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Major and Minor.

How like a dream all this must seem to Grover Cleveland! Sheriff, Mayor, Governor, President—all in so quick session that the President-elect almost treads on the Sheriff's heels! What wonder if he is dazed—even stunned! Dame Fortune has taken an iron grip on him and dragged him up, up, until, poor man, he is landed on the top round of the official ladder—out of breath—wondering how he got there—begging time to get his wind—vaguely speculating upon the next transition, whether he is to be hurled headlong as Lucifer was, or as Enoch was, translated.

How like the irony of fate all this must seem to the men of long experience and tried statesmanship in the party—the men who are practiced in National affairs and conversant with the foreign relations! Is it strange if they shut themselves up in their closets and ask what they have done to deserve this!—why the party has forsaken them!—will it henceforth prefer Obscurity to conspicuous Talent and Experience!—and if so, how is an aspiring man to go about making himself sufficiently obscure?

Putting a Democrat in the Postoffice.

The term of the present Postmaster at Wheeling does not expire until January, 1887—more than two years hence. Postmaster Sterling cannot be removed except for cause. It is assumed by Democrats *hereabouts that cause can be shown to* the satisfaction of President Cleveland. That may be so, if President Cleveland is going to be satisfied easily in such matters. It might happen that what would satisfy the Democratic President would not satisfy the Republican Senate—which would make it uncomfortable for the person nominated by the President to succeed the present incumbent.

The specifications against Postmaster Sterling have not yet been presented. The general and vague charge is that he has used his office for political purposes. Thus far nobody comes forward and on his own responsibility makes the charge. But it may be assumed that this or some other charge will be made in due time. No Republican is going to be left in undisturbed possession of so sweet a plum as the Wheeling postoffice; else, where are the substantial fruits of the triumph of Cleveland, Hendricks and Reform?

Postmaster Sterling being out of the way—if they get him out of the way—who is to step in and occupy the office? Several eminent Democrats and good citizens are willing. Only one can have the place. Who is to draw the capital prize? and how is the lottery to be worked? There's the rub. A candidate who feels that he will be "solid with the administration" desires to proceed in the regular way—file his application backed with endorsements by the pound; put on the pressure; show that men of all parties are hungering for his appointment; convince the administration that his party services throw all other aspirants in the shade, and that his capacity for good service is by no means a faded flower.

A candidate who feels that his strength in Wheeling will be greater than at Washington thinks the Democrats of Wheeling ought to have the filling of the office, and so we have the idea of the primary election. The party chooses, the President and the Senate ratify. It may be difficult to bring the aspirants to an agreement, either with regard to the primary or the result of it.

Let us suppose the the primary is had, Col. Thomas O'Brien with accustomed liberality waiving the advantage which his connection with the dominant State House faction is supposen to give him—letting go for naught the considerable influence of of the present State administration and the next. The Democratic voters of Wheeling come together to say who shall be Postmaster. The affair would be like any other primary election, with all the accompaniments of "stogies," beer and things to help voters to a right conclusion. The polls close, the count is made, and the returns are certified to the President.

Now it would be a pain and a mortification if Mr. Egerter or any other defeated aspirant were to hasten to Washington and tear up the Nation's Capital with the astounding accusation that Col. O'Brien had caused the ballot-boxes to be stuffed with onion-skin ballots, or drugged the opposition officers and caused his own men to make a false return. The situation would be relieved of none of its complications and Wheeling of none of its humiliation if Col. O'Brien were to telegraph to President Cleveland:

"Withhold the appointment until self and friends can reach Washington. Egerter's apparent plurality is not sustained by the revised returns. Have just detected an error in Fourth ward which gives that ward to me. Egerter has more votes in Second ward than there are voters. In Eighth ward votes cast for Todd were counted for Egerter, and ballots destroyed. Egerter men scoured Eastern Ohio and brought over not less than one thousand non-residents. Course is condemned by best Democrats. Party will not stand so flagrant an outrage. Excitement intense. Governor thus far refused to issue arms."

These gentlemen, being of good character, would not do the things for illustration supposed to be charged against them. But it is easy to see that charges of fraud might be made, and the President, sitting in a sense as a Canvassing Board, would find himself in a dilemma of two sharp horns. If the primary is to be the thing, it is to be hoped that it may pass off pleasantly and be followed by no unhappy consequences. Our Democratic friends are just entering upon an Era of Reform, and there should be no mistake at the outset.

Publishers' Press.

Here we have a holiday book that will make Christmas last all the year. Edward Jerritt Wheeler, whose pleasant acquaintance we have made in *St. Nicholas* and *Wide Awake* gives us new "Stories in Rhyme For Holiday Time," illustrated by Walter Satterlee, a royal 4-to, printed on excellent paper, bound in illuminated covers. The stories are good and so are the rhymes. Indeed the author's good-humored fancy shapes itself in some delightful versification. "Eglantine; or the Magical Gloves," is a charming poem, romantic, humorous, full of good things, besides being a good story. Funk & Wagnells, New York, are the publishers.

The National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia has made a handsome success of its 'Elocutionists' annual. No. 12, just issued sustains the character of the series. Many of the selections are new, and all are good. Mrs. J. W. Shoemaker, herself an accomplished elocutionist, is the compiler.

The Christmas number of *Harper's Magazine* excels its former efforts in this line; and this is very high praise. The illustrations come "thick and fast", are interesting in subject and of excellent quality. There is a great deal of Christmas reading, including some poetry of high order. Mr. Howell's "The Elevator," a farce of skillful workmanship, as might be expected. "The Dear Long Ago", by Margaret Sangster" is set to music by W. W. Gilchrist. If the air is as taking as the verses we have something very beautiful. This Christmas number is a gem.

St. Nicholas for November has so much that is good that it is hard to say what is best. The youngsters will not be allowed to monopolize these attractive pages. Indeed *St. Nicholas*, though intended for the young is everybody's friend and comforter. The pictures this month are plentiful and good, of course.

They Couldn't Make Him Speak.

Providence Journal.

They had a dime-supper in the neighborhood of Pawtucket, conceived and carried out by the ladies. The conditions of this novel supper were these: For every word spoken by the gentlemen at the supper-table a forfeit of 10 cents was imposed; but, on the other hand (as duties are always compensated with rights and restrictions with privileges), it was agreed that whoever could weather the whole supper, submitting to all queries, surprises and ingenious questions without relying, should be entitled to it gratuitously. Many and frequent were the artifices and subterfuges resorted to by the ladies in attendance to intrap the ungarded, and one after another stout and discreet men went down before the constant volley of artful interrogations. At last all fell out and paid the dime penalty save one individual—a queer chap whom nobody seemed to know. He attended strictly to business, and passed unheeded the jokes, gibes and challenges. They quizzed him, but all in vain. He wrestled with turkey and grappled with the goose. He bailed out the cranberry-sauce with an unswerving hand, and he ate celery as the Scriptural vegetarian ate grasses; and, finally, when he had finished his fifth piece of pie, he whipped out a pocket-slate and wrote on it in a large and legible hand, "I am deaf and dumb."

The Cholera's Eggs.

Pall Mall Gazette.

The depth of the ignorance of some Italian populations has been curiously revealed under the cholera epidemic. The conduct of the prefect of Reggio, it seems, was so surprising that he was called upon to resign his post, on which he remarked "that he could not deny the truth of the statements which had been made, but that one man in a province of idiots could not stem the current of folly."

He then recounted some illustrative anecdotes, of which the following is one: A wag as a joke placed two eggs—a white one and a blackened one—before daybreak at the door of a house, and then roused the inhabitants, and told them that they had the cholera at the door—the *cholera's eggs!* The terror of the poor people was frantic. The syndic was immediately summoned, and he ordered the carbineers to surround the house, while the authorities took counsel what should be done. It was at length decided that a long pole with a net attached to it should be prepared; and this, with every precaution, was placed under the eggs, which *were then carried in full procession of* syndic, carbineers and townsmen to the Campo Santo, where the eggs were solemnly interred under a thick layer of quicklime. The "cholera's eggs" being thus buried the city breathed freely once more, and syndic and soldiers returned to their headquarters in peace.

Henry Irving's Habits.

Boston Courier.

Mr. Irving is very simple in his habits, usually breakfasting on fruit, and taking a plain dinner at his room at 4 o'clock. Coffee and bread after the theatre is all he takes, holding that any other way of living is for him incompatible with perfect health. Art of any kind, no matter how humble, finds an ardent admirer in him. His appreciation of humor is acute, and he relates a joke with keen enjoyment.

For society, in the general acceptation of the term, he cares little, but likes to entertain his friends in a quiet way. It is evident that Mr. Irving is reticent—more so than is usual with actors. That is, there are points beyond which his most intimate friends cannot venture. It is not "hail fellow well met," unless he wishes it so. Although he goes out-of-doors a great deal, considering, his position, he prefers to enjoy a chop with a friend in his own cosy apartments.

The Sergeant's Joy.

Exchange.

On another occasion he escorted Mr. Sergeant Talfourd and his friend, Mr. John Forster, who was also the intimate friend of Mr. Charles Dickens, over the same scene, and was fond of telling the story that the same or some other shepherd shouted suddenly to another of the same occupation at a short distance on the moor, "*Ion! Ion!*" Sergeant Talfourd, who was the author of the once celebrated tragedy of "Ion,"—with a bland smile of triumph or satisfaction on his face, turned to Mr. Forster, laid his hand upon his breast, and said, "Forster, this is fame." He did not know that *Ion* was the Gazelle for John, and that the man was merely calling to his friend by his Christian name.

Appropriate Music.

Washington Herald.

He was a Western man. The subject was music and how appropriate certain airs are for certain occasions.

"That's so," said the Western specimen of human quartz, "but the most appropriate music to any occasion that I ever heard was out in Colorado. There was a traveling chiropodist out there who went around with a brass band."

"Well," said young Mozart, "where did the appropriate music come in?"

"It was this way. Whenever that man would strike a town his band would play 'See the Conquering Hero comes.'"

He lives, but his most intimate friend would not recognize him.

Telepathy.

New York Letter to the Boston Herald.

S. L. M. Barlow, a lawyer of local renown and a taste for antiquities, owns a lot of Mexican curiosities, which he has loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A girl apostle of telepathy picked up one of the objects, an embroidered cap, and put it on her head.

"Oh," she instantly exclaimed, "I'd be shot in an hour if I wore this."

She declared that she knew of no reason for the impression, but that it was vivid and startling. That cap was one which Maximilian wore within an hour of his execution. You may take her word for it, if you have a mind to, that she did know or guess at the cap's history before the thought flashed into her head with its contact.

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Some Old Stories.

Corker Correspondent.

The Duke of Glo'ster is a great asker of questions. He asked the Duke of Grafton who, though 60, does not look over 50, "how old he was," before a large company in a country house. The Duke of Grafton did not like the inquiry, but answered. Some time after the Dukes met again, and the Duke of Glo'ster repeated this question, to which the Duke of Grafton dryly replied, "Sir, I am exactly three weeks and two days older than when your Royal Highness last asked me that disagreeable question."

Count Starenberg, when he was in England, used to play at the Union. His English was not quite as good as his luck. Playing one night at *trente et un*, the late Lord Barrymore was at the table, and not much delighted with the success of the Count. His Excellency was not very nice in his person, and it was ludicrous to hear him proclaim the state of his hand by saying, "I am dirty! I am dirty!" At last when he had achieved the best possible hand, he was so elated that he almost embraced Barrymore, exclaiming, "I am dirty, I am dirty-one, I am dirty-one." Barrymore, who lost by the Count's success, and had no liking for the nasty embrace, said, "Damn it, sir, so you are; but that's no reason why I should be dirty, too."

The Sorrows of Harriet Lane.

Philadelphia News.

The first bachelor President had quite a *brilliant administration socially. His* niece, Harriet Lane, was in many respects a magnificent woman. Her appearance was striking and her manner winning. Intellectually she was very strong, and she presided over her uncle's household with a dignity and grace that has handed her name down to posterity as one of the best *female characters ever in the White* House. She has seen great sorrow since those days. Her uncle, whom she loved as a father, has passed away and her two little boys, 10 and 14, the fruit of her happy marriage, have both died within the past three years. Her husband also departed this life suddenly within the past year, and the brilliant mistress of the White House of a little more than a quarter of a century ago is a childless widow.

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N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

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More Than a Curiosity.

New York Graphic.

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Express (Balt. & New York).....	*7:15 a m	*8:15 p m
Express (Balt. & New York).....	*5:06 p m	*10:15 a m
Cumberland Accom.....	8:25 a m	5:35 p m
Glover's Gap Accom.....	4:10 p m	8:45 a m
Moundsville Accom.....	11:55 a m	1:20 p m
WEST.		
Express (Chicago and Col).....	*9:15 a m	‡2:25 a m
Express (Chicago and Col).....	*7:10 p m	*8:15 a m
Express (Chicago and Col).....	*12:25 a m	*6:05 p m
Zanesville Accom.....	4:40 p m	9:25 a m
Barnesville Accom.....	8:35 a m	4:55 p m
W., P. & B. Div.		
Washington and Pittsburgh.....	6:35 a m	1:20 p m
Washington and Pittsburgh.....	10:20 a m	7:20 p m
Washington.....	5:35 p m	8:10 a m
Triadelphia Accom.....	†3:05 p m	4:10 p m
P., C. & St. L. Ry.—EAST.		
Pittsburgh.....	6:20 a m	†7:20 p m
Pittsburgh and New York.....	†1:20 p m	3:35 p m
Pittsburgh and New York.....	†4:45 p m	11:05 a m
WEST.		
Express, Cin. and St. Louis.....	†8:55 a m	†8:20 a m
Express, Cin. and St. Louis.....	†4:45 p m	7:20 p m
Express, Steubenville & Col.....	†1:20 p m	3:35 p m
Mixed.....	†5:40 p m	7:40 a m
C. & P. R. R.		
Pittsburgh.....	†5:57 a m	†8:23 p m
Wellsburg, Cleve. & Chi.....	†9:08 a m	8:33 a m
Pitts., New York & Chi.....	†1:32 a m	†5:03 p m
Pittsburgh and New York.....	†4:16 p m	12:33 p m
Wellsville Accom.....	†5:03 p m	8:21 p m
C., L. & W. R. R.		
Express, Cleveland, E. & W.....	†10:55 a m	†2:45 p m
Mansfield Accom.....	4:05 p m	9:50 a m
St. Clairsville Accom.....	†9:22 a m	8:25 a m
St. Clairsville Accom.....	†1:50 p m	†12:25 p m
St. Clairsville Accom.....	†5:25 p m	4:50 p m
Ohio River Railroad.		
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