all up in the wavy brown hair.

and off she flew to her work,

before, "Now for the washing,"

changed before Samuel comes at noon."

something done, and at half past ten, spite

of all her hindrances from baby, who was cross, she was hanging out the clothes so

nowy white they dazzled her eyes as the

sun shone on them. One end of the clothes

line ran nearly out to the front fonce through the side yard, and the whitest,

"How many people are passing," she

thought to herself, "and how they all stare

at me; guess it must be the clothes though

the rear of one of the Descon's shirts to the

line. "Hark! who was that at the front gate?" Before she had time to turn around

him close to her; but what was the mat-

ing? Come straight into the house!"

me why," her lips quivering.

Flint ?"

"Martha-Pendleton-Flint?" be ex-

With a look that defies description, the

little body straightened itself up as high as

it would go, as she said, "Not till you speak

"Of course I am; you don't suppose

grudge me the sunshine to dry them with,

because it's Sunday, do you? Why it would be wicked to bring them in before

Guess there's a little Sunday-breaking on

woman, I had everything finished up last

night ready to start for home on the five

o'clock train. Somehow, I must have been

meammon tired or else it was the heat.

leastways, I dropped to sleep in the depot

midnight, so's you wouldn't be so lone-some Sunday, but we broke down, and just

got here a half hour ago. Then to think,

and folks a looking at me on their way to

"To think, Samuel," she broke in, "after

that dreadful trial, you should walk into

out clothes in your front yard, and you

Deacon of good standing in the church!

will do to me for thinking it was washing

very hard with me, because yesterday was my Sunday, though I had such a sick head-

ache, it seems I didn't know much about

you can go to meeting, and then piece out

your Sunday to-morrow, won't that do?" But the Deacon could't get over it; his

heart was heavy; and while his wife wa

ly be walked out to the clothes line,

Most of the clothes were dry, for the sun

he snowy things into the basket, uncon-

sciously humming to himself, "Have pity,

Mrs. Flint was washing dishes, and near-

Deacon walked in with the clean clothes.

"I couldn't stand it, Martha," he said in

proving "My dear!" and went into the oth-

Lord, O Lord forgive."

your front gate and find your wife hanging

both sides, isn't there?"

to me different from that, Samuel, and tell

instead of me," and she tenderly planed

nicest clothes were hung there of course.

con's return nearer.

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Twin drops together fall from beaven, And strike upon a farmer's roof; bundering they ran, till one, aloof, To the Atlantic deep is given.

And one to the Pacific rolls So to a far and alien sky, Two infants from one cradle fly, With different birth-mark on their sonls.

We see and feel a new sun rise, Which sends an added glow to skie Whence sorrow half the splendor took,

The lining which they shall unfold. As turns the sunflower to her god, Our spirit in his smile expands, And leasure round it all the bands Which held us captive to the sod.

Our better angel seems to plead For virtues wintry skies had scaled; The violet goodness stands revealed, which throught used a common weed.

He puts a life in everything.— In Hepe, in Paith, and last in us; And glittering in the sky we swing The sword he makes victorious. II.

His owl-like wish proclaims the night, Even where the Imperial splendor smiles, His look the innecent foy defiles, Which blackens in untimely blight.

He nees this world a whistling ball, Sent spinning on through cheerless space; And life to man, an empty classe For doubtful good, if good at a'l.

There sits an ever mocking enrite. Whose swiftest comment is dispraise; Who by a glance the heart betrays, And sulites with a stain the light.

To a shop-counter, where the shares Enchantment offers less their worth, And spleen nees always gaining hers. How through his talk the fluffy air Thickens, where spindles ring in rows; The beited wheel, which near him glows, Is scarce of vital warmth more bare.

We hear the hum of swarming towner What matter! wood or metal game

God help them both! Imparitallove Shall couch the blindness, nor condemn The faulty eye: for both of them One perfect sight in realms above. From One and New for April.

The Leisure Hour.

HOW THE DESCONS WIFE IN-TRODUCED THE DEACON. BY NEIL MACUREGOR.

Deacon Flint had decided to move; had decided to move to C.; had decided to commence moving at precisely five o'clock, Monday morning, July 18th; and so on that identical Monday morning you might, had you been an early riser, have seen the Descon divested of his coat and his Sunday dignity, shaking the best room curpet in

There is no need of saying what he did next, or what Mrs. Flint was doing. They went through the tearing up pro ess, very much as other people do; and not being endowed with an over-abundance of this world's goods, the last load of furniture, consisting of the Descon's wife and

baby, the twins and the best room lookingglass, was on its way to the depot at five o'clock \mathbf{r} , \mathbf{m} . "Blessed be nothing!" said the tired lit-

tle woman, as the Deacon belped her out of the wagon. "If we had been Squire Ran-som's folks, Samuel, we wouldn't have been more than a quarter through now, would we? My! how my poor bones would have ached though this time to-mor-row night. I'm glad the Lord knows what's best for me," she added, taking the baby from the Descon, looking around for the

It was but a few hours ride to C, and just in the coolest dusk of July twilight they walked up the street to their new home, very tired and thankful; thankful they were not "Squire Ransom's folks," but just themselves, if they did have to work late that night putting up the kitch-en stove and unpacking dishes and bed-

Tuesday was a day of many troubles The babies were tired and fretful: daylight revealed a coating of dirt on doors and windows, the depth of which they knew not before; and the heat was intense. But the Deacon, possessing untiring energy, and his little wife the sunniest of tempers, they succeeded so well that, by Thursday night, as he came into the kitchen with an armful of wood, where his wife after walking through town, from the cars, was washing dishes, she commenced sing-

"The Deacon thinks his work is most done, But I feel as if mine had just begun." "Did you hear that, Samuel?" she said, ghing, and turning around to look at

It was prayer-meeting night, and the Dear! dear! what do you think the Lord Deacon went to prayer-meeting for the first time in C., took an active part, and after day? I don't think," she added, "he'll be neeting waited to shake hands with the ninister, and some of the brothers, answer inquiries, and present their letters. He had the satisfaction of feeling on his the day. I'll tell you what, Samuel, I'll way home that he had made a good impressing at home with the babies to-night and

sion; it pleased him; it would have pleased us; and he told his little wife that night, in his grave way, that he "hoped, coming as he did, in the midst of a strange people, there might never be any occasion for remark against him while he remained a "I'm sure I hope not, Samuel," she said,

looking innocently up in his face, and adding as she nestled her little head on his shoulder, "I don't feel very much alarmed The next day, Friday, the Descon went

back to his old home, having some business settlements to make there. "Can't tell certain when I shall be back; probably not till Monday noon; guess there's wood enough split to last till then,

Good-bye," he said, and was gone, The wee woman went singing back to her half washed dinner dishes, and with one foot on the cradle rocker, she scoured the

twin faces till they blushed like red peppers, then settled them in their trumlle bed his Bible to read, and sighed again, and his Bible to read, and sighed again, and when I'm banging up your shirt in the front yard?"

as she came out from the bedroom, and A little while after, two arms stole softly stopped to brush a fly from under the musmade your back ache to look at her. But knock at the door interrupted, and she the cheery heart in the weary body assert-ed itself, and she smiled with the thought. She had brushed her brown wavy hair

of all she would do before the Descon cause and dressed in a cool white muslin dress, with far tetween dottings of pink, and "I must slick my hair over a little, so if looked not a bit like the guilty little washany one should come I wouldn't spoil the crwoman sho was. She opened the door, Descon's reputation," she said to herself, and Descon Frost and Elder Commins in-going up to the little glass that hung be- troduced themselves and walked in with tween the kitchen windows.

Just then a gem of a sunbeam flashed in at the window, and seemed to tangle likelf od, whereupon Elder Cummins cleared his throat and in a piping voice, said :

"Oh, how protty," she said, with a blush and a laugh like a child's, "Guess if some coming on such a day, but we thought it coming on such a day, but we thought it body'd been at home I'd had a kiss, then I' best that some explanation should be made before our people again gather for evening How like magic the white curtains went services!

up and the cobwebs came down; how the 'Oh, I know what you mean, I guess best room looking-glass shone after bet Elder Commins, you mean, I guess, polishing, and the old daguerrootype of last-yesterday for Sunday, instead of to"Samuel in his best days," never shone through so clean a surface as it did on that descon was away, and I made a mistake in So the time flew, bringing the Dea-the days somehow, I was so busy settling, and so yesterday was my Sunday, though One morning she wakened early, entired by free from a wretched headache she had and so didn't find out my mistake at all. Then, wasn't it funny? I got up at five she said to herself. "I want to have it all | this morning and went to washing, thinklone, the kitchen cleaned up and my dress ing it was Monday, and I'd got all through before the Dezeon came home; I declare, Quietly dressing so as not to awaken the Tve laughed so about it I fairly sche," and children, she slipped out into the kitchen. the little feminine offender laughed again, built a fire, and commenced operations. and so contaglously, that the three laughed How she did work! every step told of with her.

"I've been so good, though, Elder, the rest of the day, I'm sure the Lord has forgiven me for it," and she smiled so sweetly, they both were completely won. When they rose to go, Deacon Frost said to Dea-con Flint, "It is our missionary meeting to-night, brother, and a little explanation from you there will set the matter right, I

Up spoke the feminine voice again, "Oh. es, Deacon Frost, Samuel was intending o explain to-night. I only wish I could be there, but I can't leave the bables." "If you have no objections, Mrs. Flint," opticd the Descon, "my Susie will come the Deacon's energetic strides had brought and stay with them, and let you go, she

> you are very kind?" and she bowed them "Ain't you glad you married me, Samuel. estead of Abigail Howe?" said the small

would be so delighted,"

woman smiling up to him. No matter what be Descon said and did. As she was setting the tea table that night, she broke out into another merry

"Don't you see the people all going laugh, to meeting, and you hanging out shirts?" "Wi Descott,

Such a laugh as rang out then on the "O, Samuel, I was thinking how you Sunday air, I'm sure the good people of C. must have looked, coming up the street never heard before, "O, Samuel," she said, with your Sunday walk, your hands classolding her sides, "It's so funny ! no won- ed solemnly behind you, till you got to th der the folks stared at me and my clothes.

Oh, Oh, Oh!" and she sank down on the the front yard, then how suddenly you gress in a convulsion of laughter.

The poor Deacon was scandalized! "Mar-fit! and they both laughed together till

tha!" he said, in such a sadly anxious tone the tears came he only laughed the more, and it was not Supper over, dishes washed, buly asleep, up, soberly, and walked into the house with | be too humble, Sanuel," she whispered at the door, "work in a little spice if you can,

"Samuel, kiss me and forgive me, and I'll The meeting was opened as usual; then go to work and ravel it all out. I truly Brother Dean was called upon for a report will!" and she laughed again with the thought of what she had been guilty of, till X little w A little wiry, black-eyed man rose and

window and looked out.

"You're not going to let them clothes Descon's wives wash and hang out clothes hang out there all day, are you, Martha | before our very eyes as we walk to the Deacon Flint tried to rise, but somebody

"Now, O Lord, establish thy word unto sundown. But see here, Mr. Deacon, it's thy servant, so shall I have wherewith to the dress to be of thin material -a covering very likely a score of political collectors about time I called you to account I think. Answer him that represents the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material a covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of this material as covering the dress to be of the dress to be of this material. she said, "my brother, you shall have an explanation," and in a simple, almost child-The Deacon turned slowly around, and like way she told the story of her mistake, sat down. Then perching herself on his knee, she took his honest brown face in her broater, judge nothing before the time, unhands, and said: "Be a good boy now, and | til the Lord come. 'For we shall all stand tell all the truth; remember George Wash- | before the judgment seat of Christ, and every one shall give an account of himself to The Deacon smiled, just a trace of trouble | God; let us not therefore judge one mothn his smile, and taking the hands that held or any more!' Your sleep will be sweet him captive, in his own, said: "Well, little | to-night, my brother, if your heart is at peace with God, as mine is, for 'I am per-suaded that nother death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, no things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature and missed the train. Then I thought I'd shall be able to separate me from the lave take the nine o'clock train and get home at of God which is in Jesus Christour Lord,"

The next morning the Rev. Henry Brown and his wife called very unceremoniously on the new Deacon, "We knew it wouldn't be washing day here," laughed Serown, "so we came early. I could hardly wait to get here and talk over the fanny affair. Henry said after you sat down last night, he felt like inviting you into the pulpit."

"Why, bless me!" said the astonished little body, blushing like a girl. "I felt so shamed of myself after I got under the Dencon's coat! 'twas the first time I ever spoke in my life." "I hope it won't be the last, Mrs. Flint,

oming forward. "Yes!" broke in his wife, "Henry said

he'd always advocate women's speaking in oling after this."

busy in the kitchen he put on his hat, and with his hands clasped reverently behind him (his Sunday way) slowly and solemnfor a long time, a good reproof, but no one had the courage to give it to him. Your More deaths, we firmly believe, are caused little wife has done just what the whole by lack of warm clothing in August than parish will thank her for." was very hot, and one by one he dropped "Everybody I've seen since, is just en-

all the funny passages to her. "You have made yourself famous; look out for pleny dropped her best glass dish when the ty of calls this week ! "Oh, well," she said tossing the baby,

Mrs. Brown laughed, and said, "I think to-day, Samuel, would you?" she said arch- I shall send you word next Saturday night, that the next day will be Sunday, and you The Deacon merely ejaculated a disap- had inter not wash till Monday."

"Mrs, Flint," said the minister, "I think

Somebody was chosed out in the kitchen around his neck, and a dear voice said, just then and lameled so loud it wakened quite net over the baby, it would have "Forget all about it, dear, and I'll-" a the baby, -Chicago Advance.

A NORROWFUL SCRAE.

The following scene in a New York witness:-"I had searedly made my business known at the first of my uncle's establishments No. - - street) to which I man entered with a bundle, on which he asked a small advance, and which on being opened, was found to contain a shawl and two or three other articles of female appar-The man was stout and stordy, and, as

I judged from his appearance, a mechanic,

but the mark of the destroyer was on his bloated countenance. The pawnbroker was examining the offered piedge, when π woman, with a pale face and attenuated is desirable to ascertain who is willing to the United States the money which belongs form, came hastily into the shop with the act as well as to talk in favor of it. I will to the whole people, and should be used in single exchamation, 'Ob., Robert!' daried not stop to consider whether the president's rather than ran to that part of the counter where the man was standing. Her miserquite equalled our expectations. If he has where the man was standing. Her miser-able husband, not satisfied with wasting this own earnings, and leaving her to starve able enough to believe that the fault is inwith her children, had plundered even her seanty wardrobe, and the pittance received which ought to have given him an encourwas to be squandered at the rum shop. A blush of shame grose even upon his degraded face, but it quickly passed away; the brutal appetite prevailed. 'Go home,' was his barsh exclamation; 'what brings you here, running after me with your everlasting scolding? Go home and mind your own business,' 'Oh, Robert, dear on any array of defaulting and swindling Robert,' answered the unhappy wife, 'Don't officials; upon any parade of figures showpawn my shawl. Our children are crying ing the grand aggregate of the money for bread, and I have none to give them; wrongfully taken from individuals under or let me have the money, Robert, and don't leave us to perish!" I watched the fraudulently and leioniously put into priface of the pawistroker, 'Twelve shillings on these things,' he said tossing them back pressed in Congress and state Legislatures to the drunkard, with a look of perfect in- which, under pretense of the public good, difference. 'Only twelve shillings!' mur- pour into the coffers of rich corporations mured the heart-broken wife, in a tone of and into the private heards of unserupu despair; 'Oh, Robert, don't let them go for twelve shillings. Let me try somewhere- those who can ill afford to contribute of else,' 'Nonsense,' answered the brute, 'it | their scanty substance to gild the palaces is as much as they are worth, I suppose. of the strong. The evil is not merely Here, Mr. —, give us the change. The administration. It is not alone that here money was placed before him, and the and there our method of administering could be so delighted,"

"Oh, thank you, that would be so nice; creature reached forth her hands toward the dishonest official tis that this system is money, but the movement was anticipated by her husband. 'There, Mary,' giving ment, and if not torn up by the roots and her half a dellar, 'there, go home now, and don't make a fuss. 'I'm going a little way ment itself, up the street, and perhaps I'll bring you

ner grocery." "

an alarming proportion of all the children to be condemed; and if it cannot reform it-born die under three years of age. The self, and banish from its administration of reason usually given are that teething, the tit she looked up in his face that she real-ized how he was touched; then she stood con and his wife started for church. "Don't acute diseases of childhood, such as chol-will merit, an overthrow as signal and as acute diseases of childhood, such as chol- will merit, an overthrow as signal and as era-infantum, frequently ferminating in crushing as that which has befallen Tambrain difficulty, are more liable to occur many, during that period. The fact is before us, The New York custom house it appears The door closed behind them, she went up to him with a little caress, and said:

"Samuel, kiss me and forgive me, and I'll step on your corns when it's time to stop."

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The neeting was opened as usual; then go to work and ravel it all out. I truly to stop the stop of the fact is before us, and the cares, and said:

The New York custom house it appears to know how this mortality can be lessened.

Among the royal families of Europe, we clinch. Mr. Murphy was a republican,

whole congregation was electrified by the less form of her little one. It is true that neck and long sleeves, but it only allows look the position, and in the mean time

her children have lived, are well, and have Murphy was asked if Mr. Clinch was "perborne the exposure, it is not sufficient argument in its favor if there is a safer | tain his personal independence," he an-

With a young mother's first auxiety for is an exception to the general rule," It is the care of my little boy, I asked my physician, an elderly man of long experireplied: "The care given by the mother or nurse is infinitely more important than the party controlling the government, and any medical skill; I can only say to you, with the particular faction of the party in put on flannels and trust in the Lord." It seems to be a matter well proven,

though not understood by mothers so generally as it should be, that nothing so proteets the child from the diseases peculiar to infancy as flannel worn next the body, This prevents the child from feeling the changes of temperature to which it must more or less subject, and also any child from dampness of the clothes, as very their experience and knowledge cannot be young children, especially during sleep, spared; the heads of bureaus and departyoung children, especially during sleep, squently perspire so as to completely saturate the garment next the skin. If this be flancel, the child when taken up will tarned out of his office as assistant collector or linen will conduct heat much more government," is there any good reason readily and produce a sensation of chilli-ness. During the winter, the body and the for that reason? And if Mr. Clinch is limbs should be covered with flamed. In the real collector of the port of New York, the summer, full-blooded, healthy childs so far as the business of the office is conren may be burdened or overheated by it, cerned, can any one give a good rea and we would then keep it simply over the | why there is any need of a political collectof you always speak as much to the purpose body, it being even more essential that the bowels should be covered in the summer than in the winter, on account of the diseases pecaliar to that season.

"It was capital?" said Mr. Brown, re. should be pretested by long flannel nightdresses. Fine, soft, delicate flannel, no "Just what Job Dean has needed matter how fine and soft for summer use, should always cover the bowels closely. in December.

The infant, requiring the tenderest care raptured with you," said his wife to the laughing heroine, who had been rehearsing upon a summer morning in a thin cambric dress with no other covering than this upon its neck and arms, while the mother is "the washing is done, and I shall have demand. In consequence, the infant must he kept in a heated room, with all the best of the day for guining strength, or if submitted to the air, Instead of gaining health, it finds only colle, Plannel shirts and skirts and soft lamb's

knives, while she told the story of "Jack and Jill" to the twins.

When the last kettle was washed, the kitchen stove and table brushed and scourced to the usual shade of black and white, the baby saleep in her little nest of a cradile, "bless her!" she washed the pretty looked back, and gazed again. But the "Mrs. Flint," said the minister, "I think er room to read his Sunday paper,

When the last kettle was washed, the kitchen stove and table brushed and scource church. What a sudden, surprised intercent of the usual shade of black and white, the baby saleep in her little nest of a cradile. "Samuel," said the minister, "I think you fully competent to manage your own affairs, without any of my wife's interference," and so lamb's when mothers come to believe in and the ence," and so lamb's when mothers come to believe in and the ence," and so lambing merrily, they death and spide at any season of the year, and when mothers come to believe in and the ence," and so lambing merrily, they death and spide at any season of the year, and started, without any of my wife's interference, and when mothers come to believe in and the ence," and so lambing merrily, they death and spide at any season of the year, and when mothers come to believe in and the minister, "I think er room to read his Sunday paper,

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MR. WILLARD ON THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Amid the shameful opposition and ridicule with which the civil service reform meyement is met in Concress, it is with cellings of satisfaction and pride that we regard the course taken by Mr. Edmunds in the Senate and by Mr. Willard in the House, in earnest and unflinching support of a movement so Important to the political purity and well-being of the nation No one who has taken part in the debate talks more eloquently, more earnestly, or more boldly than Mr. Willard. The danger of delay in the inauguration of reform was well presented by him in a speech de-

livered a few days since. He said: Reform has rested only in the vague gen eralities of resolutions and good determin utions long enough. It has been used as tense can mislead intelligent men. Those who mean reform when they say reform have reached a point where they believe it aging response long before this, and o some self-appointed leaders of the republican party who, while enlogizing Gen. Grant have nearly strangled the measure which he so cordially and fully edorsed. I do not rest my belief of the necessity of

some reform in the civil service alone up-

If the spoils of a single state produced a something from market, when I come Tweed and Hall and Barnard in that limit tical organization after organization after organization the dield of operation, what alarming proportions whose conflicts it has fearlessly participation. man as she meekly turned to the door, told | tions of villainy might not be developed plainly enough how much she trusted in when the spolis of four hundred millions "What's the matter, now dear?" said the be promise. They went on their way— of revenue are turned into private and party she to the children, and he to the next 'corchannels, and "the whole unbounded continent" gives scope for the expansion of Tweeds until we stop sawing the seed from which they spring. So far as the republi-We all know that in the civilized world can party permits such practices white it has control of the government it deserves ost trying process of childhood, takes of the spoils, it will sooner or later be dis-

find that a child's death rarely occurs. This fact leads us to believe that it is in the power of human intelligence and skill to the Deacon kissed her, and laughed too, in spite of himself. Then he walked to the spite of himself. Then he walked to the our mildst Deacons travel on Sunday, and dens so many of our homes. The usual mode of dressing children is one great cause of this terrible loss of the of an indefinite amount, and Mr. Clinch house of God! I call for an explanation," The fondness of the mother for exhibiting had a salary of \$5000 annually. Mr. Clinch the dimpled arms and neck of her baby is administered the law and Mr. Murphy the now I've got them out, God's going to be- pulled him down, and the next minute the early rebuked by the closed eyes and life- politics of the office. Mr. Clinch has remalned in the office thirty years, and is sound of a sweet womanly voice saying :- fashion now sanctions the castom of high probably now no richer than when he first

have got rich out of the place. When Mr. mitted to serve the public and yet mat swered without conceniment, "Yes, sir; he possible Mr. Murphy believes the "generat rule" a triffe more extensive in its operation than it really is, but he certainly gave note his health and insure his life. He it as he understood it. The general rule is that a person must agree politically with power, or he is removed from office, no matter what may be his fitness for the position. Mr. Clinch fortunately is not the only exception to this rule, as many departments of the public service can show similar instances. Many such valuable public servants hold their places while administrations come and go, and they hold them not as personal favors but because ments would not know what to do without them. And if Mr. Clinch should not be emain warm and comfortable, but cotton for being a democrat, an "enemy of the the real collector of the port of New York,

Let the next republican national convention announce as the first article in its creed, "to the victors belong the spoils," But in climates where the nights are and see what progress they will make in much colder than the days, the limbs also the campaign. Let observations be made as to the number of honest voters in New nia, who will rally enthusiascically at that bugle-call. Let them call their campaign clubs, auxiliary branches of the great heard something in President Johnson's time. Let them organize their army with the bummers and camp-followers, the men and "commissions" and other "general-order business" at the front-not the post of dressed in a comfortable wrapper, to be laid aside, as the warmth of mid-day may ask the people to fall into line and help that movement on to victory. Mr. Speaker, the people would turn from such a party movement with infinite disgust and loathing. They would do no more; they packed ballot-boxes and false counting, the natural resort of such political villalny, were interposed to arrest the results of the people's righteons indignation, a storm of from the office the corrupt tyrants who have | impatient.

endeavored to perpetuate themselves in

Shall I be told that lothis I am condemning the republican party? Well, sir, I am condensing the republican party so far as, as an organization, it is guilty of the offences I describe: I am condemning the republi-em party to far us it is following the corrupt and corrupting example of its political pre-locessors in the control of the government; I am condemning the repu can party so far as it treats offices as the reward of mere party service; I am condemning the republican party so far as it asserts or acts upon the theory that a party or a man beaten in an election is on that account to be treated as an enemy conquered in war; I am condemning the republican party so far as it upholds or defends the system which gives millions annually in moleties, perquisites, and profitable jobs to political friends as a reward for political service or political influence; I am condemning the republican party whenever and wherever it takes from the treasury of relieving the heavy burden of the public debt and to lighten the load of taxation un-der which the nation labors, and puts that money into the pockets of the political or personal favorites of anybody, or uses it to make up an election fund with which to carry on political campaigns.

THE TAMMANY SOCIETY. The Tammany Society, or Columbean

Order, is doubtless the oldest purely selfconstituted political association in the most influential. Beginning with the government, for it was organized within a fortnight of the inauguration of the first President, and at a spot within the sound of his voice as he spoke his first official continued down to the present timebut has controlled the choice of at least one President, fixed the character of several national as well as State administrations. given pseudonyms to half a dozen wellknown organizations, and, in fact, has shaped the destiny of the country in several turning-points of its history.

Few suspect, much less comprehend, the extent of the influence this purely local association has exerted. To its agency more than any other is due the fact that for the last three-quarters of a century New York city has been the most potent political contre in the world, not even Paris excepted. Greater than any party, inasmuch as it has been the master of parties, it has seen polited, arise, fleurish, and go down, and yet has stood ready, with powers unimpaired, to engage in the struggles of the next crop of contestants. In this experience it has been solitary and peculiar. Imitators it has had in abundance, but not one of them has succeeded in catching that secret of po-Tammany with its wonderful permanency,

to be traced in part, to the sagnelty which

Tammany's leaders have at all times shown in forecasting the changes of political is-

sues, or availing themselves of the opporhave arisen. Tammany has not only furnished the most capable politicians the country has possessed, but has managed to ally herself with the shrewdest ones to be found outside of its own organization has always shown a willingness to trade in the gifts at its command, and rarely indeed has it got the worst of a bargain. For the bered an absolute majority of the voters of vet during the whole of that period it has the power through a system of comprehensive trafficking, sometimes with factions of its own party, and sometimes, when they have not proved sufficiently pliable, even with the common enemy. Its established polley is, when no other road is open, to boldly buy its way to the seat of autho Its theory of political action has, from the days of Fernando Wood, been that New York was to be governed from below, not and the strength of its corruption, and not by the torce of its intelligence and virtueand has governed itself accordingly. In the unwashed and spotted rabble of the great metropolis, whose chiefest element it has sedulously cultivated without giving offence to any other, it has found an arms

community in this country would endure. But more than all has its success depended upon the dual character of its construcion. Through its General Committee, or outside organization, it is a public body, to the same time, through its interior, or sec-ret association, which only a trusted few are permitted to enter, and in whose hands all the Society's property is retained, it is a close corporation. Never was there a more ingenious contrivance for efficient political control.-Rufus Home, in Harper's Magazine for April.

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preparation for another deadly struggle which is going on in Europe was never better Blustrated than by the recent an disposal \$71,000 soldiers, all ready for service. This statement, which was at first received with the incredulity which it aped very authoritatively. The army which was imprisoned in Germany, numbering about 380,000 men, is on a very good foot captivity, it has prepared itself for vengence. There are also 68,000 reserve troops of really excellent character and 423,000 gardes mobiles, who have "seen service," but who cannot exactly claim the distine tion of being veterans. The men are not to be disputed, however. They really ex ist as an organized force, and as a force willing and auxious to fight. France inintends, within the next two years, to million of men; and to thus have two armother, five hundred thousand in number also, of militia, at her immediate command, Her artillery is still in bad condition but great efforts are in progress for its renovawould find some way of overthrowing it then and improvement. Germany has with fremdom violence at the polis; and if found it necessary to very much improve equal France in the vigor of her amelioration of that effective arm of the service. France is still determined on a speeedy and revolution would come like that which has | terrible vengeance upon Germany, and the many times in the world's history swept | wise may not be able to restrain the over-

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