

SELLERS' GHOST. John T. Raymond Haunted by His Great Character.

A Talk With the Eminent Comedian—The Halcyon Ante-Bellum Days—Troubles of Our Character Men—Amusing Reminiscences of His English Trip.

"I'll match you for it." The "it" referred to in this sentence was a particularly toothsome-looking dish of sweetbreads in cases, a la Reine Margot, which a waiter had just deposited on a table in the Southern Hotel dining room, and the speaker was the eminent comedian, John T. Raymond.

IN THE COURSE OF A LUNCH, in which Raymond made a record on Mullagatow soup, lobster a la Hollandaise, boiled halibut, spring chickens, sweetbreads, salads, pasty, desserts and fruits the reporter noted that he did not touch a single vegetable.

"It is strange," said Mr. Raymond, "but I may truthfully say that I never tasted a vegetable in my life. I don't know how a single vegetable in the whole list that are usually served on the tables taste. I always did have an antipathy for them that I cannot get over. I never could explain it and never could conquer it."

This confession puts the turnip act among the greatest achievements in the drama, as the flavor of a turnip is like poison to him and affects the actor something like a bad egg affects a pointer dog. The eccentricity must be placed alongside of his antipathy for tobacco and liquor as one of the peculiarities of the man.

"I don't believe it," said he, "I am not among the growlers, grumblers, and kickers. The stage is the only place in every respect that I ever was in. I have been through the mill from the beginning. I remember the halcyon days as they are called and I must declare in favor of the present. I remember when \$25 a week was considered high pay and when most of the profession lived on \$10 a week and even less and lived in the garret of an hotel at \$3 a week—no elevators—there were no elevators in those days. I remember, too, when it was work all day and half the night when one had to go to the theater at 10 o'clock in the morning and stay there until 4 in the afternoon, rehearsing every day. Don't talk to me about the

HALCYON ANTE-BELLUM DAYS. Then a fortune was almost an unknown thing among actors and actresses. Forest was considered rich and died, leaving some \$100,000. Cushman was another, but there you are at the end of them. Now, see in what condition the profession is. Why, nearly every one of the rank and file have their country homes. I remember when a special agent went all the way from Buffalo to San Francisco for \$10 a week, and the lowest salary paid to any member of my company is \$40 a week, and he can live on half of it. There is no degeneration in the profession either. The only thing that is that the times have changed. If the public demanded it, I have no doubt that plenty of people could do what has been done in the way of stock business. I don't doubt seriously whether the people who were thought great then would be thought great now. The old timers, and for many of them I have the greatest respect as magnificent artists, bewail the fact that youngsters jump up to the top notch at a bound, and I tell you no one jumps up there and stays who has not ability. Others may throw stones, but there is something in that man which commands success. Just for a park, I am going to try my company in a Shakespearean comedy, and I'll wager that they can perform their parts to a nicety. I shall try them in "As You Like It" and I shall take Touchstone myself. I have the cast made out. No, there is nothing in such talk. Look at the actor socially, and he is infinitely better off than he was in old times. Now many of them are sought after and enter the best circles. In all literary gatherings he is present. There is Irving in England. There is not a man in England who stands higher, and he deserves it. I remember playing with him in Paris during the Exposition. It was in "Our American Cousin." I told poor Sothorn that there was an actor who would be great

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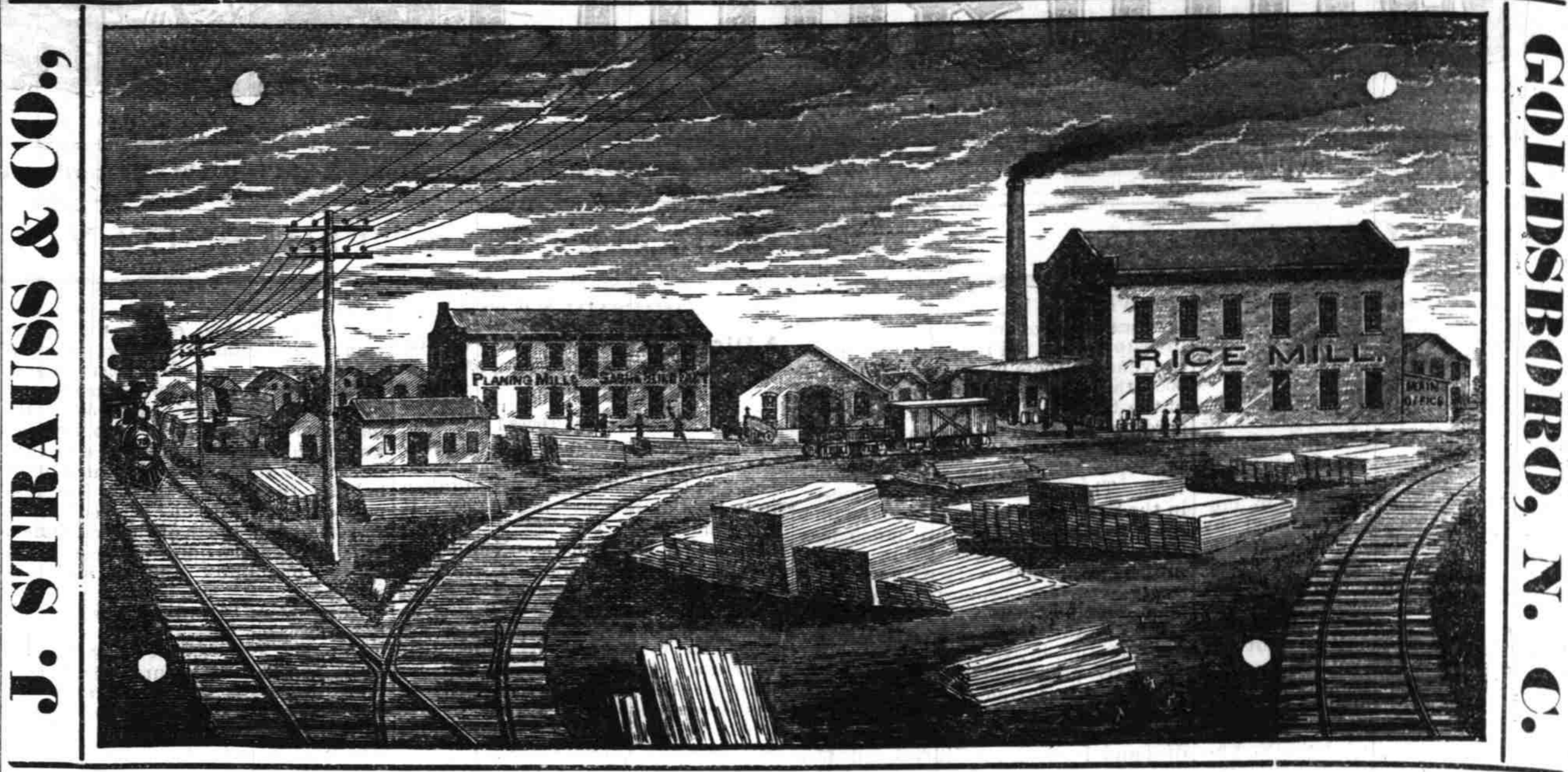
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