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Old Bull will fiddle round Boston this winter.

Every solid Moldoon votes for a solid South.

It has been conceded that Maine went Republican.

Democrats are trying their best to make a soil-ed South.

A great many clisters have been put by for a rainy day.

A great many men in the market are strictly middling.

There is not water enough on the ground to make a dog mad.

There are very few complaints made now of umbrellas stolen.

Peter Cooper sticks like glue, and stands rock-root to principle.

The Violet Dramatic Club will give an entertainment this evening.

By one Black Crook or another the purity of the ballet must be preserved.

Sticks will take his place in society on the twenty-eighth of this month.

The truth is mighty and will prevail in certain quarters to some extent.

When a mail arrives on time it does not require an eternity to distribute it.

The Krupp gun should be made to shoot the Corlies engine. Both are useless.

Many rich men are so stubborn that their wills can not be broken until after death.

Every drunken man who staggers up to the polls will try to vote a straight ticket.

It was reported that Sooks had had his pocket book stolen, but there was nothing in it.

Anna Dickinson's new play is called "Love and Duty." She can act one and do the other.

Yes, Tilton will be exonerated from all sleeping car improprieties, but he had a hard pull, man.

Indiana Democrats are so suspicious of Resigners that nothing but an official Count will satisfy them.

Democrats fear of losing ground by a Peace policy. The shotgun must be kept afore the people.

A man can avoid sudden colds by wearing the same under clothing the year round, but it is not nice.

The resolutions adopted by the Philadelphia butter association were ordered to be spread on the minutes.

There is no need for shingling houses now. When the rain comes a man can work to better advantage.

In four counties of Georgia not a single Republican vote was cast. The South is as solid as a gun barrel there.

The beautiful cold mornings will soon come when lying in bed will be easier than getting up and going to market.

It does not pay to mince matters on Thanksgiving day. Take your meat and brandy straight, and let the pig go.

Florence Maryatt, author of "My Own Child," is suffering from the bite of a pet dog. Look out for a hydrophobia novel.

A battle of breeches and brains was fought in Indiana. Breeches got a little the best of it, but brain will not bag its head.

An old rounder wonders what makes him so dry. He thinks there is something in the atmosphere that effects him strangely.

Lee, the Mountain Meadow assassin, chooses to be shot to death. It would be much more appropriate for him to eat poisoned sausage.

Greenbacks are worth no more than they have ever been worth since they were made. The only drawback about it is that they are a little harder to get.

"Do you think he will run well?" asked a Democrat regarding a candidate. "O, yes," replied his companion, "he made some beautiful running at Bull Run. He is our man."

Hayes has never held an official position which did not come to him unasked and unlooked for. Tilden never got an office or a nomination without plotting, planning for, or paying for it.

In an editorial paragraph the Democrat said, "The Republican has trotted out an anon for a mass meeting in Natchitoches." Will our neighbor examine the files and give the date of that trot?

A man who has been on a steamboat two years previous to an election gains a residence at the post where his boat ties up, according to a very liberal Democratic construction of registration laws.

The Democrats are making great complaint of the innocent shirt circulars received in this city. The chances are that if Galveston hears of the complaints she will put on another quarantaine.

The extracts from New Orleans papers praising the talent of John Templeton's theatrical combination make beautiful reading in country exchanges. They show how easy New Orleans people are to please.

The Democrat complains that a correspondent has mistaken or misunderstood the spirit of his remarks on New England. There is something used to influence votes in favor of Charles Francis Adams that no man can doubt. It is old Medford. Let remarks be made in New England run, and their spirit can never be misunderstood.

The sassy gentleman who comes in regularly every other day to say he has not tasted food for two days, has appeared to be in failing health since his return from his continental. He coughs frequently; and even after getting Alton's cure he does not step up to the next season with the alacrity which characterized his former efforts. Some say, "Dat man 'minds me of de mudder dog in a funeral procession. He's a dead head on his way to de grave."

THE PENALTY OF DECEPTION.

The great truth that "the evil man do lives after them" enters into nearly all the actions of the human race, and applies alike to communities and individuals. We can trace back very many of the evils of which the business men of New Orleans complain to some great wrong which has been suffered to exist here, and even popularized to a greater extent than ever appeared upon the surface, for the sake of local effect and temporary advantage. There is one matter especially in which those who lived and ruled here before us, who stayed the sceptres of politics, commerce and society, behaved at times very badly, and encouraged the same conduct in others. We refer to the sanitary condition of the city.

As the season of the year when yellow fever is most likely to prevail has now far advanced, and the danger passed away so completely that even Galveston, that loving Democratic neighbor of ours, has no longer a decent excuse to keep up a quarantine, we desire to recall in a brief manner a few of the causes which have led to this city being held up to the country people as a great pestilential bugar. In doing this, it is not necessary to go back further than 1853, when the malarial or other influence which seemed to be so potent for sickness and death culminated, and began to disappear. That they did really disappear in a few years after is abundantly shown by the health statistics. In 1854 there was an epidemic of yellow fever to a limited extent, and another about like it in 1855. The city was after that exempt from any greater plague than unfounded fears and panicky talk until 1858, when there appeared a very malignant type of fever, which varied from the custom of its predecessors in that it attacked native and acclimated citizens who had previously deemed themselves exempt from its ravages. There was no more fever here of any consequence for nine years, though the fame of previous years left plenty to fear and talk about.

But it really culminated as an intractable disease in 1853, leaving behind it, however, a name more terrible than the reality warranted. In the year succeeding, which was a very healthy one, it was found to be a great privilege to be exempt from danger by reason of having passed safely through the scourge in 1853. The mechanics, physicians, merchants, servants and everybody else who could boast of having had the fever, and were taught by experience to believe they were in no danger of a second attack began to enjoy a monopoly of employment, and prices ranged high. At that time New Orleans occupied a sort of secure commercial position at the outlet of the great Mississippi valley. It was before the days of railroads and there was no necessity for conciliation. Such products as were raised near the banks of the great river must pass our doors and pay tribute according to the consciences of the operators. Our merchants thrived, grew rich, paid liberal prices for all kinds of service and also became somewhat famous for profusion in lands where their somewhat extravagant habits were an exception, not the rule.

The yellow fever sustained these monopolies, and the monopolists returned the compliment by constantly parading the terrors of its name in the ears of the unacquainted. During the seven or eight years that intervened between the epidemic of 1853 and the war, thousands of people, comprising mechanics, professional men, laborers and useful citizens of all sorts were actually frightened away by the wonderful stories which were told them for effect by their rivals in business; many of our physicians, too, acted a disingenuous part, and some were even accused of encouraging the popular fears by their incompetence, and others who ought to have known better and probably did, scarcely escaped a suspicion that the rich harvest of a yellow fever year was too great a temptation for their integrity.

During all this time few, if any, real efforts were made to keep out the fever; those who were made were denounced as useless; quarantine, especially, was attacked; keeping the streets clean declared injurious, and the doctors never would agree upon the proper mode of treatment. In the first year of the Federal occupation of the city by troops, yellow fever, under the playful epithet of Bronze John, was playfully invoked as an ally of the Confederate cause, and thousands of people actually spoke openly of its almost inevitable advent as something which would be at once a gratification to the Confederate sympathizers and a scourge to the Yankee soldiers.

The effect of this dallying with a serious subject was to create a chronic but at the same time active fear of New Orleans in the minds of all the surrounding communities. Small country papers printed in Shreveport, Memphis, Louisville, St. Louis and Galveston frequently would allude to our quarantine jeeringly. "Why," remarked one especially witty fellow, "I would as soon think of establishing a quarantine around a graveyard!" And now, though we have not had a bad season of yellow fever here since 1867, and but one since 1858, yet New Orleans annually pays a penalty of many thousands of dollars for the idle, wicked, malicious libels which were set afloat against the public health for purely mercenary reasons. And though this sort of slander has almost entirely ceased since 1867, the echoes of former falsehoods have been prolonged down with us by years, and traditions inspired by fear have kept the dreadful bugbear fresh in the minds of the country people. It is in respect assuredly every other day to say he has not tasted food for two days, has appeared to be in failing health since his return from his continental. He coughs frequently; and even after getting Alton's cure he does not step up to the next season with the alacrity which characterized his former efforts. Some say, "Dat man 'minds me of de mudder dog in a funeral procession. He's a dead head on his way to de grave."

There is no fixed boundary between uses and abuses. Our tastes, our habits and our judgments, all depend largely on the training we receive and the circumstances by which we are surrounded. Where use ends and abuse begins each must determine for himself, but in arriving at this determination few, indeed, can separate themselves from artificial customs and acquired inclinations and say in the light of pure reason, "so much is beneficial and all beyond is injurious." Prejudice influences some, while the conclusions of others are warped by the changeable fancies of fashion or caprice. Then, again, as an old adage expresses it, "what is one man's meat is another's poison." Our discernment as well as our inclinations disagree. That which appears beautiful to one is not so to all; nor are we more fully in accord in ethics than aesthetics. Hence, that individuality which, how strong soever the ties of kinship may be manifested, affords not only a distinct sense of personal identity, but is peculiar in the characteristics of its selfhood, and marked by an instinct of self-preservation which can not be felt in its fullness except on one's own behalf.

The causes of disagreement as to what is useful and what is not, are therefore as multifarious as the varied mental, moral and physical idiosyncrasies which mark the individual characteristics of mankind. But though it is impossible to arrive at anything like unanimity of sentiment in matters of opinion, or complete agreement on questions of taste, yet popular verdicts are made up on almost every issue presented by a rule similar to that which obtains in the management of our political affairs, to wit, the rule of the majority, and though frequently unjust, their enforcement is certain until public opinion changes and a reversal is secured. There is, however, on many matters pertaining to our daily lives a domain of uses concerning which but little of popular dispute is raised. As in questions of morals—

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