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THE WORST OF MASKS.

The ancients in their histrionics devised hideous masks in order to present certain dreadful passions, feeling that nature had not endowed them with the capacity for looking dreadfully enough to suit the emergency. Here is where the "Reverend" WILLIAM H. RAMSCAR is ahead of antiquity. He is more horrible than anything art could devise, and won'd have made a good model for DORE and a vivid suggestion of infernal retribution for DANTE. He has been convicted anew, this time for shamefully maltreating a poor old man, who was an inmate of his "Unsectarian Home," and whom he unsectarianly clubbed.

Some one said that the devilish RAMSCAR was "a philanthropist lacking means to carry out his ideas." Ah? He is a pitiless reptile, with no lack of ideas to carry out his philanthropical meanness. His offense is one of those for which the legal punishment seems tearfully inadequate.

THE BOOKSTAVER INVESTIGATION.

Passion and prejudice should have no share in judicial procedure. But intense aversion to legal criminality and a glowing zeal to redress wrongs perpetrated beneath the ermine should be the attitude of every upright, honorable member of the Bar. Judge BOOKSTAVER is charged seriously. It is the duty of his colleagues to entirely refute this charge if it be false, and to visit the full penalty of his sin upon the erring Judge's head if the charge be true.

Let BOOKSTAVER be heard, by all means. And let the proceedings be public. There is no earthly reason why something in which the entire community has necessarily such an interest should be shrouded in any obscurity. Hear him, but let the people hear him, too. They are as much the aggrieved in this case as the Bar Association.

ROOM THERE FOR PORTUGAL.

The little Government of Lisbon, which professional geographers have discovered to lie somewhere in the neighborhood of Spain, and which the recent dispersion of Dom PEDRO has led others to regard as a back-yard to the late Empire of Brazil, is humping itself in the "Dark Continent." This puny but fiery bantam is crowing defiance from the banks of the Zambesi to the British lion. England feels much as JOHN L. SULLIVAN would if COUNT MAORI were to warn him not to tread on the tail of his coat. Whoop it up, little Portugal!

CONSUL LEWIS.

The charges made against WILLIAM REED LEWIS, Consul-General of the United States to Morocco, are so serious that it is impossible for Mr. BLAINE to decline action in his regard. If the offenses with which he is charged be true, then Mr. LEWIS should be ousted from a position where he can make our Republic a byword of reproach even to the Moor. Let us have some stars and of National integrity and honor, and not wash our soiled linen in foreign courts.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE.

This is really what our Christmas Trees are going to be, each one loaded to the very topmost pine needle with charges of joy to be fired at the merry throng of poor children. Every one of the youngsters has got to be hit in the heart with a beautiful present and go away aching with delight.

The heroic statue of Mr. BEECHER is not heroic in its resemblance, and so many of the relatives and friends of the Brooklyn divine are displeased with it that it would seem as if the best casting Mr. WARD could make would be to cast away entirely this clay unlikeness and try it again.

SPOTLETS.

Mr. Hard-to-Take, a Crow Creek Agency Indian, recently showed that his name did not apply to his life. He shot himself because he thought Mrs. Hard-to-Take was sweet on some other fellow. A green-eyed Redman is a bad chromatic arrangement.

Two more Democratic Senators at prayers yesterday than there were Republican ones. Still, John Wanamaker more than makes a little prayer deficit like that.

One Miller was recently badly horsewhipped by Miss Hayes, whose twin sister Miller had deceived. Miller is not in favor of "blazing."

The Empress of Brazil's diamonds have not been stolen. Somehow there is a sort of foot-light glare about those gems.

Now the force has developed a liar, or a policeman who prays on post. He ought to be discharged, anyhow.

Massachusetts farmers have made a large concentrated kick against oleomargarine. They don't raise many hogs in the Bay State, that's true.

The boy stood on the burning deck
White tears bedimmed his eyes
His father called, but he remained
To see McGinty rise.

Now some malevolent genius has discovered that the crank is a curse. He isn't. He never comes home to roost.

Let the mathematical fiend divide Patti's salary for a night by the number of notes she sings, and then we can hear her with the sense that a very dollar cost is a paying speculation.

The rapt attention with which the Pan-Americans listened to "Il Trovatore" and didn't talk showed how dreadfully bourgeois they were. Dear boys, the Metropolitan is the conversation house of New York evenings, and you're nobody if you don't talk.

BOOMING RUPPERT.

Friends Increase His Lead in "The Evening World" Contest.

Lieut.-Col. Moran's Followers Place Him in Third Position.

Capt. Wilson Still Second, While Major Kipp Holds Fourth.

With a view to placing him more securely in first place in the THE EVENING WORLD National Guard Election, Col. Ruppert's friends have increased his vote until it now foots up to 72,302. Capt. Wilson is still second with 61,775, and Lieut.-Col. Moran's friends have advanced him to third place with a total of 60,940. Major Kipp is now fourth with 53,286.

The sword which the successful candidate will receive is to be a most magnificent affair. In the first place, it is to be made upon an entirely new design, richly ornamented, and of the best material to be obtained.

The blade will be of the finest Damascus steel. The handle and guard will be of brass of special design, furnished and handchased, as will also be the mountings upon the scabbard, which will be of steel and nickel-plated. The grip will be either of shark-skin or of embossed metal, silver-plated and burnished, the design depending on the rank of the officer receiving it.

The shape of the blade will also depend upon the rank of the winner; if he is a line officer it will be straight, and if a staff officer it will be a sabre and curved in form.

A medallion mounting is furnished and hold-backward motif on the upper part of the scabbard will be inscribed with the name of the winner, with his rank and regiment.

The sword was manufactured by B. M. Whitlock, of 99 Fourth avenue, the well-known maker of military equipments, and this announcement of itself guarantees the best of material and workmanship.

If you have not already done so cut out and send the following blank, properly filled, to THE EVENING WORLD:

THE EVENING WORLD POPULAR VOTE ON THE OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

MY CHOICE IS—

RANK AND POST—

SIGNATURE OF VOTER—

RESIDENCE—

Conditions.

THE EVENING WORLD *will present to the most popular officer of the National Guard of the States of New York and New Jersey a beautiful sword of unique and appropriate design.*

The most popular officer to be determined by the ballots cast by readers of THE EVENING WORLD.

Each reader may vote once only.

Fill in the blank as prescribed and mail it to The Editor.

Gore, Hill and Green, Commanders-in-Chief of the National Guard of their respective States, are excluded from the contest; all others, from lieutenant to general, now in the militia service, are in the race.

Here are all the contest candidates. The vote of the fifty highest stands to date:

Col. Appleton, 7th Reg., N. Y.	3,019
Capt. Abrams, Co. G, 7th Reg., N. Y.	451
Col. Austen, 13th Reg., N. Y.	442
Lieut. Babcock, Gatling Detach., 4th Reg., N. Y.	5,204
Lieut. Boecher, 1st Battery, N. Y.	5,000
Capt. Bastian, Co. I, 71st Reg., N. Y.	3,311
Lieut. Bull, Co. C, 23d Reg., N. Y.	376
Col. Cavanagh, 69th Reg., N. Y.	360
Lieut. Crosse, Co. F, 13th Reg., N. Y.	15,784
Capt. Clark, Co. D, 71st Reg., N. Y.	6,454
Lieut. Cleveland, Co. B, 9th Reg., N. Y.	1,727
Lieut. Dorwalds, 9th Reg., N. Y.	2,158
Asst.-Surg. Collins, 69th Reg., N. Y.	1,748
Lieut. Daly, Co. K, 22d Reg., N. Y.	1,230
Capt. Decambre, Co. H, 71st Reg., N. Y.	2,067
Lieut. Despard, Co. G, 23d Reg., N. Y.	843
Lieut. Dick, Co. H, 22d Reg., N. Y.	1,977
Capt. Dewar, Co. I, 8th Reg., N. Y.	923
Brig.-Gen. Earle, Gov. Hill's staff, N. Y.	602
Lieut. Golding, Co. C, 71st Reg., N. Y.	1,332
Capt. Goss, Co. K, 71st Reg., N. Y.	450
Lieut. Hussey, Co. F, 22d Reg., N. Y.	699
Adj. Hoagland, 23d Guard, N. Y.	7,700
Major Jachne, 9th Reg., N. Y.	304
Lieut. Jonasson, Co. H, 12th Reg., N. Y.	496
Capt. Kennedy, Co. A, 71st Reg., N. Y.	2,448
Major Kipp, 7th Reg., N. Y.	53,286
Capt. Kulp, Co. B, 7th Reg., N. J.	7,143
Lieut. Kornbenger, Co. I, 9th Reg., N. Y.	739
Capt. Lee, Co. I, 22d Reg., N. Y.	2,027
Capt. Morgan, Co. H, 69th Reg., N. Y.	1,049
Lieut. Meyer, Co. D, 9th Reg., N. Y.	1,022
Capt. Murphy, Co. F, 12th Reg., N. Y.	607
Capt. Maidhof, Co. B, 22d Reg., N. Y.	699
Capt. Neeser, Gatling Detach., 69th Reg., N. Y.	6,740
Capt. Nesbitt, Co. F, 7th Reg., N. Y.	882
Lieut. Penny, Co. C, 9th Reg., N. Y.	681
Lieut. Pierce, 1st Battery, N. Y.	32,070
Capt. Preston, 12th Reg., N. Y.	1,07[illegible]
Capt. Ryan, Co. C, 71st Reg., N. Y.	328
Col. Sumner, Inc. Hill's staff, N. Y.	77,[illegible]62
Lieut. Scanlon, Co. F, 69th Reg., N. Y.	1,333
Major Stanton, 1st Brigade, N. Y.	1,070
Capt. Smith, Co. D, 71st Reg., N. Y.	3,107
Capt. Swezey, Co. F, 47th Reg., N. Y.	1,777
Capt. Thurston, Co. E, 22d Reg., N. Y.	400
Lieut. Tompkins, 9th Reg., Co. [illegible], N. Y.	432
Lieut. Wilson, Co. F, 7th Reg., N. Y.	348
Capt. Wilson, 2d Battery, N. Y.	61,775
Capt. Zabriskie, 71st Reg., N. Y.	343

ATHLETES IN REPOSE.

It is a positive pleasure to see E. E. Barnes, of the New Jersey Athletic Club, run. He loses absolutely no motion, covering ground in an astonishing way with his long, graceful strides.

Luther E. Gale, the Western sprinter who entered Princeton college this Fall, is keeping in trim to enter contests next Spring for the glory of "old Nassau."

T. J. Lee, of the New York Athletic Club, is a bundle of cord and tissue. He is a source of pride to the member of the Club, who rejoice more than he does himself when he wins a race.

E. Bjerhong, known to his chilly admirers as "Dick," is now hale for his good dinner. The sturdy, rollicking city of the New York Athletic Club begins to fit mentally with Dick in a contest.

Precise.

[From Life.]

Mrs. Pancake (in dry-goods store)—Will these goods wash?

Clerk—No, ma'am; but they may be washed.

What It Costs

Must be carefully considered by the great majority of people before buying an article which seems absolutely necessary. Hood's Sarsaparilla commends itself to the great middle class, because it combines positive economy with great medicinal power. It is the only medicine of which can truly be said, "100 Doses One Dollar," and a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla taken according to directions will average to last a month, while other medicines last but half or quarter as long. Try Hood's Sarsaparilla and see for yourself.

ARTIST WINDOW-DRESSERS.

First Tour of Inspection for Those Gold Medal Awards.

Never Before Did the Store Windows Look So Tempting.

Friendly rivalry between the window-dressers of the great retail clothing, dry-goods and furnishing stores, of the city, in making up novel and attractive displays of their Christmas and holiday goods, has never before been roused to such pitch as during the present season.

The gold medals offered by THE EVENING WORLD for the three most handsome and artistically arranged windows, one for each of the three great departments of the retail trade, has done much to stimulate the competition between the rival artists in drapings and groupings.

Every one seems to have exerted his skill and originality to the utmost, and the result is that the great shopping thoroughfares of the city to-day present a continuous panorama of gorgeousness and splendor that has never before been equalled in the history of the holiday trade in this or any other town.

In accordance with the programme already announced, THE EVENING WORLD'S Committee of Award made its first round of inspection yesterday afternoon.

In the big show-windows of the London and Liverpool Clothing Company, at 92 and 88 Bowery, Mr. Albert Davis, the dressers, has made a most effective and artistic display of his goods. The arrangement of the garments upon his "Albert Uniform" shows the clothing to advantage, and the beauty of the arrangement is the crowning duty. Not a crease or a wrinkle appears anywhere in the cloth.

Bannigan & Bouillon, of 243 and 245 Grand street, make a tasteful display of their holiday novelties.

Lord & Taylor's immense Grand street store is of course one of the sights of that thoroughfare. The entrance is a bower of Christmas greens and holly.

At Lichtenstein's extensive establishment, 281-285 Grand street, each of the large show windows is dressed with a different class of goods. Handkerchiefs, cloks, clocks, silverware, and fancy goods all come in for a share. Messrs. Bestloff, Hilscher and Whitestone are the dressers.

Corkery, Dowling & Co., 265-269 Grand street, make a gay exhibition of their Christmas dry goods. There is a "Nellie Bly" window, with the globe, the Augusta Victoria and the fast express that is to bring the young lady across the continent on her flying trip, all complete. It attracts much attention. F. D. Carr is the dresser.

Rinley's store, which has a show-window front of an entire block, is a perfect palace of wonders. The sidewalks in front of it are crowded to the curbs every afternoon.

Mr. Hutzmann, of 201-203 Grand street, makes an artistic display of ribbons, silks and dress goods.

Carey & Sides, of 126 Bowery, retail clothiers, show off their Winter goods by means of an artificial snow-scene.

Piser & Harte, of 132 Bowery, have arranged their sample stock of clothing on a groundwork of yellow, blue, red and olive satins.

Nicoll the Tailor, at 147 Bowery, has arranged his show window with excellent taste and without any attempt to make a striking display.

At Bloomingdale's great establishment, at Fifty-third street and Third avenue, the window-dressing for holidays is very elaborate. The bannerchief window is arranged in the form of an emblematic tower for the World's Fair of 1892. The doll's window represents a scene on the stage of a theatre and the fancy goods window is a well designed Japanese bower.

Nogel Brothers, clothiers, Eighth avenue and Forty-second street, have arranged their windows so that the effect of a storm is produced. Figures are grouped about, and the goods are sprinkled with white powder. John Walker is the designer of this window.

McFartland & O'Flaherty, 629 Eighth avenue, make an attractive display of toys and Christmas goods.

Max Stadler & Co., clothiers, Fortieth street and Eighth avenue, and Grand street and Broadway, have elaborate window dressings at both of their large establishments. The management is artistic and attracts much attention.

Ehrich Brothers' new store, at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, makes an exceeding fine display in the way of window-dressing. The richest backgrounds are chosen and the goods shown are extremely elegant description. A handsome effect is produced in white silk scarfs, and another in fancy articles, and one window is devoted to hatings and cloaks. Mr. Maloney is the dresser.

Hill & Co., of Twenty-second street and Sixth avenue, also have a handsome cloak window.

Adams & Co., Twenty-first street and Sixth avenue, have three window displays, one dressed with fancy goods, another with fine handkerchiefs and laces, and a third with fancy articles.

H. O'Neill & Co.'s great store is one of the most richly and tastefully decorated on the avenue. Particular attention is paid to the artistic grouping and arrangement of goods in the silk department, the fancy articles and the gentlemen's furnishing goods.

H. C. F. Koch & Co., Twentieth street and Sixth avenue, make an elegant display of furs and wraps for ladies' wear.

Simpson, Crawford & Simpson are not behind any of their rivals in the matter of displaying Christmas goods, and in some respects seem to have the call on many of their neighbors. The chief features of their window exhibition are the lamps, clocks, vases and onyx ornaments which form the centerpiece, the scarf, glove and underwear window for gentlemen's goods, and the arrangement of ladies' suits and wraps. P. H. McMahon is the designer.

At Altman's, Sixth avenue and Nineteenth street, there is a gorgeous display of corsets, dress goods, furs and gloves, with rich backgrounds of velvet to show off the goods to the best advantage.

POLITICAL ECHOES.

For the present year, during which the contract system has been in vogue in the City Hall offices, the stationery supplied to the city departments will have cost about $140,000. Last year, under Tom Costigan's system of to the favorites (along the aisles, the surplus cost $182,000.

Much interest is manifested in the result of the meeting of the Youth's Democracy of the Ninth District on No. 3 Allen street this evening. At this meeting, it is thought, will be determined the organization of a new Anti-Tammany Democratic faction to succeed the defunkies, with Police Commissioner Voorhis in command.

The busy old dame who circulates political rumors has set afoot one which Tammany's christians declare to be very crazy. It is to the effect that "Mike" McCaffrey, the Chinatown Democracy leader of the eighth district, is to join the Wigwam and be rewarded with appointment as a police justice. This the old lady says, is to occur because Tammany is anxious to break up the County Democracy stronghold on the east side. The big chief say that Tammany is in no mood and is not situated to make concessions or sacrifices of the sort proposed.

The Republican County Committee will hold its regular meeting in Mozart Hall to-night, when the question of adopting the rest of the ballot reform act will be the principal business. Mr. Ashbridge, the chairman, will be there, and he will be in a position to tell the boys what the Committee of Ninety, under the direction of the committee of nine, is doing. Mr. Ashbridge is a member of the committee of nine, and Boss Platt tells his friends he will be guided by the action of the committee of nine