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BILL NYE IN CLOVER.

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sitting up till long after nine o'clock to hear. So I decided not to speak while these His First Appearance Before a Hilarions, well-known vocalists were engaged in song. Philadelphia Club-ofow the Skittish Cloverites Take the Starch Out of an As they were encored, they obliged by singing "Maryland, My Maryland," with Oratorical Swell-But Hill Managed to improvisations by the great impresario, Make a Fey Gestures and He is Proud Mr. Jerome. of Them-Larry Jerome's Bad Manners -The Oratorio of the Derby Ram.

I then stood on the other leg awhile and tried to recall what I had said, which had T is now an historical reminded the auditors of these songs, but I fact, says Bill Nye could not. In all my remarks so far, alin the New York though I had been on my feet twenty min-World, established utes or so, I had carefully avoided saying by means of re any thing that would call forth an attack of this kind. I had used no language which cryptograms, that would naturally provoke such men as when Demosthenes Colonel Taylor or Colonel McClure to song. I then stood on the other leg, and tried to exand practiced for press in my poor, weak way a few withered weeks with his thoughts, but I hatted to interrupt other

me th full of peb- people who were engaged in a conversation bles, striving to outbellow the billows and which reminded me of those delightful little patiently clinging to the thread of his discourse even while the loud boom of the breakers caught up his shrill remarks and hurled after repeating and emphasizing what I had noted all over the world. So I sat down them into space, he was not preparing to previously said, and which is given above. make an impression upon the history of his I was on my feet about twenty minutes, time as we have been taught. He was simbut during that time I can say truthfully ply rehearsing a speech which he hoped to deliver at the Clover Club of Philadelphia. that I said nothing which I now regret. People afterwards spoke of my impressive People who have formed the idea that manner, and said I also used rare discre-Philadelphia is not given to sociability and tion in avoiding so many unpleasant feata cheerful interchange of thought are unures which are apt to stir up ill-feeling at familiar with the methods of the Clover such a time. Club, especially under the administration

They named whole columns of things which I had thus evaded, and every one said that if I had erred at all it was in the direction of conservatism. All the members of the club who expressed any opinion about it said that they were in favor of printing my remarks with a rubber stamp.

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speaker, which are calculated to divert his Many of the greatest and wisest of our public men have quenched their thirst in this loving-cup.

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There can be no more comfortable sensa-tion, I fancy, than to be a guest at one of that fail, however, I thought that no one could help admiring my unwavering confithese annual dinners, with the personal dence in myself, a confidence which is all the more heroic and praiseworthy on my recognizance of the president in your pocket binding himself not to call upon you for part, because it has not been shared by the a speech and certifying that you have pregeneral public. It is no great honor to inviously had a fair and impartial trial on the dorse a popular man, but it is certainly charge that you were a good after-dinner meritorious in any one to show confidence speaker and that you have proved an alibi. BILL NYE. But the Clover Club is not constructed

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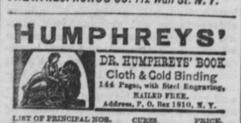


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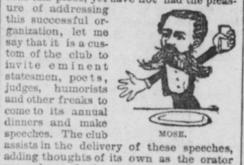
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I did not know that. I had always before selfishly reveled in the wonderful cadence of my own melodious Skowhegan voice, forgetting that the audience had rights.

The President arose and touchingly alluded to that benign tower of strength to the Republican side in Congress, the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, and Mr. Reed brushed the crumbs out of his mustache with his napkin, wiped an imaginary fly from his polished intellectual dome-I say imaginary fly, for there are no real flies on Mr. Reed-ate a troche and prepared to respond.

Suddenly Mr. Handy decided to wander a little in his mind. He then dwelt long and

lovingly upon the great dramatic achievements 200 of Steele Mackaye, and Mr. Mackaye began to look alarmed and try to Sel think over his piece, while Thomas B. Reed went to eating again with a sigh of relief. - Meantime Mr. Mackaye et as could be heard to think

HERD, OF MAINE. Over his lines. He bowed when good things were said about him and was just in the act of arising to respond when the President began to talk about Supreme Justice Clark in the same endear. ing terms and coquettish style, while Mr. Mackaye returned to his meal. I enjoyed it very much, for I was down at

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the foot of the table having fun with Dr. Bedloe, and I knew that at this rate, with a hundred guests to be gently scared half to death in that way, I would not be reached before Friday, and I thought that I could get away before that time. It was at this supreme moment, when saturated with a soothing sense of security and congratu-lating myself on the wonderful way in which Mr. Maltby's dress-suit fitted me, that the president of the club, observing that I had my mouth full of ice which I did not know what to do with, introduced me to the brilliant assemblage.

I felt embarassed and was about to say so, I believe, when Ex-Governor Bunn, who attend to all kinds of work pertaining to was appointed and received the portfolio as my trade. Work attended to PROMPT. Governor of Idaho solely by reason of his great powers as a conversationalist, said something to me which did not bear upon what I was about to say myself.

While I was thinking of a bon mot which would wipe Governor Bunn from the face of the earth, such as a reference to him as a M Bunny, and a request that I might be permitted to lay my head in his lap and have a good cry, or something like that, Mr. Jerome, a gen tleman from New York, who is sixty-nine years

of age, said something OCHILITRES. which was highly enjoyable, but which at the same time seemed to

I was about to administer a tart rebuke to Mr. Jerome when I happened to re-member his greater age and resolved not to do so. My attention was also at this time attracted by the sounds of music. It was a Tyrolean air, and referred to the Derby Ram, which seems to have a wild fascination for the gentlemen of the club, And when such voices as those of Wayne MacVeagh, General Horace Porter, Colonel Thomas P. Ochiltree, Colonel McCaull and Colonel McClure join in the refrain, it four I is well worth going to Philadelphia and Free

front of any one present. His collars, which are also English, are turned down in exactly equilateral triangles of equal size on each side of his chin. His neckties are invariably white silk, barely five-eighths of an inch wide, and always fresh and new. His vests are pure white, cut extremely low and extremely broad, relieved only by the gleam of a gold watch-chain running from the left hand pocket to the top button. Mr. Chamberlain's feet are quite small and slender. He wears patent leather shoes tapering to what is vulgarly called a toothpick point. His shoemaker is an old gentleman in Birmingham who has served him for twenty years. This old shoemaker took a plaster cast of Mr. Chamberlain's feet, years ago, and made lasts from them which are exact counterparts in form to the distinguished ex-Liberal's feet, so that he is able to make shoes of the most perfect fit and of leather hardly thicker than paper, but at the same time very strong and dur-

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