

EFFECTS OF A FEW WORDS.

In 1866 James G. Blaine and Roscoe Conkling were members of the lower house of congress the former from Maine and the latter from New York.

A bill to reorganize and establish the army of the United States was under consideration and Mr. Conkling made a long speech against provost marshals and their doings.

Mr. Blaine defended General Fry, and declared that Mr. Conkling and the general had had personal quarrels, and that Mr. Conkling had come out second best.

For several days the two statesmen glared at each other, and continued the discussion at intervals. Finally Mr. Conkling said that if the gentleman from Maine had the least idea how profoundly indifferent to him his opinion was on the subject he had been discussing, or on any other subject, he thought he would hardly take the trouble to express it.

Then came Mr. Blaine's cutting irony in the following language, as copied from the Congressional Globe, published at that time: "It is hardly worth while to pursue this controversy further, but still the gentleman from New York cannot get off on the technicality which he has suggested."

"He says that a commission never was issued to him. I understand him to admit that if a commission had been issued to him he could not have taken pay for both offices. Now every one knows that those preliminary authorizations are the things on which half the business arising out of the war has been done.

"The gentleman was just as much bound to respect the law under that appointment as though it had been a formal commission with the signature of the secretary of war."

"As to the gentleman's cruel sarcasm I hope he will not be too severe. The contempt of that large-minded gentleman is so wilting; his haughty disdain, his grandiloquent swell, his majestic superciliousness, over-powering, turkey gobbler strut, has been so crushing to myself and all the members of this house that I know it was an act of the greatest temerity for me to venture upon a controversy with him. But, sir, I know who is responsible for all this. I know that within the past five weeks, as members of the house will recollect, an extra strut has characterized the gentleman's bearing."

"It is not his fault. It is the fault of another. That gifted and satirical writer, Theodore Tilton, of the New York Independent, spent some weeks recently in this city. His letters published in that paper embrace with many serious statements a little jocose satire, a part of which was that the mantle of the late Winter Davis had fallen upon the shoulders of the member from New York."

"The gentleman took it seriously, and it has given him a strut additional pomposity. The resemblance is great. It is striking. Hyperion to a satyr, Thersites to Hercules, mud to marble, dunghill to diamond, a single cat to a Bengal tiger, a whining puppy to a roaring lion. Shade of the mighty Davis, forgive the almost profanation of that jocose satire!"

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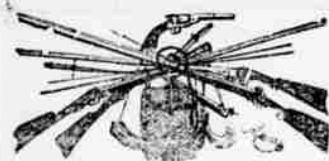
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