

#### BREEF FUM SCHWEFFELBRENNER.

SCHLIFFELTOWN, Feb. 2d, 1869.

MISTER FODDER ARRAHAM DRUCKER: Geshder owat hut de Bevvy widder amohl druf insist das ich an realer olt-fashionder breef shreib for in der Fodder Abraham ni tsu du, for somehow, se sogt des luffshtories shreiva is evva doch net exactly De mommy! Awer, se is forts'ding-tsu romondish un fanciful for unser Schliffeltowner shtyle. Un noch eans, secht se, de tseit is vetz ball doh for mit ærnsht ous teu gucka for de Posht Office, un for sell sure tsu macha deat ich besser a wennich meaner tsu politics tenda.

De Bevvy hut recht. Ich mus yetz ousgucks for number one, un weil es ferleicht noch tswea odder drei moonat geat ep ich de Posht Office kreiya kann will ich morya free ob shtarta for noch Harrisborrick un seana chich net aw so an emtly dort uf der Semmly kreeya konn. Se sawya es het so feel fun denna peshter un foolers dort wu nex shaffa un kreeya sivva hunnert dahler cash down, un sell deat and be re-elected. mich about goot suta. Ich bin goot bekannt mit eans fun denna semmly leit, un now will ich amohl seana eb se nix du kenna for mich.

De negsht woch will iche ich wissa lussa we ich ous mach dort in Harrisborrick. PIT SCHWEFFELBRENNER.

### BREEF FUN EPHRADAW.

EPHRADAW, Yenner der 9t, 1869. FODDER ABRAHAM: Warsht di leawa shun on a fox chase? Wann net, donn gea on de very neagsht wu adverdeist wærd. Mer hen eany doh g'hot heit, un es war about an guty-sheer so feel leit das on der Monnammer camp meeting. Der Sam. Styers hut se g'halta, un was er sich unnernemt sell dut er aw recht, I'll be bound. Om tswea uhr hut der Sam. amohl der fooks nouse un en um der shtall rum gedrivva so das de hounds aw recht shmocka hen kenna, un donn hut er ean shpringa lussa. Dreisich minnutta dernoch sin de hounds aw kumma; awer sockerluft was huts doh gemmacht! Un so an geyohl fun de hounds wu noch gonga .sin husht du di leawa ne net g'haert. Donn sin de rider noch, uf geil un easel un es hut mich gedinkt a deal deata noch-gor besser du wann se uxa uf-g'soddled hetta un wears noch. Se hen sich awer about ni gelust. Der Frank, der John, der Duckter un noch feel onnery hen hort proweert sich forna nous shaffa. Der Sam is feel shtærricker gonga das si gaul un is grawd for eam im dreck geleaya. We er uf g'shtonna is hut er exactly geguckt das we an neie wond mit em ærshta coat mortar druf. Awer de onnery hen net feel besser geguckt, doch hen se der fooks g'fonga-der Johnny fun Reamstownshteddle hut ean grickt, un se sin all widder tsurick one eck kumma for ebbas tsu nemma. Now mind, 's neagsht mohl das mer an fox chase hen donn kumm aw. JOHOUNES FRITZ STROCKENBEIN.

## WILL WIDDER BUWELLE SEL.

Es reayert heit-mer kon net nous Un sis so lonesome doh im house: Mer weas net we mer feelt, Ich will mohl du, als wær ich klea Un uf der owersht shpeicher gea-Dort hobich uftmohls g'shpeelt.

An buwelle bin ich widder yetz, Wu sin mei krutza, un my kletz? Now wærd mohl 'n house gebaut! Es shpeelt sich doch net gu't allea-Ich bin yo doch kea buwelle mea! Was kluppt my hærtz so loud!

Horrich! Was an wunnerbawre sach!-Der reaya roppelt uf em dach, Gor nimmy we er hut! Ich hobs ols g'hært mit leichtem hærtz Now gebts mer orrig heamwea-shmærtz Kennt heila wann ich wot!

Mer leawa yusht betreegrish nei Ins shpeela un ins buwelle sei : Sis net so leicht tsu du For ebber sogt-"nix on der sach: Hearsht du der reaya uf em dach-

Sogt er, du wærsht an buh?—" Des shpeela geat net—soll ich fort? Was is uf selly bolka dort? Now bin ich widder buh! Dort hen mer keshta ousgeshtreit, Tsu dærra uf de Krishdog tseit-

Deats gleicha widder du An buwelle sci-sell is derwært-De keshta roashta uf der hært-Was hut des als gekracht! Sell is ferbei. Ich feels im g'meed,

Es shpeelt an rechtes heamwea leed, Der reaya uf 'em dach! Dort shteat de same olt walnus kisht-Ich wunner doch now was dort drin ish? S'mus ebbas bortich's sei. Kollenner, Tseitung, Bicher-ho!

Now bin ich awer recht an bu, Weil ich doh widder seana du Des olt bekonnta sach. Morrich! hearsht der reaya! Yes indeed-

De olty sacha hen se doh

All sunnersht sevversht nei!

Er shpeelt an rechtes heamwea leed Dort owa uf em dach!

Shtill reava! Buwelle shpeeit derheam De shtenner dort fun gumma beam Shtean noch om olta plots; Dort bin ich olly Somshdog he Hob saltz gahohlt for shofe un kee-Sell war alt rule un satz-

Wu sin de seddle un de tseam? De mæd sin nimmy doh derheam-Se wohna now sunsht wo! Se hen de socha mit-yah-ach-We klopt der reaya uf em dach !--Ich gleich net shpeela doh!

Dort is so g'wiss, olt trunnel bet! Denksht du, ich ken sell trunnelly net? We sees war dort de ruh! De buwa hen sheints feelings 'tseicht Un hens ne uf der fendu gishteigt Sell war now shea gedu.

Sell trunnel, sell war ols my-Ich leag mich eawich nimmy nisell is ousg'shpeelty sach! Es reayert—ach, in yeadam gleed Feel ich des sheana kinner's leed Fum reaya uf em dach.

Se henka net om balka mea, De bindla fun dem kreiter tæ. Un ollerlea gewærtz ; Now will ich widder buwelle sei— Ich hohl se for de mommy rei-Sell pleas'd my buwelle hærtz!

Se shloaft yo uf om kærrich-hof dort! Fergest mer sich doch so? Now wærds mer tsort in meim gemeed— Der reaya! was au traurich leed! Ich shpeel net lenger doh!

#### WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

[CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.]

It is generally conceded that Mr. Blaine will be the choice of a majority of the Representatives for Speaker of the next House. The candidates for clerk are the incumbent, Mr. McPherson, Rosewell Hart, recently a member from New York, and Mr. Eckley, at present a member from Ohio. From present appearances Mr. McPherson will have an easy race

The Secretary of State again denies that there are any negotiations going on for the purchase of Cuba. It appears that some six or eight months ago overtures were made through our Minister to the Spanish Government relative to a purchase of that Island. The Spanish Government declined to entertain the proposition, since which time the Government has not renewed the overtures.

Mr. Schenck, chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the U. S. House of Representatives, said, in a speech on Tuesday last, that there was a parcel of speculators through the country who were trying to "bull" the whisky market, and to create an impression that in Congress, or in some committee of Congress, there was a purpose to increase the tax on whisky. He alluded to it now for the pur-pose of saying that nobody, he thought, contemplated any amendment of the kind, and he did not believe that any persons with correct purposes, or with any other purpose than rascality in speculation, had set afloat such rumors.

It is finally settled that they are to have a grand inauguration ball in Washington on the night of the 4th of March, and this afternoon permission was given to the managers to make use of the north wing of the treasury building for that purpose. Gen. Grant has determined not to attend any ball or reception on inauguration day.

Out of nearly three hundred civil appointments made by the President at the present session, but three, and those of an unimportant character, have been confirmed. The action of the Republican Senators has thrown all the candidates here, and their friends, into a fever, and a vigorous effort will be made to reduce the relaxation of the rule so far as to admit of confirmations which can be shown to be unobjectionable to the incoming Administration.

Mr. Sherman, on Wednesday, much to the surprise of every one, succeeded in beating the Pacific railroaders, and the two million subsidy bill, which has been debated for several days, was pushed aside for the funding bill. Mr. Sherman then made his long expected speech. His arguments against the expediency of any immediate attempt at the resumption of specie payment seems to be considered as

Gen. Grant authorizes the statement that he has not in any way, in conversa-tions or otherwise, made known his preferences for the persons to fill his cabinet. He has uniformly indicated that he would take no action on the subject until he shall only for a short time."
receive official notification of his election, "That don't matter," remarkt Josef, receive official notification of his election. which notification cannot reach him for

a week or two. The tariff strength in the House is fast being wasted, and will soon vanish entirely as an element of power; giving the wool interest all asked for in a special bill, and then giving the copper interest another special bill, and now trying a small iron bill, to the exclusion of other Pennsylvania interests, and a host of other manufacturing States, makes it a question of special interest to such an extent, that it can no longer rally a column sufficiently strong to carry anything, and unless some of the delegations especially organize and work together, there will be no revision of the tariff now, or in the Forty-first Con-

The committee of the House of Representatives appointed to inquire into and report the legislation necessary for taking the ninth census, is desirous of receiving suggestions from persons in all parts of the country in relation to the matter. Communications addressed to General Garfield, the chairman, will receive due

attention and consideration. It seems almost impossible to reconcile the diversity of views upon the question of finance in either the Senate or the House, and it now looks as though there would be nothing accomplished in the way of financial legislation at this session.

Generals Porter and Babcock, of Gen. Grant's staff, have returned from their tour of inspection through the Southern States. They will make an extended written report to General Grant. They represent North Carolina as in the best condition, and next stands Alabama. The worst state of affairs exists in Georgia, and some legislation from Congress to secure the rights of the loyal people in that State will be recommended. Notwithstanding the militia troubles in Arkansas. the State is in a flourishing condition.



HON, JOHN CESSNA.

Representative in Congress from the District composed of Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams Counties, Penn'a.

## Selected.

#### NASBY.

Mr. Nasby and his Friends consider the Question of Bread and Butter--- A Narrow Escape.

[From the Toledo Blade.]

POSTOFFICE, CONFEDRIT & ROADS. (Wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky,) January 13, 1869.

The question, "Wat kin I do with my-self?" is not solved. My return from Noo York so ignominyusly on foot wuz a serious disappintment to my friends at the corners. They felt when I left em that they hed me fixed for life, and their sorror at my ontimely return wuz genuine. Bascom, ez soon ez he saw me enter his bar weary and foot-sore, remarked with a profime ejaculashen, that I'd be hez rooin

I am a man uv ackshen. To wuntst I called a meetin uy my friends to consider the situashen and to arrange for another vencher. I remarkt to em that I hed not lost faith in Noo York; that I wuz certain that that city wuz my field. I proposed that another outfit shood be furnished me, the same ez before, and that I shood hev one more trial. But they yoonanimously declined, feelin that I hadn't suffishent control uv my own appetite for a grocery keeper, and that investments in that direcshun wood be a perpetooal waste uv capital which the corners cood not afford.

Various methods uv making a livin were

sejested, but none met my approval. One wood sejest his thing in San Francisco; another that in Alaska; and each wood swear that every one wuz the very thing. Their readiness to agree and the numerousnis uv the miles the places wuz away satisfied me that distance wuz the main pint with them.

That misable wretch, Joe Bigler, happened in at a moment when they wuz a discussin the feasibility uv a conductorship on a street railroad in Noo Orleanscompanies hedn't all got dissipated nefhews to fill rich, responsible places—when he remarkt that the abtoosenis uy humanity wuz one uv the wonders uv the nineteenth century.

"Make uv him," said Josef, a Dimekratic organ grinder, "saw off his right leg, dress him in bloo, git him an instroo-ment wich will play 'Dixie,' 'The Bon-nie Bloo Flag,' and sich toons, and plant him on the side-walks uy Looisville, Noo York, or any other Dimekratic city, and his forchoon is made.

"But why dress me in bloo? Why not in gray, ef I play Confedrit toons?"
"Innocence! Didn't the Dimocrisy al-

ways wear bloo while they wuz whistlin Confedrit toons? Even in the North they don't object to a bloo coat, so that they know there's a Confedrit heart under it. "But," replied I, "I wusn't a soljer—wich is, only ez a draftid man, and then

"no more wuz the heft of the Dimocrisy. The bulk uv em wich served, served as drafted men. But that circumstance is in yoor favor. The regler organ-grinders, them wich wuz volunteers, put onto a placard which hangs onto their instrooments, words to this effect:

"Enlisted July, 1863-Shot thro the leg at Anteetem."

"Yoo kin put onto yourn this proud inscripshon:
"Draftid Sept. 6, 1863—desertid Sept. 30, 1863—lost right leg in an encounter with Provost Marshals, Oct. 10, 1863."

"Sich an inscripshun wood melt the heart uv every Dimocratic passer-by, and they'd fill your cigar box with coppers. Wich uv em cood resist such an appeal? Think uv wat a harvest you'd reap in Louisville when Breckenridge comes home, and in Frankfort when he's inoggerated Governor uv Kentucky! It's the dodge

for yoo, Parson." I that the matter over for a minit, and it pleased me. The life uv an organ-grinder is by no means to be despised. It's a dreamy, poetical, contemplative sort of egsistence. Ez there ain't no manyeoal labor in it beyond the mere turning uv a crank, I am satisfied that it would suit me. Then one sees so much uv life. Constantly before yoo is a ever changin panorama-yoo see humanity in all its phases -and when nite comes how sweet the rest, how inspirin the likker, wich yoo hev honestly carned by your manly exertions!
"Is it necessary that I shell hev a leg

ampitated?" askt I. "Certainly!" replied Josef.
"Then I decline!" sed I. "Aside from
the pain, I hev a regard for them legs. They saved my life in all the skirmishes I wuz in doorin my breef term uv servis ez a drafted man in '63. I will not past with

one uv em."
"This is triffin with yoor friends, air!"

ejacilated Bascom. "Yoo hey the way opined for a honist livin, and yoo refoose to walk into it. This caunot be permitted."

"It cannot be permitted!" ekkoed Mc-Pelter, Pennibacker and the rest uv em. "Josef, hev yoo suffishent skill to ampetate a limb?" askt Bascom.
"I hev," replied Josef, "ef yoo will

furnish me a carvin knife and a hand saw. I've seen it done in Confederit hospitals. Troo, the victims didn't most allus survive. Ef yoo do stand it, Parson, think uv the glorious life organ grindin is-ef yoo die under it, console yoorself by thinking how much organ grindin yoo've escaped! Bring the knife and saw, and somebody twist a hankercher about his leg.'

And forthwith they ceazed me, throwed me onto the bar and tied me there, and brot a dull knife and a hand saw, and that cuss would hev hackt into my leg fied it not been for Deekin Pogram.

"Josef Bigler," said this more than saint, "trooly tell us, what are the chances uv his survivin this operation?"

"About one in a thousand, I shood say, and that's why I am so anxious to commence!" promptly replied Josef, sharp-ening the knife vishusly onto the sole of

his boot.
"Then let him up!" ejackilatid the Deckin, hastily, "let him up. He owes me thirty-seven dollars, with intrest, sence the second day he arrived in this place, which he borrowed. Ef he dies its gone—cf he lives he may strike suthin that'll enable him to pay it."
"Slash away, Bigler!" remarkt Bascom

vishously, "he owes me seven hundred dollars for drinks sence he's bean here, and ef he lives he'll double it in a year."

There wuz an animatid discussion ez to whether Bigler shood go on or stay his eager hand. Fortunately I owed evry one uv the bystanders, and wat wuz more fortunate the most uv em wuz better fixed than Bascom. The heft uv my indebtedness to the others wuz for borrered money, clothin, and sich things wich a man kin git along without. Bascom knows that so long ez I live I must hev his goods, money or no money, and hence his desire to see me either git lucrative employment or die.

But the majority wuz agin him—he yeelded, and I wuz saved. "Thank heaven," I exclaimed, ez I riz; "thank heaven fer debt. Hed I been less hefty on the borrier, I would now be a cold corpse." I must git out uv this ez soon ez possi-le. Petroleum V. Nasby, P. M.,

(Wich is Postmaster.)

"You have visited my daughter a long time," said an anxious mother to a young gentleman of our acquaintance the other day. "What are your intentions, sir?"
"Honorable, entirely so," said the gentleman. "I intend backing out as the

coachmen say." "You do, do you? backing out, and pray, sir, what are your reasons for deceiving the poor girl?"
"I have several," said our friend.

"Well, name if you can, you imp of Satan-you little waisted, knock-kneed, carrot-haired, pale-faced, gimlet-eyed, no whiskered dolt—you thing—you scrap—you fag end of nothing; you——"
"Your daughter," said he interrupting

her, "don't wear her bustle right, I have seen it on one-sided. Her dressmaker says she is padded in a dozen places, and wears two pair of stays; her false teeth don't stay in well, and she puts castor oil on her wig. Madam, I can't stand such carelessness."

THE National Convention of Colored Men has adopted a report urging the organization of an Equal Rights League. A resolution was passed asking Congress for an amendment to the Constitution, so as to put beyond cavil the right of every citizen to vote, irrespective of race, or color or condition, and urging upon Congress the necessity of further legislation to re-dress the outrage of expelling the colored members from the Georgia Legislature, and to restore the rights of colored people in that State. A sub-committee is preparing addresses to be laid before the American people, and another committee has been appointed to present the suffrage question before the Congressional Judiciary Committee.

THE country should be gratified at the evident disposition of Congress to make a strong distinction between the various measures before them which require pecuniary support from the government. Gen. Grant has taken an early and decided stand on the side of economy, and as he is at present the most influential man in America, his opinons have had their

-Mr. Henpeck was asked the other night if he was going to take home any magazine. He said he had one there, and she was continually blowing up.

## Our Zittle Jokes.

"Would you like to know the secret
Of your neighbor's house and life?
How he lives, and how he doesn't,
And just how he treats his wife?
How he spends his time of leisure,

Whether sorrowful or gay;
And where he goes for pleasure,
To the concert or the play?
If you wish it, I will tell you, Let me whisper to you sly
If your neighbor is but civil,

It is not your business why." -A Revenue cutter is the man who don't pay his income tax.

--How to please a lady-let her do as W. M. WHITESIDE, she pleases. -The mitten that never fits-the one

that you get from a lady. -The lady who took everybody eye must have quite a lot of 'em. -Smith was shocked on being assured

that the powder ladies use goes off. -The hand that can make a pie is a continual feast to the lucky man that marries it.

-When is a young man's arm like the gospel? When it makes glad the waist

—The most difficult surgical operation—to take the cheek from a young man and the jaw from an old woman. -It is stated that the census embraces

seventeen millions of women. O dear! how we would like to be a census. -Old Bittersnap thinks that lock-jaw among the ladies is not as common as it

--"Not guilty," said an Omaha jury; but, if the prisoner is smart, he will leave the territory before night," He left.

-A writer in the New York Citizen says: "It Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrim Fathers, it would have been a

happy thing." -A true picture of despair is a pig reaching through a hole in the fence to get a cabbage that is only a few inches beyond his reach.

—How long did Adam remain in Para-disc before he sinned?" asked a vixen of her loving husband. "Till he got a wife," answered the husband calmly. -A lover sees his sweetheart in every-

thing he looks at, just as a man, bitten by a mad dog sees dog in his meat, dog in his drink, dog all around him. -A wag remarks that he has seen a

couple of sisters who had to be told everything together for they were so much alike that they couldn't be told apart. -He that feasts his body with banquets and delicate fare, and starves his soul for

want of spiritual food, is like him who feeds his servant and starves his wife. --- "How well he plays for one so young!" said Mrs. Partington, as the organ boy performed with a monkey near the door;

And how much his little brother looks like him, to be sure!" -A little girl, worn out by a long sermon, observing the preacher gathering himself for another point exclaimed: "Oh, mother, he is not going to quit at all! He

is swelling up again!" -There was once an independent old lady who, speaking of Adam's naming all the animals, said she didn't think he deserved any credit for naming the pig any one would know what to call him.

-A sharp old gentleman travelling out

West got a seat beside his wife in a crowded car, by requesting the young man who sat by her, to "please watch that woman while he went into another car, as she had fits."

-A Kentuckian, who had, after protracted courtship, made up his mind to propose to a young lady, carried his resolution into effect. The lady with some hesitation replied: "I am partially engaged, but mother wants to marry."

-A married man in New Hampshire adopted an original way of reducing household expenses. One morning re-cently, when he knew his wife would see him, he kissed the servant girl. The household expenses were instantly reduced \$200 per year.

-A husband's diary of his wife's temper; "Monday, thick fog; Tuesday, gloomy and very chilly; Wednesday, frosty and charp. Thursday, bitter cold; Friday, deep thunder and growlings; Saturday, partial thaw; Sunday, calm at dinner, earthquake at night!"

-A rich miser was visited on his deathbed by a fellow miser, who, for want of a better subject, began to talk about his funeral. "It will cost a great deal," said

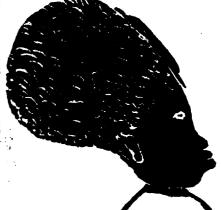
he; there will be the monument." 'Oh! don't have any monument."

"And the plumes-"Oh! don't have any plumes." "And the flowers, and the rose-wood

coffin, and carriages—" "Don't have any carriages; I had rather go on foot."

—"I went to the Legislature last year," said a Georgian. "Well, I went to Augusta and took dinner at a tavern. Right before me sat a member from one of the back towns, who had never taken dinner before at a tavern in his life. Before his plate was a dish of peppers, and he kept looking at them. Finally, as the waiter was very slow bringing on things, he up with his fork and in less than no time counted one into his worth. soused one into his mouth. As he brought down his grinders the tears came into his eyes. At last spitting the pepper into his hand, he laid it down by the side of his plate, and with a voice that set the whole table in a roar, exclaimed: 'Just lie there and cool!

[By our Special Artist.]



HEAD PASSION FOR PERSUARY.

### Dentistry.

LANCASTER, June 25th, 1868.

EDITORS EXPRESS: Dr. Wm. M. Whiteside, the enterprising Dentist, has purchased from the a large stock of teeth and all the fixtures, the instruments formerly belonging to me, and also those used by my father, Dr. Parry, in his practice. In the purchase, the doctor has provided himself with some of the most valuable and expensive instruments used in dental practice, and has beyond doubt one of the best and kreets and instruments in the State. Persons visiting the commodious offices of Dr. Whiteside, cannot fail to be fully accommodated. The Doctor loses no opportunity, of furnishing himself with every late scientific improvement in his line of business.

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