FATHER ABRAHAM.

Pennsylvanisch Deitsch.

BREEF FUM SCHWEFFELBRENNER.

SCHLIFFELTOWN, April der 27t, 1870.

MISTER FODDER ABRAHAM:

Heit feel ich yusht exactly dos wann ich nix weiters tsu sawya het dos yusht shoo-fly. Wann mer net gebottert sei will mit nonsense heitich dogs donn is es fashionable shoo-fly tsu sawya. Sell mehnt, gea mer aweck, un luss mich gea; du bisht mer tsu insickniflickent. Shoo-fly is an wart dos an kleaner darkey erfunna hut doh fergonga, we er ous 'ma tsucker hogshead rouse g'shluppt is un we so an grossy shmeas-muck on ean hut wella, un donn hut er ols so noch cara g'shlawya mit seim hoot, awer de muck war tsu shmart un flink for ean, un is em olly mohl ous em weg, un tsuletsht is em darkey sei geduld all warra un er hut noch-amohl noch er g'shlawya, un "shoo-fly" gegrisha was er hut greisha kenna, un sell hut de muck g'settled un ob is se un hut can aw sidder nimmy geboddert.

Now, was mich olleweil boddert, so about we selly muck wu der darkey geboddert hut, we er shoo-fly g'sawt hut, is so a koryose klea tseitingly wu der Ben Mishler rouse gebt dort in der shtadt, mit so breefin drin fun ollerlea nonsense. Eans fun denna breeflin is unnershrivva bei caner Betz Shmart, de letsht woch, un dut mich blackgarda. De Betz sagt se kent mich, un heast mich an humbuck un so sach. Well, wann se's donn obsolut wissa will, ich kenn aw de Betz—se is in der friendshaft mit em Ben—anyhow so a wennich, un ich hob an orrick grossy suspicion dos er cara ols helft selly breeflin tsu shreiva. Ich judge entirely fun der shtyle of decomposition—so ferhuttled un dorch enonner dos ich tsu der conclusion kumma bin dos es ols an ordlich grossy quantity fun gin cocktails nemmt, uft repeat, bis se ols eans fun der Betz eara breefa uf g'fixed hen in fit shape for tsu leasa. Anyhow, wanns de same Betz is wu doh in unser nochbershoft ufgebrocht is warra—de same Betz wu ols ons Kutztowner baddolya gonga is un uf de flying coaches un mit ennich ebber rum getravelt dos cara ols yusht genunk gin gekawft hut for sich full tsu saufa, donn is my opinion decidedly clear dos ich er nix bessers gevva konn in reply except yusht de tswea sheany, classicle un iwwer ous populary tsomma g'shponnty wart—shoo-fly.

Om [illegible] dog war ich un de Bevvy in der shtadt for seller fuftseat commandment possession tsu seana. Mer sin about om halb tsea uhr moryats in der shtadt aw kumma un hen uf g'shtellt ons Kreiders, un donn sin mer amohl nous in de shtadt rum for shoppa. Om tsea uhr sin mer de shtrose nunner gonga un hen on de ecka rum g'shtonna bis noch de tswelf uhr un donn is amohl der possession aw kumma. Der feddersht monn war an schwartzer uf ma weisa gaul, mit roat sash un ribbons un ollerla krixa-fixa on sich so dos er exactly geguckt hut we an pickter dos ich amohl g'seana hob fun a Mexican general. Donn sin about a holb dutzent aids kumma—olly monn schwartz except caner mit a weiser hoot uf, un awer ær war aw schwartz. D'no is de music band kumma, un donn der possession fun foos-genger un hinna noch sin se kumma mit foor-weasa.

Awer now mus ich der doch shreiva fun weaya cam monn dær mit eana gemarch'd is—der Sam Wollkamm fun unserm shteddle doh—an realer horter demokrat. Ich het ean gor net genotist wanns net for de Bevvy g'west wær, awer we der possession dort om fish morrickt forbei is, donn secht de Bevvy—"Pit, gook now, guck, guck, Pit, guck, dort geat so g'wiss ich leab aw der Sam Wollkamm" un ich gook, un sure enough, we g'sawt, dort war mine Sam—an full-bloodeder Schliffletowner demokrat im possession un orm in orm mit ma monn so schwartz dos an dinda foss, un so eanich mit eana g'march'd dos wan se tswilling breeder wæra. Ich bin aw neava noch g'march'd mit der Bevvy, bis nuf ins Shquare, un hob meina cayene awya sheer net glawa kenna dos aw der Sam Wollkamm mit eana gonga is. Wanns der G'shwire Lawbuck g'west wær, donn hets mich net ferwunnert, for, according tsu seiner shtory, war sei gross dawdy un halb shwartzer, un awer so feel ich weas is der Wollkamm nix dos an commoner demokrat, un hut gor kea claim uf de schwartzy for an single druppa Afrikanishes bloot. Un wann de schwartzy now net goot acht gevva donn wærra se olsfort geboddert mit denna demokrata wu sich bei eana aw macha wella. Seller Sam setta se anyhow ordlich close watcha, for ær wær gor net tsu goot for sich ob tsu passa for an halb schwartzer. Er is noch leddich, un ich hob an suspicion dos er bekanntshaft sucht mit caner de ich on der meeting g'seana hob mit a schwartzy haut un a fashionable dress aw. Eaner hut mer g'sawt se het about drei hunnert dahler geld, un sell deat ich denka wær on sich selwer sufficient inducement for so an kærl we der Sam for sich bei eara aw tsu macha. Anyhow, wann de schwartzy leit gooter fershtand hen donn halta se sich on a respectable distance fun olly demokrata.

De Bevvy hut g'sawt uf em heam weg, dos wann de neayer sich now so meen macha un lussa so demokrata we der Sam Wollkamm mit eana marcha in de possession, donn will se nix mit eana tsu du hawa. Se hut an notion an breef tsu shreiva on der bruder Boston un eam amohl an guter roat gevva fun weaya so kaerls. Se behawpt dos wann de schwartzy leit sich selwer reshpecta donn missa se gor nix tsu du hawa mit so shtuft—nix politically, morally odder soashelly.

PIT SCHWEFFELBRENNER.

Father Abraham's Chips.

AN Indiana couple aggregate 1,277 pounds weight.

"DIED from elongation of the tonsils" is the Western euphemism for hanging.

THE Boston *Transcript* wants to know what has become of those people who used to defend slavery from the Bible.

MISS DIX, after a tour of the Southern asylums and prisons, decides that snuff-dipping is a predominating cause of insanity among Southern women.

A VERMONT coroner's jury is "of A Pinion that the Decest met his deth from Violent Information in the hed, produced from Unoan Cauz."

FOR the first time in the history of Pennsylvania the National and State census will be taken together this year. It will not occur again until 1940.

A FEW days ago a *little girl in Ithaca*, just before she died, exclaimed: "Papa, take hold of my hand and help me across." Her father died two months ago.

A BANKING house in Columbia, S. C., was entered by burglars on Saturday night, and robbed of money and valuables to the amount of $100,000.

There is a report that Prince Pierre Bonaparte has arrived *in cog* in this *country and is now in Boston.* It is not generally credited.

THE Democratic Senators in the New York Legislature are squarely on the record in favor of sectarian appropriations for public schools.

THE so-called "Peace" bill passed by the British parliament for Ireland, it is said will have the effect to materially increase the emigration from that country to America the coming year.

THE House of Lords consists of 474 members, of whom 4 are princes of the blood, 3 archbishops, 27 dukes, 32 marquises, 167 earls, 36 viscounts, 27 bishops and 177 barons.

THE only daughter of Lieutenant Rollins, the first Yankee who was on Bunker Hill on the 17th of June, 1775, is living in Boston, at the age of 96. She has an annual pension of $48.

IT is asserted that the Know-Nothing party, under a new name, has recently been revived in New York, and is gaining in numbers astonishingly, both in city and county.

THE proposition to remove the Capitol of this State to Philadelphia, is being discussed. By no means remove it to Philadelphia. That city's influence is potent for evil already.

ALREADY the rebel organs of the South are proclaiming Judge Chase as a nominee for the next Presidency. Gratitude for recent decisions and the Cincinnati letter inspire the "unrepentant" all over the South.

ON Monday evening a week, the ninth anniversary of the arrival of the first Pennsylvania troops in Washington was celebrated with becoming ceremonies at Pottsville. The occasion was one of much interest to the numerous participants.

CAPT. JOHN JOURDAN, the new Superintendent of Police of New York, is a journeyman printer, and served his apprenticeship in the New York *Tribune* office. He is acknowledged to be the best detective officer in America.

THE New York *Herald* predicts the overthrow of the Democratic party of that State in the next State election, and with the loss of New York the rapid disintegration and dissolution of the party throughout the Union.

JOHN MCCORMICK, of New York, was arrested on last Saturday, charged with being the partner of Hon. John Morrissey in running a faro bank, and was held in $3,000 bail. The charge was preferred by a Pennsylvanian, who says he lost $4,000 at the aforesaid "tiger cage."

FISHING and politics are appreciated by enfranchised niggers. The Nashville *Banner* the other day asked an old negro, who was fishing in the river, "What luck?" He replied: "De fish is like de Democrats arter us niggers' vote. Dey wants all de bait, but won't hang on de hook."

THE death of Thomas brings to mind those two epigrams which were current just after the battle of Nashville:

"Thomas still moving"—very good;
The cause is plainly understood—
He doesn't like his neighbor—Hood.
Where Hood now is, it were not hard to tell;
He said he'd go to Nashville or to hell,
And has not gone to Nashville—very well.

GOV. ALCORN, of Mississippi, has recommended to the Legislature of that State the establishment of separate schools for colored children, and a normal school for colored teachers. Such a measure will be popular with the whites and should be generally acceptable to the colored people themselves.

THE *Practical Farmer* recommends the application of refuse salt, broadcast, at the rate of six to eight bushels to the acre, as a remedy for cut-worms and other worms. Salt seems particularly obnoxious to every form of insect life, and spread broad-cast on a freshly plowed surface often has a powerful effect.

SEVERAL wealthy men in New York propose the erection of a Crystal Palace in the central part of the city, either on Tompkins or Washington Square, at an expense of seven million dollars, for the approaching International Exhibition. It is to contain one of the largest picture galleries in the world, and its construction will conform somewhat to the Louvre in Paris.

A YOUNG artist, a native of Boston, passing the winter in Rome, spent an evening, a few weeks since, at Miss Charlotte Cushman's, where, among other guests, he met Miss Stebbins, the artist, and a son of Mrs. Felicia Hemans. In a private letter he describes Miss Cushman's home as a charming one, but her plan is to leave it for America next summer, where she hopes to settle for good.

THE eyes of Delaware are now fixed on the colored vote and the whipping post. The "general intelligence" of that State have recently resolved that they do not desire to abandon a system which has conduced to their happiness in the past, and that they will not associate with the African race in the future. If the last resolve had been practised years ago, there would not now be so many colored men in Delaware to redeem that State, at the next election, from the antediluvians who have controlled it.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND ITEMS.

CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

The Tariff Bill is still being considered in the House, and in Committee of the Whole the duty on pig iron was last week reduced from $9 to $5 a ton by a majority of one. The following Pennsylvania members were absent from their post, to wit: Haldeman, Getz, Stiles, Van Auken, Armstrong, Covode, Donley. It having been pretty well demonstrated that the combinations against Protection are stronger than its friends in the present Congress, it is reported that a consultation of the Pennsylvania delegation has resulted in an agreement to sustain a motion to lay the Tariff Bill on the table should the House agree to the reduction made in Committee of the Whole.

The action of the Supreme Court in referring to the legal tender question does not dispose of it, but postpones it till the next term. Meanwhile the decision against the constitutionality of the legal tender act will stand as the law of the land.

It is said that the President is not opposed to the Income tax, as stated, but wishes the tax made three per cent. instead of five, with two thousand dollars exemption, and the removal of some odious features, and then continued for three years. He thinks at the end of three years the condition of the Treasury will be such as to justify the repeal of the tax entirely.

Judge Fisher of the District of Columbia, having resigned his seat on the bench to accept the position of District Attorney, the President at the proper time will nominate Judge Humphreys, of Alabama, as Fisher's successor.

At the instance of Gen. Butler, nearly all the members of the Reconstruction Committee have promised not to act on the Georgia bill until his return from Massachusetts, which will be on May 5.

Hon. John Covode declines to be a candidate for Congress again.

The President and Cabinet are entirely opposed to the acquisition of Cuba by the United States; but the President says that he is willing that Cuba, San Domingo and the rest of the West India Islands should form an independent confederation, receiving moral support from the United States.

The Internal Revenue law requires distillers, brewers, tobacco and cigar manufacturers to renew their bonds on the first day of May in each year. That day occurring on Sunday this year, the Commissioner has decided that such bonds for the current year shall be dated and approved on the 2d day of May.

Nothing to General Howard's dishonor has been developed by the investigation into his official conduct, and his complete vindication is sure.

In a recent conversation, the President said that the prospect was good that the reconstruction of Georgia would be completed soon by the full admission of the State. He is opposed to the bill as passed by the Senate, and is very solicitous that the whole reconstruction business be ended immediately.

It will be remembered that a bill was introduced in the Senate during the early part of the session, designed to prevent Congressmen from the importunities of office-seekers, and which provided in substance that Congressmen should have little or nothing to do with the distribution of official patronage in their respective districts or elsewhere, and that such matters should be left almost exclusively to the heads of the different branches of the Government. This bill came up in the Senate last week, and, without even exciting any debate, was indefinitely postponed.

The Peace Conference of Representatives of the South American Republics will meet in Washington next month, to arrange terms of peace on the basis suggested by Mr. Seward.

The *Star* of this city has made a canvass of the field to see what is to be done in the way of building during the present season. It gives a list of thirty costly houses and stores that are to be erected, and says the aggregate of improvements now going on is about one and a quarter million of dollars. Several contracts are for over one hundred thousand dollars each. The paper says the real estate market is good, and business generally brisk.

The Department of State has prepared and will soon give to the public all the official proceedings and correspondence on the subject of the death of Anson Burlingame, including the letter of Secretary Fish, expressive of the regret of the Government at the event.

The next new bonds issued by the Treasury Department will be ornamented with engraved portraits of the late Gen. George H. Thomas and Hon. Anson Burlingame.

Mr. Cessna, of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania District, has introduced a bill in Congress relating to Georgia which bids fair to be accepted as a compromise between the Republican factions.

Chief Justice Chase has announced that the Supreme Court will adjourn for the term, on the 30th of April. No arguments will be heard after the 26th.

THE most horrible murders since the Probst butchery, were committed at Baltimore, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Mrs. Catharine Marsh, residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer, at Canal-st., murdered her four children, by cutting their throats. She also cut the throat of her mother, who is not expected to recover. The eldest of the children was only eight years of age, the youngest two years and a half. The circumstances indicate that the murderess was insane.

THE remains of Anson Burlingame were removed from Faneuil Hall, Boston, last Saturday morning, to Arlington-st. Church, under an escort of cadets, followed by the Committee of Arrangements in carriages. The Boston, Cambridge, Charleston and Chelsea city governments assembled at the Boston City Hall, the State Committee at the State House, and the Masonic lodges at their lodge rooms, from whence all proceeded to the church. The services were very impressive, of reading the scriptures by the Rev. Dr. Garnett, singing of an original hymn, written by John G. Whittier, address by Rev. George W. Briggs, of Camden, prayer by Prof. Peabody, and an anthem. The remains were taken to Mount Auburn, a long procession following.

THE ladies of Louisville have returned to the old Ohio 9th Regiment their colors, which were borne through over fifty fights, and were then captured by the rebels.

Our Little Jokes.

—When is a lawyer strongest? When he is fee-blest.

—An ice-house laborer being killed by a lump of ice falling on his head, the verdict was, "Died of hard drink."

—We hear of a lady who being asked her opinion of mustaches, replied: "I always set my face against them."

—A Western editor in response to a subscriber who grumbles that his paper is intolerably damp, says: "That's because there is so much *due* on it."

—"What flower of beauty shall I marry?" asked a young spendthrift of his miserly governor. To which the governor replied, with a grim smile, "Marigold."

—A French girl asked the priest the other day, "why is it, that we ask every day for our daily bread instead of asking for a week, a month or a year?" "Why, you little goose, to have it fresh, to be sure," was the reply.

—An old colored lady in Pittsburg, while suffering from a mysterious disease, was much astonished when a medical student proposed for her hand. He proposed for the rest of her at the same time also, for scientific purposes. The engagement is not yet announced.

—A *lady went into a dry goods store* in a New England town and inquired for bleached cloth. Several pieces of sheeting were shown her for inspection, but failed to suit. "Perhaps," said the lady, "If I should tell you what I want it for, you would know what to give me. It is to be used for *reposing robes.*" The man fainted.

—While an eastern priest was preaching in a mosque, one of the hearers seemed greatly affected. Proud of this circumstance, the preacher asked the man how his discourse had affected him so much. "Oh, sir," said he, "it is not that; but your long beard put me so much in mind of a favorite goat I lost that I could not help crying."

—We had related to us the other day an anecdote of an old lady who formerly entertained travelers in a neighboring county. Before guests commenced a meal it was her custom to ask a blessing: "O Lord! make us truly thankful for the food that is now before us! Nancy, hand around the corn bread first, and then the biscuit afterward. Amen."

—The finest idea of a thunder storm extant is when O'Fagerty came home 'tight.' He came into the room where were his wife and daughters, and just then he tumbled over the cradle and fell heavily to the floor. Ater a while he arose and asked, "Wife, are you hurt?" "No." "Terrible clap, wasn't it?"

—A Troy hotel keeper boarded a clerical looking gentleman two weeks on the strength of his piety and a copy of the Ten Commandments, which he carried posted on his valise. The other day the brother left, to call on another minister, but he has not returned yet. The valise has been broken open, and found to contain a fine assortment of oat straw.

—Last year the internal revenue assessors got some funny answers to the questions printed on their blanks. For instance, to the question, "Had your wife any income last year?" one person replies: "Yes, one boy." Another, "An impertinent question, but no!" A third, "Her husband's love, and as much money from him as she wants, but no other income." A fourth, "Yes, twins, both well; willing to be taxed for them!"

—A gentleman of Banford, Connecticut, returning home on Sunday from church, began to extol the merits of the sermon to his son. "Jack," said the old gentleman, "I have heard one of the most delightful sermons ever delivered before a Christian society. It carried me to the gate of heaven." "Why didn't you dodge in?" replied Jack, "you will never have another such chance."

—At a trial in an Alabama town not long since, one of the witnesses, an old lady of some eighty years, was closely questioned by the opposing counsel relative to the clearness of her eyesight. "Can you see me?" "Yes," she answered. "How well can you see me?" persisted the lawyer. "Well enough," responded the lady, "to see that you're neither a negro, an Indian nor a gentleman." The answer brought down the house and silenced the counsel.

—A humorous old man fell in with an ignorant and rather impertinent young convert, who proceeded to inform the old gentleman, in very positive terms, that he could never reach heaven unless he was born again, and added: "I have experienced that change, and I feel no anxiety." "And have you been born again," said his companion musingly. "Yes, I trust I have." "Well," said the old gentleman, eyeing him attentively, "I don't think it would hurt you to be born once more!"

—An old lady was recently brought as a witness before a bench of magistrates, and when asked to take off her bonnet obstinately refused to do so, saying: "There is no law compelling a woman to take off her bonnet." "Oh" imprudently replied one of the magistrates, "you know law, do you? Perhaps you would like to come up and sit here and teach us?" "No, I thank you, sir," replied the woman, tartly, "there are old women enough there now."

BRIDGET'S LUCK.—"And so you are married, Bridget," said a lady to her former servant. "And pray what's is your husband's business?"

"Business is it, marm?"

"Yes. What dose he do for a living?"

"Shure he's a collector."

"A collector! Why, Biddy," said madame—whose ideas of a collector were of a handsome judge of her acquaintance, who ran the Custom House—"married a collector! you don't say so."

"Shure I do, marm, say that same."

"A collector! Why, where does he collect, Biddy?"

"All over the city, marm," said Bridget.

"All over the city," replied madame, beginning to wonder what Biddy was driving at; "and how much does he collect?"

"Fifty or sixty pounds, and some days a hundred."

"You mean fifty or sixty dollars, not pounds—dollars, Bridget," said madame, with emphasis.

"No marm, I don't mane dollars, I mane grease."

"Grease!"

"Shure I do, for Pat is a soap-grease collector."

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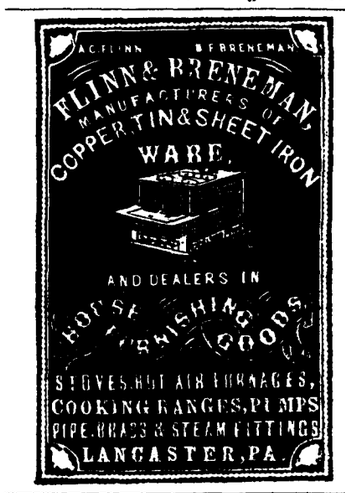

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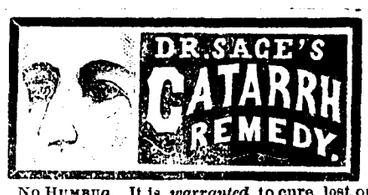

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