

"THE HOUSE."

As Viewed from the Galleries.

From the galleries of the House of Representatives popular government appears to consist of a confused mass of desks and desultory men—the desks littered with books and papers, and the men continually walking about in every direction; of a vast amount of private correspondence, a vast amount of private correspondence, a vast amount of private correspondence...

gagement, every one of whom were short from three to twenty dollars, and having heard father, or Uncle John, or Dr. What's-his-name, or classmate, speak so often and so warmly of us, ventured to call, confide to us his embarrassing position, and ask for a loan."

Origin of the "Baker's Dozen."

Close by Market street—now Broadway—lived and prospered a baker, the first man that ever baked New-Year cakes—in fact, the inventor of them. The name of our friend was Volckert Jan Pieterse Van Amsterdam, commonly known as Baas. He was Dutch from his large feet to his round bald head, and had no respect for any one or anything that was not Dutch. He was a regular attendant at the old Dutch church, but, nevertheless, in constant fear of being bewitched. His wife, Marijke, was economical even to saving the parings of her nails, and his ginger-bread babies were always made in imitation of his children. It was New-Year eve, 1855, and Baas was in his shop dealing out cakes for small pieces of money called wampum. He had taken an extra glass of rum in honor of St. Nicholas, when he heard a sharp rap, and in walked as ugly an old woman as ever he had set his eyes on.

"I want a dozen New-Year cookies," she screamed. "Vell, den, you needn' speak so loud," replied Baas. "Duyvel! I ain't deaf, den."

"I want a dozen," screamed the old woman, "and here is only twelve." "Vell, den, und what de duyvel is dwarf but a dozen?" said the baker. "I tell you I want one more!" she shrieked. "Vell, den," said he, "you may co to deduyvel und get anodder; you von't get it here."

From this time on our baker's wife and himself were made miserable. Their money and cookies were taken away by invisible hands; their bread either rose out of their sight or sank into the earth; their famous brick oven was torn down, and poor Baas pelted with his own bricks; Marijke became deaf; Baas was black and blue from head to toe; and such a life as he led was purgatory. Thrice the old woman appeared, and thrice was she sent to "de duyvel." And at last, in his agony, Baas bethought himself of St. Nicholas, who advised him, on hearing of his troubles, when he counted a dozen to count thirteen.

"Py St. Johannes de Dooper, put St. Nicholas is a great plockhead!" thought Baas; and while he was thus thinking, St. Nick had vanished, and in his stead was the old woman. She repeated her demand for "one more" and Baas, remembering St. Nicholas, acceded to her demand, when she exclaimed, "The spell is broken, and henceforward a dozen is thirteen, and thirteen is a dozen." And, taking a cookie with an effigy of the good saint on it, she made Baas swear that ever afterward twelve should be thirteen, as a type of the thirteen mighty States that should arise out of the ruins of the Government of Nederland.

It is well known how terribly St. Nicholas revenged himself upon those who set themselves up against the venerable customs of their ancestors, and refused the homage to him to whose good offices it was owing that this, his favorite city, has surpassed all others in beautiful damsels, valorous young men, minceps, oilekooks, and New-Year cookies. —Harper's Magazine.

New York City. New York has, according to the United States census of 1880, 1,206,577 inhabitants, of whom 590,762 are males and 615,815 females. New York has a floating population of about 30,000. This includes sojourners at hotels, boarding and lodging houses, and emigrants temporarily stopping in town. New York expended for amusements, theaters, operas and shows about \$7,000,000 last year, and in the drinking places nearly \$60,000,000—the latter expenditure resulting in the arrest of 48,191 persons for intoxication. New York's accession of population by birth last year was about 35,000; its loss by death just 31,866. In New York live 213,467 families, occupying 67,126 dwelling houses. New York weddings last year reached the number of 20,000. New York supports 145,749 males between the ages of 15 and 30 years, and 172,777 females between the same ages. About 30,000 of the latter are domestics. The New York police arrested last year 71,699 persons, 47,798 of whom were held, while 23,899 were discharged. Crimes of violence are on the increase. In 1880 they numbered 5,790. The New York city prisons opened their doors last year to 30,825 persons of intemperate habits. The police stations furnished lodgings to 120,084 men and women who had nowhere else to sleep. New York's organized charitable societies disbursed \$4,000,000; and 141,765 persons were committed by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction to the almshouses, prisons, hospitals, nurseries, schools and asylums. New York's Sunday-school scholars of all denominations number 115,826, in 418 Sunday-schools. New York's street Arabs, growing up without instruction, and learning to be criminals, form an army of over 10,000. —New York Sun.

Why the Landlord raised the Rent. Old Bob Keyworth is one of the hardest landlords in Galveston. Jim Groce lives in one of Keyworth's houses, and is a very good tenant, while the landlord has never yet had a dollar's worth of repairs done to the house. Not long since Jim went to Keyworth and told him: "I want you to have that house painted. I am paying \$20 a month, and you ought to have it done." Keyworth refused, so Groce had it done at his own expense. As soon as the painting was over, old Keyworth raised the rent to \$25 a month. "Why do you raise the rent?" asked Jim. "On account of the improvement," replied the old man; "you know the house has just been painted, and a newly painted house is always worth \$5 more than a shabby looking one." —Galveston News.

Nevada a Ridiculous State.

The Statehood of Nevada is a ridiculous farce. Here is a State with a population of some 60,000 with a more elaborate government than the State of New York. The heads of departments consist of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Surveyor General, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction. There are three Supreme Judges, Clerk of the Supreme Court, State Librarian, who is ex-officio Curator of the State Museum, Governor's private secretary, and a small army of deputies, all at exorbitant salaries. The revenue to support all this fuss and feathers has been drawn chiefly from the tax on bullion and cattle, which in the past have furnished it liberally. There are fourteen counties in the State with equally elaborate governments, which have been extravagantly supported from the same sources, though, of course, all species of property have borne their share of taxation. But the flush times have gone by, and, though the State's credit is good, and it has a large school fund from which it can borrow, it is only a question of time when the resources will be inadequate to meet the expenses. All sorts of propositions are being discussed to avert the threatened danger—amendments to the constitution, a constitutional convention, dissolution of the State Government, etc. In my opinion the best thing that could be done would be to abolish the State and either return to a Territorial form of government or attach the Territory to California as it is, and is ruled by California capital. When the mines were yielding largely and cattle ranged on a thousand hills they went along as though they did not care whether school kept or not. The State has been a magnificent stock-grazing country, the bunch grass of the hills as summer feed and the succulent white sage of the valleys for winter subsistence making the finest beef ever seen, and California and the East affording a profitable market. Like everything else in the State, the business of stock breeding has been overdone. The ranges were over-grazed, and are now mostly eaten, and the cattle driven away to Wyoming and Colorado, where there are "fresh fields and pastures new." As a consequence, the resources of the State are so diminished that the people will be forced to favor abolishing the State as a matter of self-protection, and unless something new is looked for turns up, the population of Nevada will diminish one-half within the ensuing five years.—New York paper.

Railroads of the World.

The United States have 24,771 miles of railroad to every 10,000 inhabitants. This is eight times as much as Europe, which has 3.27 miles to the 10,000. The European idea is that traffic must go before railroads, but in this country the idea is that railroads ought to be pushed forward in order to open new sections to population, and thus create traffic. Outside of trade demands railroads are built in Europe exclusively for strategic purposes, something never done in the United States.

[Detroit Post and Tribune.] I have a little girl, said Mr. Henry Dole, of this city, in a conversation, who was troubled with a severe lameness in her legs, pronounced by some Erysipelas, by others Rheumatism. I had tried several remedies without effect, when I was induced to apply St. Jacobs Oil and I am happy to say that the use of but one bottle cured her, and she is now able to go to school again.

THERE was a fight imminent between two boys. One of them darkly intimated that he was bigger than the other. The smaller, who is the son of a deacon, defiantly retorted, "I don't care if you're as big as a church debt, you can't scare me."

[Attleboro Chronicle.] Carry the News. Mr. John Eitzenberger, manufacturing Jeweler of North Attleboro, Mass., lately communicated to us the following: I suffered so much with pains in my arm, that at times I was completely helpless. I used that incomparable remedy St. Jacobs Oil and was completely cured, as if by magic.

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