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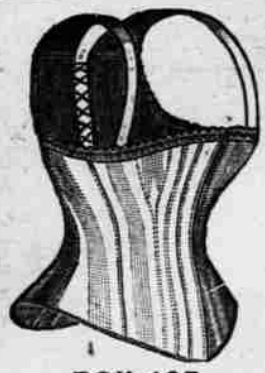
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He Wanted a Dollar.

Tax Collector Stewart comes in for his share of amusing incidents. The other day a fat, little, undersized, gray headed negro man waddled into the apartment for taxpayers. It was early in the morning and he was the only taxpayer there. By getting on tiptoes the old negro could just peep through the window between the apartments; but no one in the tax office seemed to see him. At last Mr. Stewart's attention was attracted by various and sundry noises.

"What is it uncle?" asked Mr. Stewart. "Mawwin, boss, mawwin. I jes' wanted ter fin out how much my ole lady's tax wuz, boss. I'm 'bout sho' it's erbout six-forty."

Mr. Stewart consulted the tax books. "Only five-forty."

"Boss," said the old fellow in a dubious tone, "I spes you better look ergin. I'm sho' it mus' be six-forty."

In spite of all the old tax collector could say the old fellow handed him \$6.40. The tax collector returned the old man a dollar and gave him a receipt.

"Thankee, boss, thankee," said the old negro when he saw the dollar returned. He pocket the dollar and departed with the receipt.

The next morning Mr. Stewart met the same old negro fellow on a street car. When the negro saw Mr. Stewart he broke into a laugh.

"Look here, uncle, why did you want to pay more tax than was necessary?"

"Well, it wuz dis way, boss: I wanted a dollar. I didn't know 'zactly how ter git 'er. I paid you \$6.40, didn't I, boss? I goes home an tells the ole lady: 'I dun paid Mr. Stuard \$6.40. Dat dollar belongs to me.'—Atlanta Herald.

A Practical Joke.

The British sense of humor frequently finds its expression in practical jokes, and the young "scion of the aristocracy" enjoys with artless glee a species of fun that an American would feel was adapted only for schoolboys. The following playful manifestation is reported from over the water as having recently occurred in a well known country house.

A pompous and very dignified member of the government arrived at a friend's house where he was due for a week's visit, and was met at the door by a tall footman whose familiar and impudent greeting immediately aroused the ire of the old gentleman. He mentally resolved to report the fellow's insolence to his master.

What was his surprise and horror, however, when the servant, assuming the attitude of a prize fighter about to begin operations, danced around him, intercepting his movements at every turn. "Is the man mad?" thought the startled statesman: "surely he has taken leave of his senses." In vain he spoke soothingly to the supposed maniac; the creature, who was of huge proportions, circled threateningly around him, and it was only after a few minutes of really uncomfortable anxiety that the indignant guest found himself the victim of a little practical joke on the part of the eldest son of his host.—New York Tribune.

What Wit Is.

No one has ever told us exactly what wit is. Dr. Isaac Barrow, a famous English divine and a man of brilliant wit himself, has given the best definition yet known, and he confesses that "often it consisteth in one hardly knows what." He says, in his old fashioned style: "Sometimes it lieth in a pat allusion to a known story, or in reasonable application of a trivial saying or in forging an opposite tale. Sometimes it playeth in words and phrases, taking advantage from the ambiguity of their sense or the affinity of their sound; sometimes it lurketh under an odd similitude; sometimes it is lodged in a sly question, in a smart answer, in a quirkish reason, in a shrewd imitation, a tart irony, a hasty hyperbole or a startling metaphor; sometimes an affected simplicity and sometimes a presumptuous bluntness giveth it being; sometimes it arises from a lucky hitting upon what is strange; sometimes from a crafty wrestling of obvious matter to the purpose."

Isn't this excellent? Study this clause and find a witticism to match it. I have not given the entire definition, but just enough to stimulate some one to look it up for himself.—New York Home Journal

Curious Legal Tender.

Almost every age and tribe, as well as every epoch, has had its peculiar currency or medium of barter and exchange. Not only gold, silver, copper, brass, iron, lead and paper, but such out of the way articles as bits of glass, shells, beads, stones, soap, bits of various colored cloth and numerous other objects, some of them absolutely valueless to our way of looking at the matter.

The Burness, Karens, Hangees and Ghans have no coined money, lead and silver in bullion being the ordinary tender in trade, weight and purity being the standard of value. For a long time salt was the ordinary money of the Abyssinians.

Dried fish has long been, and is even today to a certain extent, the legal tender of Iceland. Shad scales are also the medium of exchange in many of the North Sea islands.—St. Louis Republic.

Hundreds of Professors.

In the counties of Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon and Northumberland, Pa., there are 478 men who insist upon the title of "professor." This includes musicians, teachers of music, schoolmasters, two sleight-of-hand men, one ventriloquist, four slingers or "professors of sparring," nine dancing masters, two oyster openers and twelve drink mixers or bartenders. Twenty years ago the title was a scarce one in the coal fields. It was worn only by college teachers and it carried a weight with it.—Hazleton Sentinel.

Why They Are Called "Coppers." Fifty years ago policemen wore no uniforms, their badge of office being merely a copper shield. It was from this shield that they took their name of "coppers," which is often diminished to "cops."—Macon McCormick in New

The Weekly Chronicle.

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HILL WARNED.

The New York World recently delivered a "lecture" addressed "To Senator Hill." It closed with these words:

"The Democratic State Committee will meet in this city tomorrow under your direction. It will call a state convention to elect delegates to Chicago. It intends to fix upon February 22 as the date of that convention."

"You know that we are not your enemy. You know that we have upheld you in every step in your political career. You know with what vigor we supported you for governor in 1884 and again in 1888. You know that we first proposed and advocated your election to the senate against your own inclination. You know that we strengthened you in the recent fight to save the legislature at almost any peril. You know, in brief, that there is no political achievement in your record which you do not owe—in a small degree—to our free, independent support."

"On the other hand— 'We know that you mean to be straightforward and honest. We know that you are daring and far-sighted. We know that you are in sympathy with the masses. We know you are poor. We know you have never stained the executive power by yielding to greedy corporations and corrupting monopolies. We know that you have won from Mr. Cleveland much of the party enthusiasm which he possessed in 1884. We know that your control of the state committee is absolute. We know how great must be your temptation to use it absolutely. 'But we warn you to beware of this dangerous scheme. 'It is wrong. 'You are playing with fire. You are forging knives for your enemies. 'Governor—don't.'"

The Oregonian says: Astoria and The Dalles think no work ought to be done on the Lower Willamette and Columbia Rivers because it would benefit Portland only. Let us see how a wider application of this principle would work. Why should a good word be said for a railroad to Astoria? It would benefit Astoria only. And why should an appeal be made for construction of a portage road at The Dalles on the Oregon side? It would benefit the town of The Dalles only, while a road on the Washington side would serve the country equally well, perhaps better. Come to think of it, there is no community of interest in a state. Every locality for itself, and the devil take the hindmost.

Whatever may be true of Astoria it is not true that The Dalles is opposed to the deepening of the channel of the lower Columbia. But The Dalles people, if we may speak for them, claim, and with absolute justice, that a portage at the Dalles is of more importance to a greater number of people and a wider extent of territory than a deep channel from Portland to Astoria. It is utterly untrue that a portage at the Dalles would benefit The Dalles only. The Dalles has abundance of transportation facilities both by rail and water. What The Dalles would insist upon is, that if the present five cent congress is only going to appropriate a few hundred thousand dollars for the improvement of the Columbia that that sum should be devoted to the Dalles portage. A small amount of money devoted to this purpose would be of more benefit to a greater number than if the same amount were spent on the lower river. A deep channel from Portland to the sea would benefit Portland, a portage at the Dalles would benefit three states. It is beyond question, however, that there are hundreds of mossbacks in Portland who fear the Dalles portage, lest it should be the means of carrying river freight past that city to Astoria. The Oregon commonwealth is cursed with some very small souled inhabitants.

Omaha is a spunky town. The Union Pacific has for some time persisted in a system of excessive charges on jobbers shippers and wholesale dealers for switch accommodations. The company has for a long time refused to fulfill its contract for the construction of a new depot building in Omaha and in many ways sought to injure the business interests of that city. Hence Omaha got its back up last Wednesday night and the city council passed an ordinance declaring forfeited all the franchises granted to the company by Omaha, and instructed the city attorney to tear up every track of the company that is laid on city property. A big legal fight is expected to ensue.

If it be true, as it is reported, that President Harrison, will not consent to the appointment of Mr. Simon to the federal judgeship of the ninth district, notwithstanding all the pressure that has been brought to bear upon him by the Oregon delegation, the decision redounds very much to the credit of the

president. It shows that Mr. Harrison brings conscience to bear upon the making of his appointments and that no amount of partisan service will atone for the lack of the higher qualities that ought to adorn the judicial bench. Mr. Simon is a staunch republican and an able lawyer but President Harrison, it would seem, does not consider these sufficient. If Mr. Simon's political methods, successful though they may have always been, were less shady, less liable to just criticism and more consistent and honorable, there cannot be a doubt he would have captured the judicial prize. The action of Mr. Harrison is only an incident in the official life of a president who has made fewer mistakes in his appointments than any other president since Abraham Lincoln.

The announcement of Mr. Blaine that he will not be a candidate for the presidency at the next election will effect thousands of his friends and admirers with a keen sense of personal regret. No other name in the ranks of the republican party has such a multitude of enthusiastic and devoted followers. No other name is dreaded half so much by the democracy. A second time he refuses that which he might have had for the asking and the sad presumptions remains that he will never fill the seat of honor to which so many of his countrymen would have delighted to see him exalted.

The unanimous approval of the course pursued by the administration toward Patrick Egan, United States Minister to Chili, was expressed by all of the New York municipal council of the Irish National League of America at a meeting held by that body in New York city on the 6th inst. The council warmly endorsed the administration for its support to Mr. Egan, "that distinguished Irishman whom it had seen fit to honor" and a committee of five was appointed to draw up appropriate resolutions.

Tony Noltner suggests that Blaine, in his declining years, may have begun to see the error of his republican ways and has declined to run for the presidency for fear he might endanger his chances for eternal happiness. In that case Blaine has the advantage of Tony for, notwithstanding the latter's declining years he continues to prevaricate about the plate and the McKinley tariff as though it had never been written "No liar shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."

Mr. A. Noltner of the Portland Dispatch, who has just returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., thinks that it is more than likely that the Cascade locks will not get a cent of appropriation for the next two years. Mr. Noltner is an ardent democrat and is supposed to know, as well as any outsider can, the intentions of the present five cent congress. It is because Mr. Noltner has no hope of an appropriation for the locks that he is so earnest an advocate for the dalles portage.

The Hood River Glacier says a coffin factory is about to be started at that place. Since the CHRONICLE has read the resolutions of the Hood River democratic club it has been wondering if the Glacier really means a real live coffin factory, so to speak, or if the factious editor merely used this form of speech to indicate that the club intends to prepare a numerous lot of candidates for political internment against the ideas of June.

Barney Goldsmith says Blaine is the strongest man in the republican party and he would rather see Blaine nominated than Harrison. Barney must think the democrats have a dead sure thing in the next presidential election or else his democracy is suspicious.

Hon. W. Lair Hill is reported to have said that his appointment to the vacant judgeship is still probable. The Oregon delegation, much to their shame, still urge the appointment of Joe Simon.

Free wool and no appropriations for the improvement of the Columbia river will not materially strengthen the democracy of Eastern Oregon.

A genius in Tacoma has lately evolved a plan for superceding street cars by the use of a traveling sidewalk.

The total number of patients in the Oregon insane asylum is 764—524 males and 240 females.

Arrangements are being made to hold an assessors convention at Salem on the 26th inst.

A private telegram announced yesterday the opening of the Great Northern all-rail line to Seattle, Wash., via the Great Northern to Neeche and the Canadian Pacific and Seattle and Montana roads. Regular transcontinental rates will apply on all freight.

A Titusville, Pa., tannery, 1 1/2 years old, now employs over 300 hands with a payroll of over \$11,000 per month. A three-story building, 50x250 feet, is going up for the manufacture of fancy leather and 160 feet addition to the vat-house is under way. The firm now turns out 1,000 sides of upper leather a day.—Buffalo Express.