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Work for other people's vanity, not your own—that is the art of art.

It is one characteristic of genius to do great things with little things.

Nothing is so sure to cease to please as pleasure—to amuse as amusement.

A cheery motto for a campaign banner, Tilden and Hendricks—"Heads I win, tails you lose."

The Irishman put it neatly who said that his doctor gave him so much medicine that he was sick a long time after he got well.

Jennie June says Tweed used to pay \$2 per pound for his breakfast, never purchasing anything but solid tenders, three inches thick.

We have received, with the compliments of the author, a pamphlet entitled "A New System of Banking, or Thoughts on the Currency." By Patrick O'Neil, of this city.

J. H. Aikin, the shotgun candidate for Congress in the third Louisiana district, is reported by the Times to be employed at present in shooting pigeons on a water at Saratoga.

The Boston Post says "the Democratic House was chosen by an unprecedented popular rising." And it is just closing an unprecedented unpopular sitting, retorts the Lowell Courier.

Andrew Johnson's son was defeated for the Legislature in the Green county (Tennessee) primary election last week, and a grandson and namesake of Henry Clay met with a like fate at the polls in Kentucky.

Colonel Mescham, who received six bullets when General Canby was killed by the Modocs, defends the Indians for kindness and hospitality, and insists that Captain Jack was a martyr to a desire to live as a white man.

There is nothing like courage in misfortune. Next to faith in Providence, a man's faith in himself is his salvation. It is the secret of all power and success. It makes a man strong as the pillar rock; as elastic as the springing steel.

In the Texas Senate last Monday Dr. V. O. King, of San Antonio, was confirmed as commissioner of insurance, statistics and history. Dr. King was quite recently a resident of this city, where he has many friends and well-wishers.

The Boston Journal, in referring to the course of General Sigel, says the General, for the past four years or more, has held a \$30,000 office in New York city, and so far as he has acted at all in politics has been on the side of his bread and butter.

Herr Pieper has devised a new method of tempering and hardening glass, which consists in submitting the glass, while at a red heat, to the action of superheated steam. It is reported that this process has been so far successful as to induce the German glass makers to give Pieper \$75,000 for his patent.

There is a base ball club in Hartford called the Potato Bugs. Another nine has sprung up who style themselves the Extremators, who have challenged the Potato Bugs. The farmers in the neighborhood are anxiously awaiting results. They hope that the Potato Bugs will be exterminated, but they don't believe it.

A man came to the Duke of Wellington with a patented article. "What have you to offer?" "A bullet proof jacket, your grace." "Put it on." The inventor obeyed. The duke rang a bell. An aide-de-camp presented himself. "Tell the captain of the guard to order one of his men to load with ball cartridge!" The inventor disappeared forthwith, and no money was wasted on that invention.

The tearing out of the rock at Hell Gate will be accomplished by the middle of September. Fifty thousand pounds of explosive matter will be used, composed of nitroglycerine, red rock and dynamite. After the explosion the pieces of rock will be taken out, and the channel deepened to permit the passage of ocean steamers, and saving eighteen hours to or from European ports.

One of the Supreme Court judges in South Carolina suggests the following plan for preventing drunkenness: Allow every person to sell as much liquor as he wishes, without tax or license, but require those who drink to apply for license, and to give notice of such application by publishing it for one month in the official newspaper of the city or county, and then, if there be no objection, to enter into a bond for good behavior before the authority to drink is granted.

Dr. Newman has been taken to task by a Presbyterian paper for baptizing the infant child of Colonel and Mrs. F. D. Grant in water brought from the River Jordan, neither of the parents being a professing Christian. The St. Louis Journal hopes the Presbyterian editor has taken the pains to verify the facts before making this terrible accusation. Perhaps a congressional investigation will be held; if it is asked for, the Democratic House will not delay to grant it.

Let haughty Americans read the British Mail and learn humility. That monthly journal dismisses the one hundredth with the following comprehensive paragraph, "The American feat of independence was celebrated on the fourth instant all over the country in an unprecedented manner. Mr. Charles Francis Adams delivered an oration and Mr. James Russell Lowell a poem, at Massachusetts; Mr. Robert C. Winthrop an oration at Boston, and Dr. Storey an oration at New York."

They are learning a thing or two at Saratoga. It is rumored in turf circles that a new method of starting horses will be shortly inaugurated by the Saratoga Association. The plan is to have a proper person, employed by the club, to marshal the horses and assign them their places in the races; they are entered for, about thirty yards back from the regular starter. When in position the marshal to give the word. If the start is considered fair by the regular starter, he drops his flag as the horses pass the stand, if otherwise, the flag is not dropped, and the horses return to be again marshaled into position.

THE ENFORCEMENT ORDER.

There is a manifest difference of opinion between Northern and Southern Democrats as to the ultimate effect of the orders to General Sherman, based upon the Lord preamble and resolution. Speaker pro tem Saylor, of Cincinnati, and Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, are confident "it will do good to the Democratic party at the South," and, "as much good to the Democrats as the Republicans." Senator Gordon, of Georgia, however, who knows a thing or two about Southern Democracy, thinks the order "was not intended to strengthen the Democratic party," and Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, who knows by what means he secured his pretended election to the Senate, declines to express an opinion, but "looks annoyed at the attitude of the administration toward the South."

We have here given the opinions of two prominent Democrats on each side of Mason and Dixon's line, and, as might be expected, they do not agree sectionally. The Northern men being unconscious or blindly oblivious to the manner of conducting elections in Georgia and Mississippi, are unable to see what harm a few companies of troops will do scattered here and there throughout the South. But Southern Democrats know a great deal more about it than Messrs. Lord, Saylor, Morrison and other Northern members, who live in strong Democratic districts and are not put to such straits as some of their Southern brethren often are to secure an election. The presence of a whole army corps in Mr. Morrison's congressional district, in Cincinnati or in New York would not have the least effect upon the election, one way or another, and the gentlemen representing those districts know this perfectly well. But in the South there is quite a different state of affairs. Here we have a large class of timid, unarmed voters, wholly unable to contend in the shock of arms with one-fourth their number of white men—marks of precision, and organized for mutual support. Doubtless there is a much greater degree of fear in the minds of the Southern negroes than there is any real ground for; but it exists nevertheless, and there is nothing that can dissipate it so effectually as the sight of a company of blue coats, whom every Republican and Union man in the South, white or black, regards as his fast friend. The mere presence of soldiers in Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana or any other Southern State gives the colored people sufficient confidence to bring them to the polls. It is not necessary that troops should be a menace to any party. No honest voter or honest man of any kind ever had or is ever likely to have any reason to be scared at the sight of a company of United States soldiers. And when Senator Gordon protests against the prospective placing of troops in any State, and Mr. Lamar "looks annoyed" at the mere mention of such a calamity, it is evident they are not contemplating the situation from the standpoint occupied by Messrs. Morrison, Saylor, Lord and other Northern Democrats who are not so well posted in the peculiarities of Southern political affairs.

One of the best reasons a Republican can urge in favor of the action of the War Department, following as it does the law and the resolution of the House, is the very decided opposition to it which is manifested by the Southern Democracy. If they mean fair they will not find anything to complain of by the placing of troops in every county in the South. But if it be their intention to prevent the coming out of the Republican vote by means of movements in imitation of war, and fear the presence of troops will defeat their tactics by inspiring the negroes with confidence, then there is an urgent necessity for the administration to stand firmly by the Lord resolution and the order of the Secretary of War. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure in politics as well as other matters, and it is not always safe to presume men innocent till they have been convicted by a Southern jury. The party that objects to any safeguard which it is possible to throw around the voter should show some valid reason for the opposition, or rest under the imputation of an intent to cheat.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF RED RIVER.

The river and harbor bill passed recently by Congress provides for the expenditure of thirty-five thousand dollars for the improvement of Red river. There are two points on this important highway—this valuable feeder to the export commerce of this city—where immediate work is required. We refer to the raft above Shreveport, and Tons's bayou below that city. The raft improvement was recognized two years ago by the Republican Congress as a work demanding national attention and assistance, and money was appropriated for that object. The late rise in Red river has brought down immense quantities of drift wood, which has lodged and become jammed to the extent that steamboat navigation above Shreveport has been suspended. A few thousand dollars judiciously spent under the direction of the United States engineers would, it is believed, be sufficient for the purpose of opening the river to boats as far up as Jefferson, Texas.

Tons's bayou is a gap in the river below Shreveport, where a large volume of water leaves the main channel and flows out into small lakes and swamps, and a large portion of it is lost by evaporation. The effect of this is seen in the diminished depth of water in the river below the outlet. For instance, there was reported, yesterday, a depth of water at Shreveport of fully twenty feet, while steamboats are unable to find more than six feet below the bayou. The loss of force in the volume of water also leaves the channel to gradually fill up by the mud, clay, sand, etc., which drops as soon as the current is diminished. The scouring power of the river is reduced by loss to the minimum, and steamboats are

afraid of losing Red river altogether.

The outlet is not more than 150 or 200 feet wide, and could easily be dammed in a season of low water. There is a sort of ungrounded fear in the minds of steamboatmen that the President will classify the appropriation to improve Red river with those for "Goose creek," "French Broad," and other highways by which small Democratic Congressmen expect to come back to the House; but there is no sort of analogy between a little country spring branch that never saw a steamboat and one of the principal feeders of the second exporting city in the Union. We have full confidence that the useful work authorized by a Republican Congress will be continued, even though the appropriation for that purpose be found in suspicious company. There is no man in the country who can sooner or better distinguish between a congressional steal and a work of real merit than President Grant.

THE DISCONTENTED DEMOCRACY.

When we saw the total rejection of every Democratic demand upon a Democratic Congress, with the poor come off of Falstaff, "I shall be sent for in private," at the next session, we anticipated some small let up in the enthusiasm of the Louisiana Democracy. We did not conceive that, with the woes of Louisiana, treated as the rage of a spoiled child, her real wants of levees, railroads and a mint rejected, and the moderate protection on her sugar and rice open by a tariff amendment of the House to direct and contraband competition, the Louisiana Democracy would have the assurance to promise that either the wants or the woes of the State would be relieved by the election of a Democratic President.

These blows, sufficient to shake the faith or chill the zeal of most reasonable people, were followed by one far more serious and astounding. The Democratic House of Representatives passed an enforcement resolution in which, advertising to the imputed disturbances in the South, the President was exhorted to execute the law enacted by a Republican administration. The Democratic press has attempted to distinguish between the order and the executive. This is impossible. The man who pulls the trigger has discharged the gun, and may be tried for the homicide that results. We hold that the Democratic Congress has given an order that was unnecessary now as when the Democratic President Pierce announced his duty to enforce the law with the whole regular and militia force of the government without waiting for any congressional resolution about it. But with all this demonstrated indifference to the demands of the Louisiana Democrats, their political confidence seems unimpaired. Their papers dare away with a whizz and a pop like so many penny rockets. They alarm no one, for their range is so short and their power so insignificant that they are never seen beyond the narrow horizon of their circulation.

The theory of the party is that all the evils which afflict our State and city have been caused by radical misgovernment, and that they can be relieved by the election of a Democratic President and State government. They see that the State of Louisiana is blessed with regular labor and favorable seasons. The sugar and rice crops, if not blasted by the free trade bill of the Democratic Congress, will be most prosperous. Still, but for the "Kellogg usurpation" these crops "would be greater, and would bring much more money in market."

The workmen of New Orleans come forward and say to the Democratic Administrators, "We want work," and the Administrators say: "You can go to work on the streets if you will, but we have no other work to bestow, and no money to pay for that." The citizens go through the dirty streets holding their noses, and beg that the nuisances will be removed. The Democratic Council convenes the bankers and merchants, and the Administrators of gutters, with his feet on the desk and a cigar in his mouth, may say: "Gentlemen—We have spent all the money applicable to street cleaning. The weather is very hot, and we may have an epidemic. If you expect customers at your counters it will be well for you to come down with the money to clean these streets, otherwise you may suffer from the consequences of further neglect. We have spoken."

Then the Democratic organs and orators denounce the Republican State government, and tell the workmen hold on until Tilden shall have been elected, and you will have plenty to do. And they explain how it is that while the State, cultivated by Republican laborers, is prosperous, the city, under the same Governor, has been destroyed by the Radical usurpation.

With this statement of disappointed expectations of reform, destitution under a city Democratic rule, the Democracy still neglect all attention to domestic interests, and hurrah for a New Yorker for President. With such domestic destitution in the city, and such a patent impossibility of obtaining any aid either from the ability or disposition of the nation, can it be doubted that we have among us a most discontented Democracy?

BULLS AT HOME ARE OFTEN HYPOCRITES ABROAD.

It was a common remark in the late war that men who had made most fame for beating and even killing those weaker than themselves, lost their blood-thirsty propensities under a charge of steel, or grape and canister at half range.

It is sometimes seen that people who meet you in the parlor with the impressive affection and gentleness of a Laura Fair are capable of the most atrocious cruelties toward their unprotected dependents.

We see something of the same sort in political warfare. Writers and speakers who at home in the South utter the most violent abuse and sanction the most violent deeds, become, when standing before a Northern audience or addressing the

houses of Congress, the mildest mannered men ever seen.

We may take the text of any Democratic Southern paper, we may quote the language of any neighborhood Democratic bully, and no term is applied to Republicans except of the most disgraceful nature. If they speak of the colored voter it is as an irrational creature, who may by special dispensation be permitted to vote the Democratic ticket, but who forfeits his life or wages if he shall dare to exercise a freedom of political choice. It has often occurred in the debates of the late Congress that Democratic members have assumed a style of address not consistent with the respect due Republican adversaries. In such cases this assumption has been promptly met and rebuked. Mr. Conger asked Mr. Hooker, of Mississippi— "Will the gentleman allow me a question?" Mr. Hooker—Yes, if you will make it short. The question was asked, and Mr. Hooker said: "Sit down and I will inform you." Mr. Conger—Not sit down. I do not like that dictatorial way of addressing me. Mr. Singleton, of Mississippi, asked Mr. Hoar— "Will the gentleman allow me a moment?" Mr. Hoar—Certainly. But Mr. Hoar having objected that the question tended to an argument— Mr. Singleton—I hope the gentleman will allow me a moment. I have been always courteous to my friends on this floor. To which Mr. Hoar politely replied, "Certainly," and yielded the floor. The most signal display of this Southern courtesy "on this floor," has been presented by the speech of Mr. Lamar. His eulogy upon Charles Sumner was as just as it was judicious. His speeches have received the acknowledgment of Mr. Hoar, but in such a manner as to raise a doubt whether the Northern people are convinced that Mr. Lamar represents truly the sentiments of his constituents, or, indeed, of himself. We quote from the debate. Mr. Hoar said: "I certainly am not one of those, if any there are, who would impute to the gentleman from Mississippi any want of sincerity in the opinions he has advanced in this debate, or in the position he has heretofore taken which have attracted the attention of the country. I shared with the people of my own State in the pleasure created by his manly and eloquent tribute to the memory of our beloved Senator. His last speech, however philosophic its guise, or however apparently calm or impartial it was, was in the uniform tone of the Democratic press. Northern and Southern. It was in full accord with the uniform current of speech which has prevailed among his associates in this hall whenever they have threatened us with a new war in the South have arisen, beginning with the supposed utterances of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Hill) in the early part of the session, and ending with the speech of the gentleman from Virginia, 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,' denounced 'the tyrannical government' of his country. Was it in mockery every oath we ever took, down to the time when the gentleman from New York made his grim and ghastly jest over the Hamburg massacre, and when the eloquent gentleman from Virginia, 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,' denounced 'the tyrannical government' of his country. 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