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I NEVER TALK.

I hate the petty scandals
Always flying to and fro,
Stinging like the vile mosquito.
I never talk, oh, no.
Now, there's pretty Nellie Miller,
I've heard her cousin say,
That her pink and white complexion
Could not be washed away;
But I don't believe a word of it,
She's like the lilies fair,
Though she shouldn't black her eyebrows
And wear two shades of hair!

I don't wonder that the horrid men
Are always poking fun
At their better halves, for gracious me!
How women's tongues do run.
Only an hour ago I heard
That Mrs. William Lee
Is seen in Broadway every day
With handsome Doctor D.
I don't believe a word of it;
What would his patients do
If he spent every day with her,
And every evening too?

And then young Jones, they say he drinks,
And don't support his wife,
I never saw him drunk but tea
Or twelve times in my life;
And I have known them quite a month,
Yes, one month and a day;
And as for her, she dresses well,
Somebody has to pay.
Dear me, dear me, this world is queer!
How can folks gossip so?
It's wrong, unkind, uncharitable,
I never talk, oh, no?

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS.

Mr. A. H. Stephens's first legislative act in the present Congress is described by a correspondent as a "stunt" which was heard to say "Mr. Speaker!" and every one turned at once toward the black-eyed giant of a man sitting so quietly buried in his heavy blue overcoat, with a silk hat of several winters perched rakishly upon his wise-looking head. Mr. Stephens moved his skeleton right hand, incased in a brown cotton glove, as he said: "I have a resolution that I desire to send up to the clerk's desk—a resolution which I desire to have read and put upon its passage." Perhaps the Georgia ghost had evolved some new scheme for saving the country, and every one carefully listened as the clerk began to read. The clerk read, and then every one smiled a silly smile of disappointment. It was a resolution declaring that Mr. John Chauncey should be paid \$30 a day for performing the arduous task of hosting the American flag every day upon the house side. Chauncey's pay had been stepped on account of the exhaustion of the special appropriation; hence this resolution. It was passed. Said one member in a whisper to a friend, "can you doubt that the south is reconstructed when the ex-Vice-President of the senate is considered?" appears here asking pay for the man whose sole duty it is to preside on high the gay American flag where it can flaunt its gaudy face in the morning breeze?" Alexander H. Stephens gave a high of relief as the resolution passed. "Dick!" he called out in a testy whisper. A burly negro came from the cloak room and gathered up Stephens in his burly arms, carried him out to a light invalid chair, where two stout servants sat down upon the Georgia ghost, placed him on a level with their shoulders, and bore him from the hall."

BIG MAN OUT OF LITTLE MATERIAL.

Petersburg Index-Appal.
The Lexington "Gazette" complains of the too flattering notices the Richmond newspapers have heretofore given to rural members of the legislature. Perhaps there has been some cause of complaint on that score, but it seems not likely to be repeated. Somehow the legislature does not attract the usual attention this year. Probably it is owing to the fact that presidential politics have been absorbing. At any rate the newspapers pay very little court to the legislature, and their readers would have them pay even less. I am painfully aware that there is much truth in the "Gazette's" criticism. The newspaper men have often made "statesmen" out of little cross-roads politicians, and the latter have almost universally proved ungrateful. It is a common thing for such men as soon as they have attained office and position "to go back" upon the authors of their fortune. The fact is, that the newspapers ought to stop making "statesmen" unless they can get better material than they have worked upon for several years.

GEN. BARLOW ON THE FLORIDA ELECTION.

Gen. Francis C. Barlow, a distinguished New York republican, who was sent to Florida by President Grant to witness the counting of the vote in that state, has written a letter explaining certain points of his recent report on that election which were not quite clear. He says that the total vote on the face of the returns was—Hayes, 24,327; Tilden, 24,387. Certain additions and deductions were agreed on unanimously by the board, which left it Hayes, 24,287; Tilden, 24,438. Gen. Barlow concurs in the throwing out of Archer No. 2, Friendship, Church and Campbellton precincts, which left the vote—Tilden, 24,072; Hayes, 23,947, a majority for Tilden of 55. He approves other small changes, but says he is in doubt about the throwing out of Jasper precinct in Hamilton county with its 323 democratic and 185 republican votes. In short, Gen. Barlow concedes that Tilden was fairly entitled to the electoral vote of Florida, but being a strong partisan he makes the admission grudgingly.

Sensible men in both houses begin to see how profitless and even dangerous is continuous partisan discussion, and they will be strongly disposed to support any recommendation of the committee which will tend to allay the popular excitement and bring about a speedy and fair adjustment of the troublesome questions growing out of the disputed election.

When you want troops nowadays all you have to do is to get a gentleman to go to General Sherman with a message from the Attorney General. The constitution prescribes another method, but this is Sherman's patent, and no President should be without it.

KEEPING THE PROMISE.

The Importance of a Man of Honor should attach to his Obligated Word.

An eminent British statesman is said to have traced his own sense of the sacredness of a promise to a curious lesson he got from his father when he was a boy. When he was in the garden, his father pointed to a wall which he intended to have pulled down. "Oh," said the boy, "I should like to see a wall pulled down."

"Well, my boy, you shall," said his father. The thing, however, escaped his memory, and during the boy's absence, a number of improvements were being made, among others the pulling down of this wall and the building of a new one in its place.

When the boy came and saw it he said: "Oh, father, you promised to let me see that wall pulled down."

Instantly the father remembered his promise, and was deeply pained to think that he seemed careless about his plighted word.

"My boy," he said, "you are right. I did promise and I ought not to have forgotten. It is too late now to do just what I said I would, but you wanted to see a wall pulled down and so you shall."

And he actually ordered the masons up, and made them pull down and rebuild the new wall, that as nearly as possible his promise might be made good.

"It cost me twenty pounds," he said to a friend who was hanting him about it, "but," he added solemnly, "if it had cost a hundred, I should have thought it a cheap way of impressing upon my boy's mind, as long as he lives, the sacredness of a promise."

DO NOT FROWN.

Christian Cheerfulness—The law of kind Charity that underlay the Life of the Saviour.

In the name of weary humanity allow a plan for cheerfulness to be entered. Why, Christians, will you go about among your fellow men with a brow-drawn countenance? Sorrow comes, troubles come, disaster comes; but why be so melancholy as though your last hopes were blasted? There is a duty which we owe to those about us—to be cheerful. The gloom upon your face throws a shadow on the hearts of those who see the sad effects of one such look upon a family. The children feel the wife or husband as the case may be, feel it. Life is made up of little things, and cheerfulness is one of the little things which cost nothing, and are worth a great deal. Let the law of kind charity, which underlays the life of the Saviour, be the guiding principle of ours. And let it not stop with faithfulness in great matters, but see to it that this grace attains so high a development, that you will make your words comfortable to him, that it may be from every feature. Your cheerfulness will rest the weary; it will give strength to the weak; it will help men to keep brave hearts in this cold, hard world.

STILL WATER RUNS DEEP.
An Earnest Life not a Babbling Brook.
Earnestness does not always move with a clatter. There are other things in this world which are quite as pleasant and edifying as the rub-a-dub of a snare drum. In fact, this kind of melody is not generally the highest style of music. Have you ever known a man bustling and officious, clamorous and loud, but who did not weigh heavy after all?—a being very well understood by every one except himself. He is a man who might be profited by that piece of information—

And have you ever known a man quiet and unostentatious and faithful, and who was a perpetual blessing, a golden man, deep-souled and true, whose memory lingers long after he is gone, like light upon the hills after a gorgeous sunset?

The shallow stream rattles along its course, but when it is met and drowned by the majestic tides rolling in from the sea, there is a silence on the hills. In the great tide there is the power of more than a hundred rivulets, yet its coming is almost as quiet as the celestial forces that bring it. The tide flows down, and shallow grows the stream, and again the empty chattering goes on. And this is what we wish to say, that things most seem, although demonstrative, as if indeed they must be from their efforts, are not necessarily noisy. A strong, earnest life need not make what people are in the habit of calling "a fuss." It is better known by the lead that strikes, than by the bang of the gun that sends it.

AN ORDER REVOKED.
Whence the Rumor that Sheridan and Hancock were to Exchange Posts.
Ever since it was announced that Gen. Sheridan and Hancock had been ordered to exchange posts there has been some disposition to credit the rumor, as it was believed impossible that such a report could have been started without any foundation. This now turns out to have been the case, and the circumstances are stated on unquestionable authority to be as follows:—Some few days ago such an order was actually written out in the order book of the war department and signed by Gen. Sherman and Townsend. Before it had been issued, however, the fact was made known to several "young fellows" who gave it limited circulation and it finally reached the press. The surprise and indignation it gave rise to led the war department to reconsider its action, which it did by cancelling the order and tearing it bodily from the book so that no traces of it can be found.

In the senate, on motion of Mr. Thurman, the bill reported from the committee on judiciary on the 12th of July last, to amend the acts of July 1st, 1862, and July 2nd, 1864, to aid in the construction of a railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, was made the special order for the 2d Tuesday of January. This is the bill which provides for the establishment of a sinking fund to liquidate the indebtedness due from the Pacific railroad companies to the government.

London has a cheerful weekly called the "Obituary." It is devoted to the interests of undertakers, cremationists, embalmers, grave-diggers and sculptors of tombstones.

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