

WHAT would be thought of a man who, sitting down to a nicely set table, would eagerly partake of the well cooked and savory food and having sampled everything before him, would finally come out to the hotel keeper and utterly ignoring all the relishable things that he had entombed in his stomach, would growl because there may have happened to be an innocent little plate of pickles, or a modestly displayed slice of cheese, or something else he may have happened to dislike, somewhere on the table in sight of his offended eye? Yet this is a fair example of the man who grows wrath because every little item in the columns of a newspaper does not precisely accord with his individual whim.

The hotel keeper sets his table to the best of his ability. He knows that he must put on his table what the general public, the patrons of his house, require. He also knows that some people like their meat rare, others well done; some want no cheese, others are disgusted with pickles, and yet others expect cheese with pie, pickles with roast beef, and would eat no soup unless they had free recourse to a bottle of sauce.

Any ordinary man could sit down and make a good dinner. If he wanted pickles, there they were; if he didn't, he could let them alone; but none but a very silly man would come out to the hotel keeper at the close of the meal and blow him up because he had put pickles on his table, ignoring the fact that the man who had sat opposite the growler and who had the same rights at the table ate pickles freely, and would have growled worse than the first one if they had not been set on the table.

It is about the same way with a good many dyspeptics who try to get a cause of complaint against a newspaper. They note all the news, read what's going on in their own neighborhood, look through the dispatches, glean the carefully selected miscellany, turn to the editorial page and note the news and comment on current events, when, horror! somewhere in the columns they strike an item or assertion that does not fit in with their cast iron mould of ideas. All the good things are forgotten, the paper is "no good" just because that one little item is there.

The funny part of it is that that very item is just what the next man wanted to see, and he would have thought the paper equally "no good" if it, or something like it hadn't appeared.

We have never run a hotel, Nature having denied us the ability necessary in that line of business, but believe that if the average hotel keeper were to act on all the complaint he received his hotel would break up, and the sheriff would sell him out inside of a month.

For one man will have no mast, another no boiled, a third dearest fish, a fourth abhors cheese, a fifth dislikes jelly, a sixth can't endure pie, a seventh hates pork, an eighth loathes hot biscuit, and so on. The unfortunate hotel keeper who would listen to all the likes and dislikes and act on the suggestions would have nothing but empty dishes on his table at the close of the second week. The hotel keeper who desires to keep out of the sheriff's hands will probably set his table to please his guests. He will do his best to suit his patrons; he will note what is called for most and oftener; he will furnish that; he will keep off his table that which is most objected to; he will set as good a meal as he can afford to for the money he gets or ought to get for it; he will sit up all day and a good part of the night trying to have his hotel so conducted that it will be popular; he will as far as in his

power remove all cause for complaint, but, possibly, once in ten years, when some one with his stomach full, his jaws still going on the last mouthful, comes out and damns the whole concern because there was pie, when every one knew he didn't like pie; then it may be that the hotel keeper recognizes that the fault lies in the shallow skull of his critic and not in his inability to do what he should, especially when the cook tells him that the rest of the boarders are clamorous for pie, and some have asked for a second helping.

JUDGE KELLEY, of Pennsylvania submits this description of the bill he proposes for England: "I have offered a bill limiting the coinage of silver to not more than \$1,000 in any one year. I propose that restriction with a view to hastening the day when the coin that was current among the merchants of old Judea, and which paid for the cave of Macpelah, shall come back to us. That was silver coin. If the bill I propose were passed, this country would cease to absorb \$24,000,000 of silver annually. Now where would that go to? Why it would go straight to London, and its effect there would be disastrous to British trade and commerce. The value of the Chinese sycee, the Indian rupee and the silver coins of every South American state would at once depreciate. England has had immense trade with all those countries, and if we forced her, by stopping our coinage, to absorb the surplus silver of the world, she would be driven to restore silver to its old place of equality with gold in order to save her trade with India and the Orient from utter ruin."

SENATOR DOLPH on the 4th reported favorably from the committee on commerce the bill to enable the Astoria & Winnemucca railway company, a corporation organized under the laws of Oregon, to build railroad bridges across the Willamette river south of Oregon City, at such point as it may select, and across such other navigable streams or sloughs within the state of Oregon as it may be necessary to build along the line of railroad or along the line of any of its branches. This bill applies particularly to an intent to construct a bridge or road from Smith's Point to Skipanon landing, the exact location to be determined by the secretary of war.

THERE threatens hot discussion in the east, as to whether Blaine or Logan shall head the national Republican ticket in '88. Gently brethren, gently. The country is full of good men. Maybe neither of the distinguished gentlemen will be called when the time comes. 'Tis manners to wait to be asked.

The last number of the Montreal Weekly Witness to hand says that "a chinook is a hot wind that sweeps down from Montana." Musha now!

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