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"You will," said she, "if I sagree," and then she laughed demurely.

tures all were twitching.

"There, now," I cried; "I have your lips— those last two strokes reveal it." She laughed and said, with blushes red, "In-deed, I didn't feel it."

A supple line I added next, a girdle drew be-low it;
"I have your walst!" She cried in baste, "Well, well, I didn't know it."

"Now for ensemble," next I cried; "asleep or wakeful?" "Ob, sir!" She blushed and said, "You can, instead, draw me a little closer."

I looked within her laughing eye, such sweet intent was in it,
Of loving look, that lo! I took her meaning in
a minute.

each feature duly;
"What shall I call the sketch, my dear?"
She said, "Call it yours truly."

A Man in the House.

He was Jim among the boys, Jeems to his gramifather, Jimmy to his mother, James to his father and "Bub" to his sisters. He thought if the time ever came when he would be Mr. there could be no greater happiness beyond, says an

His father overlooked him, his mother coddled him, his sisters snubbed him, but there came a day when he had his

The day was like any other ordinary day to the rest of the world, but to our James it was the dawning of a new era. If anybody has said that before, the writer forgives them.

The family were seated at the breakfast table when James plunged down stairs, opened the door of the breakfast room and threw this bomb in among

"There's a man in the house!" "Goodness gracious me!" gasped his mother, running to hide in the china closet.

"Where is he?" gasped the sisters, crawling under the table. "D-o-n-'t b-e g-e-e-s-e!" chattered the

"W-h-o-'s a-f-r-a-i-d?" and he father. seized the carving-knife, and rose to the Meanwhile James had kept on to the

kitchen, where he continued shouting. "There's a man in the house!" "Lawd a massy, we'se be all killed

dead!" quavered the cook. Then she rushed out and shouted "Police!" and soon she had the patrol wagon

"Where's the man?" inquired the minion of the law when he had been informed that there was a man in the

"Here," cried James, as he winked at his frightened family. "I am twenty-one years old to-day, and if I ain't a man, I'd like to know who is?"

Where They Missed It.

It was their first baby. The young mother was in a perfect

rapture. It was an ugly baby, but she did not know it.

Happy young mother. All of them are like her.

But the father had dark misgivings. His salary was only \$15 per we babies are expensive luxuries.

Her father Was rich but he had frowned upon their union, and had heterodox and heretical notions as to supporting a son in-law beside. Cruel old man.

One day, when the baby was about a month old, the father came home from his desk and found his wife radiant.

She was even happy when the baby was out of her sight. "What is it, Jennie?" asked her hus-

band gloomily, for he was yet uncertain as to the blessings conferred by the baby. He was also sleepy.

"Oh. Charlie," she chirruped, "I heard from papa to-day."

Charite looked gloomier than ever. "Don't say anything, dear," she pleaded, for she kuew her husband's opinion of her father. "He has heard of our baby, and though he has not yet determined to forgive us, he has sent us a check for \$5,000 for dear baby's sake."

At first the young husband's face showed a gleam of pleaure, then it shadowed again. "Aren't you glad, Charlie?" she asked

with a quivering lip.

Then he smiled joyfully.

"Yes, darling," he whispered, "but we should have had twins."—Detroit Free

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It was Mr. Blaine's prediction that the McKinley bill would not open a market for a single barrel of pork or bushel of wheat. It has been shown that even with the reciprocity amendment the market for breadstuffs is falling off, and the same story is true of most of our beef and hog products and of our butter

Not only is reciprocity not helping the farmer to a larger market, but the natural increase of exports of his products. the increase that was going on before the McKinley bill was conceived, has been stopped and a decrease has taken

The following table shows the growth in exports of the principal articles of provisions in the twenty years from 1870

 Hog products
 \$15,309,647
 \$85,281,174

 Beef products
 5,754,639
 30,151,030

 Dairy products
 9,614,282
 13,081,856
 After this came the McKinley act with its potent reciprocity blessings, and with the following results:

Hog products...........\$85,281,174 \$84,508,698

There was a falling off in hog and dairy products, while the increase in the value of beef products was about \$6,-600,000 less than was demanded by the normal rate of increase prevailing for the twenty years between 1870 and 1890.

This general decline of the business of exporting provisions continues. The official returns for September are now before us, and they are anything but satisfactory to the farmer who has been basing his hopes on the reciprocity pro-visions of the McKinley law.

The following table shows the quantities of certain dairy beef and hog prodncts exported in September, 1891, and September, 1892:

Hogs (No.) 465 Beef, canned (lbs.) 6,119,725
 Beef, fresh (lbs.)
 18,701,668
 20,007,837

 Beef, sult, etc. (lbs.)
 4,375,307
 6,287,554

 Bacon (lbs.)
 35,392,600
 36,875,431

 Lard (lbs.)
 34,711,822
 36,268,975

 Butter (lbs.)
 1,783,834
 1,961,916

 Cheese (lbs.)
 7,663,784
 8,815,073

The decline has been so long continued that it has reduced the total exportations of some of these articles for the eleven months ending Sept. 30, as the following table will show:

Tanned beef (ibs.). 73,035,401 87,198,140 841 beef (ibs.). 01,685,347 73,847,445 Hams (ibs.). 74,461,514 76,962,452

The statistics for dairy products are made up for five months only, but they show that in that period, ending Sept. 30, 1892, the exports of butter were less by 3,500,000 pounds than for the corresponding period of 1891.

Now as to the prices. The exports of cattle increased in number, but the average price per head in 1892 was about sixty-eight dollars and in 1891 about eighty-eight dollars, while, notwithstanding the higher price of cans, the price of canned beef remained about the same. Salted meat brought 5 cents in 1892 and a little more than 51/2 cents in 1891. Hogs brought \$7.72 in 1892 and \$9 in 1891. Fresh meat brought 814

cents in 1892 and 814 cents in 1891. This is the showing made by the official statistics of the operation of jug handled reciprocity on the business of exporting provisions. It is a noteworthy fact that The Tribune has finally come to the sage conclusion that it was not the McKinley law that was responsible for the large exportations of breadstuffs in 1891, but the large crop at home and the short crops abroad. It reaches the further conclusion also that the large crop is accountable for the fall in prices. If the McKinley law cannot overcome of clothes, a new hat, gloves, neckwear and gents' furnishing goods, you should look for the saries of life in order that the prices of

of bacon, beef, butter and cheese in

The truth is that the reciprocity clause has not helped the farmer to a foreign sistent with good work. market for any of his products, and the Good fits guaranteed. pretense that it does help him is nothing The latest thing in straw more nor less than gross ignorance or arrant lying.—New York World. arrant lying .- New York World.

No Wonder Cooley Changed.

It is difficult to imagine how even partisan blindness could fail to recognize in Judge Cooley's writings and teachings means of the McKinley tariff. In order to identify this eminent statesman with Republicanism as now understood it would first become necessary to obtain from him an authoritative declaration repudiating the doctrine he has taught in his books and in his lectures to law students.—Philadelphia Record.

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