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MY FAMILIAR.

By JOHN G. SANE.
How do you like the world?
Again I hear that cracking sleep,
He's moving on the floor,
To well I know the boding sound
That echoes in his ears,
I don't know when I meet
The stoutest of my foes,
But Heaven defend me from the friend
Who comes—but never goes!

He drops into my easy chair,
And asks about the news,
He pokes into my manuscript,
And gives his candid views,
He tells me where he likes the line,
And where he's forced to grope;
He takes the strangest liberties,
But never takes his leave!

He reads my daily papers through
Before I've seen a word,
He scans the lyrics (that I wrote)
And thinks it quite absurd,
He calmly smokes my last cigar,
And calmly smokes my last cigar,
He opens everything he sees—
Except the entry door!

He talks about his fragile health,
And tells me of his pains,
He tells me of his ailments,
Which he never complains,
And how he struggled once with death,
But never goes away!

He tells me of the empty world,
Some shallow ethics write,
And every precious paragraph
Is crowded with his words,
He tells me of his ailments,
Which he never complains,
And how he struggled once with death,
But never goes away!

When I'm alone, that dreadful man,
I think of him as I pass,
I know that, like an autumn rain,
He'll be here again,
I know that, like an autumn rain,
He'll be here again,
I know that, like an autumn rain,
He'll be here again.

Free Trade and Farmers' Rights.

From the New York World.
Free Trade would rest from the Federal Government its most dangerous corrupting instrument of consolidated power; it would restore to the people not merely the wealth of the land, but the power, too, which the tariff jobbery enables Grant and his party to combine and wield for the subversion of the State Government of Louisiana, and for the corruption of our society and our politics throughout the Union.

How is it that 10 bushels of wheat buy less coffee in the United States than the same 100 bushels of wheat would buy in Europe? And how does it happen that 1,000 pounds of native bar-iron buys more coffee in the United States than in any other country in the world? These are questions which the indignant farmer may profitably exercise himself by inquiring into. Wheat and iron are like American products, subject to the same natural laws in respect to the price of labor, price of money, and so on, and which, therefore, are more valuable, have more purchasing power as compared with iron and measured in coffee, in Europe than in America?

But first let us put the fact of this comparative superiority beyond a doubt. Suppose we take 1,000 pounds of American bar-iron, which is now selling at 4 cents a pound, or say \$40, and exchange it for Rio coffee in New York. The price of green coffee being 25 cents currency per pound, New York would cost us 100 bushels, or 160 pounds of Rio coffee.

A thousand pounds of bar-iron would purchase also 26 1/2 bushels of Chicago spring wheat, No. 3, which is now selling at \$1.50 per bushel, and the 26 1/2 bushels, would of course, buy 160 pounds of Rio coffee in New York.

Now, then, let us take the 1,000 pounds of bar-iron and the 26 1/2 bushels of wheat to London, and then see, first, how much coffee we will get for them, respectively; and second, how much iron 26 1/2 bushels of wheat will buy there.

The price of best crown Staffordshire iron in London is at present \$12 10s. a ton of 2,240 pounds; 1,000 pounds would therefore fetch \$5 11s. 8d. The price of Rio coffee in London is at present \$12 10s. a ton of 2,240 pounds. The 26 1/2 bushels of wheat, which is now selling at \$1.50 per bushel, and the 26 1/2 bushels, would of course, buy 160 pounds of Rio coffee in New York.

The Chicago No. 2 wheat being worth \$1.25 a bushel, or 7.77 cents per bushel, the 26 1/2 bushels of wheat would fetch \$33 8s. 5d., and would buy of Rio coffee at 80s. per cent, 291 1/2 pounds; and bar-iron in London or Liverpool.

Let us take the iron, which is now selling at 26 1/2 bushels of wheat, and the 26 1/2 bushels of wheat, which is now selling at \$1.50 per bushel, and if he were to lay out his 1,000 pounds of iron for wheat in London, he would only get 14 1/2 bushels of Chicago wheat, No. 3, 12 1/2 bushels less than in New York.

What does the farmer think of this position? Is he still of the opinion that the railway monopoly is the source of all his woes?

Why Should It Do So.

From the San Francisco Examiner.
Those amiable people who favor the dissolution of the Democratic party and the formation of a new organization embracing all the elements of opposition to Grantism, assert that the former is potent for good and that a new party would stand a better chance of success. The author of the new party movement in Ohio, in assigning a reason for his action, declared that the Radical party would not, and the Democracy could not, save us from corruption. We find his remark reported in the Cincinnati Enquirer, which says that it herein the interest and good wishes of the Democracy were un studiously admitted by the author of the third party movement.

The whole question then turns upon this interrogatory: Is the Democratic party really and in fact more potent for good? Can there be a new party formed which will have a better chance of success? We answer No, to both interrogatories. Let us consider first the alleged potency of our party. Admitting that the Radical party really and in fact is more potent for good for a period of years, how did they obtain that dominance? Through the intestine quarrels of their opponents. Lincoln had in 1860 nearly two million votes; and nearly three million were cast against him, but under one man, the method of Presidential election they were ineffectual. He came in at the head of the minority party. Then happened the extraordinary folly of Southern States secession, by which was abandoned the Democratic majority in both Houses of Congress, which so long as maintained would have rendered Mr. Lincoln's anti-Southern influence entirely nugatory. Again in 1864, in the midst of war which excited the popular passions and appealed to the proper interests, in which nearly one-half of the States did not vote, and in those States which were wont to cast a unanimously Democratic electoral vote, Mr. Lincoln was re-elected.

In the first Presidential election after the close of the war, through the exercise of the bayonets in the South, Grant was elected against the exertions of the Democracy. Last year by the introduction of a new element—the negro vote—and by means of the frauds in the South and in Pennsylvania, he was re-elected. It is thus that, in the National Government, we have been for four successive elections defeated, twice by our own dissensions, and twice by fraud and force, which cannot permanently be repeated.

In our defeats, we have never been far behind the votes cast by the successful party, even with all our dissensions and with the anomalies of a war against us.

Are such kinds of defeats for fifteen years conclusive proof that we never can succeed under the Democratic name? Why, the abolition party ran four candidates for President, and in no instance did they obtain a respectable vote in any one State. Sixty years ago some man should have asked their disbanded, what would have been the reply? In 1840, when the Whigs succeeded in electing General William H. Harrison President of the United States by three-fourths of the electoral vote, they had been regularly defeated in every contest for twelve years. During the first twelve years of the Government, under the Administrations of General Washington and John Adams, the Federal Administration was that of a man who had been regularly defeated in every contest for twelve years. During the first twelve years of the Government, under the Administrations of General Washington and John Adams, the Federal Administration was that of a man who had been regularly defeated in every contest for twelve years.

Hon. William Allen.

LIFF AND SERVICES OF THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF OHIO.
Cincinnati Enquirer.
Hon. William Allen was born in the year 1807 in Virginia between the "Blue Ridge" and Alleghany. He went to Chillicothe, Ohio, when a mere boy. He was there without money and without friends. The young lover and politician who had energy, ability, honesty. Of his life as a boy and as a man.

A YOUNG LAWYER.
We have no time to speak. He first appeared prominently before the public in 1833, when he was elected to the House of Representatives of the United States. He was a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The circumstances of this election were peculiar and interesting. He had paid his addresses to the daughter of Governor Duncan McArthur. Governor McArthur was his opponent in the campaign. The young lover and politician was elected by a majority of one. The daughter did not marry until she had first married another and became a widow. Mr. Allen was elected to the Senate of the United States, taking his seat on the 4th day of March, 1837. He filled the office two terms. When elected he had scarcely passed the constitutional limit of thirty years, but he soon took his place as one of the foremost men of that distinguished body. His Senatorial honors were not easily won. He sat in the Senate Chamber with Clay and Webster, and Calhoun and Crittenden and Benton, and Corwin and Ewing and Buchanan. Among such men he stood as their peer and commanded their respect. His first act as Senator was to offer a resolution providing for a change in the manner of electing President and Vice President, and to the impartiality of a judge, the sagacity of an advocate, the eloquence of a statesman, the eloquence of a true orator. His heart and judgment were always on the side of the people.

HIS FIRST SPEECH IN THE SENATE.
It was in favor of the right of petition; and he maintained this right of the people, though he did not sympathize with their request, and though they lived in a distant part of the country. He was often on the floor of the Senate, though less often than some others, and he always spoke straight on. His speeches had not only directness but beauty and dignity. He gave the closest attention to questions of finance, to national banks, District of Columbia banks, to the Indian affairs, to boundary lines, and to all details of practical legislation. He was always the advocate of the people and of the Democratic party. He opposed tariffs and excessive taxation. He defended the Constitution. He was always in his seat. When he had been for years in the Senate, he was able to say proudly to his fellow Senators on a question of adjournment that he had not lost a day or a vote in the Senate, and to say also thirty-three years ago; however hazardous may be the question, "I neither dodge nor flee."

HE IS THE LAST SURVIVOR.
In 1833 the United States Senate, under dictation of Clay, adopted a resolution censuring President Jackson for removing the Government deposits from the United States Bank. Four years later, soon after Mr. Allen was elected, a resolution was passed expiating the resolution from the records, and of the twenty-five Senators voting in favor of this resolution Mr. Allen alone lives to tell the story. He was elected Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and was, by the leading committee of the Senate in 1845, over Mr. Archer, of Virginia. It was while he occupied this position that the memorable debate occurred on the question known in history as the "question of fifty-four or eight."

This debate was the foremost one of that Congress, and if Mr. Allen took the leading part. He was overruled by the vote of the Senate, but his position throughout was that of an independent American. He introduced the resolution to advise the President to give notice to Great Britain to terminate the joint occupation of Oregon. Mr. Allen spoke on the resolution for two consecutive days, filling the time of the session. The debate covered several months. Toward the close his famous personal debate with Crittenden took place, and the upshot and issue was his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Allen has for twenty-four years lived the cloistered life of a student and a cultured farmer. He has rare scientific attainments; he is devoted to astronomy, geology, mineralogy and botany. His habits are simple and his home hospitable. He is in full possession of all the powers of his earlier manhood. His commanding figure, his venerable silvered head, his matchless voice, will shortly become familiar to many of our readers. The time was when great men would stand for hours to listen to him. The hale and vigorous ex-Senator who won laurels beside Webster and Crittenden, Calhoun and Clay and Benton, will have something to say to the people of Ohio this Fall.

It's a sign of a storm—to tread on anybody's toe that has corn; if you awaken the baby on a wash day; to call a baby ugly in the presence of its mother; to spit on the parlor carpet when your wife sees it; to speak ill of your wife's relations.

The President and the Back-Salary Steal.

Recently, the Labor Reform Convention composed of working men was in session at Lowell, Massachusetts, and among others adopted a resolution that that Convention of Workingmen looked upon the recent Congressional Salary grab as a clear steal, and consider those who would therefor, and also the President who lobbied for and signed the bill, as plunderers, and more worthy of the penitentiary than of public trust. This is the most severe denunciation of the "back-salary steal," we have yet seen. The language is strong and very expressive, but it is only an honest expression of what others are more mealy mouthed about. We don't say that the back-salary stealers ought to go to the State prison, but we do say that they ought to be compelled to go home and remain there. From the foregoing resolution the country learns something concerning the President that it did not know before, to wit: that he lobbied for the bill. It was a most unseemly sight when the Chief Magistrate of this Republic, surrounded by them as their representative descended from the pedestal of honor upon which the people placed him, and condescended to beg Congressmen to not only double his salary for the future, but give him double pay for the time he has already served. This beggar President, with perhaps a million dollars given him in presents of various kinds, haunting the lobbies and committee rooms of the Capitol, crying, "Give, give," like the lowest of the lowly, was a spectacle for the civilized world. It was a humiliation to this great and proud people, and we do not wonder that the workingmen, feeling the disgrace keenly, denounce it in harsh terms. There have been instances of ingratitude on the part of governments and people. The great Roman General Belisarius after winning many glorious victories for the Roman empire, was compelled to beg in the streets of the Capital city in his old age. This was a reproach to the Government, but the case is different with President Grant. The gratitude of the people has raised down gold, and houses, and horses, and lands, and honors. He has been made rich and has buried beneath the honors which have been heaped upon him. Such a man, so honored, begging for more pay in the lobbies of the Capitol! If it was wrong for poor weak vessels, like Sargeant and Coghlan and Hongton, to yield to the importunities of the President and vote for this infamous bill, what should be thought of the President himself?—Daily Belle Record.

A GREAT EVIL.
FEMALE LOVE OF FINERY, AND WHAT IT LEADS TO.
The World scolds the women for their love of finery, a love of which it is sure is leading many of them, married as well as single, to infamy and ruin. We quote a matter, and perhaps this finery fever is of comparatively little consequence; but it does—and there are yet many people who think it does, and whose opinion is entitled to some respect—it matters very much indeed, inasmuch as it is tending to beget immorality in the women in this country. * * * Nor is it the only Massachusetts' factory girl and such as she who is thus led astray; hundreds of married women in a much higher class, who would but for this accursed, insidious, and perhaps this finery fever is of comparatively little consequence; but it does—and there are yet many people who think it does, and whose opinion is entitled to some respect—it matters very much indeed, inasmuch as it is tending to beget immorality in the women in this country. * * * Nor is it the only Massachusetts' factory girl and such as she who is thus led astray; hundreds of married women in a much higher class, who would but for this accursed, insidious, and perhaps this finery fever is of comparatively little consequence; 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