## THE REVENGE OF THE FOUR

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May, 189-, in the "Slide," which everybody knows, though that is not its name, a mixed company of men and women were glad that they were Therefore, they ordered miscellaneous drinks and smoked digarettes and listened to three "darkies" explain, to the accompaniment of three guitars, that Cincinnati Red day before yesterday an" they find the Western Union a convenience, no matter where they roam, and that they will telegraph their baby, who'll send ten or twenty, maybe, and they won't have to walk back home.

In marked contrast with the other visitors that evening at the "Slide" there sat about a table, in earnest consultation, four celebrities, whom the "house

eated with distinguished deference. This May evening in the "Slide" they had met by appointment in the way of business. Their business for the moment seemed to consist in the attentive conplation of a culendar of local shows and festivals and generally of occasions on which anywhere in the United States in the next three months extraordinary crowds would congregate. At any expense of labor or of inconvenience to themselves, they were ambitions to afford their services to the greatest number of people in the greatest number of places, in the shortest space of time possible. The question of the day was, in which part of the country and with what "graft"

be offered.

Mr. Endy, called "Mike" among his in-timates, and "Tier 4, No. 20,896," among his attendants at a mansion of more than monastic seclusion, facetiously known as his "lying-in hospital," favored a preiminary jaunt to a reunion of Civil War veterans to be held in the South. He backed up the suggestion with promises of success, which, on account of his ex-perience and age—he had just passed his bith year—were listened to with marked extention.

There's more suckers in a day down in that part of the country," he declared, "that there is up here in a week. We've all been in the hill country in West Virginia on circus day, ain't we? Well, the class of people you find there are runnin' loose all over the South. They take in 'bout one show a season, an' when they get to town they rubber so that they ain't thinkin' 'bout their leathers at all. Wy. I've seen those yaps come to town an throw up their hands at sights that a Bowery kid wouldn't drop a cigarette snipe to see. Put 'em in front of a side show's banners an' they'll screw their necks till you'd think they was never goin' to get 'em in shape again. They work like steers on their farms an' don't see enythin' excitin' more'n once or twice a year, an' when a big thing comes along it staggers 'em. The same class o' yaps is goin' to be at the reunion.

"I can see jus' exactly how the thing's goin' to be. Those old soldlers, you know, 'Il come in from the country an' rubber themselves silly. They'll chew the rag right in a crowd, blockin' up the way an' makin' pushes so's a bloke won't need any stalls. Colonel Jim-James from Keptucky 'll see Captain Coffee Cooler from New Orleans, an' they'll beller an' holler, an' han' round plug tobacco an' fine-cut right in a big jam, an' Jim-James 'll suggest a mint julep. Then they'll push an' squeeze to get out o' the crowd, an' off comes the

"You know the single-handed worker, Sneezy Johnson? Well, he told me not more'n six weeks ago that jus' such yaps as Jim-James an' Coffee Cooler stalled for 'im at a gatherin' in South Carolina bet-'im at a gatherin in South Carolina bet-ter'n a trained push. 'Wy, Mike,' he says, 'I don't want nothin' easier'n get-tin' those people to bite. They're just like sheep. Let somebody holler that the ele-phants is comin' an' they crowd an' shove God's truth, my hands actually got tired weedin' the leathers I pulled up. Now, I tell you, blokes, we don't want to lose a chance like the reunion 'less there's somethin' a damn sight better somewhere else. It won't cost us over ten days to take it in, an' then we can jump West,

else. It won't cost us over ten days to take it in, an' then we can jump West, or where you like."

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"It is only once a year that the "Great as Mr. Eady had called them, or if you b last Winter. The two was hittin' it up pretty lively, and an old Hoosier woke up pretty lively, and an old Hoosier woke up out o' one of his dreams while the Kid's flat was in his pocket, an' he went bel-lowin' like a moose all over the shop. If the coppers hadn't jumped in an' res-cued the Kid the yaps 'ud a' croaked 'im, sure, an' it cost his push a thousand plunks to spring him from the coppers.

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itin' coppers at the reunion, too, an' if any of 'em knows us they'll beef, dead sure, 'less we square 'em. an' they'll beef anyhow if the guns go it too strong, an that's jus' what's goln' to happen. There'll be such a lot o' suckers that the guns'll work 'em hard, an' there'll have to be a lot o' springin' done. My advice is-'course, if they sin't nothin' better—that 'course, if they ain't nothin' better—that we take in the through rattlers on the Pennsy or the Central for the next few weeks an' go it sort o' quiet till we see how things are pannin' out. Them passengers on the through rattlers are always good for twenty-five or fifty, an' we can give 'em the change an' ruise rackets. At night we can pull off some rackets. Pullman touches. I ain't stuck on this kind o' graftin', but it's my opinion that it'll sult us better'n the reunion will at

this stage of the game."

Mr. Benn, with the descriptive of "Mon-lkey Shorty," agreed with Mr. Burras that the reunion was impracticable, but for reasons which the others understood but did not seriously consider, favored remaining in town and taking in such events as funerals until the season was more advanced. "Goln' to be some big stiffs to work at this month," he remarked appreciatively, "an' if we don't attend to 'em somebody else will; take my tip for that." Mr. Renn was engaged to be married to a sweet little thing on East Side, and, as his compan well knew, was not competent to make acceptable suggestions.

Mr. Frood, affectionately termed "Ed-

die" by an indulgent wife as well as by his three pals, proposed a jaunt through the great State of Ohio, and made good his reason for the selection of this localwith very convincing arguments and

"There's no use talkin', blokes," he said, "there min't been no improvements on old Ohio in any state o' the Union. She's been touched up right an' left, backward an' forward, an' sideways an' crossways, there she sits still, sayin', 'Gimme me more, honey; gimme some more.'
y, blokes, it's one o' the phenomenous
the age, as Sammy the Greek used to say, the way Ohlo has been ripped open cians an' guns an' keeps as chip-ever. W'y, them railroad junctions o' hers has been touched up for the last twenty-five years an' they're as good as Government bonds yet. Better, by Jove! I don't want any neater graft than floatin' 'round them junctions. An' I'd like to know where there's another hers has been touched up for I'd like to know where there's another state where you can fix things the way you can in Ohio. The politicians have got the state by the throat, an' you know as well as I do that where they get their.

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in brief, all told, the number of women of men. For example, men are busy the whole year long doing nothing but taking down worn lace curtains and replacing their rounds, an' the thing for us to do is to jump over there, tie up with one of the shows an' jus' take its dates. I was over there last season with Myers an' resource the last season with Myers an' Randall, an' we only had to make one apring, an' that didn't cost us over six and the last season with the didn't cost us over six and the find work in a modern hotel is not whole year long doing nothing but taking down worn lace curtains and replacing them with fresh ones.

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NE evening, or rather morning, in hundred. By August we had six thousand the detective, who labored to be accurate. Renn, who, on account of the "sweet little May, 189—, in the "Slide," which plunks—even money—banked. We can't "We run the games, you know, more to thing" on the East Slde, had favored reverybody knows, though that is do any better in that anywhere, an' I say draw a crowd before the circus than maining at home and "workin" the stiffs."

"Do you know what fixers are travelin' he said the shows had the same coppers. Some of 'em has come up a little in their commission charges, but most of

'em are askin' 20 per cent, same as usual.

of the city of Cornville, was a politician of the school whose first principle it is to let the people have whatever they want, provided always they want it bad-ly enough to make a fuss about it.

they had got a horseless carriage an' a

As chief executive of the city of Corn-ville he had succeeded an incumbent who had been the candidate of a reform party. Mayor Hochhelmer was elected as the "regular" candidate, to the open rejoic-ing of almost every one and to the concealed rejoicing of almost every one else. Every one found it possible to get his little bill "jobbed," and the new execu-tive, out of whom hitherto, as a man of business, politics had made money, began to resp the harvest of his long studies, and with perfect mastery made

money out of politics.
On the morning that the "Great and Only Combination Circus and Menagerie" was getting ready for the afternoon on-tertainment in the city of Cornville, a gentleman, in the full-jeweled regimentals of a sport, but with a badge on his waistcoat which proclaimed him to be a pri-vate detective, called at the Mayor's offloe in the town hall and asked for an interview with "His Honorable Mr. Hochhelmer." The interview was granted. "Good morning, Mr. Hochhelmer. T

is a pleasant day."
"Very pleasant, sir; very pleasant. Take
a seat, sir. Don't know as I ever saw a pleasanter at jest this season of the

each other while these original courtesies

were being exchanged.
"I am the special officer, Mr. Hoch-heimer, of the 'Great and Only Combination Circus and Menagerie,' which is to show here this afternoon and evening, and I have taken the liberty of presenting complimentary tickets to your chief of police and am here now to offer some to you. We should be very glad if you would make use of the half dozen in this envelope. We shall feel honored if you can find the time to visit the entertainments in person,"

"Very kind, sir; very kind. I judge from the posters about town that you have a very attractive show." "Yes; we offer the public a varied programme. I think I may say very varied,

It is strictly to be noted that this ex-

change of commonplace was not ineptitude; in the language of the prizering, it was sparring for an opening.

The Mayor, who was approached in

this manner on an average of twice a week, was perfectly aware that the cir-cus representative's business was not yet transacted. He leaned back in his chalt

in an attitude of expectation.
"Mr. Hochbeimer," the detective continued at last, "besides being the special officer of the circus company I am also the business representative of some of the 'side-show' concerns connected with the circus.

"Jest so," said the Mayor.
"Exactly." said the detective.

chance, you know, at which the visitor of the show may take in twenty times." said the charm of surprise to the day off. Mr

the wants of the occupants of entire

floors enable them to earn comfortable

Formerly two dozen chambermaids, half

room girls, with a none-too-well-educated housekeeper over them, constituted an

especially large corps of female help. At

the most typical example of the up-to-date hotel-the Waldorf-Astoria, of New York-this force would be just about

large enough to take care comfortably of two of its 14 floors. There seven house-keepers, each selected for her acknowl-edged intelligent executive ability, em-

ploy, discharge and direct the tasks of 15 parior maids, 30 chambermaids, 50 clean-ers and 20 seamstresses and other work-ers along aliled lines. Each housekeeper

has charge of two floors, and all of them

Hundreds of Women Employes.

Large as are these figures, they represent scarcely more than half the women

regularly employed. The floor clerks and cashlers, number 33. Four controllers audit the checks of the walters. The

laundry employs 75, the kitchen 15. The glass pantries are taken cere of by 13, the storeroom by 8, and 16 waltresses serve

all these women, for they live in the ho-

But many other women not in the list earn their living in such a place. Does

the business man want to answer a day's

his elbow. Has a woman left home with-out her maid? All she has to do to se-cure the services of an expert lady's maid

mail? A half-dozen stenographers are at

tel. The grand total is Mi.

report to the senior in command.

as many cleaners, and three or four linen- few minutes.

enlaries.

that we hunt up a good sneak an' climber anything else; it isn't at all our notion (sneak thief and burgiar) an' jump over to make money out of the games—except there." just to pay expenses; they're, so to speak, a kind of advertisement. We thought," concluded the detective, with childlike simplicity, "that we ought to explain this to you beforehand."

"What is the nature of these games?" asked the Mayor, also with childlike sim-

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"Well, one is a variation of the old shell Fifteen per cent goes with some of emity you ain't on the dip an' are jus' doin' the sure-thing act."

This conversation took piace in the inscrutable lipless enunciation of the profession. The night festival in the "Bilde" was still at its height, and above all the sound of light laughter, of popping corks and shuffling feet, the voices of the three "darkies" proclaimed to the ac-"Well, one is a variation of the old shell

three "darkies" proclaimed to the ac- a portentous gravity; he cleared his companiment of the three guitars that throat as if preparatory to the declaration of a moral principle.

footman, too, and yellow coachmen by the score; that they'd said good-bye to all to which I need trespass upon your attention." said the astute middleman, who did not conceive it possible the Mayor could Adolph Hochhelmer, Mayor at this time at the moment have anything to say that f the city of Cornville, was a politician would be to the profit of his employers. It is the wish of the gentlemen who are handling the little games of which I speak to testify their gratitude to your charm-ing town for the hospitality it showed, them the last time they were here."

This certainly demonstrated a Christian spirit on the part of two at least of his employers: the hospitality to which they had been treated on their last visit to Cornville had consisted mainly in a new and perfectly snug suit of tar and feath-

"They wish to distribute-a-\$500 among your private charities, and would regard it as a great favor if you, Mr. Hochheim-er, who can apply the money with so much more discretion than is at all possible to un outsiders, would take charge of the funds."

Here he produced a neat package, which

he laid on the desk before the Mayor. The Mayor's face assumed a look of ex-

The other little matter relates only the subject of police protection. It is the policy of the 'Great and Only' to rely largely upon the local police for protection, paying liberally, of course, for the extra service they request. They find this policy more-more satisfactory to every one. I am about to speak to your Chief one. I am about to spect, but thought it more courteous first to address you; particularly as it seems much simpler to make one arrangement for the protection of the grounds as a whole—the main show, the side-shows, and—well!—all the little booths that are set up along with the main shows!"

"Has the show taken out its license? asked the Mayor, with the politeness of a man who can take in an idea without having his skull cracked to make room

"The license? Oh. yes, Mr. Mayor, the license is all right."
"I will consider the matters of which you speak with the Chief of Police," said

said the Mayor, with the grand air. The Chief of Police was the con men and one wagon.

'It is a pleasure to meet a gentleman who has had experience of affairs," said the polite middleman, rising to take his leave. "I was happy to see that you were put in office by a majority which promsee a re-election

"Hope your show will have every suc-cess," said the Mayor. "Hope you will have fair weather."

"Today, at all events, is a pleasant day," said the detective. "Very pleasant, sir, very pleasant; don't know that I ever saw a pleasanter at jest this season of the year."

There was still an hour to while away before the afternoon entertainment in the big tent of the "Great and Only Combination Circus and Menagerie' would begin.
The parade had taken place in the morning, and the visitors to the show were and the visitors to the show were gathering on the grounds. Since early morning they had packed the highways that converge at Cornville as the spokes of a wheel converge at the hub.

It is only once a year that the "Great and Only" visits Cornville. The "yana" as Mr. Pade.

WOMEN WORKERS IN MODERN HOTELS

They Have Displaced Men at the Head of Many Departments.

The responsible work of the cashlers is easily apparent when it is stated that

in 809 bathrooms, and about 15,000 nap

kins, or 6 for each guest for service for

given much responsible work, is not so important as in the old days. Then she

not only directed the chambermaids, the linen-room girls and the cleaners, but she also frequently looked after the hangings.

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maining at home and "workin' the stiffs," was playing his part behind the counter of

was playing his part behind the counter of a little booth to which he allured the backbone and intelligence of a great nation with cries of "Sixteen to one, gentlemen; eixteen gold plunks for one-if you choose the right color. It's a mere charity I'm offerin' you, just to advertise the clown in the show. Sixteen to one-beats Bryan bollow; step up, gentlemen, an' try your luck-sixteen to one!" The "sweet little thing" on Second ave-

The "sweet little thing" on Second ave-The "sweet little thing" on Second avenue would never have recognized her beloved "Shorty" in the earnest exhorter beseching the crowd to "take a spin on his wheel," which was the wheel of fortune. There was a fervor in his speech, and an intense look in his face, that, it is to be feared, the "sweet little thing" had never been favored with. The Under World makes love more or less, as does the Upper World; like the Upper World, also, it becomes really in earnest when it makes money.

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Load gast that squirt of a wheel, any-how! Soy, you behind there, when am I goin' to win? You got five o' my dollars, an' I ain't won one't. The words were deceiving and unnat-ural, but Mr. Eady's voice was the same in Ohio as in the "Silde." He was a bet-ter "tool" than "atall," as the Upper World knew to its sorrow, but "tools" have no function in warething sames. have no function in sure-thing games, and he was doing his best to make the

"Roll 'er again.. I'll chance another; make or break; win or bust. The old woman 'll dress me down, but shucks!-hard words don't lower the price o' eggs.' The wheel began to sincken its pace for The wheel began to sincken its pace for the sixth time; the little pea lingered exasperatingly near the blanks; Mr. Renn made a slight movement with his foot; the pea moved slowly toward the winning colors. The wheel stopped.

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Mr. Burras and Mr. Frood were leading

he innocents to the slaughter. The in-ocents could hardly wait to be led; they jostled Mr. Eady aside before he could count his winnings, and fortune's wheel had made a number of turns by the time he broke through the surging mob and made his way to the rear to spur on those who still held back. It was "a hot time," such as the four celebrities had prayed for. "The Hoosier pineth for ed-dication." Mr. Eady said, and the Hoosier got it. The three "stalls" had to turn cemen and keep the crowd back, it so eager to learn by experience. Dollars, in silver and paper, were thrust into Mr. Renn's hands with a rapidity which art times came very near making him forget to hait the fortunate pea at the losing colors. There was grumbling among the losers, but fatuity is infinite and inexhaustible in the ranks behind the first, and people in the rear elbowed those in front of them aside in their haste to benefit the elonwent Renn. Sixteen in exefit the eloquent Renn. Sixteen in exchange for one, and every man convinced beforehand of his natural and inalienable luck! Cornville did not come to its senses till a few minutes before the entertain-

till a few minutes before the entertainment in the big tent began.

Then there were remarks more militant than consoling. "Mob 'eml" cried one indignant citizen who had sowed dollars and reaped wisdom and scorned it. The life of a celebrity is hard. There were even numbers of the crowd who suggested tar and feathers. But they reckoned without the Powers That Ruie.

"Clear the way, here," commanded the Chief of Police, at the head of an imposing squad sworn in for the day. "No crowding." The Chief received 10 per cent of the net proceeds.

THE big hotel of today is a remunerative field for women workers. It demands the services, of hundreds of them. It inregly depends upon them for ultimate success. It pays them thousands of dollars weekly. In this one thing alone it conspicuously differs from the big hotel

it conspicuously differs from the big hotel of yesterday.

The women employes of the spacious hostelries of a decade ago were all mere servants. In its monster counterpart of the hour they are graded all the way up from cleaners to college-graduated clerks, whose abilities to direct the satisfying of the wants of the occupants of entire the wants of the spacious few wants in the rooms, and the rooms, an

rings, when made and what for. These records are filed, so that if any question is raised concerning certain services aix months or a year after rendition, an authoritative answer can be given in a few minutes.

It goes without saying that the clerks must be intelligent, level-headed, quick of action, polite and diplomatic enough to meet and satisfy the whims and capters of the none too eager to secure employment in a place where their time is their own after certain tasks are ended, and wages are liberal to boot.

Where Women Are Superior to Men. In general, managers of modern hotels have come to recognize the fact that, excepting the waiters and a few others, women are better equipped than men in more proposed to the recognized that the clerks must be intelligent. necessary in the making of a successfu establishment. Of the 1355 men employed in the Waldorf-Astoria, the greater part are walters. Women are used as cashiers, because, unlike their masculine rivals. they can be said never to make mistakes ing largely depends upon her ablity to direct her assistants.

The head laundress is also a factor to be reckoned with. She not only has charge of scores of women, but of many men as well, the latter doing all the washing and also the ironing of such pieces as shirts.

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itiation of Catholic priests into the Order of Eliss has taken place in New York. The Rev. William H. J. Reany, chaplain, U. S. N., and the Rev. James Bryne, who has a Staten Island parish, have joined the secret society which is favored especially by theatrical people. There has never been any omposition on the part of the church to the laity joining the Elks, which is regarded in the light of a fractural society, and it is well known that thousands of Catholics throughout the country are members of the order, but this is the first instance, as far as known, where priests also frequently looked after the hangings, the decorations and sometimes the refurnishing. Now she only looks after the chamber work, the cleaning and the seamstresses. The rest of her former duties are performed by separate forces of men. For example, men are busy the whole year long doing nothing but taking down worn lace curtains and replacing them with fresh ones.

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pany the German to the Mayor's office They were not influential or prominent, but the majority of them were voters, and the Mayor was amenable to reason when reason took the form of applied mathe-

"Do you mean to say that they are run "Do you mean to say that they are run-ning skin games—gambling—on the show grounds?" asked the initiated Mayor.
"Bel Gott, dat's vat I tell you. Von man, he tell me I get seventy dollar for two. Dot is a lie. Aizo I looze mein two dollar. Ven beeples loose mency dat is gampling, in Chermanny, in Amerika, bel Gott, eferywhere."

"Gentlemen, you surprise me. I will see that those games are stopped immediately. I am glad you called my attention to the matter. I have to thank you in the name of the City of Cornville. Good afternoon, gentlemen. It is upon such public-spirited citizens as you that every official who is interested in good government must depend!"

The afternoon entertainment of the "Great and Only" was drawing to its close. The chariots were tearing around the big ring on the last lap; the specta-tors were getting feady to leave, and the tors were getting ready to leave, and the performers for the "concert" after the "show" were peeking through the curtains of their dressing-rooms to see how many had been persuaded to wait for them to do their "stunts." The four celebrities and the gentleman in the full-jeweled regimentals of a sport—the "special officer" of the "Great and Only"—were in solemn conclave just outside the main entrance. ain entrance.
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FOR SAN FRANCISCO S.OS P. M. 6:00 P. M. Bramer Geo. W. Elder, May 2, 12, 22 Steamer Columbia. April 27; May 7, 17, 27; Alnaworth Dock. For ASTORIA and way 5.00 P. M. 5.00 P. M. points, connecting with Daily ex. pally steamer for livaco and Sunday, except North Beach, steamer Saturday, Bunday.

"The chief says the Mayor has ordered the games shut down," said the apecial officer. "Told me to tell you he'd have to make a pinch if you give the wheel another turn. It's all off."
"But we ain't even got our fixin' money back yet," objected Mr. Burras. "We'll be losers if we have to quit now." He threw an accent of really moral indignation into the word losers.
"Losers in a pig's eye!" exclaimed Mr. Frood. "If you'll stand for the dip"—and he gave the special officer a dig in the ribs with his thumb—"we'll get our dough back ten times over. How much commis-

For DATTON, Oregon 1.00 A. M. 2.00 P. M. City and Fambill River Tuesdays, points, steamer Elmore, Agh-street Dock. (Water permitting). Saturdays, Fridays. back ten times over. How much commis-sion have you got to have?"
"Seein' how things is runnin' I can't risk it under 25 per cent."

"Will you square the hollers?" "If they don't holler too loud."

It was the crowd that was "done," Mr. Eady graciously consented to resume his old role of "tool," and the other three hummed the tune of the pickpocket's ong: Oh, we are three stalls,

Three Jolly old stalls, We live like royal Turks; We're on the dip to win our chuck-To hell with the man that works! The band began to play, the flap of the main entrance to the big tent was thrown open, the crowd rushed out, and the four celebrities started "to do business."

So long as Cornville lasts and reminiscences are permissible, the story of the business that the four did will be told and retoid. It was a revenge which has become classic, even in blase gun circles. As Mr. Frood graphically put it, "The crowd was simply ripped open." When it had dispersed and men went over the grounds to clean up for the rush and departure of the evening, the "weeded leathers" filled to overflowing a bushel basket. The Cornville public prints of the next day's issue estimated that \$2000 changed hands during the short space of So long as Cornville lasts and reminis changed hands during the short space of time that the four were active. There was "beefing" galore, but the "Great and Only" folded its tent and stole away in the night, and the special officer squared

The life in the "Slide" was at its height. The three "darkies" were strumming their guitars and vociferating in chorus. The room was full of smoke, the patrolman of the "beat" was getting his "eye-opener" at the back door, and the Salvation Army lassie in full uniform was ostentationally vending her tracks. The four tentatiously vending her tracts. The fou celebrities sat at their favorite table, drinking champagne. There had been toasts to Cornville, to Mayor Hochheimer, to the "Great and Only," and to the Crowd, and Mr. Frood rose to reply to

"The dear old state"—and he struck the Fourth of July orator's attitude—"may she keep her junctions open, cherish her fixers, never go back on guns, an' breed a fresh crop o' suckers every year! Drink it down!"

Chorus: "Drink it down!"

Chorus: "Drink it down!" And the three "darkles" struck into the

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