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Love always seems to have this effekt, it makes a yung man sober, and an old man gay.

that they quarrel so often, it iz bekause there iz so much phun in making up. About the last thing a man duz tew korrect his faults iz tew quit them.

The chief end of woman now daze, seems tew be tew ware new silk clothes and the chief end of man seems to be tew

Pure ignorance, after all, iz the best al-

It is better that we be greater than our condishun in life, than tew have our condishun appear too great for us. There iz tothing that a man can do that should cit him off from pitty, the fact that he iz human should always entitle him to com-

If you seek wisdum mi yung friend, study men and things; if yu desire larn. ing, study dicshionarys.

I think opportunitys are made full az often az they happen.

It iz a grate deal eazier to look upon thoze who are below us, with pitty, than to look upon thoze who are abuv us with-

Good common sense is az healthy az onions we often see thoze who are good, simply bekause they haint got sense enough tew be bad, and thoze who are bad just bekause they haint got sense

enough to be good. Envy iz such a constant companyon, that if we find no one above us to envy we will envy those below us.

There is no servitude in life so oppresive az tew be obliged to flatter those whom we do not respekt enuff tew praze. Wit, without sense, is like a razor with-

We mingle in society, but not so much tew meet others as to eskape ourselfs. The truly innocent are those who not only guiltless themselfs, but who think

The Men Who Surrounded Washing-

Mr. Parton, in the January Atlantic, thus describes Washington and his first

Age had not quenched the vivacity of either of the four Secretaries—Jefferson, 37 Knox, 40; Randolph, 37; Hamilton, 33 When, in the world's history, was so young a group charged with a task so new, so difficult, so momentous?

Such were the gentlemen who had gathered round the council table at the President's house in New York, in 1780; at the head of the table General Washington, now fifty-eight, his frame as erect as ever, but his face showing the deep traces of the thousand anxious hours he had passed. Not versed in the lore of schools, but gifted with a great sum of intellect, the eternal glory of this man is, that he used all the mind he had in patient endeavors to find out the right way; ever on the watch to keep out of his decision everything like bias or prejudice, Dever deciding till he had exhausted every source of elucidation within his reach. Some questions he could not decide with his own mind, and he knew he could not. In such cases, he bent all his powers to ascertain how the subject appeared to minds fitted to grapple with it, and getting them to view it without prej-

lam delighted to learn that Mr. Carlyle can seldom hear the name of Washington pronounced without breaking fenth with an explosion of contempt,

especially, it is said, if there is an American within hearing. Washington is the exact opposite of a fell Carlylean hero. His glory is that he was not richly endowed, not sufficient unto himself, not indifferent to human rights, opinions, and preferences; but, feeling deeply his need of help, sought it, where alone it was to be found, in minds fitted by nature and raining to supply his lack. It is this heartfelt desire to be right, which shines so affectingly from the plain words of Washington, and gives him rank so far

above the gorgeous bandits whom hero-

worshippers adore. On the right of the President, in the place of honor, sat Jefferson, now fortyseven, the senior of all his colleagues older in public service, too, than any of them; tall, erect, ruddy, noticeably quiet and unobtrusive of his address and demeanor; the least pugnacious of men. Not a fanatic, not an enthusiast; but an old fashioned Whig, nurtured upon "old Coke," enlightened by twenty-five years' intense discussion—with pen, tongue and sword—of Cokean principles Fresh from the latest commentary upon Cokethe ruins of the Bastile-and wearing still his red Paris waistcoat and breeches, he was an object of particular interest to all men, and, doubtless, often relieved the severity of busines by some thrilling relation out of his late foreign experience.

Opposite him, on the President's left; was the place of Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, in all the alertness and vigor of thirty-three. If time had matured his talents, it had not lessoned his self-suffi ciency; because, as yet, all his short life had been a success, and he had associated REPAIRING OF ALL KINDS PROMPTLY chiefly with men who possessed nothing, either of his fluency or his arithmetic. A possitive, vehement little gentleman, with as firm a faith in the apparatus of finance as General Knox had in great guns. He was now in the full tide of activity, lobbying measures through Congress, and organizing the Treasury Department-the most conspicuous man in the administration, except the President—as usual, his unseen work was the best. In organizing a system of collecting, keeping, and disbursing the revenue, he employed so much tact, forethought, and fertility, that his successors have each, in turn, admired and retained his most important devices He arranged the system so that the Secretary of the Treasury, at any moment, could survey the whole working of it. and he held at command all the resources of the United States, subject to lawful use. without being able to divert one dollar to a purpose not specially authorized. He could not draw his own pittance of salary loy for vanity, for a vain fool iz quite without the signatures of the four chief officers of the Department-Comptroller,

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