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AN AMERICAN POLITICIAN. A Novel. By F. MARION CRAWFORD. 16mo. pp. 356. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Mr. Crawford would write better novels if he had a little less imagination and a little more sense of humor. His lack of the one quality and his superfluity of the other between them get him into many scrapes. His new book shows in various respects improvement upon its predecessors. It is distinguished by an easier grace of style, a better measured movement, a juster observation of character. Its pictures of women are charming. Josephine and Sybil (so Mr. Crawford sees fit to spell this name) although they are not extraordinary types, are clearly and delicately drawn, individual, interesting and winning; the slight sketch of Mrs. Sam Wyndham is lifelike and agreeable; and the love-making to which the pleasant figure of Ronald Surbiton adds a good deal, is controlled by practical feeling. In short, Mr. Crawford introduces us to a circle of intelligent, sympathetic, well-bred and companionable people, who are always natural and never dull. We see no sufficient reason for importing Josephine from England, since there is nothing distinctively English in her manner, and the action and interest of the story lie in Boston; but this is a matter about which the novelist may well have claimed the right to please himself; and Josephine at any rate is a noble and spirited creature who takes a sure hold upon our affections.

But with his American Politician Mr. Crawford is far less happy than with his ladies and gentlemen of society. John Harrington is a lion-like Bostonian with a powerful intellect, a lofty ideal of virtue, a splendid frankness, an unassailable honesty, a supreme devotion to country and a determination to sacrifice himself and all that he possesses in the cause of reform. He makes an oration in the Music Hall in behalf of a fixed Civil Service and the repeal of the Navigation Laws, treating this latter proposal as a great moral issue, and Mr Crawford tells us that the oration was an extraordinary effort—which we should not have discovered by our unaided intelligence, since the Civil service portion is only a repetition of what has been often and much better said by orators of various shades of opinion, and the denunciation apropos of nothing, hurled against the Navigation Laws as "vile enactions of fools and worse than fools," provokes a smile. John Harrington becomes a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, and is defeated by the machinations of an Irish boss, because he will not promise to oppose free trade; although he does describe himself as a very moderate tariff reformer, and assures Boss Ballymolloy (who is interested in the iron industry), that "in a reformation of the tariff, iron would be one of the things most carefully provided for"; that "the interests of the iron trade stand high with the Democratic party, and that it is highly improbable that any law will interfere with iron for many years." This sounds like a great deal of the fast and loose phrase-making of which we have heard so much from Democrats who would hold with the hare and run with the hounds, whose tariff-reform means free trade at Yale College and protection in Pennsylvania; but Mr. Crawford presents it as the courageous avowal of a man who would rather lose his election than conceal his sentiments. So John Harrington becomes for a while a martyr to his honesty. But after he has been brought to realize that in his stern devotion to truth, reform and and political purity he has neglected "something beyond mere greatness, beyond the pursuit of even the highest worldly aims," namely, "an inner sympathy of hearts and souls and minds, a perfect union of all that is most worthy in the natures of man and woman,"—after he has repaired his mistake by marrying Josephine Thorn, and so getting a fresh impetus in the career of reform, he is elected to the United States Senate, and makes another great speech, with which the novel comes to an end. The country is in a state of unparalleled agitation. Three candidates have been running for the Presidency, and no one of the three has received a majority of the electoral votes. The choice is thrown into the House of Representatives. There is imminent danger of a secession of the West. John Harrington addresses Congress on the day set for the election, and adjures them in the most impressive manner to cast off the wretched chains of party slavery, and save the country by rejecting party candidates and choosing a chief magistrate out of the many great and honest and disinterested men who adorn the country. "Having it in our power to agree upon the very best man, would any of us remember this day without shame if we disgraced those who trust us by giving our votes to a mere party candidate?" Senator Harrington seems to have forgotten that when an election is thrown into the House of Representatives the Senate has nothing to do with it, and that the House, instead of being free to choose where it will, is restricted to one of the three leading "party candidates" already voted for by the people.

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SUPERIOR COURT of the CITY OF NEW-YORK.—The Hektograph Manufacturing Company of New-York, plaintiff, vs. Hiram Ruff and Solomon Ruff, defendants.

To the above named defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on, the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of the summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated New-York, August 29, 1884. RICHARD J. MORRISSON, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Office and P. O. address No. 154 Nassau-st., New-York.

To Hiram Ruff and Solomon Ruff, defendants above named.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of Hon. Hooper C. Van Vorst, one of the Justices of the Superior Court of the City of New-York, dated September 15, 1884, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on said day, at the County Court House in the city aforesaid. Dated New-York, Sept. 17, 1884. RICHARD J. MORRISSON, Plaintiff's Attorney, 154 Nassau-st., New-York.

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R W Flour, pkgs	1,083	Peas, bush	1,625	Cutmeats, pkgs	4,640
Beans, bbls.	416	Oatmeal, bbls.	26	Lard, tcs	851
B'swax, pkgs.	5	Grass seed, bags	1,282	Lard, kegs	1,008
Cotton, bales	7,028	Hides, bales	421	Butter, pkgs	3,626
Cottons'ed oil, bbls	50	Hops, bales	315	Cheese, pkgs	2,430
Copper, bbls.	45	Leather, sides	23,444	D Hogs No.	1,292
Copper, cks.	735	Spirits Turp.	115	Rice, pkgs	1,243
D fruit, pkgs.	3,506	Rosin, bbls.	1,059	Spelter, pcs.	110
Eggs, pkgs.	3,379	Pit