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ship was in southern seas, pasted a hair across the large end of a spy glass and told the lady to look. And the lady, through the glass, declared she could see the equator "as plainly as A B C." One other polite captain I have heard of—one who directed an officer on the bridge to "do as the lady wishes," when the lady requested that the captain steer the ship over to the horizon so she could see what the horizon was like.—Capt. Jameson, of the St. Paul, in Collier's.

Tolstoi and Beveridge.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg the other day announced something very much out of the common.

It was the meeting of Count Leo Tolstoi with the Hon. "Bub" Beveridge of Indiana. Details of the meeting, owing, perhaps, to high cable rates, were omitted, but there is no doubt that the Russian philanthropist, reformer, novelist, poet, dramatist, philosopher and apostle of altruism was duly and deeply impressed by the distinction of meeting one of the most copious emitters of language that ever operated a noise-mill in the halls of congress.

In the dispatch "Bub" related some of the things Tolstoi said to him, but failed to reveal any of the things he said to Tolstoi, probably for the reason that we on this side have already read them in the reports of "Bub's" speeches and interviews.

He said: "I conversed privately with him for two hours. Although we disagreed in many of our opinions, we parted good friends."

There shone forth the real Beveridgean magnanimity!

The Russian philosopher hardly agreed with the honorable "Bub's" doctrine that the United States should grab every piece of land in the world that has not the means of protecting itself from forcible seizure and compulsory civilization; but "Bub" would-

not get angry with the unenlightened, unprogressive Russian man of letters who foolishly believes that the commandment that forbids taking what belongs to another is binding on nations as well as individuals. This egotism did not cause the oratorical geyser from Indiana to harbor any ill feelings toward the misguided Muscovite.—Kansas City Times.

The Prodigal's Return.

(By Father Democracy.)

Fill high the foaming beaker, and lift the roof with noise!
My prodigals are coming back, my dear repentant boys;
My Buckeye sons who wandered off into the camp of pelf,
And traded off their birthright for the jam on Hanna's shelf.
And now they're crawling back again; they've just been on a lark;
Their Democratic character's indorsed by Uncle Mark.
So kill the fattest heifer and rub the silver bright—
For the brave McKinley Democrats are coming home tonight.
Stand back, ye tattered grenadiers, who fought in '96,
And let the runaways perform with all their patent tricks!
Stand back, ye sons who never flinch in danger and defeat,
And clear a space for prodigals upon the Mercy seat.
In silken hose and golden lace and garments Hanna-made,
They'll be a dazzling spectacle upon the big parade.
So kill the fattest heifer and rub the silver bright—
For the brave McKinley Democrats are coming home tonight.
And to make sure the truant lads will care no more to roam,
Dress up a mealy platform to keep them safe at home.
Touch lightly on taxation, and trusts and conquest wrongs,

And greet them with a roundelay of merry Marcus songs.
Tune up the Jackson fiddles and blow the Thurman horn!
We'll have a rag time jubilee that lasts till early morn.
Then pass the foaming beaker and rub the silver bright—
For the brave McKinley Democrats are coming home tonight.
—S. B. P., in Press-Post.

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