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##     In the carriage sat, or rather stood, oy of itteen, whose eyes were intentl xed on the house in frot of him ea erly watching for some sign that e serly watching hous in front of himent eig that   stood there waiting to greet Oscar a mining face of welcome. Is Can I feilieve, young Is it really you who havearrived at late hour without giving notice of your cominy? Can it indeed be you, Master Oscan? 



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 boyish heart, the handsome, well-buil
lad walked into the old hall; alarge lo
room decorated with ancient weapons

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| been Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate for forty eight years, and who, by the way, proposes to write a book embody- |  |
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| ing his recollections. Mr. Bassett sald: "I was appointed 9 page in the Spate in 1831, through the iufluence of Daniel |  |
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| Webster. Previous to that time there was ouly one pase in the Senite, andhe devoted himeil too excluslvely to he devoted himself too exclusively |  |
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| he devoted himself too exclusively to the side of the chamber on which Mr. |  |
| Benton sat. Mr. Webster thouzht that he wanted a page, too, and he insisted |  |
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| on my appointment." "Is it true, Mr. Baseett," ssked the correspoudent, |  |
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| houn, Benton, Cass and the Senate generally of half a century ago, are now In use in the Senate Chamber?", "Pe |  |
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| fectly true," was the reply. " 1 know |  |
| the senators who occupy the seats and desks of the stateswen yon have named |  |
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| I am the only person, I believe, whe knows the history of the furniture of |  |
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| the desks and seats which Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Benton, Cass, and a |  |
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| dozen other prominent Senators of their tIme occupied by which I can identify |  |
| time occupied by which I can fdentify them. It cost me a great deal of trou- |  |
| be to ketep the chatrs and desks together during the sessions. The sweeper: move the claists about.-Oiten I have |  |
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| deek and the new chair of some mem.ber.froum a stare recently admited to |  |
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| ber_from a state recently admitted to the Union before Cailhoun's desk. You |  |
| see tvery time a state is admitted two new chairs and deeks are made for the new senator. Frequenty 1 am ash |  |
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| new Senatora. Frequently 1 am asked by Senators to point out to them the |  |
| seats of Webster and Clay, but I alwaysrefuse. If the history of the seats be came known, curiusity-seekers would |  |
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| ent and defuce them. Just about the time the seats were moved from the old |  |
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| time the seats were moved from the old Chamber, where the supreme cour few splinters from Webster)s cheir bu |  |
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| few splinters from Webster's chair, but |  |
| then |  |
| mistaken about the identity of the furniture. In an iron safe I keep a list of |  |
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| the seats and desks 1 have named, with the names of the Senators who occupy themat presen. some or them |  |
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| them at present. Some of them are very able tuan, 1 assure you. Othess ar not so able. $\qquad$ |  |
| He Didn't Walk Far. |  |
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| A young man in Toronto has a very clear knowledge of the danger of at- |  |
| tempting to Hirt with a fenale pedestrian. One of these walkers stoppedat |  |
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| known her powers of speed and endurance ${ }^{4}$ and the clerk of the inn showed |  |
| her a great deal of attention. At last, one afternoon he proposed to take a walk. She consented at once, saying |  |
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| that stre was longing for a ramble. "Ler me haw if L go too fats, he said |  |
| She sron took the lead and began a pace |  |
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| of five miles an hour. Her gallant companion kept up by great exertion, |  |
| but when she increased her speed he proposed to return home. She protes- |  |
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| ted that the was not in the least tiredand on the went. When thout dozenmiles lial been willed the clerk fent |  |
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| that his gallantry must yield, and hedro ped down aud contessed that he he coulil not take another step. His com- |  |
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| panion then turned batk and walked tothe inn, saying that she would send a carriage for hif. The young man nowthink that he will take a year's prac- |  |
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|  | Next to the air pipe, the diver looks most carefully after the little pane of |
| tice before asking another young lady to have a stroll with him. |  |
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| Wire Skerries and kilins of Brimovan, |  |
| in Rourar, and it requires as much |  |
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| and the rapidity with which it "slit- |  |
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| ders" off roeks into the water on the approach of danger is highly creditable verptitude and agility of this | ${ }^{\text {ath }}$ |
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