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Little white hands have never Known what it is to work,  
Yet they are busy ever With never a wish to shirk.

Never a moment idle,  
Never at all o'ertasked;  
Whatever mamma calls for,  
Bringing as soon as asked.

Bringing the slippers for papa,  
Waiting to have his blessing,  
Fill her with happiness.

Placing a chair for mamma,  
Without being asked at all;  
Soothing the fretting baby,  
Shaking her rattle small.

Playing when papa's reading,  
Still as a little mouse;  
Never with clash or clatter,  
Righting her little house.

Never intrusive, only Ready to come and go;  
As papa and mamma wishes,  
Little face all aglow.

You may talk of your household jewels,  
But ours is the richest yet;  
Oh, what a priceless treasure  
We have in our little pet!

Ready at every one's bidding,  
With fingers so nimble and neat;  
Never so dutiful servants,  
As these little hands and feet.

*Little Soccer*

### The Republic.

A monthly Magazine published at Washington, D. C., at \$2 per year. The March number of *The Republic* is fully equal in power to its predecessors. We know of no other existing publication which is solely devoted to the dissemination of correct political principles. It is partisan only in believing that the Republican Party is fully as capable of serving the Government in accordance with the wishes of the people as any other existing political organization. In all other respects it endeavors to elicit the absolute truth, and strives to point out the better way for political conduct upon all disputed questions. Its essay on the National Expenditures for the last fiscal year, is a full and rank exhibit alike, useful to the stump orator and the quiet citizen. It also contains a masterly condensation upon the Growth and Wealth of the United States, taken from the late census, and which is well worth the price of the number. Its principal aim is to lead its readers to the formation of independent judgement, and to emancipate them from the ready-made opinions of the city press by giving them an independent channel of information. The present number comprises nearly a hundred pages of reading matter inclusive of the Appendix, in which will be found Mr. Garfield's Speech on Expenditures, and those of Messrs. Kellogg and Fort, on Finance.

### What a Southern Republican Says.

MY DEAR SIR: Permit me to call your attention to the attempt made by the Democratic Legislature of Virginia in the passage of a law giving a new charter to the city of Petersburg, the provisions of which are intended to nullify the laws of the United States extending suffrage to the colored people, but which was defeated by the veto of the Governor of the State.

The ruling motive for the passage of this law, as explained by our Democratic papers here, was to take the government of the city out of the hands of the people, because the majority of those people happen to be Republicans.

Now, a more barefaced attempt at usurpation can not well be conceived, and it is a process of enslaving the negroes that has been carried on steadily by the Democrats of this State since they came into power. All the cities and towns of this State have been kindly cared for by our Legislature, and all the Republican counties have been treated in the same way. This foul crime against the laws of the United States and the liberty of the people has been going on in open day for years in this State; and, though we have raised our voices in protest and called the attention of our Republican nation to this unrebuked conspiracy carried on in open day, still the crime increases. I have long thought that our supposed weakness caused our words to be disregarded, and that the great Republican party still remains true to the fundamental principle of liberty for the people, upon which it was originally built. I supposed that our party, like

become more and more devoted to the fundamental idea or its being as it grew in power and permanency. I saw the old Democratic party grow strong in the advocacy of slavery; and, as it grew strong in wealth and numbers, its devotion to slavery became more and more intense. In like manner I expected to see our party grow more intense in its devotion to liberty. As the Democratic party received constant accretions from less stable parties, so also I have expected to see the Republican party increase in the land. The reverse seems to be truth in respect to the Republican party under every specification. Why is this? Care we not for principle?

Now, that the case in Virginia has been brought to your notice and to that of the nation, something ought to be said on the subject of these usurpations. I find the *New York Times* and other Republican papers publishing Kemper's veto and the whole proceeding, and yet the editorials speak not a word about the attempted outrage, no commendation of Kemper's manly act.

I can not account for this except upon the grounds that our friends are discouraged over the experiment in favor of liberty, as illustrated in South Carolina and Louisiana. This should not be. They should correct their errors and take on more zeal. South Carolina has done badly, and who that understands the matter expected otherwise? Not I. Let us not turn back on these poor, unfortunate people. It is a crime to abandon them. My plan is to educate them; for without education they can not vindicate the wisdom of our policy; and then let our leaders take hold of this extravagance prevalent in Republican States and tell the chief men engaged in it that it must stop. Our leading Republicans in Washington can stop it if they desire to. Will they? I am anxious about this matter, for if we allow the arrogance of the Democrats and the profligacy of selfish Republican leaders at the South to succeed the former will get possession of this Government in a very few years; and then a new

sort of slavery, now growing up, will be firmly established at the South, or a new war made necessary.

I beg you, if you see this matter as it is and as I see it, to bring to bear some adequate influence to arouse our people. It is in its tendencies a serious matter.

Truly yours. \*\*\*\*\*

We quite agree with the writer as to the danger impending, but we are not so confident that the remedy proposed—the action of leaders at Washington—will prove adequate. That intelligent and united action on the part of the leaders at the capital would be of great service we readily concede, but to make it effective to the accomplishment of the great task proposed by the writer, the cordial, united, and energetic action of the Republicans of the South is absolutely essential.—*Washington Republic.*

### Rally.

The approaching campaign in this State promises to be as heated as it is important, and if the Republicans are as active as they have been in former elections, victory is almost certainly theirs and the State will be redeemed from the hands of those who by trickery and fraud have had control of it for the past four years. That the State is Republican beyond the shadow of a doubt, is proved by the gubernatorial and Presidential elections, and the Democratic majority in the last Legislature was as surely obtained by disgraceful gerrymander of the Districts and by trickery and fraud. Shall this minority band of unscrupulous tricksters continue to rule the State in the Legislature? When their course amounts or money they have wasted in class legislations, in doing no good for the State at large, we feel assured the people will say, a thousand times no!

It behooves the Republicans, therefore, to make every effort to triumph in the coming election. To do this thing they must organize, or rather, revive and keep up their old organization, the force of which their enemy has so often felt. Let every District, County and Township look to their interest. If your district or county has gone Democratic before, it makes no difference; organize, the people were then deceived by the false promises of the Democrats and believed they intended to do something for them. They cannot be deceived again and a strong effort on your part will overcome any ordinary majority they may have. To all Republicans, we say, organize and let your organization be complete. The last Legislature tried to deny to many of you the right to vote by requiring you to produce a known witness who would swear to anything almost, concerning you, that a challenger may ask him. Let the organization be so complete that this law shall fail in its arbitrary intention and every one enjoy the right guaranteed to him by the Constitution of the State and the United States. In Republican Districts and Counties the party organization must be attended to and made complete, that there may be no more falling off when the day of election comes. Let the breaches in our ranks be closed up, personal differences buried and everything made to work together for the common good, and we are safe.

When this is accomplished, the candidates should be thought of, and your selections should be the very best available men. Not simply men who desire office but the most competent, reliable and popular men—the best men in every respect. "Wire pulling" must be abolished as far as possible and the people's voice listened to in the nominating conventions. Take a man's whole life into consideration, select a man upon whom you can rely in any emergency, men true to the principles of the

Republican party, will tell the people about the heinous crimes of Democracy and not mince words in telling them, men who know their duty and knowing dare perform it, men of intelligence, honesty and integrity. Simple service to the party will not, do, although must carry its weight and add to other recommendations, but beware of traitors, wolves in sheep's clothing—men who are not of the stamp we have recommended, but are Republicans for office and nothing else. With these two, a complete organization and good, reliable candidates, the banners of the Democracy can and will be made to trail in the dust and the broad, glorious standard of Republicanism wave in triumph.

### Time to Stop.

We think it about time for Democrats to stop talking about the Legislature of 1868, and complaining of the evils entailed upon the state by that body. Since its last session, the Democrats have had two Legislatures; and although the Governor has been a Republican, he has no veto, and could not prevent the passage of any law that the two Democratic Legislatures might wish to pass. Great things were promised to the people, if they would hurl the Republicans from power; but what has been accomplished by Democratic success? The people are in absolutely a worse condition, to-day, than they were in 1870; nor have the Democratic law-makers done a single thing to lessen their sufferings. Let us therefore, hear no more of the evil doings of the only Republican Legislature that ever sat in the State, and fall to curing the *New North State.*

### Meeting of the Newspaper Editors and Publishers of Va.

RICHMOND, March 25.—The convention of newspaper publishers and editors of the State met here to-day. Thirty-five representatives from principal cities and towns were present. Organization was effected, with Colonel J. C. Shields, of Richmond, as president, R. W. Hunter, of Winchester, vice president, and J. H. W. Porter, of Portsmouth, and T. N. Conrad, of Montgomery, secretaries.

The meeting organized a state publishers' and editors' association by adopting a constitution and electing the following officers:

Robert W. Hunter, of Winchester, president; J. H. Kelly, of Fredericksburg, first vice president; W. H. H. Lynch, of Staunton, second vice president; R. H. Glass, of Petersburg, third vice president; John Graeme, of Richmond, secretary and Treasurer. Executive Committee—M. Grennan, of Norfolk; H. H. Riddlebarger, of Shenandoah, and John A. McCaull, of Roanoke.

Richmond was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting, on the second Wednesday in March, 1875. The convention meets again to-morrow to adopt by-laws.

A rather grand and dramatic style of expression came to a sudden collapse in court the other day. An indigent witness exclaimed. "The first time that I ever did such a dishonorable act, I would blow out my brains, sir." "Very good," said the opposing counsel; "and what would you do the second time?"

Among the "conditions of sale" by an Irish auctioneer was the following: "The highest bidder to be the purchaser, unless some gentleman bids more."

"How odd it is," said Pat, as he trudged along on foot, one hot, sultry day, "that a man never meets a cart going the same way he is."

### A Countryman in Town.

HOW SQUIRE SKAGGS GOT SKINNED BY THE "PHARAOH MEN."

[From the Savannah News.]  
"You see," said the squire, pitching his voice to an exegetical altitude, "it wuth sorter this way: Last Chuseday was a week ago, I sailed down from Gwinnett to Atlanta with seven bags of cotten. Arter I sold 'em I kinder loafed roun' lookin' at things in general, an' feelin' jest as happy as you please, when who should I run agin but Kurnel Bl samgame. Mean' the kurnel used to be boys togather, an' we were as thick as five kittens in a rag basket. We drunk outen the same good, an' we got the lint snatch outen us by the same bandy legged school teacher. I wuz gitten as lonesome as a rain crow afore I struck up with the kurnel, an' I was glad to see him—durned glad. We knocked roun' town right smartly, an' the kurnel interjuced me to a whole raft of fellers—mighty nice boys they wuz, too. Arter supper the kurnel says:

"Skaggs," says he, 'less go to my room whar we kin talk over ole times sorter comfortable an' ondisturbed like."

"Greeable," says I, an' we walked a square or so an' turned into an alley an' walked up a narrer par of stars. The kurnel gin a littli rap at a green door, an' a slick lookin' merlatter popped out an' axed us in. He wuz the durndest perlitest nigger you ever seen. He jest got up an' spun aroun' like a tom-cat with her tail afire. The room wuz as fine as a fiddle an' full of pictures an' sofas, an' the cheers wuz as soft as lam's wool, an' I thought to myself that the kurnel wuz a lugsurint cuss. Thar wuz a lot of mighty nice fellers scattered roun' a laffin' an' a talkin' quite soshable like. Aperient, the kurnel wuzent much sot back, for he sorter loffed to himself an' then he says:

"Boys," says he, "I had a durned Squire Skaggs of Gwinnett. Major Briggs, Squire Skaggs, an' so on all roun'. Then the kurnel turns to me an' says:

"Reely, I wuzent expectin' com pany. Skaggs, but the members of the Young Men's Christum sosashum make my room their headquarters." "I ups an' says I wuz mighty glad to meet the boys. I used to be a Primitive' Baptis' myself before I got to cussin' the Yankees, an' Ihev' always had a sorter hankerin' arter plunks folks. They all laughed an' smuck han's over and over agin, an' we sot there a smokin' an' a chawin' just as muchuel as you please. I disremember how it come up, but presently Major Briggs gits up an' says:

"Kurnel, what about that new parler game you got out the other day?"

"O," says the kurnel, lookin' sorter sheepish, 'that was a humbug. I can't make no head nor tail outen it."

"I'll bet I can manage it," says Judge Hightower, quite animated like.

"I'll show you how, Judge, with pleasure," says the kurnel, an' he went to a table, unlocked a box an' tuck out a deck of keards an' a whole lot of little whatyoumaycallems, simularly to horn buttons, some white an' some red."

"Squire Skaggs paused and sup plied his tireless jaws with a fresh quid of tobacco.

"It ain't no use to tell you any more. When them fellers got done Jarnin' me that game I didn't have enough money to take me down stairs. I luy I looked a leetle wild, for when the judge closed the box he said:

"We hev had a pleasant evenin', squire. You'll find the kurnel waitin' for you on the steps, an' he'll give you your money back."

I ain't never laid eyes on the kurnel sence, an' when I do thar's goin' to be a case for the kurriner—you mind my words. I seed Rufe Lester next day—you know Rufe; he's in the Legislatur now, but I used to give him pop corn when he wuzent so high—I seed Rufe an' he sed I was tuck in by the Pharaoh men. Tuck in ain't no name for it. Durned if I didn't go to the bottom an' git skinned alive."

Mankind has been learning for six thousand years, and yet how few have learned that their fellow beings are as good as themselves.

People born with silver spoons in their mouths don't always make a stir in the world.