

The Third House. ITS GOOD AND BAD MEMBERS—THE REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF AN OBSERVER OF ITS WORKING DURING A LONG RESIDENCE AT WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence Republican Democrat.) No city on the American continent has a larger floating population than Washington. It is estimated that during the sessions of congress twenty-five thousand people, whose homes are in various parts of this and other countries, make this city their place of residence...

Yes, during my residence here I have become well acquainted with the workings of the Third House, as it is termed, and could tell you of numerous jobs, which, like the Heathen Chinese, are peculiar.

It is not necessary, so there are good and bad men comprising that body; yet there have been times when it must be admitted that the combined power of the Third House has over-ridden the will of the people. The had influence of the lobby can be seen in the numerous blood-bills that are introduced at every session.

Well, take the annual gas bills, for instance. They are introduced for the purpose of bleeding the Washington Gas Light company. They usually result in an investigating committee which never amounts to anything more than a draft upon the public treasury for the expenses of the investigation.

Anything else in this line that you think of, Mr. Ashley? Yes, there's the job to reclaim the Potomac flats, which had it become a law, would have resulted in an enormous state. The work is now being done by the Government itself, and will rid the place of that malarial atmosphere of which we hear so much outside the city.

During your residence here have you experienced the bad results of living in this climate? Well, while I have not at all times enjoyed good health, I am certain that the difficulty which laid me up so long was not malarial. It was something that had troubled me for years. A shooting, stinging pain that at times attacked different parts of my body.

But didn't they try to relieve your miseries? Yes, they vomited and bled me, plastered and oiled me, sweat, steamed and everything but froze me, but without avail.

But how can you finally recover? I had a friend living in Michigan who had been afflicted in a similar way and had been cured. He wrote me regarding his recovery and advised me to try the remedy which cured him. I procured a bottle and commenced its use, taking a tablespoonful after each meal and at bed time. I had used it about a week when I noticed a decrease of the soreness of the joints and a general feeling of relief.

Why is a cow's tail like the letter F? Because it's the end of friend. Woman is man's best friend, especially when the man is a milliner. Always ready to take a hand in conversation—deaf and dumb people. A man never looks so much like a red-handed villain as when he is told by a photographer to "look pleasant."

What proportion of these blood-bills are successful? A very small percentage, sir. Notwithstanding the power and influence of the lobby, but few of these vicious measures pass. Were they successful it would be a sad commentary upon our system of government, and would virtually annihilate one branch of it.

What are the farm animals and farm labor. Mr. J. R. Dodge, statistician of the Agricultural Department at Washington, has made a report upon the numbers and values of farm animals in the United States and the wages of farm laborers. From this report it is learned that the whole number of farm animals in the United States has increased since February, 1883, by about 4,000,000, as follows:

Table with columns: Stock, 1884, Increase. Rows: Horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep, Swine.

The largest increase is in stock cattle and is principally in the States west of the Mississippi. There has been an increase in the value of horses, mules and all kinds of cattle with a considerable decline in the price of swine and a small falling off in the value of sheep.

What are the wages of farm labor. In the agricultural States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, where only 18 per cent of all laborers are engaged in agriculture, each of them receives an average of \$4.57 per annum, and the average value of land is \$47.34 per acre.

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Maryland, My Maryland.

My farm lies in a rather low and miserable situation, and my wife and I. Who? Was a very pretty blonde? Twenty years ago, became. Followed-eyed? Withered and aged? Before her time, from Malarial vapors, though she made no particular complaint, not being one of the gummy kind, yet caused me great uneasiness.

A short time ago I purchased your remedy for one of the children, who had a very severe attack of biliousness, and it cured to me that the remedy might help my wife, as I found that our little girl upon recovery had. Lost? Her sorrow, and looked as fresh as a new blown day. Well the story is soon old. My wife to-day has gained her old-time beauty with compound interest, and is now as handsome a matron (if I do say it myself) as can be found in this county, which is noted for pretty women.

The dear creature just looked over my shoulder and says, "I am flatter equal to the days of our courtship," and that reminds me there might be more pretty wives if my brother farmers would do as I have done. Hoping you may long be spared to do good, I thankfully remain. Most truly yours, C. L. JAMES, Beltsville, Prince George Co., Md., May 30th, 1883.

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The Cause of Winter Floods. In Italy, in Spain, in Southern France, the cause of that curse of the rainy season, has been ascertained with absolute certainty, and can be illustrated by a simple experiment. Cover a table with a thick stratum of sponge moss and pour on a gallon of water. The water will ooze through and trickle down the table, but very slowly, day by day, and that process of filtration will continue for a long time.

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