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The Screw and Madness of Defeat. Looking back upon the recent misadventures of its party in Council, the Register beseeches Democratic members who have kicked against the tricks to have done with their child's play, devote themselves industriously to fence-mending, try to "save what substance they have left, and see if they cannot retrieve what has been lost."

The most interesting feature of the exhortation is the appeal to Democrats in Council to "forget past mistakes and differences and work harmoniously together for the best interest of the City Democracy and the fall elections."

Some time ago a little 3-year-old, playing in the yard, came into the house and said to his mother: "Mother, I saw a snake with a tail to it!" His mother, being unable to understand him, followed the child into the yard, where the little fellow pointed to a snake which was gliding away through the grass.

A story is related of a Connecticut infantry company in the war of 1861. It is believed to be without a parallel. The company, which was recruited in the town of Greenwich, had no less than twelve pairs of brothers in its ranks.

West Brookfield, Mass., has six couples who have experienced more than fifty years of wedded bliss, and one of the marriages was fifty-seven years ago.

Some of Blaine's younger lieutenants are not so reticent as Elkins. I ran across Sam Fessenden, of Connecticut, on Broadway to-day. He swings along with the gait of an old tar, owing to a slightly defective limb.

Observe that Democratic Councilmen who have helped to bring their party into disrepute are advised to pull together "for the best interests of the city Democracy and the fall elections."

A Free Trade Argument That Does Not Stand. Some time since an article appeared in the New York Nation (free trade) purporting to show in dollars and cents how the railroads and the people of the United States have been robbed by the tariff on steel rails.

The Manchester Examiner, now before us, thinks it strange that the American people have allowed themselves to be plundered, when they could have saved in thirteen years the enormous sum of \$117,271,000 if there had been free competition with British manufacturers.

In fifteen years, from 1840 to 1860 both inclusive, under a tariff for revenue, the average cost of iron rails in the Philadelphia market was \$58 75 per gross ton.

In twelve years, from 1874 to 1885 both inclusive, under a tariff for protection, the average cost of steel rails was \$52 00 per ton.

In the last three years under a tariff for revenue, 1883-85, the average yearly price of steel rails was \$37 75, \$30 75 and \$27 50 respectively per ton.

In the last three years under a tariff for protection, 1883-85, the average yearly price of steel rails was \$37 75, \$30 75 and \$27 50 respectively per ton.

It cannot be true that the public has been plundered. We have the cheapest and best railroad in the world. The figures are not at hand for 1885, a year of heavy reductions, but the record for 1881 will serve the purpose.

It is said by one who has tried it that cayenne pepper sprinkled upon hot hands will afford instant relief to persons troubled with neuralgia.

A farmer in New Hampshire has been fined for cruelty in not providing shelter for his cattle during the late cold weather. He was the richest man in the neighborhood.

In connection with the anti-Chinese movement in Sacramento, The Bee announced that it would print the names of 21 white women who desired to take in

LITTLE JAKE. Only the Elevator Boy in a Big Store but He Was Missed.

That was what he was called for, a big store, and the elevator boy in a big store, and the elevator boy in a big store.

Then Jake would pipe up from his corner: "Here I be!"

I wonder if the ladies who used to give him a nod or a word as they went up and down absorbed in their purchases will miss him now and speculate as to what has become of the quaint little fellow who was ever smiling, helping, always doing his duty bravely?

He went home sick one night, and laid "good night" bravely, swallowed a lump in his throat and ran off. The cry after his father came in.

"Mine leetle Jake," he began, and then broke down and said no more.

And he was, in his small way, proprietor of the hearts of the people he served, of their reason, their good will, a dividend that will serve him better than money in the land where he is to-day.

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Notice to Contractors. Sealed proposals to build an annex to Washington High School building in accordance with plans attached and on file at the office of the Board of Education of the School District of Washington, D. C.

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