

The Surreme Spanker sat upon a other unclean elements, and that he bale of hay. He ordered the bandage

The Lord never intended grief to spread; you can cry in secret, but you can't enjoy a joke alone.

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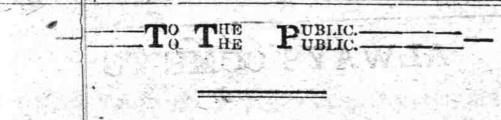
The president of the vast corporation, a gentleman with a large bald spot on the top of his head, made a memorandum in a little note look, and the wages of that young orator have never been raised .- Chicago Tribune.

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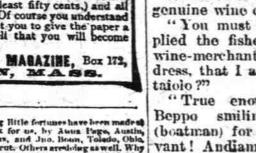
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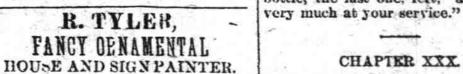
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We entered and while groping our Calsomining, graining, parlor painting a specialty. Satisfaction guaranway along the dark corridor, Beppo

"You can get wine here, as good and better than any on the king's own table. This Isllow is one of those wine-smugglers, in whom Genoa a-Having this day qualified as Adminisbounds. If you are a connoisseur, as trator of Bryant Green, all persons ow-I suppose you are, I can recommend ing his estate are notified to make paythe firm." ment at once, and all persons h lding

"But what have we come here for, Beppo ?"

Above all else, we can at least chat here in perfect peace and quietness, Signore," We walked into a dark, smoky.

room, took a seat on a low bench and awaited Geronimo's return. "First of all. Beppo. tell me, how

you came here ?" I asked, unable to control my curiosity any longer. "That's easily told, Signore ! I arrived in the same way you did, and in the very train with yourself !" "You mean to say, that you have

but just arrived ?" "Certainly, we were travellingcompanions.' "But why? What have you got to

do here? Let me know all." "You ordered me to go-and 1 went!"

"Most assuredly, Signore! You

morrow noon horses and a comforta-"Take that, my man," I said, "and ble carriage for four persons to go to bring me what my guide called for." Florence. May wish to keep them "In that case I shall have to leave even beyond Florence.' I pasted the

you alone, Signori. My daughter envelope again and carried it to the followed him through a labyrinth of parrow, dirty streets, with which happens to be out." those of my readers, who have been 'Alone ?" exclaimed Beppo, and is there, are no doubt familiar, and in

franc piece on the table.

not that bottle pretty good company which one needs either a guide or the in itself?" Geronimo took the money and left. "Now that he is gone, Signore," probably being the ladies in question. said Beppo, "let me tell you how I should have straightway informed executed your orders. Allow me howyou even then had not a thought oc-

ever to take a sin of this wine first curred to me . . . but that is an-Santa Madre Maria! That other of those stories you do not care juice is excellent-try it. Signore! about. After having handed the re-Have you ever tasted anything like

ceipt to the porter as desired. I went and changed my dress and repaired to I took a glass of the winc. It was a place where I hoped to see the genndeed most delicious, but I was far tleman again; this time, however, so too anxious to hear Boppo's story, to completely disguised that I made sure appreciate it much. he would not recognize me. He made

CHAPTER XXXI.

### in a horribly excited state. At a disance of ten or more paces I could easily see that he was greatly vexed "Come, Beppo-I am waiting."

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his appearance just as I expected, but

"Ahm! Signore," replied Beppo.

"That you have. Beppo-and you

and troubled. After a few minutes' "Well, Signore," he began. "you'll reflection, he drove off to the telsoon see how simply things can be graph-office and sent a second dedone, provided one knows one's busi-

spatch to the same Mr. Antonio Botta. ness. I maintain that if people fail requesting that worthy not to engage in such matters as this is, nine times the carriage for Florence, but to take Beppo smilingly-"a barchettaiolo out of ten it is their own fault; for four first-class tickets on the steamyou must know, that before taking boat to Civita Vecchia instead." up a profession like ours, people are "How came you to know the conrequired to go through a long course tents of the second telegram ?" I inof preparation. and if they do not, it would be far better for them to do quired.

something elso, though it were the meanest of trades . . . was but right in being explicit in my "You may be quite right, Beppo-

story-you are actually compelled to in fact, I think you are. But I beg ask for particulars. It was very easily of you not to keep me in suspense any done though !-- as you might know by longer. Our time is precious." "Quite true, Signore, for you will

ing very practically to work. The have to give me new orders at that. hack I hired was quite as quick as his Well, then! I went to the policecab, and while he was writing his deoffice to inquire where those ladies spatch on one side of the desk. I wrote lived, but found no description in the another on the coposite end lists of arrivals, which fitted their and having pretty good eyes, the secase. It was evident from this, that cret is readily explained." they had not gone to a hotel, but either "Did you send off your dispatch ?" to the house of some friend or relation. asked, in undisguised admiration of or, what was not very likely, to apartments of their own. I changed my Beppo's superior management and skill." and to whom was it addressed ?" dress, donned a blue blouse and went to a railway station. At first I hesiof sending at your expense a friendly tated which to choose, inasmuch as I only knew that the ladies had arrived how-do-you-do to an old acquaintance of mine at Naples. I hope you won't from Susa and only gone to Genoa for take it amiss, seeing that I had to keep a few days. I concluded, however, that people rarely take much baggage my man until late at night, and this with them on a mere trip, and since it morning, at an early hour, I resumed was their very baggage which inter-ested me chiefly, I went straight to the my place in front of the house in Via Dora grossa, earning two francs and a Swiss station and took my stand with half in my temporary capacity as carmy brethren, the porters, adopted as rier, for lugging the baggage to the such for the nonce. They looked askance at me when I first presented coach and unloading it at the station. I saw you there the moment I arrived. myself; on my telling them, hewever, but, being distinctly forbidden to adthat I had not come there to make dress you, I waited until Fra Angiolo competition, but simply to gather certain information, and after offering a had gone. You know the rest, Sigbottle of wine to whomsoever would nore. I have done, and I hope I disbest assist me in this, I soon became | charged myself to your entire satisfacthe lion of the party. I went on to tion." tell them . .

shall have good reason to be satisfied "For heaven's sake, Beppo," I interrupted him, "come to the point with me! Still, you have so far left without losing any more valuable time. me in doubt. or rather in ignorance of

might enter the realms of agricul ura bliss. He was then arrayed in a pair of opperas pants, upheld by one suspender, and a lick r. shirt, wool hat and office; but meanwhile, it being quite brogan shoes. The Alliance (his guidclear to my mind that the young genexplained) was no respecter of persons, tleman intended to go to Florence and beyond, with three persons beside and every member must be on an equal himself-those three persons most footing.

> Three raps were given on the lodge room door, and a sepulchral voice from within demanded :

"Who comes there ?"

"A poor penitent who is groping i datkness, and asks that the light of the Alliance be turned upon him," was the reply.

"Is the candidate a tiller of the soll?" was the next query from within.

"He says he has always been the best friend the farmers of Georgia ever h d," was the evasive respo-se.

"See if there are any corns in his hand or cuckleLuces in his har." was the con mand.

"The seeker of light says ... is only a farmer by proxy, and the corns are in the hands of the mer who work hisland," was the response.

"Does the candidate ask add ittanc into our order on this own voli 1 a, and is he prepared to pass through the or

triumphantly, "you see now that I deat of initiation ?"

"He does and he is," was the reply fiom without.

"Let the candidate then remain its this time, that I am in the habit of godarkness, until his eyes are prepared to c n hlat. Brother Conductor, before the receive the great light that the Alliance great scenche for other useful lessons, will turn upon him, and he can be admitted into our sacred precincts." was the next order.

The eves of the applicant for Alliance knowledge were bandaged with a seond-handed guano sack, the door of the lodge room thrown open, and Georgia's ex Governor and United States Scuator and refreshments. Place a chair that for the first time in his life, found him-"Dio mio, Signore, I took the liberty self in the inner sanctuary of the furmers' lair. He was marched three times around the room, while the members

up appearances! I never lost sight of | welcomed him with "While the lamp holds out to burn,

The vilest sinner may return." With a "gee" and "haw" the candi date was escurted to the Grand Tycoon. who used as his chair of Scate the small

end of a bale of cotton. ating entry into this room teaches you convention, that you have already enten a useful lesson. A few minutes ago all of the sub-treasury crow, except -you came to us recking with the o lor few tail feathers. But here is a g ass of of the politician, and arrayed in the par- Jeit-rooman democracy, according to the Epistle of the Romans that you were aphemalia of a great man. You were so partial to a short time since. This is stripped of your fine aparel, which the last of the cask and please swallow means you must also leave behind you the same. Well, fyou hesitate, I will

removed from the candidate's eyes, remarking that he had perhaps progressed far enough to stand the light of the Alliance; and, besides, he was to go through another ordeal that required all of a man's incullies to endure.

The seeker after light was then led up to a barrel, and in a twinkling stretched over it.

"Boing forth the sub-treasury plank," commanded the Sup eme Spanker, "ard convince the new brother that it is not a rotten one, but made of good, sound tinber. Let the fligh Exception er do his duty like a good and true Alliacheman, while we will all single-

### "Once I was blind, but now I see."

Forty times that plank rose in the air and came down with a mult vt menty before the writhing victim was released find carried he ore the Statesing Stauker ngaho to hav- the lesson he had lost received explained.

"You have passed one of the most beautifu and edif ing chapters in the Aliance mode o mitistion You have publicly as-erted that we h d ouly one plank is our puttor n un that a rot en one. I feel assured that ou are how prepared to correct this statement, and ass.r. that our sub-t ensury plunk is one of the coundest you have ever f is, We have several other plants, as we can prove to your catire satisfaction, if so desire !. Oh I you say you are shisfied! Well, ic are'ul in future Low you spe k slurring y I something you know nothing about. Now carry the and while he is on the move let the members sing.

" 'This is the way I long have sought." " The great drouch r had on a table heside him three, black feathers and a gobiet half filled with what appeared to be old Bourbon.

"After his long, faithful pligrimage, our Lr ther is doubtless in need of rest he may be s-nied."

This was done, but by some slight ofhand the ca didate made a miss, and landed on the floot.

My unfortunate brother, you have now learned the uncertainty of political campaigns. Just as a man thinks be has found a nice, comfortable seat, the Alliance situs it from eventh him a d painful indeed is his disappointment. 1 spok- just now of refreshments, and ad prepared a nice mess of crow for you, but I now disco.er that in your "Our would-be brother, your humili- speech you made before the Alliance

in your fature communications with far have to onler the graud executioner to show you another one of the planks in

who wants to get a taste of the pure genuine wine of Cyprus." "You must be dreaming, sir !" replied the fisherman. "I am not a wine-merchant. Can't you see by my dress, that I am only a poor barchet-

we had better take the nearest way on

And without giving me time to say

mother word, he took the lead and I

hread of Ariadne. After a while he

halted in front of a low gateway and

knocked. The door was promptly

"Tschao, Geronimo !"" he addressed

"The word "tschao," so frequently used

ur right."

"True enough, Geronimo." said (boatman) for vescels from the Levant! Andiamo! I have had more

the gentleman is perfectly willing to

"Ahm? That's quite another thing. Avanti, Signori! I think there is one bottle, the last one, left, and that is

