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Poetical. THE BURGLAR AND THE EDITOR.

A burglar crept into an editor's room—

And saw in the dim, uncertain light—

While he was thus engaged in thought—

A pair of trousers, "I just traced to him"

The editor's words were—

"On that the knees were warm and bare—

Good clothes—when the weather is warm"

There was no more to fetch—

There was no sign of social gain—

Nor passing drops from a golden rain—

Only the wealth of a sinner's brain.

The words of the editor's brain.

He turned his back on the happy home—

Thoughtfully he turned his back—

Out of the window he cast his eye—

He caught the pocket—a broken comb,

A stub of a pen, a manuscript poem,

Answered his searching glance.

He started, the tears rushed into his eyes—

He looked at the pocket—

A book of poetry, more pure—

Softened his face; he stifled his cries—

He looked at his watch, and measured his time—

Value—about nine o'clock.

Into his pocket—his eye—he went—

And he dragged out a ten-dollar bill—

And he looked at it, every eye—

Into the editor's pocket, and beat—

The trousers into a wall, and sent—

Them over the window-sill.

Let us to a weather house be sped—

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THE PLOT TO SEIZE TILDEN.

WHAT GRANT INTENDED TO DO WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY IN 1877—A BOLD AND DESTITUTE GAME.

The New York World of June 19th, prints a two column interview which John F. Mink had with Gen. Stewart L. Woodford

relating to the closing days of Grant's administration and the proposed use of the troops in New York.

Gen. Woodford said he had accepted in 1877, by the advice and consent of Conkling and the Cabinet, the position of U. S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York, because

Grant foresaw trouble, and wanted in that place a man "who had small power." Gen. Woodford said, "It was openly stated that

in all the Democratic States bodies of men were being marshaled and drilled for revolution. Threats were made here and at

many other points that Mr. Tilden would be inaugurated on the 4th of March in spite of Grant and his army, that the Custom Houses

would be seized to create a revenue, and that the Democratic President would be

seized by a grand popular uprising. New York, it was plain, would be the central point of the new revolution. Mr. Tilden

would take the oath on the steps of the City Hall at the hands of one of the Democratic

Judges, and simultaneously the Custom House and the Sub-Treasury would be seized.

I know that President Grant and his advisers were very much afraid of the result.

But Grant, though he was anxious, never hesitated about the course he was to pursue. He had determined to use every

soldier and sailor and gun at his command to put down anything like a Democratic

rebellion. If it had been anybody but Grant who stood in the way of Tilden might have

been inaugurated and have gotten possession of the revenues in spite of Congress and the

Electoral Commission.

But you have asked what I intended to do in case Mr. Tilden attempted to carry out

his coup d'etat, and had himself inaugurated on the City Hall steps or elsewhere in

this city. My orders and intentions were to seize him at once under a warrant, charging

him with high treason, to convey secretly and securely on board a government

vessel lying in the East river, and ship him to Fort Adams or some other secure point

where he could undergo his trial. The first thing that anybody knew of it, he would

have disappeared, and the suddenness of the blow would have either disheartened his

followers or taught them a salutary lesson of respect for the law, or it would have been

the first blow of a terrific conflict between the law and its violators." Do you really

believe, General, that you would have laid

beside the law Mr. Tilden? "I don't believe it—I know it. Of course, it would not be

done by calling out the regulars from Governor's Island and marching them up to

Gramercy Park, but it would have been done so quietly and effectively that all

resistance would have come too late. Just as sure as he had dared take the oath of office

he would have been whirled through these streets and landed in a gunboat. When he

had got through with his trial for treason he would have been sent to the President.

While I was in Washington I had a long talk with Secretary Robeson on this

subject—you don't know him, do you? He's one of the best fellows in the world—

we made all the arrangements for the use of his boats and men not only to secure Tilden,

but to overawe the mob by the gunboats, and to shell them out if necessary. Robeson is

very genial, but he is not a man to be trifled with, and we worked together admirably.

Under our plans any resistance by Mr. Tilden would have been utterly impossible.

As for the Custom House and Sub-Treasury, they were prepared for resistance and could

have been strengthened by a sudden reinforcement of regulars so as to resist any

mob. Regulars and marines inside the walls and a shell or two outside would have

scattered an attacking party like chaff. Perhaps it was this knowledge of what the

navy could do in the way of dispersing mobs that kept down the evil-disposed throng at

Washington and New York.

"You see now how near we all were to trouble, and you can understand why I

troubled and worried you at the time. Grant felt that he knew me, and that I would carry

out his orders under any and all circumstances. It was a time that might call for

sharp and sudden work on the Atlantic line, and Grant, like a prudent General, made his

preparations accordingly. Troops were quietly brought from the West and South

and massed at Washington, Fort McHenry and in our harbor, and you will remember

that complaint was made in Democratic newspapers about this matter and about the

movements of the troops at the time. Grant and his cabinet laughed at it, of

course, and most people did not know what to believe. If they had known how close

the truth was their fears might have brought about the catastrophe. In that event, the

navy could have attended to the Atlantic cities, and a rising at the West would have

been even worse in reality than in the anticipation. Thank God, Tilden was a coward,

and the whole thing blew over." But, General, how is it that you were ready to

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Every one knows how large a space is occupied by the Levitical laws regarding leprosy, and most persons who have thought