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Tablespoonful of the stuff before he went to bed,
And he had a firm conviction it would cure all affliction.
And, if properly administered, he thought 'twould wake the dead.
But one day they found him lying, gasping on his couch and dying,
And he whispered, tell the coroner I never-more shall wake,
I shall join the angels tuneful for I took a tablespoonful
Of my Patent Paaticurial Panacea by mistake!"

—Yankee Blade.

Persons visiting Washington have, perhaps, regarded the Capitol as complete, but it is, in fact, an unfinished building, and the house has just appropriated $100,000 for a grand portico and stair-case for the west front. However false an economy may prevail with Senators and Representatives regarding other public buildings, they all know better than to put cheap work on the Capitol. Originally the east front of the building was meant as the real front, but placing the President's house back of the Capitol caused the City of Washington to be built behind the Capitol as it was. So the west front had to be made as grand and imposing as the east. Two or three years ago Congress appropriated over $300,000 for the new marble terrace, which is now complete. It adds immeasurably to the beauty of the building, as it apparently gives it an additional story, thus doing away with the heavy effect of the dome. The Capitol is a very good standard for judging of the great extent of certain historic structures. Two other creations in stone have almost the identical proportions of the capitol. One is the great pyramid; the other is St. Peter's. There is not the difference of a dozen feet in the length of any of these.

The True Gentleman.

The following sketch is called "The Portrait of a True Gentleman." It was found in an old manor house in Gloucestershire, written and framed and hung over the mantelpiece of a tapestried sitting-room:

"The true gentleman is God's servant, the world's master and his own man; virtue is his business, study his recreation, contentment his rest and happiness his reward; God is his Father, Jesus Christ is his Savior, the saints his brethren, and all that need him his friends; devotion is his chaplain, chastity his chamberlain, sobriety his butler, temperance his cook, hospitality his housekeeper, providence his steward, charity his treasurer, piety his mistress of the house, and discretion his porter to let in or out as most fit. Thus is his whole family made up of virtues, and he is the true master of the house. He is necessitated to take the world on his way to heaven, but he walks through it as fast as he can, and all his business by the way is to make himself and others happy. Take him in two words—a man and a Christian.

WIT AND HUMOR.

The latest style in bankruptcy is to run your business on a suicidal basis, wreck yourself and everybody who has anything to do with you; and as you go down with your few poor little assets under a mountain of liabilities, charge your failure to the Inter-State Commerce law.

Jay Gould is like the American tramp. He takes nearly every road he comes across.

The efforts made by Boston girls to improve their intellect somehow seem to wrap their shape.

An Irishman, who was very near-sighted, about to fight a duel, insisted that he should stand six paces nearer to his antagonist than the other did to him, and they were both to fire at the same time.

"Pa, where has little sister gone to?" "To Heaven, my son." "And where has brother Jack gone to?" "To Chicago." "How far is Chicago from Heaven?" "There are no figures big enough to express the distance."

Marriage. Marriage is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.

Coquette. A coquette is a rose from which every lover plucks a leaf; —the thorns are left for her husband.

An Irishman watching a game of baseball was knocked down by a foul. "A fowl was it, begory I thought it was a mule."

On the Eve of the Campaign.

The political situation is unique. The candidates and platforms are before the country, and there is more or less skirmishing along the lines. The party chiefs are maneuvering for advantage at Washington, with the Mills bill marking the Democratic position, while Republican Senators are seeking to formulate some cunning tariff device that will reconcile the platform with the necessary reduction of the revenue without incurring the odium of the "free-trade" cry they have endeavored to apply to the Mills bill. But there is only a drowsy hum to be heard in political circles, and the candidates themselves set no example of activity. President is at his desk as usual attending to his exacting duties, cast a vagrant thought behind him to the breezes he lately enjoyed. The bandana waves lazily in the Buckeye state, and the grandson of the tippecanoe hero is receiving committees and talking platitudes in the Hoosier dairies. Even the "uncrowned king" is at sea for the time being, and until Wednesday next will he set foot on the "land of the free," where banners and music and the huzzahs which please him so well and many cyclones will land with him. No one can tell, but it is safe to say Blaine will raise a hurricane if he can. But why has Mr. Harrison come to meet him at the gates and help to swell the triumphal entry of the man who made him? The time must come, if Mr. Harrison shall be elected, when he shall break the truncheon of his office at the feet of his party oracle and leader, and even before that time arrives he can do but little more than echo the fiction Mr. Blaine will be certain to put into the canvass. True, it would not be pleasant to play second fiddle under such circumstances, but Mr. Harrison like the Lord High Executioner, must become accustomed to see favors lavished upon a rival, and get used to it by degrees. But he will not be there, and all the "pomp and circumstance" of "uncrowned royalty" must go on without him. The democratic party the situation marked contrast. The nominee is a rival near the throne, and certain power behind it. Four years ago was an experiment—now he stands the fierce light which beats upon official life, and in its glare comes out conspicuously the leader and fashioner of political thought in his own party, and the safest guardian of the people's rights a half century has produced. He is stronger than his party, for even those who rank high in its councils and who differed from him on fundamental questions of policy have compelled to surrender to his better judgment and to his strong grasp on public affairs. He is unpretending, honest, and sincere. He has kept his pledges to the best of his ability, and the evidence of it is that the civil-service reformers and independents are everywhere yielding him their support. Upon the great economic question of the day he stands for the many against the few—for a policy which he believes will bring relief to the sons of toil, instead of building up colossal fortunes at their expense. If he had been a demagogue he would have pandered to the well-known appetites of men and counseled the repeal of the tax on tobacco and whisky as a means of reducing the revenue. But he knew they were not necessaries of life, and that one of them at least was a powerful factor in the distress and want of the country. He, therefore, had the courage to suggest other means of reducing the taxes in his now famous message, and thought more of the morals of the people and comfort of the homes and of their indulgence in habits that certainly do more harm than good. And thus he submits his case to a thinking and educated people. No man impugns his motives or questions his absolute integrity of purpose. The worst that even his political adversaries can say of him is that he is mistaken in wanting to keep the tax on whisky, and thus disturb the present "protective system." We shall, of course, know more about all this when the Senate and House have made up the tariff issue upon which the people are to pass judgment; but unless all signs fail, the quicker Mr. Blaine shuffles off his sea logs and interrupts the stump the better, or Mr. Harrison will be apt to remain like his great fashioner and master, an "uncrowned king."—Ex Baltimore, Aug. 4th 1888.

A recent writer, speaking of clubs, while admitting their usefulness to a certain extent, says that the weakness of the club consists in the fact that so many go to get ideas and so few go to impart them.

It doesn't make any difference how pretty a girl may be if she likes some other young man better.

Butcher—I do not like to lose your custom. What can I do to make matters all right with you? Customer—Buy me a new set of teeth.

Wife (after the theater)—How lovely the moon is to-night, John! Husband (it was a five-act play)—Yeah, ma' dear (hic,) both of 'em beautiful.

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