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INSURABLE PEOPLE. BY CHARLES LEVER. Certain people have been puzzled to me all my life, and I feel must continue so to the end. I have, however, the satisfaction—a meagre one, I own—to know that the shrewdest men of my acquaintance have not had any more success than myself in piercing the mysteries of these beings, and frankly admit that they have no solution to the riddle they present.

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FOR RENT. A good two story building with basements on Main Street known as the Masonic Lodge. The building would answer very well for a Tobacco Factory, and for many other purposes.

As if they like it, and, on the whole, appear jolly. I never knew one of these men refuse a subscription to anything, be it a bust fund, a picnic, a regatta, or a local charity. I do not know if they are in the habit of doing this, but I am certain they would if they were asked.

Check, besides, is the quality of the very humblest order of impudent man. The great professors of the art—the grand capitalists—the Rothschilds of impudence, are the reverse of 'cheeky.' They are studiously quiet, reserved, a little arrogant perhaps, but it is the arrogance of men who do not permit vulgar intrusion, who like to dwell apart from chance acquaintance.

Whether it be that the world takes a sort of malicious pleasure in watching its impudent people, or whether, as I rather incline to believe, the impudent people are deemed better than the drearier bores who infest society, whichever the causes, they are certainly neither discouraged nor disowned in the world at large.

Impudence is to social success what credit is to commercial. The man who can draw on the imaginary with the assurance that on the faith of it he will maintain his ground, and make sure his position, is pretty much like the trader who, if only time be given him, will realize enough to meet his engagements.

Why will no Government—seeing to what straits financial difficulties drive Governments—send out a commission to see how this is done? Why will no Chancellor of the Exchequer inquire how liabilities are met with no means, and extravagances indulged in without assets? Surely this is a more interesting object of discovery than a Northwest Passage or the source of an African river.

It is possible that these, whom we profanely have believed to be the dull dogs of the world, are its prime movers and masters? Have they a mason's hood amongst them, and secret signs to signify how they are playing us off, how enjoying themselves at our expense? What a dreadful thought, to think these stolid existences were shrewd observers and profound thinkers, the real spectators of that comedy that you and I are playing for their amusement!

In a country parish in Scotland the minister and the ruling elder went over the muir to visit an old parishioner, on a 'catecheeing' visit, and the walk being a long one, their appetites were pretty keen when they arrived. Before commencing the serious business, they suggested that the 'inward man' was clamorous. Janet accordingly went to the 'press' and placed on the table country refreshments, bread, milk, &c., and seating herself at a little distance, requested her visitors to fall on. They soon cleared the board, and the minister remarked, 'Now, Janet, we begin the serious business. Do you remember the text last Sunday, Janet?' 'Deed do I,' replied Janet, 'I mind it weel: it was the miracle of the loaves and the fishes.' 'And have ye pondered the subject during the week, Janet?' 'Deed I have; and I'm thinkin' the noo that gin you and the elder had been there, they wadna hae taen up sac many baskets fa'.'

The question I would then propound is, Are our dreary people, whom we cultivate, asked to dinner, and foster generally; are they the dull nonentities we love to believe them, or are we nurturing a whole colony of serpents in the midst of us, whose torpor is but for a season, and who will awake one day and devour us?

One of the saddest and most touching speeches that we ever read is that of the venerable poet William Cullen Bryant at the late commencement of Williams College. Being called upon to speak at the annual dinner, he said: 'It has occurred to me, since I, in the decline of life, came to visit once more this seat of learning in which our youth are trained to succeed us on the stage of the world, that I am in the situation of one who, standing on a spot desolate with winter and dim with twilight, should be permitted by a sort of miracle to look upon a neighboring region glorious with the bloom of spring and bright with the beams of morning. On the side where I stand are herbless fields and leafless woods, pools sheeted with ice, a frozen soil, and the shadows of approaching night. On the side to which I look are emerald meadows, fields of springing wheat, orchards in bloom, transparent streams, and a genial sunshine. With me, it is too late for any further hopeful tillage, and if the plough were put in the ground, its coulter would be obstructed by the ice-bound sods. On the side to which I look I see the tokens of judicious cultivation and care tendance, recompensed by a free and promising growth. I rejoice at the kindly care thus bestowed, and my hope and prayer is that under such auspices all the promise which meets my eye may be amply fulfilled, and that from these luxuriant fields a harvest may be gathered richer and more abundant than has ever yet been stored in the granaries of our land.'

The total value of the real and personal property in the city and county of New York for the year 1869, according to a recent official statement, is \$964,100,597, against \$908,436,327 in 1868, being an increase of \$55,664,270. The separate items are as follows in 1869: Real estate, \$684,140,528; personal estate, \$280,000,000; personal estate, \$285,199,773; so that the real estate has increased \$60,904,213; and the personal estate has decreased \$5,239,943.

The patrons of a Danbury barber shop were somewhat startled, Sunday morning, by a sign over the door, which read: 'Hogs butchered to order.' Young America was up late the night before. Barrister: 'Now, sir, remember you are on your oath. Were not the men you were with two of a gang of thieves?' Witness: 'I dare say, sir. They were both lawyers.'

COLLECTION OF State and County Taxes OF 1869. I will attend at the places, and on the days designated below, for the purpose of receiving the State and County Taxes of 1869, to wit: Turners Store in Township No. 1 (River), on Saturday the 17th July inst. Rodwell & Colemans Store in Township No. 2 (Six Pound), Monday 19th July inst. John Hicks House, in Township No. 3 (Hawtree), Tuesday 20th July inst. Hall's School House in Township No. 4 (Smith's Creek), Wednesday 21st July. Enterprise in Township No. 5 (Nutbush), Thursday 22nd July. Old Shatter, in Township No. 6 (Sandy Creek), Saturday 24 July. Shoeco Springs in Township No. 7 (Shoeco), Monday 26th July. Grove Hill, in Township No. 8 (Fishing Creek), Wednesday 28th July. Thomas M. Fleming's in Township No. 9 (Jenkins), Thursday, 29th July. Warrenton, at the Court House Saturday, 31st July.

At the same time all who owe taxes on former Lists, will have an opportunity of paying taxes past due, which opportunity it is hoped will not be neglected, as collection of taxes, past due, by distraint, will be commenced immediately after the 31st instant. N. R. JONES Sheriff. Warrenton July 23 1869.

J. BERKLEY, W. M. MILLER, J. W. GRADY, BERKLEY, MILLAR & CO. JOBBERS IN DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS No. 16 West Main Street, NORFOLK, VA.

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