FATHER ABRAHAM.

Pennsylvanisch Deitsch.

BREEF FUM SCHWEFFLEBRENNER.

SCHLIFFLETOWN, Jan. 11t, 1869.

MISTER FODDER ABRAHAM:

Doh bin ich widder der heam bei der Bevvy. Des Lobby bisness dort in Harrisborrick is an humbuck, un ich will nix mit tsu du hawa. Ich bin ous em sock—g'shtrapt un ous g'shpeelt. We ich nuf bin wahra de prospeckts ivver ous goot, for grawd om æershta dog huts ous geguckt dos wann ich an sheaner pile macha kent ous der Dresherers leckshun. Un ich het aw goot gedu wanns onnershter gonga wær, un providing se hetta mer aw an gooter divvy betzahlt. De fact is, ich war uf der letza side fum question.

For instans, ich bin grawd nei gonga for der Macky, weil's mer fore kumma is dos in seller direction hets de greenbax merit. Ich hob der cholly Jack g'froked ebs all right is, un ær hut mer so an koryoser wink gevva un g'sawt "uf course is es all right," un "Pit, shtick tsum Macky—ich sog's—es is all right" secht er, un donn noch amohl so an side wink mit eam awg. De langwitch fun sellam wink war merit—shtamps—subshtanshel arguments. Awer uf course, mer sin nei gonga uf de kontinshensy fum Macky sei leckshun. Der Jack hut behawpt es sei a det sure ding. So an kluner ding wu se Kway heasa hut mer g'sawt es sei all up mit denna Erwinsleit weil se kea substanshel-ler backing hen—greenbacking hut er gemeant, uf course. Ich bin aw bekannt warra mit eam Barrickner wu de Harrisborricker Tseiting rouse gebt, un we ich eam g'sawt hob dos ich der Pit Schwefflebrenner bin, un uf bisness ous bin, un for Macky gea, donn war er awer about goot gepleest. Er is an orrick blesseerlicher monn, un so feel ich hob kenna ous finna, is er an ormer monn, un ivver ous pottriuttish; er hut shun orrick long gedeent ols Poshtmeashter; hut de Letchislatiff Record gedruckt, for yohra long; furnish'd bobbeer, un dinda, un feddera, un led pensils, un ollerlea shteashenerry for de Semly un gebts on first cost weil's for der Shtate is. Un now, es dut mer læd's tsu sawya se wella eam nix mea gevva tsu ferdeena mit em *Record*, un sell is an shond, for so leit set mer unnershtza. We [illegible] was er shun olles gedu hut for de party, is mers fore kumma ich het de traina sea kenna ivver sei bocka nunner lawfa, un donn sin mer de awya aw wasserich warra un ich hob mei ruck tsipple g'nummа for se ob tsu butza weil ich keashnubduch bei mer g'hot hob.

Awer, mei grossy misfortshun war de leckshun for Dresherer. Om tswelf uhr hen se awfonga vota un hohls mich der Kitzelderfer selwer wan se net der Erwin nei leckt hen. Der Kway hut g'sawt se sin now uf gebust; der Barrickner heasts unconshtitooshenal, un der cholly Jack hut mer tsu fershtea gevva dos misfortshin ne net single handed kummt. Er hut mer g'sawt er geat heam; dos der ring ous g'shpeelt un uf geburst is; dos nix mea tsu du is in Harrisborrick bis der negsht winter. Donn hob ich ean g'froked eb unser eans nix grickt for der Macky supporta—dos mer net offorda kennt doh huvva rum sei for nix. Awer er hut g'sawt dos de prospeckts orrick poorly sin, for we g'sawt, secht er, misfortshin kummt ne net single handed. Don hob ich amohl noch g'froked for der Macky, awer ær war gor net tsu finna. Donn hob ich amohl der George uf g'sucht, un hob en aw g'funna. Ær hut mich yusht ous g'lacht. Secht er, forwas warsht donn so dumm un husht dich net uf de shtorrick side g'shofft? Er hut mer explain'd dos shun for a woch het er g'seana dos de kærls im sin hetta der Macky tsu beeta, un donn wær ær aw grawd ins Erwin boat nei, un wanns aw nix in cash betzahlt kenna se eam doch net noch sawya dos er om kleana end rouse kumma is. "Pit" secht er, "du musht noch lærna eb du ebbas im lobby du konnsht. An onners mohl kumm du tsu meer, secht er, for ich du dich uf de recht shpoor.

Awer ich konn der net olles sawya, for ich bin disgust mit Harrisborrick, for ich hob noch tswea dahler un a færitle lehna missa for heam tsu kumma. Un es is mer forlead. Doh bin ich, we g'sawt, entirely g'shtrapt. Mei eantsiche hoffning is geld tsu macha mit a gift enterprise. Ich hob geshter an confidensheller breef grickt fun Nei Yorrick mit an offer for in so an bisness nei tsu gea, un ferleicht du ich aw. Ich will noch a paar dog drivver considera. Mit Harrisborrick bin ich any how diskust.

De Bevvy meant aw ich wær besser derheam geblivva.

PIT SCHWEFFLEBRENNER.

THE amount subscribed to the Stanton relief fund in New York city is about fifty thousand dollars. Collector Grinnell's list contains the names of twenty-three gentlemen who have given one thousand dollars each, and several who have subscribed five hundred dollars a piece. A. T. Stewart's list is not quite so heavy. In Boston sixteen thousand dollars have been raised, and in Philadelphia twenty thousand dollars, making a total in these three cities of about eighty-six thousand dollars. The remaining fourteen thousand dollars will undoubtedly be made up in the West.

GEN. BUTLER says the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln at once supplemented and complemented the Declaration of Independence; that it "may fitly be termed the executive act of freedom to all mankind, of which the Declaration of '76 was only the legislative announcement. It required both to make all men free; the first did so in theory, the latter in fact."

Father Abraham's Chips.

BROOM-CORN is worth $200 a ton in Tennessee.

GOVERNOR DURKEE, of Utah, died on Saturday, 15th, of pneumonia.

AN extensive coal field has been discovered in Northern California.

HARTFORD, CONN., put up $2,000,000 worth of new buildings last year.

THE town of La Porte, California, was nearly destroyed by fire last week.

MISSOURI, Ohio and Kansas have lately ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

THE Governor of Louisiana has signed the bill repealing the gambling law.

A WOMAN in Buffalo spoiled her husband's neck-tie by hanging herself with it.

J. Wilson Shaffer, of Illinois, has been confirmed as Governor of Utah.

THERE will be twenty-eight State Legislatures and Conventions in session during this month.

COL. W. W. DAVIS, of the Doylestown *Democrat*, is writing a history of Bucks county.

THE Rev. Dr. Cuyler says that many of the New York city churches "are dying of dignity."

HORATIO SEYMOUR has been re-elected President of the America Dairymen's Association.

DELANO decides concealing whisky to be a crime. What a cargo of criminals we have among us.

PORTLAND, ME., has fifty doctors and seventy-five lawyers, and yet remains healthy and orderly.

IN the Massachusetts House of Representatives a bill was introduced to repeal the prohibitory liquor law.

EXCURSIONS to Egypt, the Suez Canal, and Palestine, in forty days, are advertised in England, for 100 guineas.

IT is rumored that Cyrus W. Field and Wm. Orton are about to purchase the French cable for $1,000,000 in gold.

A FIRE last week in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, destroyed two entire blocks, causing a loss of $300,000 to $500,000.

GEN. J. M. ST. JOHN, formerly Engineer-in-Chief of the rebel government, has been elected City Engineer of Louisville.

IT is reported that the Western Union Telegraph Company will shortly control the French as it does the English cables.

NEW counterfeit fifty cent notes of the last series, of very superior execution, are afloat. The paper is inferior to that of the genuine.

THE Russian Government is talking of building a railroad through Siberia to China. Its length in Asia will be one thousand miles.

THE Dr. Paul Schoeppe case was not heard by the Supreme Court on Monday, but will be heard on the first Monday of February, the 7th.

BLIND TOM has got the legal appellation of Thomas Green Bethune, a Southern legislature having allowed him to assume the surname of his old owner.

SOME Philadelphia and New Jersey capitalists are agitating the project of a new air line Railroad from Philadelphia to New York, with a running schedule of two hours.

MR. SPOFFORD, the Congressional librarian, is said to be a walking encyclopedia, and that when any of the distinguished representatives desire information on any subject, they "ask Spofford."

IT is reported that John Bright is building cotton mills in America, and that Whitworth, the great English machinist, has already an establishment on this side of the water manufacturing cotton machinery.

MR. GREELEY'S salary as editor of the Tribune has been raised to $10,000 per annum. At the annual meeting of the stockholders $50,000 were divided, of which the late A. D. Richardson is credited with $8,150.

COMMISSIONER DELANO has instructed the Supervisors in the distillery districts throughout the country to change the Gaugers in their districts once in every three or four weeks, in order to have the law properly enforced.

AT a meeting in St. Louis recently, to consider the subject of the removal of the national capital, committees were appointed to correspond with the Governors of the several States and members of Legislatures, in the interest of the project.

THE Treasury Department will put fives, twenties and fifties of the new series of legal tender notes into circulation in about ten days. They are handsome bills, made of Government bank note paper, and of much brighter appearance on the face than the new ones and twos in circulation.

BREVET MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH A. MOWER, commanding Department of Louisiana, died on Thursday night of last week of congestion of the Lungs. Gen. Mower was a native of Connecticut, and an officer of great distinction. He was with General Sherman on his march to the sea.

THE Carthaginians are said to have been the first who paved their streets with stones. The Romans in the time of Augustus had pavements in many of their streets; but the Appin Way was a paved road, and was constructed 312 B. C. In England there were few paved streets before Henry the Seventh's reign. London was first paved about the year 1533.

OF the eighty thousand Chinese on the Pacific coast, about one thousand are under Sunday school instruction. Others are employed in families. The desire to learn gives hope of an extended effort to teach them. To labor among this class a capable Chinese missionary has been employed, and publications in the Chinese language are supplied for the institution.

THE Pennsylvania Central R. R. is not only doing an immense freight and passenger business, but every recurring year shows a gratifying increase in the amount of freight and number of passengers carried. In 1868, 240,487 loaded and 149 085 empty freight cars passed over the Middle Division (of which Colonel S. A. Black is Superintendent), making a total of 389,572. In 1869, 272,221 loaded and 161,892 empty freight cars were shipped over the same division, showing an increase in favor of 1869 of 54,541. The number of passenger cars passing over it in 1868 was 40,337, and in 1869, 44,974—increase 4,637.

GENERAL WILLIAM W. IRWIN,
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Selected.

YOUNG MEN.

An exchange truly says: "Thousands of young men are to-day drifting helplesslessly about on the ocean of life, vainly hoping that ere long some favorable breeze will spring up and drive their vessels into some safe harbor. Where that safe harbor is they have no idea; because they have no definite object in view. They have never decided upon any course of life, but permit their actions to be shaped and moulded by the circumstances of the hour. Is it any wonder that disasters follow each other in quick succession? More men are ruined through *indecision* than from a wrong *decision*. Few men will deliberately lay out and pursue a plan of life that will ultimately work their ruin. Most young men of the present day enter the great battle of life without any well defined system of warfare, and consequently spend their best days in airmless pursuits. Indecision is the bane of our existence. Could we look into the world of spirits we would find but few souls in the dark regions of woe that had resolved to reach that goal; nearly all who are there, and those who are hastening there, are in their present condition simply because they never decided whither they would go, and their indecision has been their ruin.

A WONDERFUL ECHO.

Above where the county town of M—— is situated, on the South Fork of the American River, in the State of California, is a cave noted for its remarkable echo, taking up voices and sounds and repeating them several times over. It was noted around the country, and was visited by many of the curious of the then new Golden State. The following is literally true:

A would-be dandy, in company with a lady, went to pay a visit to the wonderful Echo Cave. When they were near enough for their voices to reach the cave they halted. "Now hollow to it," said the lady.

"Hello-o!" called out the gentleman in a very loud voice.

Now to the right of the cave, and near it, sat a tired miner engaged in the laudable act of eating his dinner. Supposing that he was the person called to by the gentleman, he responded,

"Hello."

"It has answered you," said the lady. "Now, hollow again to it and ask it what it is doing."

"Hello-o, what are you doing there?"

The answer came back clear and decisive,

"None of your blamed business, you old corkscrew."

The lady turned with wonder in her eyes to the gentleman, saying,

"Indeed, this is a very wonderful echo."

"Let us return, it appears to be out of humor this time," said the gentleman, and they returned to M—— in perfect ignorance of the cause of the singular response.

PORTRAIT OF A VILLAGE LOAFER: The Litchfield (Conn.) *Sentinel* thus photographs one of the institutions of that town:

"There is a man in this town who sets himself up as the censor of public morals, and who publishes and condemns the shortcomings of his fellow-men. He is as sanctimonious as if he had swallowed a conference meeting. Five hundred of the old, genuine, original, half-shell Pharisees boiled down to a half-pint, would make a weak decoction when compared with this individual. He is so impregnant with the odor of sanction that one could scrape it off his clothes with a clam-shell. Yet this man is the most inveterate loafer in the whole town—an inquisitive, prying, meddlesome, impudent nuisance, an intolerable gossip and busybody. If he sees two or more gentlemen talking together, he walks up and listens to their conversation. He has the cheek of a cast-iron Indian. He is capable of interrupting the benediction at a wedding, to ask the bridegroom what he he expects to pay the clergyman. We are not going to tell who this man is; if we should do so, some life insurance company would gobble him for a peripatetic agent, and we have too much philanthropy to do anything that might increase his opportunity to make his fellow-men miserable, or to commit the sin of cursing."

THE Plymouth Church voted Thursday night to increase the salary of its pastor, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, to $20,000 a year. In the course of a discussion among the leading members the idea was thrown out that this increase is made in consideration of Beecher's advancing years and circumstances; that it is his intention ere long to retire from public. One member hoped that next year his salary would be fixed at $25,000. Mr. Beecher has refused to receive more than $12,000 a year.

Our Little Jokes.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Mine Cot! mine Cot! vot language dat!
I can not English spraken;
For shust so sure I speak him right,
So sure I bees mistaken.

For when I says I wants my beer,
I mean that lager fixen;
Bier means dem tings dat folks ride on
Ven dey go dead as blixen.

Dey say dey "raise" a building,
Den "raze" it down so cline;
"Rays" mean dem ting the sun frows out
Ven it gets up to shine.

"Meat" means dem ting dat's coot to eat;
"Meat" also means ting proper;
'Tis only "mete" to measure dese tings
Ten steampoats "mete" the stopper.

Shust the same word means every ting;
It makes no business whether
You spell him dis or t'other way—
Von sounds almost like t'other.

Mine Cot! mine Cot! so sure I "knows,"
I can not English spraken;
For ven I "nose" I speak him right,
Py tam! I gits mistaken.

—Why are troubles like babies? Because they grow bigger by careful nursing.

—A drunken man who had slipped down thought it singular that water always freezes with the slippery side up.

—"None but the brave deserve the fair"—and none but the brave can live with some of them.

—Absconding is now described by a Kentucky paper as a "time-honored way of getting out of debt."

—It is said that Job was worried by a devil—from which we infer that he edited a newspaper. Editors can sympathize with Job.

—A notice of a recent steamboat explosion ends as follows: "The captain swam ashore. So did the chambermaid. She was insured for 15,000, and loaded with *iron*."

—"Get out of the way, boy! get out of the way!" said a gentleman on horseback to a boy in the road. "My horse don't like donkeys," "Doan't he?" said the boy. "Then why doan't he kick you off?"

—A man lately made application for insurance on a building situated in a village where there was no fire engine. He was asked, "What are the facilities in your village for extinguishing a fire?" "Well, it rains sometimes," he replied, with great simplicity.

—An Irishman, with a heavy bundle on his shoulder, riding on the front of a horse car, was asked why he did not set his bundle on the platform. He replied: "Be Jabers, the horses have enough to drag me. I'll carry the bundle."

—"Papa," said Mr. Brown's youngest son the other day, "can I go to the circus?" "No, my boy," affectionately replied Mr. Brown; "but if you are a good boy, I will take you to see you grandmother's grave this afternoon."

—An irreverent rascal publishes the following atrocious conundrum: "What is the difference between a maiden of sixteen and a maiden of sixty? One is *careless* and *happy*, and the other is *hairless* and *cappy*.

—"So you are going to keep house, are you?" said an elderly lady to a blushing bride. "Yes," was the reply. "Going to have a girl, I suppose?" The newly made wife colored, and then quietly responded that she "really didn't know whether it would be a girl or a boy."

—They have a good joke on a rising young lawyer of Troy. His eloquence had cleared a man charged with offering counterfeit money, and the grateful man gave him fifty dollars for his services. He tried to use some of the money after the fellow left the town, and found that every dollar of it was counterfeit!

—Rivalry in trade is shown in the case of two sausage dealers in Paris, with shops adjoining, one of whom has painted on his glass window, over a pyramid of sausages: "At ten cents a pound—to pay more is to be robbed;" while the other puts his sausages into an obelisk, and paints above it: "At twelve cents a pound—to pay less is to be poisoned."

—A chap out in Michigan wanting a wife, not as an "ornament of society," but as a useful member thereof, thus advertised: "Any gal what's got a bed, a coffee pot, a skillet, and knows how to cut out britches, can make a hunting-shirt, and knows how to take care of young uns, ken have my services till death parts on us."

—"O dear, I have lost my breakfast," groaned a sea-sick man leaning over the rail during a recent fishing excursion in Boston Harbor. "Well, war auf it?" said his neighbor, thickly, who was also contemplating the briny deep. "Wor of it! you needn't make suth a futh about it, I've lost my meanth of *eatin* breakfuth; my whole set of—of half teef have gone oferboard."

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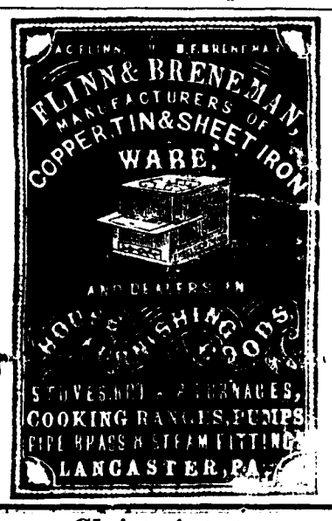

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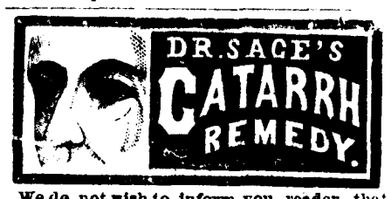

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