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More Money!

From Maine to Minnesota goes a wall that tells of inward throes. De Golyer's party everywhere Demands, in accents of deep

More money! More, and more, and more! Hundreds of thousands we must pour Upon the Indians' feet.

In every State the voters rise, And make a raid on our supplies. Vermont snatched up our cash in vain, And every State is losing Maine.

In vain our leaders stretch their hands; And call on their pestiferous hands; On every side we are being drained, And all is lost, unless we pay

In this our grand campaign of cash Nothing can keep us from a smash. From Maine to Minnesota goes a wall, But that attractive argument.

The people scorn our candidature, And mean to keep the election straight. Who knows where the revolt will stop, Unless we get to buy them up!

Shell out! ye men in every town, Who want to keep the people down. Notes against votes! is now our cry, And we must have, in vast supply.

Chestnuts for You, Maid of Athens, give me part, Give, oh, give me back my heart; Listen to my pleading tongue, Give, oh, give me back my tongue.

A pretty girl may talk slang, but she never says to her beau, "None of your lip!"

Toledo claims a citizen who pours hot water down his wife's back because she won't join his church, but it's no town to live in compared with Detroit.

Find a man who has made his creditors settle for ten cents on the dollar and you can find a man who has made his country in the hands of the Democrats.

One of the first requisitions received from a newly appointed member of the legislature was: "Send me a gallon of red oil for the lamp of the State."

P. T. Barnum has written a book for boys. We presume it contains account of how the bad, the very bad boy tried to crawl under the covers and get under the elephant which stepped upon him and squeezed his eyes out. The good boy was given a gold medal for his good deed.

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A CURIOUS STORY.

What! Will Not the Human Body Eat—sure!

In the winter of 1859-60 there occurred at the Niagara county, N. Y., Oyer and Terminer a criminal trial so unusual and astonishing in the facts it developed that, were it to occur to-day, its details would be telegraphed over the continent.

But in those anti-war times, when newspapers and readers had rather limited notions of the meaning of the word news, proceedings of this trial were hardly known outside of the county. The writer of this account attended as a curious spectator during the three or four days of the trial, and it occurred to him then, as it often has since, that some of the medical publications should have preserved the details of this evidence for the benefit of the profession. Being well acquainted with all the actors in this singular judicial drama at the time, and having long known the strange creature whose death furnished the occasion, can vouch for the following narrative: One Dr. Creswell had for some years previous to the time of the trial been a notorious character in the country. He was reputed to belong to a wealthy and aristocratic family in England, and in his few sober moments, to be an excellent physician; but John Barleycorn had long got the better of him, and his queer antics in various parts of the country were the subject of common talk. He was especially given to sauntering on the street with a whip, terrifying women and children with his threats by voice and gesture, on account of which he was frequently arrested. This was the person who was indicted and tried for manslaughter of one Phil Hawkins; the offense charged, the ripping of legal verbiage, being that Dr. Creswell, while intoxicated, had caused the death of Hawkins by administering to him arsenic. During the several days of his trial the court room was crowded, and the trial was the sensation of the county for weeks. Of the counsel the prosecuting attorney was A. W. Braze, since United States Judge in Colorado, and the defense was represented by John L. Talcott, now justice of the supreme court, fourth department, New York; Charles D. Lamb, afterward justice of the Supreme Court, eighth judicial district, New York, and Edward I. Chase, a brother of the late chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The evidence showed that Hawkins, the deceased, was a man of about 65 years of age, a wandering character, known in many parts of the country, and not over intelligent. In early life he had been a Peninsular soldier under Wellington. He had been known in Niagara county for a number of years, and chiefly for his astonishing powers of abnormal eating and drinking, without apparent bodily harm. It was testified by reputable witnesses, who were not attempted to be impeached, that on the coldest of winter days he would sleep out doors without covering or protection; that he had a doubled set of teeth in each jaw all around, and that on frequent occasions he would, on a wager, eat up, masticate and swallow an ordinary 7 by 9 pane of glass in the presence of a dozen spectators; that in the same way he was known on numerous occasions to bite a large piece out of a heavy plate glass tumbler, masticate and swallow it without difficulty, and one witness testified that he had seen him eat and swallow a wash-basin full of spirits of turpentine, also on a wager. So much testimony was given on these subjects that it was perfectly apparent that this human phenomenon could and did do these things frequently, without derangement to his usual good health. The defense that the medicine was a proper one to be administered was attempted, but so plain was the proof that Creswell was, at the time of administering it, in a condition of blind, furious intoxication, that this defense alone could not have availed for a moment. The defense rested their case almost entirely on the novel proposition that a man whose body could, for a long series of years, bear the unnatural burdens that Hawkins had accustomed his to could not be killed by a dose of arsenic, and this defense, on the evidence, was argued at great length to the jury. The result of the trial was a disagreement; but the effect of this testimony, and the number of the jury who were witnesses of actual fact was such that the case was never tried again, and after a few months the defendant was discharged on a *nolo prosequi*. It should be added that Hawkins was, when prescribed for by Creswell, suffering from a slight attack of cholera, which could not fairly be attributed to these abnormal habits. It should also be stated that the presiding justice at the trial was the Hon. Noah Davis, then of the eighth judicial district.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Grand Contribution to Political Literature—A Serious Republican Blunder—The Outlook in Ohio and Virginia, &c.

HANCOCK AND GRANT.

WASHINGTON, October 8.—Leading Republicans are beginning to see that the bitter assault upon Gen. Hancock by Gen. Grant, in his semi-authorized interview, published yesterday, is a serious political blunder, and one which will be certain to react upon the Republicans and do them injury. A prominent official, in talking about the matter to-day, said that many Republicans were deeply pained that Gen. Grant had permitted himself to be drawn into the political campaign and to engage in the work of assaulting the Democratic candidate—one who had earned the gratitude of the nation by doing his duty on the battle field. In his opinion, the recent talk of Gen. Grant would lower him in the estimation of thousands of persons who take little or no interest in the political warfare now going on. It was unfortunate for Gen. Grant that he did not reserve his usual reticence, and leave to others the work of trying to arouse the Republican party up to its legitimate work. It is understood that the friends of Gen. Hancock are having the record examined, with a view of replying to the assault made by Gen. Grant upon the former's motives in standing by the constitution and the laws while in command in Louisiana. It is not improbable that light may be thrown upon some of Gen. Grant's acts at the time he was trying to influence Gen. Hancock from doing his duty, and an inside chapter of secret history made public for the first time.

OHIO.

The reports received to-day from Ohio have been very gratifying to the Democrats. Hon. Richard T. Merrick, who has been doing campaign work in that State for a number of days past, reached here to-day, and brought intelligence that the Ohio Democracy are aroused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and very confident of carrying the State. Senator Thurman and Mr. Merrick rode from Columbus to Cincinnati together, and the former expressed the utmost confidence in the result. The Democratic meetings are simply the outpouring of the masses, who feel the deepest concern in wrestling from the Republican party the control of both the State and national administration, and are going to the polls on next Tuesday, determined to bring about the consummation of such a result. While in Ohio, Mr. Merrick took occasion to inquire into the truth of some of the reports which reached him about Republicans having renounced their party and declared for Hancock, and found that there were hundreds of such cases known personally to the Democrats. He believes that the Democrats are going to win a magnificent victory, unless they are cheated at the polls by gigantic frauds on the part of the Republicans.

VIRGINIA.

The Republican congressional committee are not particularly pleased with the character of the news which reaches them from Virginia. The committee heretofore expressed that the Republicans would gain at least three Congressmen in fast disappearing, and some members of the committee will be entirely satisfied if two districts can be carried. The committee no longer puts forth the claim that the State can be carried for Garfield, and virtually abandons the contest for the State.

Many Combinations.

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A Fact in Astronomy.

Burlington Hawkeye. Young Mr. Latehour was sitting on the porch the other night watching a seventeen-year-old girl trying to keep awake long enough to see the morning star rise. They talked astronomy, "I wish I was a star," he said, smiling at his own poetic fancy. "I would rather you were a comet," she said dreamily. His heart beat tumultuously. "And why?" he asked. "Why, at the same time taking her hand in his own—" and why?" she repeated, imperiously. "Oh," she said with a brooding earnestness that fell upon his soul like a barefoot on a cold old cloth, "because then you would only come around once every fifteen hundred years." He did not say anything until he was half way to the front gate, when he turned around and shook his fist at the house and muttered between his teeth that "it would be a harder sight longer than that before he came around again." But by that time the poor girl was in bed and sound asleep.

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