

THE OBJECTOR'S ADVICE.

Representative Holman's Say to a New "M. C."

VERY SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS.

Light Shed on the Way some Objectionable Bills are Passed and many More are Introduced.

It is related that a young member about to enter upon his first term in congress once applied to that veteran "objector," Judge Holman, for advice touching the performance of his duties, and received the following suggestions from him:

"Always bear in mind," said the Judge, "that you do not represent the men who are seated about you and whom you meet in the lobbies and hotels. You will find them very congenial and polite gentlemen, and they will take great pleasure in making your stay here very pleasant for you. By voting for the private measures of your fellow-members as they come up, you will not only do the thing most convenient for yourself, but you will receive such flattering approbation as will add much to your own self appreciation. If you test the merit of their schemes, having in view the environments of good fellowship and the reciprocity of such services which maintain them, you can easily persuade yourself of their popularity. The persons you oblige by such votes will pat you on the back and say all manner of nice things about you.

"But you should bear continually in mind that the men who sent you here are in the cornfields and workshops out west, working away in their shirt-sleeves, and are very apt to look at things from a very different standpoint from that of these very agreeable gentlemen whom it would delight you to accommodate by voting according to their wishes. These men here can't vote for you, and at the next election it will matter little to you in your canvass whether you have pleased them or not. Consider every proposition with the question in mind: 'What reasonable and truthful explanation can I make to my people at home to justify me to them for having voted for this measure?' The measure that you cannot truthfully justify voting for to the average farmer in the harvest-field, or to the average blacksmith at his forge, you had better vote against, otherwise you may find yourself less popular at home on election day than you could be here by obliging your friends in and out of the house by voting for their little bills."

The average congressman is chock full of good intentions, and loves the dear constituents with an abiding affection. There is no limit to his endeavors in their behalf. No one of them can suggest to him a service to be performed but that it is undertaken with zeal and industry. There is nothing too good or too big in the treasury here for the citizens of Mudsock. Their member will go for it on their behalf. Constitutional limitations, State rights, antiquated notions of economy, are all relegated to the rear when Mudsock comes to the front; in the very nature of things her rights are paramount, and not affected by the ordinary principles of governmental policy.

Fortunately for Mudsock, there are Buzzard Glory and Tailhold, Jack's Defeat and Beech Creek, likewise efficiently represented here by zealous members, and they, too, want some of the surplus, and are equally entitled to it. A combination of interests is easily effected—a hundred "future greats" are readily recruited, and thus our members' measure is no longer a mere local affair, interesting only to dwellers in the village

on the Raccoon, but it is a part of a great "national system" to be wrought out in sections as rapidly as the "objections" of a few "old cheese-paring fossils," or Shake-rags in their respective districts, will permit. True, the item of cost has multiplied even more rapidly than the number of Mudsocks in the field, for some of them have registered their demands over in the millions column, and many of them in that next to it.

Now right here is where the member from Mudsock needs a suggestion from the member from Aurora, Ind. The judge would mince his tobacco half a minute, at the rate of forty-six bites a second, would give his hand, palm upward, a series of those rotary nervous motions which he acquired as a boy feeding his fowls, and with a little more pronounced nasal intonation, added for the sake of impressiveness, one would say:

"Yes, yes, yes, that's all right—that's all right—so far as Mudsock is concerned, it's a nice town, enterprising place; need a postoffice building there, no doubt, people there will probably very generously endorse it. But, ah, ah, my friend, ah, have you stopped to consider what your constituents over at Niggerhead and Hard-scrabble and the hundred other postoffices in your district will think about it? You know they are very plain kind of people about most of these country villages, their postoffices are kept at the grocery stores, and they really would not enjoy their mail unless it is slightly flavored with onions and mackerel. Now they might not object; that is, they might not object so much to your taxing them to build a nice office for Mudsock at a cost of \$50,000; but ah, ah, it is worthy your consideration whether, ah, ah, ah, their sympathies will go with you in voting for these one hundred and fifty other buildings in order to get your Mudsock bill passed. You may be right, my friend, you may be right, doubtless you have considered the matter more carefully than I, but ah, ah, ah, at the same time these suggestions may be worthy of some thought."

At the first call of the states for the introduction of bills in this congress there was an unprecedented amount of Shakerag and Buzzard Glory measures dumped into the hopper. The strength of the combination that can be formed by the consolidation of these local interests would be startling. The honest granger near Slabtown, who has known his member since boyhood, has swapped tobacco with him and heard him declaim against the extravagance of the other fellows, would stand aghast at the magnificence of views developed and ripened under the congenial atmosphere of congressional associations.

The average member, like a certain class of witnesses out of court, is "not on oath" except when the roll is called. Here is the opportunity for the combination. The members who introduce bills for public improvements in the way of buildings, etc., stand together in the support of each of them. A faltering by any one at any point insures the defeat of his own measures. This fact alone is sufficient to keep up perfect discipline.

Four days given to the committee on public buildings and grounds without any one to apply the network of obstructive tactics would provide for the erection of over 150 postoffice buildings, half of them in places where the whole net-revenue of the offices would not pay the interest on the outlay and the expense of caring for and preserving the buildings after erection.

It is safe to say that were all the bills already introduced in the house to become laws the combined revenues of all the govern-

ments of both Americas would not suffice for our expenditures. If the conservative element, representing about 33 per cent of the membership of the house, were to absent themselves in a body for two weeks at a time, the annual drain on the treasury would be increased \$200,000,000.—Washington Post.

A PECULIAR HOTEL.

A new hotel was opened this season in Washington which is run in the most peculiar way ever heard of. It is kept by a woman. She is noted here as a worker in the christian temperance union and other societies. The rules of her house prevent any one from having wine, beer or whisky under that roof. It goes without saying that none of the "ardent" is sold there. She will not even permit the use of tobacco on the premises. If a man should stray into the office with a cigar in his mouth he is instantly commanded to take it out, and told that the "vile habit" of smoking is not tolerated there. A few days ago the proprietor discovered that a married couple who had rooms in the hotel were in possession of a bottle of beer. She demanded that they should vacate the rooms at once, and they had to go. Several young women and widows who hold places in the government service occupy rooms at the peculiar tavern. They cannot remain out at night after a certain hour unless the proprietor knows just where they are going; and in order to get back into the place they are furnished with permits. If they want to go to the theatre objection is raised, so it is said, the over-pious woman who keeps the hotel being of the opinion that theatres are devices of the devil. As a consequence of such "blue laws" it is said that this hotel has within its walls more "cranks," male and female, than were ever collected together before in one place in Washington.—New York Tribune.

IT LOOKED THAT WAY.

Wallis—Did Black win the lawsuit he had over that large sum of money.

Wallace—I suppose he did. He told me he lacked only \$450 of having enough to pay the lawyer after it was over.—Time.

Alexander T. Stewart left an estate estimated all the way from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000. At the end of a dozen years his widow, to whom he left nearly all of it, was in debt to the executor in the sum of \$900,000, and the estate has shrunk to \$12,000,000. Jim Fisk left to his widow \$3,500,000. The estate was eaten up by sharks of various kinds, and Mrs. Fisk, who is now a miserably poor woman, is living on a small farm in New England.

A WRITER in an Eastern journal, talking about church choirs, says they have become the training school for the comic opera stage. "The good deacons may not believe it possible, but a glance at the history of the most popular soubrettes and prima donnas shows that they graduated from church choirs."

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