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THIRTY YEARS SINCE.

One meets at the Phoenix some of the old standbys of the river and city, who take pleasure in contrasting the enjoyments of the past with the perplexities of the present. The Phoenix itself is a substantial and unpretending establishment, not glittering with mahogany counters, fancy decanters, extensive mirrors and pictures of the can-can school. The Phoenix relies rather on its established reputation to retain friends than to attract customers. The old standbys like a quiet glass of lager and a good cigar. The incessant rattle and thump of the ten pin alley no more disturbs them than the clatter of the wheels affects a miller. Mine host of the Phoenix usually presides at these accidental meetings, and the habes fall into some such discourses as follows: "You remember the committee of guletiers or tasters upon which we served upon occasion of the Jenny Lind visit?" "Perfectly. I can almost taste the good cheer now."

Lind received an ovation and Barnum, as he buttoned his plerotic pockets, pronounced a glowing eulogium upon the Athenian patronage of the fine arts, not including his own art of humbug. New Orleans took her degree. It reads at this day very much as if she had been breasted a d-d fool for defying an ugly, coarse and arrogant female.

At the first concert your orator, with a lady, occupied two front seats which were reserved next him. It was a compliment—those front seats at \$50 each. We felt it exceedingly so, until our neighbors came in. They were the distinguished musician and lady. The committee, and especially the press members, were humiliated. Their honors were made easy with this professor of culinary composition. History has decreed from the turbid of the Roman Senators, the chief butler and baker of Pharaoh, to Vatel, who fell upon his sword for the failure of a fishmonger, and Boyer dispatched to Sebastopol as minister plenipotentiary and culinary.

When Barnum had sipped our tribute and pasted all our newspaper ecstasies into his book of triumphs, the committee called to make their last obeisance to the great artist. There was a speech by the chairman. It was complimentary, it was almost adulatory. It was received without much emotion apparent in the rather hard blue grey eyes of the divinity. We were leaving the room when there entered a very well dressed and genteel visitor. The countenance of the nightingale was lit with a glow of enthusiasm. She rose from her chair, pushed us aside, and rushing past cried, "Ah! my friend, I leave you with regret. I shall long remember the wonderful skill and the exquisite govt of your cookery. Gentlemen, this is my friend, M. Boudro, the only gentleman in New Orleans who has really pleased my taste. In taking leave of him you will therefore excuse me if I embrace him." Whereupon the nightingale kissed Boudro with great emphasis on each cheek, shook him warmly by the hand, and the committee sneaked from the room with a diminished sense of their importance.

Le Grand Smith did not derive any benefit from his diplomacy.

At the Academy of Music the Jack and Jill pantomime troupe will close to-night, and on Monday evening new attractions will be offered with the appearance of Brenond's Specialty Organization.

Another Old Folks concert will be given at St. Patrick's Hall, on Tuesday evening, April 13. The concert will be for the benefit of the Centenary College at Jackson.

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