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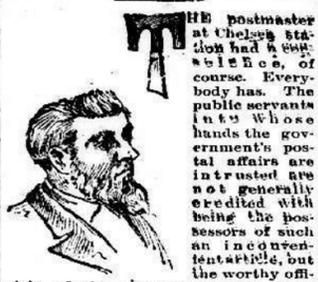
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STOLEN LOVE LETTERS.



The postmaster at the station had a letter in his box, of course. Every body has. The public servants in whose hands the government's postal affairs are entrusted are not generally credited with being the possessors of such an inconvenient article.

One Thursday afternoon there came an unusually strong temptation. The four o'clock mail came in, bringing a letter that sent the blood surging in crimson waves over Postmaster Gardner's face and made his heart beat against its prison like a trip hammer.

Through the long hours of the evening while the neighbors had congregated in the little room there was a conflict in the postmaster's mind. Like the Danish prince, he was trying to solve the question: "To be or not to be?"

He held it up to the light; he put it back in box No. 13; he took it up and looked at it again, and then carefully broke the seal and removed the closely written sheets from their covering.

The postmaster's life had always been a prosa. There was nothing in his remembrance that had ever shed a roscate glow over the commonplace, monotonous expanse of years he had lived through, and that was an unwavering affection for Millicent Darrell. He had worshipped her from afar when they had gone to school together in their red brick house at the foot of the hill.

devotion. Through youth and the first years of his manhood she had been his star of Bethlehem, and it was fully as unapproachable as though she had in reality occupied a position in a world far beyond the sphere wherein he dwelt.

She may have been aware of the homage that was hers, but had given no encouragement to the admirer, who was too faint-hearted to give expression to his regard by word or sign, but who hopelessly waited for some one else to win the prize that he so much valued.

So that was the situation when Miss Darrell went down to the seashore one summer to visit her brother, Silas Gardner's heart was filled with misgivings during her absence, lest what he had long feared should pass into a reality.

DEMOCRATS NOT IN POWER.

The democratic party is not in power at the national capital. It cannot control legislation in congress. It is helpless to pass an important and vital measure, which was promised in the democratic platform of 1892, and which by an enormous majority the people demanded at the ballot box.

There was no such majority. Eight of nine senators elected as democrats have acted in alliance with the republicans. They have not cast a democratic vote on the tariff bill. They have voted to keep the important tariff in which it was stipulated to do which declared should be done—has not been done.

The president and the house of representatives are united in a determination that the democratic pledges of 1892 shall be kept. The tariff bill and are in open insurrection against the democratic sentiment of the country.

These senators misrepresented their states, the democratic constituencies of the country and the body of the people. They are a business-like set of men, and they are republicans, bearing a false name and carrying false colors.

If these false democrats shall be successful now in defeating reform tariff legislation, the responsibility will be chargeable to the democratic party of the nation. It will be simply another republican victory—a victory of the party of trusts, monopolies, class legislation, of corporate greed and extortion, reinforced by a group of sordid and venal politicians who have violated party allegiance and forfeited the name of democrats.

What the Republicans and Assistant Republicans Are Striving For. "If the senate bill is not passed, the McKinley law will remain on the statute book," declared Senator Vest, defiantly speaking not for himself alone, but for many of his colleagues.

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Coal is an article whose price not only plays an important part in estimating the cost of living in every household, but figures largely in the cost of manufactured products. The people are entitled to cheap coal. That a tax upon it is necessary for increasing the wages of coal miners is a pretense that no man can seriously believe.

INDIAN RELICS AFTER A FLOOD. A few days ago when the water in the Allegheny river was slowly subsiding a man was noticed walking along the shore intently scanning the banks.

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

Quick Soup.—Into one quart of boiling water put one cup of cracker crumbs, one-half cup of Irish potatoes chopped fine, one tablespoonful of rice, butter the size of an egg, onion enough to flavor and salt and pepper to taste.

A Berry Pudding.—Send a recipe for a delicious strawberry pudding. It is rather late for this year, but raspberries are equally good.

Delicious Sirup.—After the fruit butter is removed from the preserving kettle pour in the parings and also the water in which they have been soaking.

One of the Most Effective Weapons She Can Possess. Among the most delicate weapons used by women tact is one of the most effective—the power of listening, of brightening at the proper moment, and laughing at the right joke, and of knowing the exact temper in which a man is conquerable.

Incidents of Travel. Foreigner (traveling in America)—Porter, can you get me a deck of cards? Porter—Yes, sah (brings them). Seventy-five cents.

Traveler (paying and tearing open the covers)—I want a tin. Porter—Sah (fits one and pockets a fee for the service). Thank you, sah. Traveler shuffles cards and deals out for solitaire.

Porter (retires to end of car for five minutes, then returns)—Scuse me, sah. Cards are not allowed to be played in this coach on Sundays, sah.—N. Y. Sun.

A Youthful Observer. Mother—Why do you cry, Bobby; the minister is going to pray. Bobby—Well, he wants to cut it short. Mother—Why do you say that, Bobby? Bobby—'Cos there's a man over there who's gettin' ready to say "Amen." Judge.

Teacher—What would you say to Charlie if he should give you the only apple he had when he wanted it very much for himself? Tommy (with emphasis)—I'd say he was a chump!—Chicago Record.