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DEAR SIR:—Replying to yours of the 17th, I would state that all interest in J. F. Kennedy's "Rob of the Bowl" is owned by the author's estate, but we have had no correspondence on the subject for some time and do not know where to direct you. However, the work is now out of copyright, and there is no reason why you might not reprint it without permission.  
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JOHN FENDELTON KENNEDY, LL. D., author of "Rob of the Bowl," died Oct. 10, 1870. He graduated at Yale University in 1832; was admitted to the bar in 1835; served in the U. S. Army, 1839-42; member of Congress, 1839-42; presidential elector on the Harrison ticket in 1840, and was Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce in Congress, 1841-2. He was again elected to the Maryland Legislature and was Speaker of the House in 1847. He was Secretary of the Navy 1852, and aided in fitting out "USS Albatross" for a voyage to the Pacific, under the command of Commodore Perry. He was the author of several novels and of a Life of William Pitt.

CHAPTER XIV.  
"Discourses beyond our depth," said Lady Baltimore, greatly puzzled to keep pace with the learned pretensions of the quack; "and yet I dare say there is virtue in these medicines. What call you your great compound, Doctor? I have forgotten its name."  
"De Medicamentum Promethel," replied the owner of this wonderful treasure, puffed with the interest taken in his discourse. "Your ladyship will comprehend from your reading learned books, that Promethel was a great headen god, what whole de fire from Heaven, whereby he was able to vivificate and reilluminate de decayed and worn-out bodies of de human families, and in a manner even to give life to de images of clay; which is all, as your good ladyship discerns, a fabulous narration, or pregnant fable, as de scholars insinuate. And, moreover, de poets and philosophers say dat same headen god was very learned in de knowledge of de virtues of plants and herbs, which your ladyship will remark is de very consistence and identification of de noble art of pharmacy."  
"Pray, den, dis Promethel, my lady—his, bal—was some little bit of a juggler, and was very fond of playing de learned demagogic wid de god, till one day de great Jupiter, being angry wid his jocularities and his tricks, caused him to be chained to a rock, wid a hungry devulture always gnawing his liver; and dere he was in dis great misery, till his body pined away so small dat his chain would not hold him, and den, ah! he showed Jupiter a good pair of heels, like an honest fellow, and set about to find de medicines what should renovate and patch up his liver, which you may be sure he did, my lady, in a very little while. Dis again in signification dat he was troubled wid a great sickness in dat part of his body. Now, my lady, see how well de same signifies de great virtues of my medicament, which, in de first place, is a miraculous restorer of health and vigor and life to de feeble spirits of de body; dere's de fire. Second, it is composed of more dan one hundred plants, roots, and seeds, most delicately distilled, sublimated and suffumigated in a linbeck of pure virgin silver, and according to de most subtle projections of alchemy; and dere your ladyship shall see de knowledge of de virtues of plants and de most consummate art of de concoctions. And now for de last significance of de fable: dis medicament is a specific of de highest exaltation for de cure, which never fails, of all distempers of de liver; not to say dat it is less potent to overcome and destroy all de other diseases I have mentioned and many more. Dere you see de whole Medicamentum Promethel which I sell to worshipful peoples for one rix dollar de vital. Is it not well named, my lady, and dere you see de projection of de more dan I ask for de compound."

"The name is curiously made out," said the lady "and worthily if the virtue of the compound answer the description. But your cures, you have accomplished in that sort."  
"My man Dobel shall speak," replied the professor. "De great Heaven forbid I should be a poaster to de ears of such honorable ladies!"  
"Dobel rehearse de great benefaction of de medicament upon de excellent and discreet and virtuous woman of Governor Brockholls—In Spanish sense verastambars wifje!"  
"Her ben ik," answered Dobel when his summons, stepping at the same time into the middle of the room and erecting his person as stiffly as a grenadier on parade; "Goot beoplihl dish ish de drice renowned and incomprbl Doctor Closs Tebor."  
"Stop, stop, how still halt—volagen gek!" exclaimed the doctor, horrified at the nature of the harangue of Governor Brockholls—tended to continue, in spite of the violent remonstrance of de master, Dobel persevering like a thing spoken from rather than a thing that speaks. "Fool, jack-pudding! you

pelieve yourself on a bank, up on a stage before de rabble rout? You would disgrace me before honorable and noble ladies, wid your tavern bowlings, and your parkings and your pawlings! Out of de door, pegons!"  
The imperturbable and stolid trumpeter, having thus unfortunately incurred his patron's ire, slunk from the parlor, utterly at a loss to comprehend wherein he had offended. The Doctor, in the meantime, overwhelmed with confusion and mortified vanity, bustled towards the door and there continued to heap imprecations upon the unconscious Dobel, which, as they were uttered in Low Dutch, were altogether incomprehensible to the company, but at the same time were sufficiently ludicrous to produce a hearty laugh from the Lady Maria, and even to excite a partial show of merriment in her companion. Fortunately for the Doctor, a messenger arrived to inform him that his presence was required before the council, in another part of the house, which order, although it deprived the ladies of the present opportunity of learning the great efficacy of the Medicamentum Promethel in the case of the wife of Governor Brockholls, gave the Doctor a chance of recovering his self-possession by a retreat from the apartment. So, after an earnest entreaty to be forgiven for the impetuous address of his man, and a promise to resume his discourse on a future occasion, he bowed himself, under the guidance of the messenger, to the chamber in which the council were convened.

Here sat the Proprietary, and Philip Calvert, the Chancellor, who were now, with five or six other gentlemen, engaged in the transaction of business of grave import.  
Some deprecations had been recently committed upon the English by the Sinequians, who, in an insurrection against the Piscataways, a friendly tribe in the vicinity of St. Mary's, had advanced into the low country, where they had plundered the dwellings of the settlers and even murdered two or three families. The victims of these outrages happened to be Protestants, and Fen-dall's party availed themselves of the circumstance, to excite the popular jealousy against Lord Baltimore by circulating the report that these murders were committed by Papists in disguise.  
What was therefore but an ordinary, though frightful incident of Indian hostility, was thus exaggerated into a crime of deep malignity, peculiarly calculated still more to embitter the party exasperations of the day. This consideration rendered it a subject of eager anxiety, on the part of the council, to procure the fullest evidence of the hostile designs of the Indians, and thus not only enable the province to adopt the proper measure for its own safety, but also confute the false report which had imputed to the Catholics so absurd and atrocious a design. A traveller, by the name of Lawrence Sakel, happened, but two or three days before the present meeting of the council, to arrive at the port, where he put aboard the story of an intended invasion of the province by certain Indians of New York, belonging to the tribes of the Five Nations, and gave as his authority for this piece of news a Dutch Doctor, whom he had fallen in with on the Delaware, where he left him selling nostrums, and who, he affirmed, was in a short space to appear at St. Mary's. This story, with many particulars, was communicated to the Proprietary, which induced the order to summon the doctor to attend the council as soon after his arrival as possible. In obedience to this summons, our worthy was now in the presence of the high powers of the province, not a little elated with the personal consequence attached to his coming, as well as the very favorable reception he had obtained from the ladies of the household. This consequence was enhanced by the suite of inquisitive domestics, who followed at a respectful distance, his movements towards the council chamber, and who even there, though not venturing to enter, were gathered into a group which from the outside of the door commanded a view of the party within; in the midst of these Willy of the Flats was by no means an inconspicuous personage.

Lord Baltimore received the itinerant physician with that bland and benignant countenance which was habitual to him, and proceeded with brief ceremony to interrogate him as to the purport of his visit. The answers were given with a solemn self-complacency, not unmixed with that shrewdness which was an essential attribute to the success of the ancient quack-salver. He described himself as Doctor Claus Dabor, a native of Holland, a man of travel, enjoying no mean renown in New York, and, for two years past, a resident of Albany. His chief design in his present journey, he represented to be to disseminate the blessings of his great medicament; whereupon, he was about to launch forth into an exuberant tone of panegyric and had, in fact, already produced a smile at the council board by some high wrought phrases expressive of his incredible labor in the quest of his great secret, when the Proprietary checked his career by a timely admonition.  
"Ay, we do not seek to know thy merits as a physician, nor doubt the great virtue of thy drugs, worthy Doctor; but in regard thereto, give us free permission to make what

profit of them you reasonably may in the province. As to touching this license, I must enter consideration that my I more has weak nerves, and I endure rude noises, to re-blowing your trumpet within hearing of this mansion; besides, our people," he added, looking archly towards the group of domestics, some of whom had now edged into the apartment, "are somewhat faint-hearted at such martial sounds."  
"By my hand!" said Willy, in a half whisper to his companions in the entry; "My Lord has put it to him for want of manners!—I thought as much would come from his tartarars. Listen, you shall hear anon, Whist!—the Doctor puts on a face—and will have his say, in turn."  
"Your very good and admirable Lordship misapprehends de significance of my visit," said the Doctor, in his ambitious phrase: "for although I most heartily thank your Lordship's bounty for de permission to sell my inestimable medicament, and which—Goo-give bet—I do hope shall much advantage my lady wid her weak nerves and her ailments, still, I come to open your most honorable Lordship's summons, which I make bold to believe is concerned wid state matters before de high and noble council."  
"Well, and bravely spoken," said Willy; "and with a good face—the Doctor holds his own matters."  
"We would hear what you can tell touching a rumor brought to us by one Master Launcelot Sakel, whom you saw at Christian Ford," said the Proprietary.  
"There is de point of de matter," whispered Willy, "all in an egg shell."  
"Dere is weighty news, my Lord," replied the Doctor. "I have good reason to believe dat de Northern Indians of New York are meditating and concocting mischief against your Lordship's province."  
"Have a care to de truth of your report," said Colonel Talbot, rising from his seat: "it may be worse for you if you be found to trifle with us by passing current a counterfeit story, charged into consistency in your own brain, out of de froth of idle, way-side gossips. We have statute against de spreaders of false news."  
"Heigh, heigh!—listen to that," said Willy, nudging one of the crowd over whose shoulders he was peering into the room. "There's an outcome with a witness!—there's a fancied tale that shall make de Doctor fluster!"  
"If I am mistaken," replied the Proprietary, "let me be forgetful of mine respect for dese honorable gentlemen shall feel wid me as a lying quack's body and impractical talbotism. Your Lordship shall hear. It is put a fortnight ago, when I was making ready for de journey, in Alpany, I chanced to see in de town so many as two score, perhaps fifty Indians who were dere trading skins for powder and shot. Dey reported demselves to be Sinequios, and said dey came to talk wid de tribes furdur back, to get their help to fight against de Piscataways."  
"Indeed?—there is probability in that report," said the Proprietary; "well, and how had they spoged what was their success?"  
"Some of de Five Nations,—I forget de name of de tribe, my Lord— it might be de Oneidas—dey told us, promised to march early de next season; in dere own words, when de sap begin to rise."  
"In what force, did they say?"  
"In large force, my Lord. De Piscataways, dey said, were fronts to my Lord and de English,—and so dey should make clean work wid red and white."  
"What more?"  
"Dey signified dat dey should have great help from de Delaware and Susquehannocks, who, as I could make it out, wanted to go to war wid your Lordship's peoples at once."  
"True; and they have done so. The insolencies of these tribes are already as much as we can endure. Did they find it easy to purchase their powder and lead in Albany? I should hope that traffic would not be allowed."  
"My Lord, de traders do not much stop, when dey would turn a penny, to reckon who shall get de loss, so dey get de profit. Dese same Indians I saw after wards in de same way wid Master Grimes, a merchant."  
"Mischief will come of this," said the Proprietary, "unless it be speedily taken in hand. What reason was given by the Northern Indians for joining in this scheme?"  
"I think it was said," replied the Doctor, "dat your Lordship had not made your treaties wid dem, nor sent dem presents, dese town years past."  
"True," interposed the Chancellor; "we have failed in that—although I have more than once reminded your Lordship of its necessity."  
"It shall not be longer delayed," replied the Proprietary. "You are sure, Doctor Dabor, these were Sinequios you saw?"  
"I only know dem by dere own report—I never heard de name before. My man Dobel heard dem as well as me; wid your Lordship's permission I shall ask him," said the Doctor, as he went to the door and directed some of the domestics to call the man Dobel.  
It happened that Dobel, after his discourse, had kept apart from the servants of the household, and was now leaning his misfortune in a voluntary exile on the green at the front of de house where Willy of the Flats

having hastened to seek him, gave no appearance of appearing before the assembly. "I am a made man," he encouraged; "your honor and the honorable council want to hear you, Dobel; and so does his Lordship. Hold up your head, Dobel, and speak for your manhood—boldly and out, like bucker man."  
"Ya, ya," replied Dobel, whose acquisitions in the English tongue were limited to his professional advertisement of Doctor Dabor's fame, and a few slender fragments of phrases in common use. Thus admonished by Willy, he pressed doggedly to the council chamber, where as soon as he entered, the Proprietary made a motion to him with his hand to approach the table,—which Dobel interpreting into an order to deliver his sentiments, he forthwith began in a loud voice—  
"Goot beoplihl dish is de ce renowned and ingomprbl Doctor."  
Before he had uttered the name, the Doctor's hand was thrust across Dobel's mouth, and a volley of Dutch oaths rapped into his ears, at a rate which utterly confounded the poor trumpeter, who was forcibly expelled from the room, almost by a general order. When quiet was restored,—for it was impossible to see the Doctor made thousand apologies for the stupidity of his servant, and in due time received permission to retire, having delivered all that he was able to say touching the matter in agitation before the Proprietary. The council were for some time after this incident engaged in the consideration of the conspiracy against the Proprietary, of which new evidences were every day coming to light; and it was now resolved that the matter should be brought unto the notice of the judicial authority at an early day.

The only circumstance which I have further occasion to notice, related to a diversion which was not unusual at that day amongst the inhabitants of the province, and which required the permission of the council. It was brought into debate by Colonel Talbot.  
"Stark Whittle, the swordsman," he said, "has challenged Sergeant Travers to play a prize at such weapons as they may select—and the Sergeant accepts the challenge, provided it meet the pleasure of his Lordship and the council. I promised to be a patron to the play."  
"It shall be as you choose," said the Proprietary. "This martial sport has won favor with our people. Let it be ordered that it shall not tend to the breach of the peace. We commit it to your hands, Colonel Talbot." The council assented, and the necessary order was recorded on the journal.

To Be Continued.  
To Cover Pride.  
When in defending his tariff bill Mr. Payne was trying to find excuses for raising the duty on women's gloves to \$4 a dozen, with an extra find for extra lengths, he said:  
"Women could get along without the kid gloves or fewer pairs of them, use silk gloves and cotton gloves and all that sort of thing. They could keep their hands warm, although they could not cover their pride."  
Could they? Wool is a good material for keeping the hands warm; on knit goods of wool a woman will pay from 33 cents a pound duty up to 44 cents a pound and 55 per cent ad valorem; if she tries to economize by knitting her own gloves and mittens she will pay from 27 cents a pound and 25 per cent, added up to 33 cents and 40 per cent.

Cotton gloves, Mr. Payne, would not satisfactorily warm either the hands or pride, but they are not too poor to pay tribute. Silk looks better, but silk yarn is to pay 30 per cent; spun silk in skeins from 20 cents a pound and 15 per cent, up to 40 cents and 15 per cent. The knitting needles pay 25 per cent. Probably Mr. Payne would not speak of stockings as a luxury to "cover women's pride," though you cannot always tell what a man will say when away from home in business and trying to explain a tariff bill. Of the stocking tariff Marshall Field & Co. in a circular say:  
"A group of hosiery manufacturers have received a 20 per cent. increase over the 60 per cent. rate, make a total of 80 per cent. against foreign goods. This would exclude all foreign 25-cent hosiery and would enable domestic manufacturers to raise their prices proportionally."  
Women have been "getting along without" because of increased cost of living for some years, and they are tired of it. Such taxes are not merely protective but are almost prohibitive. They do not mean revenue for the Government but privation for the consumer and plunder for combining manufacturers.

Reduce the cost of living. Tax wealth, not poverty.  
The first witness called in a petty lawsuit in Cincinnati was an Irishman of whose competence a witness the opposing counsel entertained doubts. At their instance there was put to him before being sworn the usual interrogatory, "Do you know the nature of an oath?" A broad grin spread over the face of the Irishman as he replied: "Indade, your honor, I may say that it is second nature with me!"  
Some men are rich enough to afford every luxury except a clear conscience.