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A Trunk of Evil Omen.

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This trunk was made upon the order of a very handsome young woman, who called at the store and gave specific directions as to its interior arrangements. She appeared to be in affluent circumstances, and did not object to the price charged, which was $100. The money was paid and the trunk sent home, its owner proving to be Miss Bessie Moore, a young woman of pronounced beauty.

It appears that Miss Bessie Moore found that the trunk was not entirely to her satisfaction, and sold it back to the store at a liberal discount. She subsequently left the city for Jefferson, Texas, in company with a miscreant named Abe Rothschild, from Cincinnati. He used her money, and with placid deviltry put a pistol to her forehead and blew out her brains. The body lay for two weeks undiscovered, and was identified by a gentleman of this city who happened to be in Jefferson at the time.

Singularly enough, this gentleman subsequently committed suicide. Abe Rothschild was arrested in Cincinnati when in the act of committing suicide, and was sent back to Jefferson, Texas, for trial, where he now lies in jail, every influence being used to delay the trial.

The trunk was sold to a gentleman who had it thoroughly repaired. Before this gentleman had paid for the trunk he also committed suicide. It is now for sale, and, of course, is considered a prize, inasmuch as no one who has had anything to do with it, excepting the maker, has not died by violence.—*New Orleans Times.*

Josh Billings' Philosophy.

As a general thing those who deserved good luk the least, pray the loudest for it.

Mi dear boy, selekt yure buzzum friend with grate caushun; once selekted, endorse him with yure bottom dollar.

I think I had rather live in a big citty, and be unknown, than exist in a village, obliged to know everybody, or be suspected bi them.

I kan trace all ov mi bad luk to bad management, and I guess all others kan, if they will be as honest az I am about it.

An immitashun to equal an original has got to beat it at least twenty-five per cent.

If yer expekt to succeed in this life yer must make the world think that yer are at work for them and not for yourself.

You may find very plain looking coquets, but who ever saw a hansum prude?

Life is measured bi deeds, not years; menny a man haz lived to be ninety, and left nothing behind him but an obituare notiss.

Men luv for the novelty of the thing, woman loves because she kant help it.

Thare iz this excuse for luxury, all luxury kost money, and sum one reaps the advantage.

The old man who kant laff iz an animal, and the man who wont iz a devil.

A festive old man is a burlesque on all kinds of levity.

Fashion, like everything else, repeat itself. What iz now haz been new menny times before, and will be again.

Young man, don't try to forget your identity and become somebody else; for the other chap is almost sure to be an inferior person.

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DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democratic party of the United States in Convention assembled declare:

First—We pledge ourselves anew to the constitutional doctrines and traditions of the Democratic party as illustrated by the teachings and example of a long line of Democratic statesmen and patriots, and embodied in the platform of the last National Convention of the party.

Second—Opposition to centralization and that dangerous spirit of encroachment which tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments into one, and thus to create, whatever may be the forms of government, a real despotism; no sumptuary laws, separation of Church and State for the good of each, common schools to be fostered and protected.

Third—Home rule, honest money, consisting of gold, silver and paper convertible into coin on demand; the strict maintenance of the public faith, State and National, and a tariff for revenue only.

Fourth—The subordination of the military to the civil power, and a general and thorough reform of the civil service.

Fifth—Right to a free ballot as the right preservative of all rights, and must and shall be maintained in every part of these United States.

Sixth—The existing administration is representative of conspiracy only, and its claims of the right to surround the ballot boxes with troops and deputy marshals, to intimidate and obstruct the election, and the unprecedented use of the veto to maintain its corrupt and despotic power, insults the people and imperils their institutions.

Seventh—The great fraud of 1876, by which upon a false count of the electoral vote of two States, the candidate defeated at the polls was declared to be President, and for the first time in American history the will of the people was set aside under threat of military violence, struck a deadly blow at our system of representative government. The Democratic party, to preserve the country from the horrors of the civil war, submitted for a time in the firm and patriotic faith that the people would punish the crime in 1880. This issue precedes and dwarfs any other. It imposes a more sacred duty upon the people of the Union than was ever addressed to the conscience of a nation of freemen.

Eighth—We execrate the course of this administration in making places for political criminals, and demand a reform by statute which shall make it forever impossible for a defeated candidate to bribe his way to the seat of a usurper by villainies upon the people. (This was read again in response to demands, and received with applause.)

Ninth—The resolution of Samuel J. Tilden not again to be a candidate for election, the exalted place to which he was elected by a majority of his countrymen, and from which he was excluded by the leaders of the Republican party, is received by the Democrats of the United States with sensibility, and they declare their confidence in his wisdom and patriotism and integrity unsullied by the assaults of the common enemy, and they further declare to him that he is followed into the retirement he has chosen for himself by the sympathy and respect of his fellow citizens who regard him as one who, by elevating the standard of public morality and adorning and purifying the public service, merits the lasting gratitude of his country and his party.

Tenth—Free ships and a live chance for American commerce on the sea and on the land; no discrimination in favor of transportation lines, corporations or monopolies.

Eleventh—Amendment of the Burlingame treaty; no more Chinese immigration except for travel, education and foreign commerce, and therein carefully guarded.

Twelfth—Public money and public credit for public purposes solely, and public lands for actual settlers.

Thirteenth—The Democratic party is the friend of labor and the laboring man, and pledges itself to protect him alike against the cormorants and the commune.

Fourteenth—We congratulate the country upon the honesty and drift of the Democratic Congress which has reduced the public expenditure $40,000,000 a year; upon the continuation of prosperity at home and the national honor abroad, and above all, upon the promise of such a change in the administration of this Government as shall insure its genuine lasting reform in every department of the public service.

BUILDING OF FAST LOCOMOTIVES.—An engine built to make the ninety miles between New York city and Philadelphia in ninety minutes did its work easily and has now been sent across the water as a specimen of American handiwork. But the New York *Times* observes that it is not so great a novelty as several other engines now building in American workshops. Thus, at the Grant works they are constructing an engine with two sets of driving wheels, one vertically over the other, the upper set being intended to act on the lower as they act upon the track. In Concord, N. H., a locomotive with a flat boiler two feet, by seven by twelve, with the fire-box in the middle, is now nearly completed. The idea is to bring a larger portion of the boiler over the fire-box and thus increase the steam. The little tank engines of the elevated railroads have given such satisfactory performances that plans have been prepared for building others of the same type with four, six, eight and even twelve driving wheels, calculated for the heaviest work. The advantage claimed for them is that, in proportion to their weight, they show large adhesive powers. In general there is a noticeable tendency to increase the size not only of engines but cars as well.—[Chicago Tribune.

A ONE-HORSE MINISTER.—A Methodist parson, the Rev. Stanley, "got away" with Bishop Tuttle, as they say out West, during his recent trip in the Missoula valley. It seems that the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Missoula, was driving the clerical party (consisting of Bishop Tuttle, the Rev. Tillotson and himself) in his own one horse shay, and while en route met the Rev. Stanley driving two horses. The bishop, who is always ready for a joke, sang out: "I say, Stanley, how is it that you Methodist preachers manage to drive two horses, while we Episcopalians have to put up with one?" "Perhaps you are one-horse preachers," said the ready-witted Stanley, and the procession moved on amid hearty shouts of laughter, in which the bishop joined.

A QUEER BABY.—An Annapolis special says that a natural curiosity died there last evening. It was a child of colored parentage, and when born had white curly hair resembling sheep's wool. The eyes were of a pinkish color, and the complexion was snow white with a a slight tinge of red on its cheeks. It very closely resembled a large wax doll that had been exhibited in a shop window, and which the mother of the child had frequently admired and expressed an anxious determination to purchase it, but was unable to do so. The physicians pronounce it a remarkable case of *lusus naturæ*.

TELEGRAMS.

EASTERN.

The Vermont Election.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Sept. 7.—Returns of the election are coming in as rapidly as can be expected. One hundred and ten towns heard from give the following vote: In 1876, Fairbanks, republican, received 25,393; Bingham, democrat, 11,670. In 1880, Farnum, republican, received 26,572; Phelps, democrat, 11,677; Heath, greenback, 802; Republican gain, 1179; democratic gain, 7 Congressional vote: First district—Joyce republican, 8645; Randall, democrat, 3470; Martin, greenback, 305. Second district—Tyler, republican, 9385; Campbell, democrat, 4009; scattering, 391. Third district—Grant, republican, 5180; Currier, democrat, 2691; Tarbell, greenback, 323. Representatives to legislature—Republican, 97; democrats, 13. There are 131 towns yet to be heard from. The same proportion will give 23,790 republican majority.

MONTPELIER, Sept. 7.—Returns from this district show that Randall is far behind his ticket for congress. The republicans are gaining in the large towns along the line of the railroad. Joyce is undoubtedly elected by a largely increased majority.

A Modern Miracle.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 7.—A young Norwegian named Rosendahl, from Minneapolis, gave an exhibition yesterday of walking on the water. It was a complete success. With his feet secured in two small boat like structures the young man walked rapidly and easily on the surface of the water. The peculiarity of Rosendahl's invention is the possibility of making progress by an actual walking movement. There was no striding back or sideways, but a straight forward walk at the rate of at least three miles per hour. Thousands of spectators witnessed the feat and the crowd was very enthusiastic over the young man's success. The swell occasioned by passing tugs did not disturb the walker to any noticeable degree.

The Vermont Election.

BURLINGTON, Sept. 8.—One hundred and fifty towns heard from give the republicans a majority of 17,000. On this basis the republican majority over all will be about 22,500 and their plurality about 27,000. The legislature will have but one democratic senator. The house will be overwhelmingly republican.

Comments of the New York Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The *Times* says of the Vermont election: The most sanguine of the estimates which were other than mere guesses, gave the republicans this year the majority of 1876, between 23,000 and 24,000 but all returns so far received show that the majority of 1872 has been exceeded.

The *Tribune* says: If the republicans gain in the 181 towns not fully reported, as they have gained in towns heard from, their majority will be 25,790. This would exceed the wildest anticipations of the most sanguine republicans. It would exceed the largest republican majority for governor in the last decade. The republicans have already 15,000 majority in 110 out of 231 towns, and they would have been satisfied with 20,000 in the whole state.

The Vermont Election.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION Vt., Sept. 9—Returns of the state election and gubernatorial vote have been received from 222 towns, leaving 21 to be heard from. The congressional vote has been received from 202 towns, leaving 39 towns to be heard from. The gubernatorial vote stands as follows: Farnham, republican, 48,833; Phelps, democrat, 20,717; Heath, greenback, 1530; Farnham's majority over all, 25,576. The same towns gave in 1876, Fairbanks, republican, 44,065; Bingham, democrat, 20,520; scattering, 73; Fairbanks' majority, 23,627. This shows a republican gain of 2904, and a democratic gain of 397. The towns to be heard from gave in 1876, Fairbanks, republican, 658; Bingham, democrat, 608. But if the republican gain in the remaining 20 towns are proportionate to those heard from, Farnham's majority will be at least 26,936 with the entire vote of the state. In 1876 the republican majority was 23,725. In the first congressional district 74 towns give Joyce, republican, 13,155; Randall, democrat, 5448; Martin, greenback, 635, Joyce's majority, 7067. In the second congressional district in 72 towns, Tyler, republican, has 14,732; Campbell, democrat, 5629; Mead, fusion, 341; scattering, 7; Tyler's majority, 8445. In the third congressional district in 50 towns Grant, republican, has 10,908; Currier, democrat, 5021; Tapbell, greenback, 4361. There are in the three districts 29 towns to be heard from. The complexion of the next legislature will be more strongly republican than for a long time before being composed of 102 republicans; 15 democrats and 1 greenbacker. Full returns on all the tickets will probably be received tomorrow.

Scarcity of Laborers.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 9.—A large number of laborers have been brought from the eastern states and Canada this season to work on the various railroad extensions, of which there are nine in progress. Yet the work is delayed by the scarcity of labor. The Denver & Rio Grande Company alone require at least 5000 more men than they are at present able to secure. Laborers are receiving from $1 75 to $2 50 per day. The mines draw away more than half the number imported.

Chairman Morrow on the Pacific States.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Chairman Morrow of the California state central republican committee, has been interviewed by the *Tribune* and states that he has no doubt whatever of the entire Pacific Coast going republican. The only state claimed seriously by the democrats as debatable is California, and he carefully considers their grounds for such claim and finds them invalid. The statement he makes is careful and convincing in its logic. He is surprised to find so universal a sentiment here that the republicans will carry every northern state.

The Man-Horse Race.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—At midnight the great contest of 150 hours, between horses and men ended and was won by one of the men. There were entered for the race fifteen men and five horses, but at the close only three men and four horses were on the track. One horse, Speculator, who was withdrawn after two days, died this morning as his owner claims from the effects of poison. The score stands:

Byrnes 578, Krohne 535, Colston 529, Betsy Baker 569, Rose of Texas 545, Bothman's entry 527, Dunn's entry 525. Therefore Byrnes gets the first prize of $2000; Betsy Baker, second prize, $1000; Rose of Texas, third prize, $500; Colston, fourth, $250; Bothman's entry, fifth prize, $150; and Dunn's entry sixth prize, $100. Byrne is scarcely more than a boy and his performance is considered quite wonderful. He covered 90 miles yesterday and 88 today and if his nearest rival had not stopped would have got 10 or 15 miles further. Betsy Baker was very lame at the close. In fact the horses were all in very bad form at the close. The exhibition was brutal and the spectators were much disgusted with the treatment of the animals.

PACIFIC COAST.

Complete Returns in the Charter Election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Returns of the Charter election complete: for adoption 4145; against 19,207.

San Francisco "Sits Down" on the Proposed Charter

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—The charter election occurred to-day. Total vote of the city, 23,122. The counting is not yet completed, but the general impression is that the new charter is beaten by a large majority.

—One hundred and four precincts complete give: For adoption of the charter, 2999; against adoption, 14,474. The majority against adoption is beyond all expectation.

Fusion of Democrats and Sand Lotters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—The conventions of democracy and W. P. C. last night ratified the bargain by which the division of the offices is agreed upon between the two organizations in consideration of joining their forces in the coming municipal election.

A Fleet Runner.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—At Bay district park to-day, with a rough track and unfavorable weather, and penalized one yard for a false start, R. S. Haley, of the Olympic club, ran 220 yards in 23 seconds, within three-fifths of a second of the best time on record.

FOREIGN.

A Proposed Jesuit Mission.

ROME, Aug. 31.—The pope has assented to the proposal that a portion of the French jesuits should form a society for propagation of the faith in central Africa.

Birth of the Expected Spanish Heir.

MADRID, Sept. 11.—The queen of Spain has been safely delivered of a daughter. Both doing well.

Alfonso's Baby.

MADRID, Sept. 12.—The baptism of the princess has been fixed for September 14th. Ex-Queen Isabella will be one of the sponsors.

Female Athletics.

The time has now come when woman may take part in out-door sports, and even athletics. Blaikie, the new author on muscle, gives a clear view of how a woman can carry on her household duties and combine with them a mild form of gymnastics. This does not mean that a woman must jump up and down with a pitcher of milk or boiling soup in her hands, but certain motions, such as closing and opening the fingers from the palms of the hand, strengthening the muscles of the fore arm, while other motions are as easily made, develop the muscles of the chest and back of the body.

American women have no longer the right to be invalids. Long walks, plenty of fresh air and horseback exercise, open a wide field of enjoyment. Heated ballrooms and the "German" are somewhat neutralized by the fact that it is the fashion to cultivate the muscles, and when that has been said *all* has been said. A fashionable young lady, "frivolous girl," probably waltzes ten miles during a night's "German," so why should not a sensible girl walk five miles each day, play at croquet or tennis, which, by the way, is hard work and no play, and in that we earn good sleep, good digestion, and good spirits? All these are the desirable things to possess. In comparison with them the luxuries of life lose their zest. To be strong, healthy and happy is the *summum bonum* of life. American ladies may some day possess the splendid vitality of their English cousins; America already carries off the palm for beautiful and well-educated women. They are, however, made delicate in the first place by the severe climate which forces them too often to lead an in-door life. The vital force is of course lessened, the muscles relax, and a protracted invalidism often follows. But let the habit of regular exercise once be gained, and the American girl, with bright eyes and glowing cheeks, will hold her own against the belles and beauties of other nations.

"Look at the famous beauties of any age," says Blaikie, "and everything in picture and statue points to firmness and symmetry of make, a freedom from either flabbiness or leanness. The Venuses and Junos, the Minervas, Niobes and Helens of mythology, the Madonnas, the mediæval beauties, all alike have the well developed and shapely shoulder and arm, the light chest and vigorous body a firm and erect carriage. A thin chest or a contracted waist would have marred at once the picture or statue. The same vigorous exercise or training which brought forth woman's physical beauty in ancient days will bring it out now."

To promise a woman the beauty of Venus or of Helen holds out a strong inducement to the belles of the present day; and if physical culture bring so high a reward the gymnasium will be crowded by applicants for admission, and book and embroidery thrown aside and exchanged for the parallel bars and other gymnastic exercises.

LONG FINGER NAILS.—Chinese and Siam aristocrats invariably wear long finger nails. The disfigurement is supposed to add to the importance of the individual, as it is evident that the wearer cannot do any work, and must, therefore, be a person of elegant leisure, backed by a fortune corresponding to the lenkth of his nails. The hand of an Annamite dandy has nails four or five inches in length. The thumb nail has a characteristic shape, and that of the first finger is cut short to enable the person to pick up small objects. Without this alteration the hands would be nearly useless. Nails of still greater enormity may be seen. They are said to have attained the extraordinary length of thirteen inches, and in this instance the nail of the first finger is not entirely cut.