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NEWSPAPER NETTLES.

The Way Ransom, of North Carolina. and Vest, of Missouri, Were Cut Up by Two Little Thumb Sheets.

It is no stretch of facts, says Don Piatt, to set down Senator Vest, of Mis-souri, as the best story-teller and mimic souri, as the best story-teller and mimic in either branch of Congress. He was telling yesterday, in his own inimitable way, about an interview he had with Senator Ransom. They were taking breakfast together not long ago, or rather, waiting patiently till John Chamberlin's oven had warmed the terrapin over from dinner. "I was mad as the devil," said Vest, "and displayed my feelings so well that Ransom wantmy feelings so well that Ransom wanted to know what was the matter. 'Matter!' said I, 'just look at this!' and I pulled out of my pocket the copy of a country sheet out in my district which contained a mean and spiteful attack.
"Mat," I observed, with the proper amount of warmth, what relief have we fellows got from this sort of thing? How can we get any redress? Why, several years ago there was a small-bere editor out my way who got smart one day and printed a beastly libel on me, and to make the unpleasantness complete, the rascal actually sent a copy of it into the bosom of my family. I did the first thing that occurred to me, and I wore both myself and a cane out on his back. Do you know he sued me for assault, and I came back with a libel. He recovered about \$700 and had me put under bonds to keep the peace, and I'll swear he had me advertised as

the crusade! "Well, Ransom took a look in the glass, tucked his hand under his coattail, and coming up to me with the air of an elder brother remarked: 'Vest, my dear fellow, my dear boy, why can't you take these things in the spirit of a philosopher? If we men in public life should allow all these floating trifles to worry us we wouldn't have time for anything else, eh? Take it like a man, Vest. Go and eat your breakfast, Vest,

and settle your mind.'
"Coming to the conclusion that Ransom was as much of a philosopher as a statesman, I turned in and tore that breakfast to pieces and pitched the of-fensive sheet in the fire. Well, about a For Use in Families, Hotels, week after that I went to the Senate cloak-room one day, and there was Ransom walking up and down like a disturbed ghost. There was a notably nervous twitch at his mustache, and a peculiarly perturbed clutch at the coattail, and I knew he was in trouble of some kind. So I said, 'What's the matter, Ransom? Ain't you well?'
"'No I ain't, Vest. You know I never

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am. Can't hardly find energy enough to transact my public duties."

"'Nothing worse, then, than the chronic ailment?"

"Yes there is. Look here, damn it. Look at this! Ain't it enough to warm a man up? and he jerked out of his pocket a small paper, about the size of a Sunday school card. "You could set the whole damped thing up on the end the whole damned thing up on the end of a barrel; and I'll bet a pair of cuffs the editor took all his subscriptions in cordwood and onions.' It was called The Goosecreek Tribune,

The "Hub Punch" has lately been introduced, and meets with marked popular favor.

It is Warranted to Contain only the Best of Liquors, United with Choice Fruit Juices and Granulated Sugar. or something of that sort. Well, at the head of a column was the offensive article. It said that North Carolina had but one Senator. There was a man there by the name of Ransom, who claimed to have credentials and was trying to represent the State, but the only real Senator was the Hon. Z. B. Vance. When I finished it, I looked at Matt., and he had eaten off five finger nails and torn out three locks of his front hair. So I put on the highly sympathetic and philosophic, and said:

"Ransom, my dear fellow, take it cool. We public men can't afford to waste time over these finnant mat-

> "But, Great Lord! just think, Vest, of all I've done for that State. Why, Vest, I've got more appropriations on the river and harbor bill than any one before me, and then to have such a

waste time over these flippant mat-

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Well, he took another clutch at his coat tail, and remarked with decided emphasis: "Vest, you're a fool!"

A Read Life of Dickens.

W. H. G. in Atlanta Constitution. One of the most touching things that I have read lately is a short "Life of Dickens," by Charles H. Jones. It de-scribes the child-life of the great author, and after the revelation it throws in his character one can no longer wor. der at the pathos in his portraiture of friendless children. Dickens's father lived in a debtor's prison, and young Dickens was put out at a warehouse, where he was engaged in pasting labels on blacking boxes. The little fellow was hardly able to keep body and soul together, having to pay for his miserabte lodgings where with three strange children he slept. He got only six shillings a week. His first purchase was always a loaf of bread and a quarter pound of cheese that he kept on his shelf of the cupboard, and this was the basis of his breakfast and supper. He says that he was so young and childish that he could not resist the temptation to buy the stale pastry that was display ed outside the shops at half price. He re-calls two pudding shops between which he divided his patronage. At one they "had rather a special pudding made with currents and very dear—two penn'orth of that pudding not larger than a penn'orth of the other pudding which was stout and flabby with whole raisins stuck in it at great distances apart." Once he too a slice of his own brad under his arm and walking into a restaurant, ordered two penn'orth of alamode beef, and taking a seat ate it deliberately, while the waiters looked on in amazement. He found that he could not resist the temptation to spend all of his money the first days of the week, and finally adopted the plan of taking all the pennies he had left after paying his rent, wrapping them up in six seperate parcels, each labeled for the day on which it was to be spent. One day when he was taken suddenly sick at his work it was thought best to send him to his father. Bob Fagin, one of the boys that worked with him, was appointed to carry him home. Dickens was too proud to let him know that his father lived in a prison, and after trying to shake his kindly com-panion, in desperation shook hands with him on the steps of a strange

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Mr. Robert Fagin lived there.'

house near Southwark bridge, telling him that he lived there. "As a finishing piece of reality," writes Dickens, "in case of his looking back I walked up the steps, knocked at the door, and

when the woman opened it, asked if

The Senatorial Chairmanships,

Charlotte Observer.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—If the Democrats organize the Senate the regular committee chairmanships will be distributed about as follows: Mr. Saulsbury will retain the chairmanship of the committee on elections; Davis, of West Virginia, of appropriations; Ransom, of commerce; Bayard, of finance; Grover, of manufactures; McPherson, of naval affairs; Maxey, of postoffices; Edmunds, of private land claims; Coke, of Indian affairs; Anthony, of revolutionary claims; Harris, of the District of Columbia: Garland, of Territories. of Columbia; Garland, of Territories; Lamar, of railroads; Hill, of Georgia, of contingent expenses; Butler, of civil service and retrenchments; Morgan, of rules; Conkling, of engrossed bills; Jonas, of Mississippi river improvements; and Beck, of transportation to the seaboard. Of the new changes, Mr. Jehnston will become chairman of the committee on foreign relations; Slater, on agriculture; Jones, of Florida, of public lands; Cockrell, of military affairs; Davis, of Illinois, of the judiciary; Groome, of pensions; Pugh, of claims; Brown, of education and labor; Call, of Patents; Hampton, of mines and mining. The committee on revision of the ing. The committee on revision of the laws will be assigned a new chairman. Of the select committees, Mr. Vest will probably remain at the head of that to examine the several branches of the civil service; Mr. Morgan, of that to consider the electoral laws, etc.; Mr. consider the electoral laws, etc.; Mr. Pendleton, of the census; Harris, of epidemic diseases; Pendleton, of the committee to give executive officers seats in Congress. The committees to inquire into alleged election frauds, Nicaraguan claims, Freedmen's Bank and Cheyenne Indians, will be abolihsed. Of the joint committees, Mr. Farley will probably become chairman of the a rascal in every issue of his paper for a year. That's the relief I got. There must be some law passed to protect the public, and I swear I'm going to lead will probably become chairman of the public buildings and grounds; Mr. Vance will retain enrolled bills, and Mr. Voorhees the library, and the

> buildings and grounds to one of the new Senators. Secretary Blaine's Household. Charming as Mr. Blaine is in ordinary social intercourse, says a Washington letter, it is in the family circle that he is at his best. No man in public life is more fortunate in his domestic relations. He is the companion and confidant of every one of his six children. The oldest, Walker, is a graduate of Yale college, and of Columbia law school in New York. He is a member

printing committee will be assigned a new chairman in place of Mr. Whyte.

Mr. Farley may take that and leave

of the bar in New York, Maine and Minnesota. He is now in St. Paul, in the office of Governor Davis. The second son of Emmons, is at Cambridge law school, having graduated at Harvard two years ago. Both sons show a wonderful aptitude for politics, and their political knowledge is rather remarkable. The youngest son is James G., jr., 11 years old. The three daughters are named Alice and Margaret and Harriet. Mr. Blaine's house in Washington is large and handsome. It is of brick and brown stone, and is four stories high. It is furnished with taste, elegance and comfort. The walls are covered with pictures, mostly rare engravings. Mr. Blaine's taste runs to engraving, and he is constantly picking up portraits of distinguished characters. In his house on Fifteenth street, you can see portraits of the great actors on the world's stage in all ages. The walls of the dining room are orna-mented with crossed muskets and sabres and old pistols, grouped upon a shield. These are sonuenirs, presented by his friends, and no doubt, each weapon has a history. His work room is at the top of the house, where letters and papers come in by the bushel every day. The table is packed full of letters, answered and unanswered, and busy clerks are hard at work trying to keep up

with the vast accumulation. Probably Mr. Blaine receives more letters than any six senators in congress. I tis his custom to spend as much time as possible in this work room. He is a tremendous worker.

The Woman's Bank.

The magnitude of the swindle perpetrated by Mrs. Howe's Ladies' deposit in Boston, is at least partially exposed by the report of the assignee, Mr. Russ. More than 700 books have been proved, in which over \$225,000 was entered. The assets of the concern are less than \$30,000. The assignee estimates that nearly \$500,000 was received by Mrs. Howe on deposit, and a little more than \$100,000 paid out before she suspended payments. The depositors were mostly poor people and the distress consequent on the swindle surpasses description. Mr. Russ believes Mrs. Howe has secreted fully \$100,000. He recommends as a method to prevent such institutions doing business that the savings banks commissioners be given authority to examine the books of private bankers.

North Carolina Desperado Lynched in Georgia.

Many of our readers doubtless remember the killing of Anthony in Lincoln county, near Cherryville, about three years ago, and the general be-lief that one Black was the murderer. Black was arraigned in Lincoln county and the trial was moved to Gaston county, but for want of direct testimony was acquitted. Upon his release from prison he went to Texas, thence to Georgia and has since been lost sight of, save only, perhaps, by some of the near friends of the murdered man. Last week the whole story was revived by the arrival of the report that he has lately been lynched in the latter State for shooting a sheriff attempting to arrest him for another offense.

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