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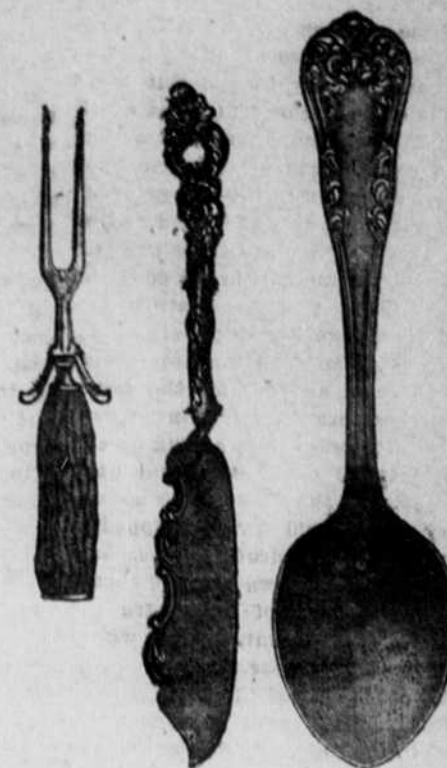


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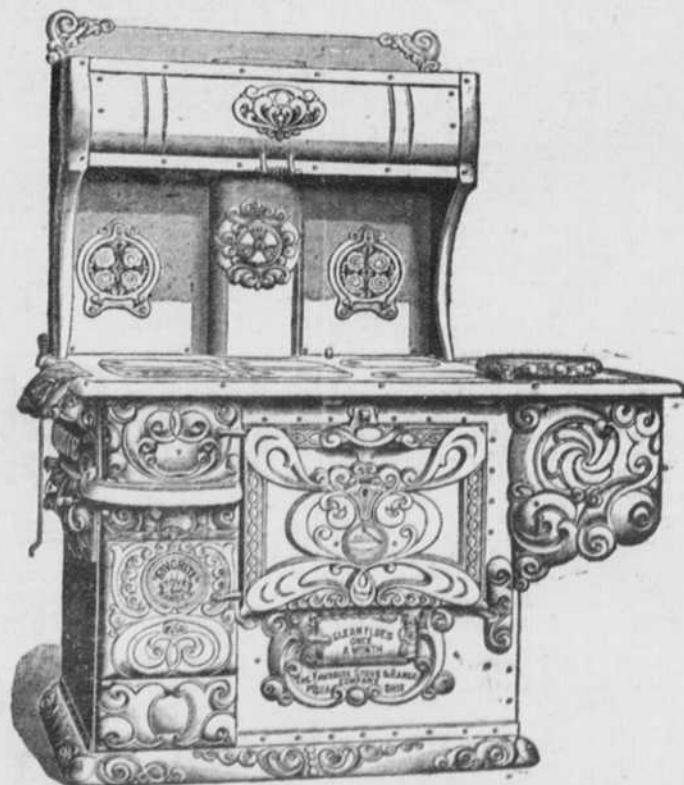
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Call Roger Q. Mills, now taking his ease in Texas, and the tale he will tell will be worth your while. He finally succeeded in putting the tariff bill brought in through the House, but his patience was worn to what John Wesley Gaines would call a frazzle.

Did William M. Springer find leadership a pleasant office? If he could be called back and interrogated he would make a confession which would stir all hearts with mingled amusement and sympathy.

William L. Wilson, an attractive and accomplished man as ever led in the House, brought all of his skill and suavity into play and needed it all. He was a broken man physically when he retired, and did not long survive.

Then the democrats lost control, and have never regained it. Mr. Bal-

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ley of Texas tried his hand as leader, but threw up the job in anger and despair. His critics charged him with harshness and bossism. He retorted with charges of insubordination and impracticability.

Mr. Richardson of Tennessee came next, and while one of the best parliamentarians in the chamber, could not marshal his forces for successful action on anything. The complaint against him was of a lack of driving power. He was the opposite of Mr. Bailey in that particular, being a man of much patience and conciliation, but he also failed.

Then came Mr. Williams, who we still have with us. He is not so dictatorial as Mr. Bailey, nor so conciliatory as Mr. Richardson, but knows the ropes as how to pull them, and has wit and humor. Now his supremacy is threatened. The nutcrackers are saying things and threatening him, and his days as leader appear to be gliding swiftly by.

But, uncertain as the tenore is, the place has its attractions. Men aspire to it, and some scheme for it.—Washington Star.

A FINANCIAL QUESTION.

Financier's wife—Henry, when a cashier, or a treasurer, or some man of that sort, runs away with a lot of money, and his books don't balance, they call it a shortage, don't they? Well, suppose, instead of taking the firm's money, he leaves a lot of his own money behind—is that "longage," or what is it?

Financier—I believe there's some word to describe it, but I don't know what it is. There is never any occasion to use it.

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