

A Compassionate Politician.

A politician, when he wants a certain place for one of his henchmen, is no more reluctant to turn out its occupant than Cooley Khan, of Bengal, was to put a live cat in the breeches of a non-paying tenant. There are, however, exceptions to all rules, and the Autobiography of Thurlow Weed shows that he was an exceptional politician: In 1861, a number of New York merchants asked Mr. Weed to secure a consular appointment for a veteran clerk, who, being an Englishman, wanted to go home to end his days there. He says:

Mr. Seward requested his son Frederick, the assistant secretary, to find a place for him. I went to the department with Frederick, and in looking over his consular register carefully, his eye finally rested on Falmonth, where, upon examination, he found that the consul was an Englishman, and had held the office over twenty years.

It was decided, therefore that one Englishman should give place to another, that other being an Americanized Englishman.

I reported this determination to the secretary, who immediately sent my friend's name to the president, and when the messenger returned with Mr. Lincoln's approval, Mr. Hunter, the chief clerk, was directed to fill up the commission and obtain the president's signature in time for me to take it to New York that afternoon.

Between four and five o'clock, p. m., I went to Mr. Hunter for the commission, which lay before him on his desk. He rose somewhat deliberately (as was his manner), took the commission in his hand and delivered it to me without speaking, but with evident reluctance.

I said, "Is it all right, Mr. Hunter?" He replied, "I have obeyed orders."

"But," I added, "you do not seem pleased. Is there anything wrong about the appointment?"

"I have nothing to do about the appointment, but I have never discharged a duty since I came into the department with so much regret," he said.

"The first commission that I filled out when I came into this office, twenty-six years ago, was for Mr. Fox, our consul at Falmonth, who succeeded his father recently deceased father, who received his appointment from President Washington.

The consul's counts of Mr. Fox are as neatly and accurately kept as those of Gen. Washington during the revolution. I think he is the best consul in the service of the government. You will judge, therefore, whether the removal of such a consul is not calculated to occasion regret."

When he finished, while he stood looking at me with the pen in his hand, I deliberately tore the commission into strips, threw them into the waste-paper basket, and left the department for the car.

When I explained in New York what had occurred at Washington, it was approved, not only by the gentleman who had asked me to interest myself, but by the applicant himself.

Thurlow Weed's Wife.

From his Autobiography.

On the 26th of April, 1818, I was married at Cooperstown, Otsego county, to Miss Catherine Ostrander, of that place. The engagement was entered into in 1814, when we were both, in the judgment of her relatives, too young to comprehend the responsibilities of such a step. In fact, they doubted, not without reason, the propriety of confiding the welfare and happiness of their daughter to a comparative stranger, with unsettled and roving habits. We communed together on the subject, and mutually agreed to hold no intercourse either by word or letter for two or three years, when, if her mind was unchanged, she was to write to me. I immediately left Cooperstown, and neither saw nor heard from her for more than three years, when a letter came informing me that time had made no change in her affections, to which I replied in similar terms.

We married without regard to any of the prudential considerations which restrained many then, and which restrains many more now, from contracting a similar tie. I had, when the ceremony was over, just money enough to take my young wife to Albany, where, with good health, strong hands and hopeful hearts, we both went earnestly to work to earn a living. The value of our household goods did not exceed \$200. To this fortunate marriage I am indebted for as much happiness as usually falls to the lot of man, and very largely for whatever of personal success and pecuniary prosperity I have since enjoyed. She more than divided our labors and responsibilities. But for her industry, frugality and good management I must have been shipwrecked during the first fifteen years of trial. When from our changed circumstances our condition it was no longer necessary for her to pursue her laborious habits, she still insisted on performing many duties ordinarily transferred to servants. Economy, order, and a well regulated system in household affairs were virtues which I did not possess, and their presence in her saved us from disaster.

After a severe illness of several months, just as the sun was rising one morning, and I stood watching by her bedside, she reminded me that it was the fortieth anniversary of our marriage, and taking from her finger the ring which I had placed on it forty years before, she put it on mine, saying, "I shall not live through the day." We had already lost our only son seven years previously, and three daughters remained to me after my wife had followed him.

Dancing at Summer Resort Hotels.

In the way of show consisting chiefly of dancing, says the Sun, the parlors of the summer resort hotels present spectacles which, though free and amateur are often more interesting than anything that can be accomplished by professionals. The young women are so well dressed, and the children so graceful in their black stockings, that no stage ballet could be more diverting. The adjoining verandas are nightly crowded with spectators, who gaze in through the windows and doors at the pleasant exhibition. The performers know very well they are on view, and it is rarely that an awkward dancer ventures on the

floor. That is the real reason why men partners are so scarce, compelling the compositions of couples out of wholly feminine material. But there are exceptions. A Long Branch correspondent says that the chief duce of the largest hotel is altogether the unassuming creature in the house, and at the same time the most inveterate dancer. His high reputation as a grotesque dresser and stepper is indicated by the fact that "when the story went round that he had fallen on his high shirt-collar while waltzing and cut his little head off with the swirling contact, people were slow to take it as a joke, so entirely reasonable did the statement seem.

Talk of the Humorists.

Four hundred Sioux Indians are soon to be baptized in the Missouri river at Standing Rock. It won't make any difference to St. Louis people. They don't use the water for drinking purposes.

The strike recalls the story of the old dandy, who hearing the instrument suddenly begin to click while the operator was away, stepped up to it, and putting his mouth close to it, shouted with all his power of lung: "De ooppahaatah isn't h'yar!"

Guide to matrimony.—Mr. Editor: Will you please give me the name of a reliable matrimonial publication, which may be trusted to nide, but not mislead, an earnest candidate for matrimony? Answer—A very good matrimonial publication is Miss Leslie's cook book, that can be procured at any book store.

A New York man whose wife is out of town unfolds to a friend his scheme to avoid unnecessary bed-making: "You see we have three beds, and of course my wife left them all nicely made and I make them do nine nights and have a soft place every night." "How?" "Well, you see they are good, wide beds. To-night I'll sleep on the edge of one of them, to-morrow night on the other edge, and the following night in the middle; so on among the whole three. On Sunday I'll make them."

When a lady living in Chelsea sent to London for a doctor she apologized for asking him to come such a distance. "Don't speak of it," answered the M. D., "I happen to have another patient in the neighborhood, and can thus kill two birds with one stone."—Limestone and Malaria.

Macbean, a British officer, found himself in a breach of Lucknow, almost surrounded by enemies. He killed eleven of them, and came off unscathed. He received the Victoria Cross as a parade; and, as the general pinned the cross on his breast, he wound up his brief address with: "And a good day's work it was, sir." "Tutt," said the gallant soldier, quite forgetting that he was on parade, and perhaps a little piqued at his performance being spoken of as a days work: "Tutt, it didn't take me twenty minutes."

A Remarkable Cure of a Well Known St. Paul Young Man.—(Taken from the St. Paul Pioneer Press)—St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 31, 1881.—Mr. S. Blackford, 274 East 7th street, proprietor of Dr. Halliday's Remedies—Sir: For the benefit of the afflicted I certify to the following: Four years ago I contracted syphilis or scrofula. I tried many physicians for two years and a half, all to no effect, still growing worse. My head, throat and mouth were one mass of sores. My hair and eyebrows all fell. I could eat nothing but soup for six months. I was so weak I could scarcely walk. At last I settled on my lungs and I could not speak above a whisper. No tongue can tell what I suffered. This was my condition when I was induced to try your Dr. Halliday's Blood Purifier, Throat Gargle, and Wash through seeing in the papers the renowned Laura Moore's letter to you of a similar cure. At this date I am entirely cured. My hair has come in again as thick as ever after using the above remedies, and never felt better in my life. For the truthfulness of the above I would be pleased to have any one call on me. The scars can plainly be seen. Furthermore I have sent scores of persons similarly afflicted to Mr. Blackford in the past two years and all found the same beneficial results. I am satisfied from what I have seen that this disease, taken in the first stage, can be cured by taking one half dozen or a dozen of the large size bottles of Dr. Halliday's Blood Purifier in double doses, three times a day, and using the Wash. Hoping this may meet the eye of some poor sufferer like myself in former days. I am yours in gratitude, CHARLES P. MCCARTHY, 508 Minnesota street, St. Paul.

A story is told of a certain duke of X, and his valet. The latter, it seems, was always getting into scrapes, from which he emerged with considerable success. No matter how tipsy he got, he was always brought home safely, and never consigned to a dungeon cell. Upon being asked the reason of this singular good luck, he explained that he always had lots of the duke's cards in his pocket.

Surgeon General Hamilton of the marine hospital service, has information from Yuma, Arizona, of the existence of yellow fever in Guyana and Mazatlan, in Mexico. He says, however, there is no reason for fear that the disease will spread into Arizona and from his information as to the character of the country and climatic conditions of the region in Mexico in which the disease has appeared, he does not think it will spread much there.

The strength of man's tendency to sleep in church was illustrated recently in Lewiston, Me., where a burglar was found in sound slumber in a pew of St. Peter's with his kit of tools scattered around him.

When Grant became president some friends, knowing his taste for high-browed tobacco, sent an order to Havana for 4,000 of the largest and strongest cigars that could be made, cost being no consideration. They were duly sent, when the order was completed, to New York, and cost without duty \$500 a thousand, or 30 cents apiece. They were so strong, however, as not to be smokeable even by the general, and he had to give most of them away to any of his friends who would accept them.

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