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THE OLD ROOFTREE.

From the New York Sun. "Hello, Jim! Where have you been lately?" shouted a broker the other evening to a portly, finely dressed man in the corridor of the St. James.

"Kinder good to visit your boyhood home, eh?" "You bet. Sit down. I was just thinking about the old folks, and feel talkative.

"How I came to visit my home happened in a curious way. Six weeks ago I went down to Fire Island fishing.

"In the first place I must tell you how I came to New York. I had a tiff with my father and left home. I finally turned up here in New York with \$1 in my pocket.

"I told her that I would be delighted with the sparrows, and, to tell the truth, John, I haven't eaten a meal in New York that tasted as well as those crisp roasted sparrows did.

"I didn't say a word, but I went out to the barn, bedded down the horse, broke up an armful of shingles, pumped a pail of water, filled the woodbox, and then we all went to bed.

"I tell you, John, it knocked me all in a heap. I thought my father had enough to live upon comfortably.

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house looked smaller somehow, too. But I went up to the front door and rang the bell.

"It didn't take me a minute to survey her from head to foot. Neatly dressed, John, but a patch and a darn here and there, her hair just streaked with gray, her face thin, drawn and wrinkled.

"Then I cried, too, John. I just broke down and cried like a baby. She got me into the house, hugging and kissing me, and then she went to the back door and shouted—

"Then she struck something that wasn't sugar. She picked up the bowl and peered into it.

"Then she gasped for breath. She saw it was money. She looked at me, then at father, and then with trembling fingers drew the great roll of bills out.

"I stayed home a month. I fixed up the place, paid off all debts, had a good time and came back again to New York.

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The Late Elections.

From the Wilmington Messenger. Tuesday's elections will prove far more reaching in their results than would at first appear to the casual observer, and especially is this the case in New York, both as to city and State.

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and the people of the South, with one acclaim, will congratulate Virginians on their deliverance, for all time, from Mahone's political bossism.

The results in other States are about what was expected by both parties. Ohio gives a small increased Republican majority.

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