidewalks.

THE JUDGE.

## A SPRING IDYL

An editor sat in his office,
As editors gen'rally do,
A-clipping from sundry exchanges All items important and new.

Soon up to his desk strode a maiden, A rural one, lank in physique: Who pertly exclaimed, " Look-a-here, sir I'd like a few words tu yu speak."
Espying a scrawl in her fingers, He gasped, "Have you lines upon 'Snow'? " I hain't!" quick she madly reaponded, "I'm not sich a blamed Esquimaux,

- Tu freeze myself writin' the like, sir, This time o' the year-no sich thing! Instead, I hev brung yu some varsis Consarnin' the 'Buteeful Spring.'

It tells o' the daizees and lilacs, An' robins that flewy-kum-flew;
Waal, jist 'beout the tail eend o' Apreel, When meddars git slopt o'er with dew."

The editor died ere she finished Perusing her poem on "Spring." His friends are all kindly requested No How'rs to his obsequies bring.

Suppressors of Fun
by the mysterious broker.
The Third Annual Meeting proved to be a very stormy affair. Messrs. Sonerbeer, Smiless and Krout argued that, as the society was called Anti-Funny Man's Association, the admission of women would clearly break down their constitution. Mr. Keen said that the breaking down of a constitution always tended to suppress fun-therefore, women should be admitted. The president called on Mr. Gall for a speech. That sentleman spoke as follows:
" Mr. President: The most important word in our name is the Anti. This Anti should be dear to every member, and it is dearer to me than life. It has nothing to do with poker-playing. It holds no compact with anything base or low; it stands alone, gloomy, obscure. [Hear, hear.]
Now what does cur association oppose? Funny men, I answer. Can man only oppose funny men and their deviltries dally developing? Look at the great work that mothers-in-law have been doing in suppressing fun and men; and you will tell me that woman is not only largely endowed with the capacities necessary to make good agents for our society, but that she has alone, without the benefit of organization, been pursuing the good work through all ages. You grave, learned, and handsome men, who are here to night [great applause], youtthink you are the pioneers in this work of suppression. I tell you woman has been suppressing fun since the Garden of Eden. The other evening an Irishman came home to Williamsburg [not Number One]. He who was usually sober was funny. His wife-may her tribe increaseseized him by his heels and threw him down a flight of stairs. Thackeray says that women prefer sober men. The Rev. Morgan Dix would say on the proposed admission of women "How Anti-Funny? Anti-funnier than what?' Talmage has said, 'Let the women join In;' and I say, how can you refuse in the face of this great mass of evidence ? "Let the women join in !"
[Three cheers were given for " the women."]
Mr. Snappinturtle said
Mr. President: It seems to me that, if we are to admit to our Society everything that suppresses fun in men, mules should be admitted as well as women; for there is no animal that can kick the fun ont of a man quicker than a mule. He was called to order by the president, who remarked that "the Society had already admitted one jackass, and that he had done all he could to kick up a row." [Great uproar and drawing of pistols.] Order being obtained, the president continued: "Why, Mr. Snappinturtle, I once heard a debate on the question, 'Has the mule been productive of greater fun than misery? 'and all the weight of evi-
dence was on the funny side of the mule (not at his back). In this delate all the conundrums and jokes about mules, from the time of Balaam down, were quoted. I think the member should be fined five dollars for attempted fun.
[Snappunturtle was seized and the five dollars cheerfully paid.]
At this juncture a queer-looking man entered the hall and inquired whether this was the "Salvation Army." The president answered, "Not exactly; but a branch of it."
Mr. S. Titcher, a tailor, then spoke
" This measure does not suit me; neither do I think that woman pants for admission. We have already had breeches enough made in our society-sort of spring openings-and we must guard against another breech-the breech of promise. But I think that the power to decide the interpretation of our name is vested in our president. He it is that is clothed with the sole authority; and if he is not a fit person to collar the subject, we had better suspender society.

Doctor Bombast followed.
"I am opposed to woman, and always have been. Like one of the glorious 306 that fell at Thermopolyæ, I intend to die fighting; and I am not coming to these meetings, if women are admitted, without substituting for the present revolver [exhibits seven-shooter. Great nervousness on the part of those near him] a needlegun. And I warn my fellow members that if women are admitted I shall certainly bring a trap full of mice to the next meeting. But I trust the measure will not be ratified."

A hundred men sprang upon the unfortunate doctor, who had made a pun. The noise attracted Captain Terence O'Neill, M. O. P., but, supposing that it was a social meeting of the Land League, he passed quietly by. When order was restored the president read the poem :

## What countless crowds in every land

Are wretched and forlorn
Through areary life this lesson learn-
That man was made to mourn."


Josh Peccory.-"Hello, Boracks, how dye do? Going on the road next season?"
Boraces.- "Well, I don't know. I seem somelow to have lost my interest in the show business."

Refreshments consisted of cold shoulders and sliced ongues, with Good Friday buns, and beer. Many may wonder at the society allowing beer; but the scarcity of hops, and the consequent adulterations of heer were decided to work more for the suppression than promotion of fun. The society, later on, decided that, in order that the aims, objects, and identity of their Association might be self-evident, it should hereafter be called The Anti-Funny Men's and Women's Association, of the City, County, and State of New York.

Some girls are manly enough to help cut the ice in Trumbull, Ohio. Yes, and all over the country the girls help break ice during the skating season, although there's nothing very manly about the way they do it.

Ashland, Michigan, ships over a bundred tons of tan-bark daily. The next walking match should be held there.

The Congressman who hesitates between his own opinion and the public opinion is generally lost. But it's worth a cool thousand or two to him allee samee.
"You can't carry a barrel of flour up-stairs," said a fellow to a boaster. "But I've carry many a barrel of beer up-stairs, and that's lieavier than flour," was the reply.

For obtaining a violin under false pretenses, Private Grant, of the Fourth United States Artillery, has been dishonorably discharged from the service and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, which has already begun on Governor's Island. Another example of coming to grief by not paying the fiddler.

Longrellow says: "In character, in manners, in style, in all things the supreme excellence is simplicity." Guess Longfellow never saw a countryman gret a steer from a bunco man.


## This is the Frenchman, M. Vignaux, whom our little Se.cton will undertake to lay out.

THE DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK.
On, dear little shamroek, T've heard my ag'd father Ot tell how you bloomed in the Emerald Isle; Where many a time in his boyhood he plucked you, From spots where fair nature seemed ever to smile. On yesterday morn he received a long letter, It came from that dear land "acrass the big say," Containing within it a sprig of a shamrock, With orders to wear it on "Patherick's day."

1 handled its leaves o'er with wonder and gladness, Till father eried out, "Shtop! ye Yankee shpalpeen ! Och, phat does the loike iv ye know iv me shamrock That coom frum the green fields iv Ballyporeen?

Oill wear it," he said, "on Saint Patherick's mornin' Out in the preseshin, as shlick as a rogue
$\mathrm{An}^{\text {n }}$ shure, whin 'tis shpied by th' Amerikin aigle,
Blood'nouns ! but he'll choke himself scraitehin' the brogue.
${ }^{6}$ We'll halt at the Goddiss iv Liburty's statue,
To wave our green flags wid the red, phoite, an blue:
Mesilf will shtep up thin, an' plant in her buzzum
Me own little threasure-me shamrock aroo!" -ADELE.

## Facts and Paradoxes by erratic enrique.

There's no cream on a practical joke, because it is not skimmed from the milk of human kindness.
It makes considerable difference to both heiss ani newspapers whether a man' dies leaving a big fortune and a small family, or quits this festive scene
mourned by a large family left behind to quarrel over his small fortune.

Tie blazoned carriages of the arrogant are often crushed on the highway of speculation.
Superchiousness is Pride's sneerest blood relation. The prettiest girl in America is even more numerons than her seal-skin sacque.
A Chicago undertaker was the last man who stood up to box Jimmy Elliott, and he laid him out, too.
Whex a coach dog waits for the wagon, it's a stern reality that his tail keeps waggin' for the wait.
One of the best known illustrated magazines is a Century plant, which blossoms every month.
Tue poet who is enthused by Nature is an out-andout Communist.
It was natural for candidate Coupe to wheel into line, ride ahead of his opponent, and carry Utica at the recent election for city judge. There's everything in a name, Mr. Shakespeare !
Popping the question is the lover's opening speech in Cupid's court of inquiry.
The poorest author will leave writings which are remembered long after his death. They are mostly due bills.

Fine Job Printing," read the card of a busines friend which was handed to one of our shrewd police magistrates. He returned it, saying: "The order may be all right, but I've no cause to fine job printing.
Photographing "smiles" is a new wrinkle. Every firat-class bar-room will have its own camera and special poser.
Legal arithmetic consists in multiplying expense before the division of an estate.

A MEMBER OF THE FINEST police lyric.

A member of the tinest lay dying on his bed:
There was wealth of woman's nursing and many a tear was shed,
But a comrade stood besides him, while his breath it ebbed away
And bent with pitying glances to hear what he might say.
The dying copper faltered, while he took a brandy neat,
And he said, "I nevermore will see, my own, my chosen beat,"
Take a message and a token to some near-by friend of mine-
For I am in this precinct (Captain Williams') Twentynine !
Tell my brothers and companions, when they meet at the roll-call,
And desire to hear my story as they cluster in the hall.
That I've fought my battles bravely, and ne'er can it be said
That I lugged in a captive unless he was half dead! And midst the drunks. disorderhes, were oft some old in wars.
Took suddenly with spasms or run over by the cars.
Yet some were young, and suddenly beheld ten dollars fine,
still I clubbed them in the precinct (Captain Williams') Twenty-nine!
Tell my mother that her other son will comfort her old days,
For he's a ward detective, and has quiet, coaxing ways.
My father was upon the force, and even now, tho' old, I hear his voice, as oft he'd say, 'I've made a hundred cold!'
And when he died and left us, our own way along to rub,
I let them take whate'er they would-but kept my father's crubl
With rev'rent love I've kept it, where the green light now does shine
On the station-house, the precinct (Captain Williams') Twenty-nine

- There's another, no relation, in the happy days gone by,
You'd have known her by the oblique look that gave away ber eye;
Too innocent for coquetry-too fond for itile scorning 'Tis many the coffee's gave she me upon a snowy morning!
Tell her the last night of my life, for ere a crook has risen,
My bods will be out of pain, my hing out of prison. I dreamed I stood with her, and saw the yellow moonlight shine
"Crost her area, in my precii et (Captain Williams") Twenty-nine."
- But now forever I am gone-no more my love I'll see,
'Tis soon Ill be on the Reserve across the Jasper sea! What's that you say, my Caroline to-morrow will be wed.
Unto a rival suitor who daily peddles bread
Not if I know it! Comrade dear, hand down that club of mine,
There's no dead men in our precinct (Captain Wil liams') Twenty-nine!"
His trembling voice grew full and strong-his clute was plainly felt
Upon his faithful comrade's arm, as he put on his belt. His comrade tried to help him, but he motioned him away,
One of the finest in the lanit was not to die that day? When the calm moon rose up slowly, and sweetly drew her breath,
On the sidewalk laid a baker, cor'ner's verdict, "clul) bed to death."
While over the area railings did blue-conted figure fine
Kiss a maiden in the precinct (Captain Williams') Twenty-nine!


## THE JUDGE

IN A LUNCH ROOM. This land o'ertlows with wit Or what is coined for it And, from sage to colliege chit, There abound, In the sanctums of " The Press Facile writers of a mess That goes 'round, And to Flam, as well as Firm, Is signed name or pseudouym, ate ever Jack and Jim, Who can read. Knows at once that it's the od nucoction of "M. Quad" of Bill Nye or ' Derriek Dodd, rindeed-

That the grin is one that's made By Burdette, who learned his trade On the Havkeye comic grade 'Way out West; Or that James Montgomery B - Who spells Danbury with D. Is still joking, and as free. As the best.

Ha! ha!! That's goor, egnad Chuckles one who likes "B. Dadd, Whose readers have been glad All the years
That he's been upon the staft ot that Heralid whose broan laugh, First appears.

At a place dubbed NorristownYou will flid it jotted down In the athas bound in brown With side stamps.
Willians is the proper name At whose door we lay the blame Of mirth-cramps.
Then there is " Bad Boy" Peck, Who of buttons makes a wreck For this meal That you stranger, full of fun With coat and vest undone Has got Milwaukee's Sim
Hear him squeal!

And at least two dozen mor Are heaping up Glee's store Many skin-cracked sides are sor From the mirth. Texas Knox and Aleck Siwe Spread Siftings, as a treat, Which you everywhere may meet On this earth.
"Mrs. Partington" and Ike. And that other smirking Smike, The doll gisted " Spoopendyke" Bless my heart! I can't think of half the men Who sling a jocund pen Ive omitted nine or ten Mighty smart.

Oplo Read of Arkansaw, Obeys the humorous law And fills each Braveler's maw With rare jests.
Whife "Remus" and "Old si," With The Judee, who winke so sls They are welcome all, as
or they ventilate each fraud, Stripping Humbug of its guard No wonder thieves, thus awed, Get the blues.
If these rhymes be out of joint. Greasy critics will anoint The brow of "Pith and Point" of the Nens.

## ANCIENT WORTHIEs. solon

Aroxg the wise men of Greece, Solon stood at the head of his class. As was customary, even in those early times, he had parents at one period of his life.

The assertion may sound merelible in this nineteenth century of progress and enlightenment, but it is a fact nevertheless, that Solon won euduring fame, althongh he never ate sxty quail in thirty days, nor knocked out a bruiser in three rounds.
His father was a man of moderate wealth, but was generous to a fault. He gave money to bogus German flood and Irish sufferers; loaned cash to young wilows, who advertised in the "Personal" column of the New York Herald, and indorsed indiscriminately for his friends, until his estate was completely absorbed. Solon, therefore, having no money to squander on fast horses and professional English beauties, went to work and made a name for himself, and became a useful citizen. In his day, a working man was considered as good as a king-save in a game of sevenup or uelire.
Solon had one weak spot. He would, on the slightest provocation, mount the winged steed Pegassus and evolve poetry by the yard-merely to pass away his adolescent idle hours. His idle hours could have been passed more protitably in sawing wood, but he never thought of that. Later his poetry became more earnest; he wrote it with a purpose, and serionsly contemplated putting his Tables of Law into heroic verse. His idea, it is presumed, was something like this:

## For a plain drunk ten dollars pay,

It is not surprising that the populace received this proposition with murmurs of dissatisfaction and threats of lynching.

On a certain occasion solon, in order to effect a certain object, counterfeited a distraction and caused his family to circulate a rumor that he was mad. He composed a column of spring poetry, memorized it, stuck straws in his hair, and rat out in the market-place in a grotesque garb, and sang his verses as if they were extempore. His ruse was successful; but the same impression would have been created if he had remained at home and simply printed his verses, with his name attached, in the Poet's Corner of the local paper.
The Athenians were constantly quarreling among themselves about the management of the Government. There were several different parties-Oligarchists, Republicane, Anti-Monopolists, Democrats, Socialists, Greenbackers, and Prohibitionists-and each one was the ouly honest political organization in Greece. The only thing upon which they unanimously agreed was the spoils of office. The Socialists advocated the butchering of the wealthy, and a division of their property. They would meet in the rear of a beer saloon, about three nights a week, and drink beer and butcher rich men in their minds-until midnight. Solon, being neutral, was invited to arbitrate their differences, whereupon he resorted to a small piece of subterfuge. He promised the Socialists a division of the wealth of the rich, and assured the bloated bondholders and monopolists security for their debts. All parties having great contidence in Solon-he not having been implicated in the Credit Mobilier crookedness, nor voted for the River and Harbor steal-he was persuaded to run the Government. He resolved himself into an entire Congress, with upper and lower Houses combined, and proceeded to make a Table of Laws for the government of the people. This scheme was much more economical than holding an election annually, and sending a couple of hundred men to Athens to draw mileage, and devote two weeks to law-making, and three or four nonths to discussing contested seats, tinkering at the Tariff, and revising speeches for publication in the Congressional Record. Solon's Table of Laws was, on the whole, a sound plece of legal furbiture, though at first some statutes -voked considerable criticism.
One of his laws forbade men to speak evil of the dead; hence, if a man spoke disrespectfully of Samuel J. Tilden he was arrested and fined. It also prohibited speaking evil of the living in the public offices or at the games; and when a newspaper alluded to Governor Ben Butler as a "Beast " or a "Cock-eyed spooney," or accused a professional base-ball club of selling out a game, the editor was arrested and fined three drachms, which compelled him to deny himself several other drams.
Solon made a law concerning wills, previous to which wills could not be made. It is suspected that this statute was built at the instigation of the legal
fraternity, and if they didn't present solon with a handsome testmonial for his kmdness they were decidedly ungrateful lot. Fancy a lawyer without a will to break, now and then!
One of the Table of Laws regulated the walks and mourning of women. A widow was not permitted to visit Long Branch arrayed in one of Worth's latest style mourning robes, before the violets bloomed on the grave of her late lamented. Nor was she allowed to indulge in moonlight walks on the beach, and provoke handkerchief flirtations with eight-dollar-a-week store clerks, nor set her cap for a rich old hachelor. She was not suffered to go about at night unless in a chariot with a torch before her. There was very little pleasure in becoming a widow in those days.

Another law provided that no son should be allowed " to relieve his father who hati not bred him up to any calling." This was intended to be severe on the old man, but at this distance it looks quite the reverse. In our day, when a son is not bred to any calling, he generally "relieves" his father so copiously and continuously that the latter's cash is soon exhausted. Another law made by Solon commanded the owner of any dog that bit a man to deliver him up with a log about his neck, and that he didn't also issue an edict prohibiting cats from holding midnight indignation meetings in a citizen's back yard is strange indeed.
He established all his laws for one hundred years. At the expiration of that period, if he found they didn't give satisfaction, it was his intention to revise them. Instead of having his laws printed in the Congressional Record, he wrote them on wooden tables. In this shape the newspapers welcomed their receipt by mail. and forebore saying sarcastic things about them. They were better for kindling fires, but for wrapping up a mackerel the laws were an utter failure.
As we have intimated, Solon's laws, when completed, met with some opposition. The New York Sun said they exhibited too much of the one-man power and smacked of Casarism; and Solon was daily waited upon by delegations who wanted castor oil put on the free list, or the duty taken off whisky and tobacco, or something that way. In order to escape these annoyances, he purchased a vessel and sailed away, intending to be absent ten years. It has probably never occurred to our law-makers in Washington that they would escape a great many annoyances, and give pleasure to their constituents, if they were to purchase a vessel and leave the country for ten years. Uncle sam would save money and business would boom.
Solon sailed to Egypt, where be acquired a fresh stock of wisdom from the learned prests, and, as paradoxically as it may appear, wrote a poem of con siderable length. It was a brilliant exhibition of wisdom, however, to go so far from home to write al elaborate poem. He knew just how much poetry the citizens of Athens could stand without getting up it revolt.
A few years after Solon left home, his people began to quarrel. The Socialists renewed their clamors for division of property, and planned to prevent the coronation of the Czar. It was safe enough to plot agains the Czar at a distance of several to plot agams Solon hurried home and found a leading Nibilist named Pisistratus, making incendiary speeches to the masses, urging them to wade in the more of the bloatel monopolists. Despite the pleadings of Solon, Pisis tratus and his followers seized the Acropolis, and made it very unpleasant for law-abiding people. Families fled the city to save their lives, and urged Solon to ac company them; but he remained in the city, amid all the turmoil, making speeches and writing poetry. This display of cool indifference seemed to have magical effect on Pisistratus, for he sent for Solon, an conferred with him, and retained many of his laws, and begged him for heaven's sake to stop writing poetry Solon's reply was to return home immediately and lay the keel for the greatest effort of his life-a poem, el titled: "The Fable of the Atlantic Island," N. J. Fort unately, his life ended before his poem, and it is supposed that his body was incinerated in the crematory furnace at Washington, Pa., for Aristotle says his ashes were scattered about the Island of Salamis When a man's ashes are scattered about, he ceases to take an active part in State affairs, and loses his appetite for writing poety


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AD TO GREATNESS.
roUr CHILDREN FAMOUS.

## THE JUDGE

## ASK FOR WIGGINS

Mis. Wigerss took a notion,
That the world upon the Ninth of March Would be blown to smithereens. And to show he is a wizzard Predicted that a blizzard Would blow a blast to take the starch And color out of, even evergreens

## II.

From dawn all day, the weather
Was calm and cold together. But from far north-western diggin's Not a blast was blown this way
Not a sign of blow or bluster
Could the wizzard even muster,
save a breath that asked for Wiggins
From the frosty zephyr's play.

## III.

In truth it has grown colder
But a blizzard is a bolder
Form of blowing of his trumpet,
That old Boreas knows about, But Wiggins swore it would be, Mistaken-he never could be, And although he'll have to lump it Where's the use to fret and pout.

## IV.

When again he takes a notion, We had better use some lotions, To cure him of each ache and pain, And of that frightful rheumatiz, So what woether may betide ue, He will learn, should he ever try again, To frophesy a blizzard that will bliz. thomas b. phice.

## WIGGINS.

Eymortality comes to but few men in this world, but occasionally the laurel is won or thrust on some ones brow-America already had Daniel Pratt. Helmhold, George Francis Train, Private Dalzell, Lydia Pinkham, and now the wreath falls on Wiggins. Art is long;" if it wasn't we shouhd present our readers with a ptcture of Wiggins.
But we feel that we can honor him even more than we could by publishing a portrait of him, beautifu though he is. We propose to show through our special correspondents at varions points, just how great a prophet and forecaster this great man Wiggi.s is; at the same time hegging our readers to remember that we have encountered the most lurid and persistent opposition from Gen. Hazen and his hirelings, who run an opposition shop at Washington. They are in the pay of the Government, and, of course, feel very jeal ous of Wiggins, who is an independent forecaster belonging to a foreign country. This opposition is perfectly natural, of course, and we expected it; but we fought it from the start, and now come boldly out as the champion of Wiggins.
We felt certain from the first that Wiggins was right, because he satd so, and he publishes an almanac; and no one but a trembling rival tike Hazen would attempt to "chuck o
prophet has.

In order to show what a great man this man Wiggins is, and how infinitely superior he is to the head of our Signal Service, we ordered our correspondents to send us, without delay, full particulars of what might occur in their localities on the 9 th, 10th and 11th instants, and herewith we present them:

Boston, March 11.
Big day for Wiggins. His foreanuounced storm was a success in every particular. The wind began to blow on the 9 th, and continued to blow for three days. The rain fell in torrents, also the snow; also jnst about the quantity of hail that the great predictor predicted. The tidal wave would undoubtedly have rinsed Boston from Haymarket Square to Dorchester, had it not hit Apple Island as it came surging up the bay. This, however, was not Wiggins' fault. He did not take Apple Island into consideration at all; but in all other respects his meteorological programme was carried out
according to his almanac. To-day the weather is all that could be desired, and two boys were seen in a boat off Governor's fland fishing for flounders. Wrecks expected to be heard from every minute.

Portland, Maine, March 11.
Tell Hazen to hide his diminished bead and order a official investigation into his own conduct, for Wiggins is ahead. His storm was a great success in Maine. The waves from the wind-lashed waters of the Atlantic came thundering into our harhor, wash-bow high, carrying terror to the owners of shipping, and also alarming wharf rats, who were never known to weaken before. The wind whooped up to fifteen miles an hour on the ninth, and on the tenth it increased to twenty, and no person ventured into the streets without close-reefed ulstor-flaps and hats spiked on. It was a season of terror, and the name of Wiggins was spoken with bated breath. The tidal wave hasn't arrived yet, but the people of Maine are fully satisfied with what they have had, and feel that they have hat their money's worth. Great is Wiggins.

Glolcester, Mass., March 11.
Wiggins' atorm came on time, and hundreds of fishermen and thelr families are to-day blessing him for saving thetr Itves. Cape Cod was shaken to its foundations and Plymouth Rock was submerged by the tidat wave. It rained, snowed, hailed and blew on for successive hours from the moment the snow began to the finish, while the barometer and thermometer were bobbing up and down continually, and rain gauges were overflowed and useless. Score one for Wiggins

Philadelphla, Pa., March 11.
Wiggins arrived on tume and made it exceedingly lively for us. The Delaware river has been lashed into suds by the terrible gale which swept the country, and several ferry boats did not make trips after twelve o'clock at night on the ninth, tenth, and eleventh instants. The name of the great prophet was in every one's mouth, and everybody's hands were in their own or somebody else's pocket to keep warm. Many old blizzard-breasters from the far West, the authors of those thrilling stories which we occasionally read in Western papers respecting the doings of those dreaded storms, say they never saw anything like it in all their experience or story-telling. There was no moisture in the air. Neither rain, snow, or hail has fallen in three days, just as Wigrins predicted, but the wiod has moaned and howled through the Quaker City as it never did before; unless, possibly, during the Pocine period, whick, however, was before Philadelphia was settied, although this statement may be doubted by some who are not in love with Phil. One of the mos remarkable phenomena observed during the prevalence of Wiggins, was the unusual amount of electric ity in the atmosplere. Not only were the telegraplis all worked by it, but the electric lights also canght on and flashed forth with supernatural lights. It has been a Wiggins carnival in all respects. True, we have had no tidal wave, but that is no fault of Wiggins'; it couidn't work its way up the Delaware, and so th Quaker City has been cheated out of the most sensational part of the programme, just as Wiggins predicted; however, we are now looking for a cyclone as a compensation. General Hazen, the chief of the Signal Service, was here on Saturday. He attempted to brave the despised Wiggins by going from the Continental Hotel across to the Girard House, and was taken up bodily by the prevailing atmosphere and carried to the Wissahicken valley, where some of his friends caught him in a net. His first words were just what might have heen expected from a defeatei weather sharp: "Wiggins be blowed!" Governor Pattison was blown completely out of the hands of his friends, and hasn't issned a manifesto, message, or vetoed a bill since. Whoop up the immortality for Wiggins !

Charleaton, S. C., March 11, 1883.
Where is Wiggins? We have patiently awaited that bad spell of his, but it isn't on time. Either our almanacs are wrong, or Wiggins is. Where is that tidal wave that was going to swash along the Atlantic coast? Where is that blow? The people of this section are indignant, and feel that they have been defrauded. People came from miles away to see the show, and now they are going home mad as wild cats. The finest weather of the year has been ours for the past three
days. Tell Wirgins to go and jump on his neek. Old I'robabilities is grool enough for us.

New Orleans, La., March 11. 1883. Red-letter day for Wiggins here. His great storm eme, according to appointment, and has been a de el sacese from tirst to tast on the 9th it raineil frogs all day; on the 10th we had mock-turtle soup in copious showers; and on the 11th, terrapin stews The Gulf of Mexico was lashed to madness by the hurricanistic movement of the circumambient atmosphere but we were fooled out of our tidal wave snap on ac count of Eads jetty business at the month of the Mississippi. But we feel that we have not been wholly slighted by the great weather forecaster.

## Desver, Col., March 11.

Nothing the matter with Wiggins in this part of the country, Storm on time, and quite up to what he predicted. The sailors in our harbor wisely refused to believe Hazen, and would not put to sea until the morning of the 12th; and many of our citizens, fearing the tidal wave, removed their valuables-including themselves-to the mountains. The wave, however, was not all that we expected it to be, rushing into the harbor only about one hundred feet high, and, fortunately. spending its wild furs on a floating pig-sty which the rain had washed down from the shore. Yet we rate Wiggins as a great man, and, if he wants to run for our next President, Colorado is dead sure for him. By the way, who is Wiggins, auyway:

San Franctsco, Cal.. March 11
Of course, we didn't expect e:uch from the terrible storm out here on the Pacific Coast, for Wiggins repeatedly assured us, while bidding the rest of the world to tremble and get under cover, that we were in the safest place on earth. But not wishing to clisappoint us altogether, he iust let us have the benefit of the back swash of that tidal wave, and we feel happy Leading Chinese citizens insist unon it that Wigge is Leathing not new; that long before oun heathen, for, not satisfied with claiming everything which goes to make us a famous people, they no claim to have had a Wiggins. The thing is absurdborn of envy-and the Golden State kicks.

Calcutta, India, Mareh 12th, 83. The remarkable prophecy of that man Wiggms has been fulfilled with dire and terrible truth. That tulal wave humped itself in the Bay of Bengal on the morning of the ninth instant, and at once began to swerp up our enormous Bay, sweeping everything before it as bits of wood are whirled and pitched on the losom of a dashing mill stream. Ships were tossed ashore like corks, high up upon the stramd, and ruin, devastation, desolation, and dislocation lingered in woeful shape behind. It reached Calcutta on the tenth, and promptly swept the city out of existence. Where it once stood the lizzard now crawls and the crocodile basks in the sun, and all because the people would not take stock in Wiggins. Wiggins has triumphed, but the people complain not, becanse they are dead. They got drowned. It was that tidal that fixed them up for being put down. Most sorrowfully we salute America, the home of the greatest prophet who has ever lived since Buddah,-or was it only an "ad " for his almanac
These dispatches need no comment. Wiggins has suceeeded in looking into the seeds of storms, and saying which one will grow and which one will not, and if people would not believe what he said, it was not his fault. Although Calcutta has been swent ont of existence. Wiggins is still left to the world.
Great, great is Wiggins

OAll and his family were diamonds of the second water.

Tacxt a man about backing down, and see how quickly he will get his back up.

Fexsy, isn't it, that you always see the night-fall before any stars begin to shoot.

If you honestly desire to end an angry discussion, there's no better way to do it than by shutting your own moutl.

The Adjournment of the 47th Congress. Once more the th of March has come, both Houses have adjourned,
And flery, untamed Congressmen their steps have homeward turned;
'Tis now the stately Senator, and Rep-re-sent-a-tive, No more to fat monopolies their services can give,Not until the glad December, When each re-elected Member, Can lobby through some crooked scheme, and get the golden "div."

From vociferous oration his voice will take a rest; No big appropriations for his District will be pressed ;To improve the "Unknown Harbor," or some visionary brook,
And get it passed "instanter" by some Legislative erook,-

Not until the bright December,
Not until the bright December,
When just then he will remember,
Tis time that rural pleasures and constituents were shook.

And when he acts as Referee, at village Club debates, How he doth scorn their tameness, and so often cachinates
O'er pleasant recollections of the Sessions past career, Whan "gambolier" and "cut-throut" terms were bandied without fear,

Oh, 'tis then the cold December
Who yearns to fight o'er bills again and get "upon his ear!"

Now Robeson with rotund form will seek the Jersey coast,
Where, of his former friendship, with old Keifer he will boast,
And tell tales of that "bear-garden" where he used to be so "fy,
he had never failed to catch the Speaker's wandering eye;

But when comes the next December,
For, at the last election all his hopes were knocked sky high.

In seductive games of poker, Crowley will not take a hand,
Nor will Logan for his "strikers" any foreign missions land,-
While the great "objector" Conger, will not atalk the Senate floor
and back up Johnny Sherman when he seeks Wade Hampton's gore,

Whentil their dear December
When the politicians Jambor
-ee will shake the Capitol from base to dome once more
In the Departmental sanctum of each Secretery flne, There is jubilant rejoicing o er the fact that for a time Hell escape the daily boredom of the button-holing crew, As the omee-hunting rabble kept him ever in a stew,

Now until the blanked December,
That confounded month December,
When the muchy dreaded Congress with its worries looms in view.
Oh, 'tis now the clerk so joyful, round in ecstasy doth hop, For the prices on his lodging and his board will take a drop,
When the Washington hi-atus has at last been surely made,
And landladies are competing for the summer season's trade,

Then just watch this gay dissembler
Now discarded until Docember
The landlord's girl he'd courted long, and for "special rates" had played.

Fare thee well, oh, giddy Congress, with your ways so deep and dark;
Farewell, defeated Radicals, who have missed the shining mark
Of a much sought re-election! May thy outgo usher in A Congress that will do some work without superfluous chin!"

So adieu till next December,
When the country wants each Member
To earn hia goodly sulary as well as draw the "Lin!!"

## A Car-Driver's Philosophy.

He was a bull-necked little driver, with a belligerent air and a broken nose, and he stopped the car viciously as I stepped aboard. Then he let the brake go and


THE WORM DOES TURN AT LAST.
Infuriated Plumber (to old gentleman, who has been making the time-honored joke about the affluence of his craft): "See here, ain't this gag 'bout plummers bein' so all-fired rich 'bout played bit. boull for it neither."
started up his team with a howl that was heard a block away. As we proceeded down-town, however, the driver gradually relaxed, until the car turned from the Third avenue into the Bowery, when he partook copiously of a paper of tobacco, coughed apologetically, and yelled:-
"It's a foine day."
"Yes, it's quite like spring."
"Quoite, sor," said the driver, stolidly, and then after a pause, he said, with a confidential air, "well, O'im glad to see it. Oi sez to me woife, this marnin', sez Oi:

It's a foine, an illigent day, Mrs. Gill-i-gan, 'sez Oi."
' It is,' she sez, an' smoiled kinder cunnin' loike Yer lukin' quoite nate an' purty yersel', Mrs. Gill-i-gan,' Oi sez, an' patted the tip av her chin

Ya-as,' she sez, an' grinned the more. Oi knowed that grin, but Oi didn't weaken fur a cint, so Oi sez:
'Ave ye anny money fur me this illigint marnin', ma'am?' an' she sez:

Not wan cint will yez git from me,' she sez, wid which of hit her a bett in the lug, and sez: 'Goodmarnin' to you, Mrs. Gill-i-gan.'
Upon this the small driver with the broken nose shook with great satisfaction, and winked shrewdly.
'Are you going home to-night ?" I asked.
Ah, sure, Oi'm not afraid to go home. She'll be as swate as a pug in a rug this avenin'," answered the driver, as he drew up his horses, and cast a smile of great magnitude and effulgence on the washerwoman who had hailed the car. "Oi'll go home lukin' bunged up an' ugly, an' she'll be ready to pull off me boots."
"She must be very good-natured."
"Not a bit av it. She's the most provokin' shedivil that iver lived, an' when Oi married her, Oi had
ter to slug her in the soid av the head ivery marnin', reg'lar. Oi give you my worred, sor, Oi left her for dead five marnin's out av six. Phat's the result? She loves me.

She does, eh ?"
Av coorse. If Oi kick that off mare in the ribs ivery toime Oi take her out of the harness, she doe exactly as Oi tell her when she's in the harness, an' if Oi pat her neek onst in a while, she thinks Oi'm a darlin'. Well, women iz about the same as horses. Don't give yersel' away by treatin' thim too koind, an yer dead sure av a good thing. Oi ought ter know. Oi've got six horses, and Oi've had three woives !'
$\qquad$
a revival of "pinafore."
An Italian organ-grinder, a harbinger of spring, came along the other day with an organ and monkey Some unscrupulous villain in the hand-organ manufac ture had put him up a machine that played nothing but "Pinafore" airs. The Italian who had bee grinding the thing all last summer, had at last learned that the music was "Pinafore." He stopped in front of the office and ground away until he had exhansted his repertoire, and then we stepped to the door and inquired: "What music is that you are playing, sir ?"
" ' Pinafore,'" answered the unsuspecting son of sunny Italy

Did you ever play any other music ?"
Well, hardily ever.
The lye-bottle and contents struck him plumb amidships as he started to grind, "I am the captain," eteand closing the office-door, we remarked, "bad language I eschew," etc. But this office knows how to hurl lye! "And don't you forget it."

THE JUDGE.



#### Abstract

Bartley Campbell's "Siberia," with its old-time flavor of "Leah the Forsaken," "The Two Orphans," and "The Ticket-of-Leave Man," continues to "astonish and electrify the large audiences that attend Haverly's Theater every night. To lovers of lurid melodrama, this piece affords no end of enjoyment. There are enough massacres, conflagrations and abductions in it or a dozen plays, but if $\mathbf{M}$ r. Camphell has seemed reck less in his use of materials, he has handled them skill ully and worked them up into an exciting and popular play


The pictures of Russian life it presents are rather peculiar, and some of the costumes are startling, althongh they may be true to life. The military scenes are effective, and the really fine tableaux at the end of each act are always vociferously applanded.
Miss Georgia Cayvan acts throughout with great ability, and makes a picturesque and beautiful Jewess. Her fine elocution and dignified and graceful bearngg are worthy the admiration they excite. Gustavus Levick, as the soldier hero, who follows his betrothed to the mines, has a part well fitted to his style, and plays with energy and spirit, though at times his enunciation is too rapid to be intelligible. Max Freeman has simply transposed himself and his restaurant from "Divoreons" to "Siberia," and Miss Mortimer behaves as well as could be expected of one who is continually being abducted. The rest of the cast is unusually good, and the scenery and mounting, all that could be desired. In short, the play pleases the public and we suppose that is what it was written for
Gunter's "Dime Novel" has proved a dire and utter fallure at the Bijou. Mr. Williams' music was rather bright and spirited, but the libretto was so atrociously bad, that Mozart himself could not have saved it. Mr. Gunter's idea may have been a good one, but his satire failed to be even satirical. It was never funny, but vulgar, lull and wearisome, and last Saturday night it breathed its last, and the Bijou will now be closed until the 1st of May.

The Queen's Lace Handkerchief" has been sen to Brooklyn, and next Saturday the fair and lovely Theo and the ardent Capoul will make the Casino ring with the music of "Le Jolie Parfumeuse." Theo's little song, "Pi-Ouit," alone is worth twice the price of admission.
Barrett, with his platitudes and "stained glass att tudes," has left the Grand Opera House, and "The Black Flag" triumphantly waves there this week "The Long Strike " has gone from the Bowery to the Mount Morris Theater; and Raymond, as Major Boh is "In Paradise" at the Windsor.

The Silver King" is as brilliantly successful a ever, and Rose Coghlan and Mr. Tearle grow more and more popular. "A Parisian Romance" will finish the season at the Union Square, and " $7-20-8$ " has made decided hit at Daly's.
"Micaela" has drawn its last expiring breath at the Standard,"and as we go topress we findfthat " oll things have become new "-that "Pinafore" has been revived, and that enthusiastic audiences are enjoying its timeworn melodies as of yore.
What is called the new "Iolanthe " is doing well at the Fifth Avenue; though what there is new about it we are at a loss to decide. The costumes being the same as those worn at the Standard, are not particularly novel, and Miss Roche and Miss Jansen we think we have heard before. However, the performance is very good, and Mr. Dixey is a most excellent Lord Chancellor. "The Corsican Brothers" have left Niblo's, but "The Of-course-I-can Brothers" may still be seen at the San Francisco Minstrels. Thatcher, Primrose, and West are at the Cosmopolitan. Miss Lilian Russell
having sung bere on Sunday last-and a photograph of the interesting invalid having been presented to every lady in the audience-we are waiting to hear what she will do next.
This is said to be the last month of "Young Mrs. Winthrop." After the withdrawal of Y. M. W., Mrs. Barton Harrison's comedy of "A Russian Honeynoon " will be produced. This is expected to run a lew weeks and it will be succeeded by a new comedy.
"Monte Cristo" will shortly be withdrawn from the tage of Booth's Theater to make room for "It is Never Too Late to Mend;" and Mr. Harrigan's new play "A Muddy Day," will soon take the place of "The McSorleys," who will take up their feather-bed and depart. At Tony Pastor's the irrepressible "Mascot" may again be seen and heard; and Williamsburg rejoice in Comic Opera and Joseph Murphy-while the Mc Caull Company and "Old Shipmates " are in Brooklyn.

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#### Abstract

ly have a lovely collie, a parrot, and an excess(位 Blizzard.

Four young ladies died at Lexington, Ky., the other lay from over-exertion. But the dear young creatures of Texas needn't get scared and resign the wash-tub


 and kitchen to their old mammas. The over-exertion of the young ladies in question was produced at the kating-rink.-Star Vindicator.A scientist says the sun is an artist, and "prints thousands of millions of pictures in five minutes." The sun must be the oldest of the "old masters;" and it is not surprising that the country is now flooded with peddlers selling "beautiful oil paintings in rich filt frames " for three dollars and a half. The sun has verstocked the market.-Norristown Herald.

Forepaugn's $\$ 10,000$ beauty having recoverd $\$ 150$ lamages from the showman, a half-pint of peanuts in paper bag will next season pass as a quart, and one emon instead of two will be used in making four galons of circus lemonade.- Philadelphia Chronicle.
We learn from a New York paper that the editor of London Punch is twice married and has fourteen chilren. If we have ever spoken disparagingly of the gentleman's humor, we beg his pardon. He is workng against great odds.-Rockester Post-Ecpress. The Prohibitionists will do well not to object too trongly to making men the officers of their associaions because they have wine on their tables. It
drunkenness in all its grades were caused only by what men drink at home, there would be precious little of it seen in public.-Boston Erening Star.
A six-year-old boy, in the Third Ward, asked his father this morning if the Tariff Bill which the men were all talking about was a brother of Buffalo Bill, and wanted to know when the show was coming to rockport--Iockport Iniow.
He had just come through from Idaho, and a stockuyer and grain merchant who happened to hear him so, turned and said:
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Wust in tifty years.
Bad on railroads
I should remark !
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You don't say ! And live stock ?"
Frozen as stiff as a crow-bar."
And the settlers 9
Froze right up in solid cakes."
"Is that possible! Why, I haven't seen any such accounts in the newspapers. You say everything is frozen solid, eh ?"

Well, I don't say everything, of course. Coming through Dakota I did see two or three living men, but it was nip and tuck with them. One of them had set a $\$ 15,000$ saw-mill on fire to warm up by, and the other two were rolling a barrel of frozen whisky up and down a hill half a mile long, and paying the owner two dollars a day for the privilege. I tell ye stranger, a billion red-hot flat-irons wouldn't thaw ou the frozen ears in my State alone, saying nothing of heels and toes !"-Wall Street News.

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