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"SWALLOWING OYSTERS ALIVE."—At a late hour, the other night, the door of an oyster house in our city was thrust open, and in walked a hero from the Sucker State. He was quite six feet high, spare, somewhat stooped, with a hungry, anxious countenance, and his hands pushed clear down to the bottom of his breeches pockets. After taking a position, he indulged in a long stare at the man opening the bivalves, and slowly ejaculated—"Isters?"
"Yes sir," responded the attentive operator, "and fine ones they are too."
"Well, I've heard of Isters afore," says he, "but this is the first time I've seed 'em, and perhaps I'll know what that made of afore I git out of town."
Having expressed this desperate intention, he cautiously approached the plate and scrutinized the unopened shell fish, with a gravity and interest which would have done honor to the most illustrious searcher into the hidden mysteries of nature. At length he began to soliloquize on the difficulty of getting them out, and how queer they looked when held.

"I never seed any thin' hold on so—takes an amazing size of screw, how to get 'em out, and git 'em slick and slippery when they does come?" Smooth as an egg! I've a good mind to give that fellow lodging, just to realize the effects, as Uncle Jess used to say about speculation.
"Well, sir," was the reply, "down with two bits, and you can have a dozen."
"Two bits!" exclaimed the Sucker, "now come, that's stickin' it on the ritz, boss, for Isters. A dozen on 'em ain't nothin' to a chicken, and there's no gettin' more'n a picayune piece for them. I've only realized forty-five picayunes on my first venture to St. Louis. I'll tell you what, I'll gin you two chickens for a dozen, if you'll conclude to deal."
A wag, who was standing by indulging in a dozen winks to the attendant to shell out, and the offer was accepted.
"Now mind," repeated the Sucker, "all for two chickens for a dozen—you're a witness, mister," turning at the same time to the wag, "none of your tricks, for I've heard that you city fellows are nifty slip try coons."

The bargain being fairly understood, our Sucker squared himself for the onset, deliberately put off his sealskin, tucked up his sleeves, and, fork in hand, awaited the appearance of No. 1. It came—he saw—and quickly it was behind! A moment's dreadful pause ensued. The wag dropped his knife and fork with a look of mingled amazement and horror—something akin to Shakespeare's Hamlet on seeing his father's ghost—while he burst into the exclamation—
"Swallowed alive as I am a Christian!"
Our Sucker here had opened his mouth with pleasure a moment before, but now it stood open. Fear—a horrid dread of he didn't know what—a consciousness that all wasn't right, and ignorant of the extent of the wrong—the uncertainty of the moment was terrible. Urged to desperation, he feltered out—
"What on earth's the row?"
"Did you swallow it alive?" inquired the wag.
"I swallowed it just as he gin it to me!" shouted the Sucker.
"You're a dead man!" exclaimed his anxious friend; "the creature is alive and will eat fight through you," added he, in a most hopeless tone.
"Get a pizen pump and pump it out!" screamed the Sucker, in a frenzy, his eyes fairly starting from their sockets. "O gracious! what'll I do?—It's got hold of my innards already, and I'm dead as a chicken!—do something for me, do—do—let the infernal sea boil at me afore your eyes."

"Why don't you put some of this on it?" inquired the wag, pointing to a bottle of strong pepper-sauce.
The hint was enough—the Sucker upon the instant seized the bottle, and desperately wrenching out the cork, swallowed half the contents at a draught. He fairly squealed from its effects, and gasped and bloated, and rolled, and twisted as it were coursing through him with electric effect, while at the same time his eyes ran a stream of tears. At length, becoming a little composed, his wretched adviser approached, almost bursting with suppressed laughter, and inquired—
"How are you now, old fellow—did you kill it?"
"Well, I did, boss—ugh ugh o-o-o my innards. If that critter's dyin' agonies didn't strike a rupture in me equal to a small earthquake, they 'nter no use sayin' it—it squirmed like a serpent, when that killin' stuff touched it; but—sup and here, with a countenance made up of suppressed agony and present determination, he passed to the next article, and slowly and deliberately remarked, "If you get two chickens from me for that live animal I'm d-d!" and seizing his sealskin, he vanished.
The shout of laughter, and the contortions of the company at this finale, would have made a spectator believe that they had all been swallowing oysters alive.

FOREIGN ITEMS.
The London Times advocates a general relaxation of the laws of all the leading powers, in regard to the rights and duties of neutrals, by a board of eminent jurists, who are to be appointed on the part of the American, British, and other governments.
According to the census recently taken in the city of Paris, its population, exclusive of foreigners—surrounding there, is about 1,700,000.
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