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WHY I STEPPED ASIDE.

BY O. H. BEERS.

Go look within your closet, friend,
And see what you can find;
And if you fail, in looking there,
A skeleton to find,
Then say of me whate'er you may,
And place on scandal's tide
Your version of the son of one
Who chanced to step aside.

But do not say I took the step
Without some good excuse,
Or call me yet a memirep,
For that would be abuse:
I know I err'd, and feel the sin
That poisons all my pride,
But, Oh! if placed as I have been
You, too, might step aside.

I loved as only woman can,
And hoped as women do;
I trusted, but I found the man
As false as I was true;
He promised with a sacred vow
To make of me his bride,
Ah—well! you comprehend me now,
And *why* I stepped aside.

—*N. Y. Clipper.*

THE EARLY FALL MOSQUITO.

'Tis not because he hummeth
On airy wing,
That you may know he cometh,
Your flesh to sting.
He bobbeth up serenely
To take a bite,
So quietly and meanly,
With silent spite;
And thus you furnish meat to
The early fall mosquito.

At bars and screens he laugheth,
So lithe and small,
And blood he freely quaffeth,
In spite of all.
His sharp phlebotomizing
By day and night,
Corpuscles analyzing
With keenest sight,
Maketh existence sweet to
The early fall mosquito.

The crime that he committeth
Is shocking, too;
For while your blood he letteth,
He poisoneth you.
No station he respecteth,
If low or high;
No person he neglecteth,
Or passeth by—
He stings both rich and poor, too,
The early fall mosquito.

—*N. Y. Sun.*

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Hot! Hotter! Hottest!—How It Affects the Freight Handlers—Italians and Hebrews Out of Luck—How the Dutchman Got Away With the Short Boys—Good News on Wall Street—The Flight to the Watering Places—Building News, etc.

NEW YORK, July 22, 1882.

EDITOR CHIEF:

I think it was last year as the dog days drew nigh that I made the discovery that warm weather was not conductive of morality. It is not that men do a little more swearing than usual, or that they become morally oblivious to their personal obligations; but as the thermometer rises the moral barometer falls, so that while zero might represent an average degree of frozen virtue, 80 degrees in the shade would stand for average rascality, 90 degrees for infernal villainy, and 100 degrees for the usual class of crimes punished by the State prison or the gallows. While the thermometer stood at 70 degrees the freight handling strikers were tolerably peaceable and undemonstrative; but the moment it rose to 90 degrees in the shade it seemed as if the devil, or some one else, had got possession of them. They pelt poor wretches with stones, whose only offense is that they are compelled to work for what they can get or starve; and for this they are knocked down and beaten with clubs; and this in a country which is supposed to be the model republic in the world! The Driscolls, McCarthys, O'Dwyers, Hennesseys, Kellys and Sullivans swear "be St. Patrick we won't have ana av thim Oitalian fariners intherferin' wid our roights." This question will have to be met sooner or later, and maintained at the bayonet's point, if necessary—the right of every man to his own free labor without let or hindrance from any other man; and until the day comes when every man can say, without fear, what he will take for his labor, this is not a free country; and the government that won't maintain a man in that right—I don't care whether he is an Italian or a Chinaman—deserves to fall. Let the boss be free to say what he will give, and let the man be free to say what he will take; but do not allow him to beat or kill any other man who feels inclined to take less.

Nothing can be more pitiable than the condition of some of the Russian Jews who have lately landed here. Many of them are in the extreme of destitution. In their own country they would work from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, for half a dollar. A dollar and a half a day looks like big wages to them, so they eagerly accepted the offer to go to work. What must be their opinion about our American civilization when they found themselves chased like wild wolves, and saw some of their poor companions brought in all maimed and bleeding, their only crime being that they tried to make an honest living. New York is booming now with Land League meetings, and thousands of dollars are being collected for poor oppressed Ireland; but if England has done any thing worse in Ireland than the Irish have done to the Italians and Russians in New York, I have yet to see it or hear of it. It is disgraceful that such a state of affairs should exist in the principal city of the Union, and if Mayor Grace were not afraid of losing votes at the next election, with the unlimited power at his control, it would not exist for an hour; but these low ruffians have votes, and a few broken heads might endanger the Mayor's majority.

About thirty years ago a party called the Short Boys, a lot of the worst ruffians that ever cursed a city, thought we were getting too many Dutch among us. The Dutchmen were inclined to be peaceable, but the Short Boys were spoiling for a fight. Well, they got it after a time, and it wasn't necessary to say to them, "Don't you forget it," for they did not forget it without telling, and they have not forgotten it yet, that is, if any of them are alive and out of prison. Oh! what a walloping the Dutchmen gave them! There were no ambulances then, but there were lots of dead and broken-up Short Boys carried off on doors and shutters, to the great delight of all order loving citizens, who would have been happy if they had all been blown up with nitro-glycerine. German stock has been at par from that day to this, and is likely to continue so; and I hope to see the day come when the Italians and Russians shall be able like the Germans to take their own part against a lot of cowardly curs who would attack a destitute stranger trying to make an honest living in a strange land.

As I said at the beginning, it's the thermometer, so I sat down to study out the case, and I finally discovered that no good people are to be found in any very hot place; and the hotter it is the worse they are, so my advice is to keep cool.

The week has been one of exceptional violence, assaults, murders, suicides and robberies. Two murders have occurred here within a few days, which if they had taken place in Mexico or Arizona among the Indians, would have aroused the nation; but we have got so familiar with this sort of thing that no one seems surprised at it. It would appear that no place is as safe to kill a man as the streets of New York. Within a very short time two men were killed under exactly similar circumstances; that is to say, they were with friends; they were not alone in a dark alley, but in a broad street, well lighted, yet in both cases the murderer escaped, and from present appearances it don't look as if he ever would be found.

The only thing that we have had at all cooling or consoling for a week was Bro. Beecher's formal announcement last Sunday of his disbelief in a personal hell. Shades of John Calvin and Wesley, but it must have kicked up a row if some of the good old orthodox Presbyterians who are now enjoying their *otium cum dignitate* on the other side of the Styx could have been flying around when Henry Ward made that comforting declaration. I look upon him as a public benefactor. I don't want any Gehenna in mine; the taste I have had of it for the past five days assures me that it is not a pleasant thing to have. I've been ciphering. If it so intolerable with the thermometer at 96, what would it be at 10,000,000 degrees? No, NO! No hades in mine. I'm going to apply for membership at the Plymouth Church forthwith.

The hot weather has not been wholly unproductive of good; the bears have begun to hunt their holes in Wall street, and the bulls are sloshing around with blood in their eyes. Stocks have gone up with a boom, and present appearances indicate a rising barometer; money is abundant and cheap, and people feel that they must do something; it's agin the law to go in for a little ante at poker or the Egyptian king; but you can go in for your bottom dollar on Lake Shore or Northwestern without the slightest fear of a church investigation, as their wives and families are all off at the watering places, the boys are going in for fun. The good news from the West of big crops has something to do with it undoubtedly, but whatever it is, the boom has come to stay. A friend at my elbow suggests that the average Wall street broker will have to get used to this weather sooner or later, and that may be the reason why we have so buoyant a market when the thermometer touches the nineties.

Everybody who could conveniently get out of town has gone; one very worthy man remains, but my modesty forbids me to name him. The advent of a new locomotive on the Erie road has been one of the sensations of the week. It is built on the principle of a naphtha stove, the generating power being naphtha and water. One thing is certain, and that is, the thing will go. The trial trip last Tuesday was of the most satisfactory character. There is one thing that will recommend it to the traveling public—no possibility of getting a cinder in your eye, for there is no smoke and cinders, which is a great advantage.

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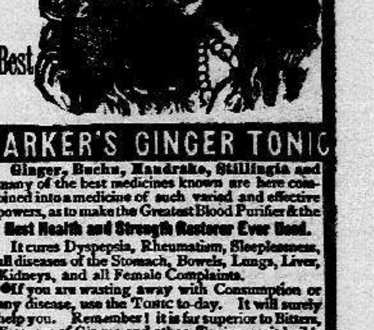

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