

## Wit and humor.

### A GOOD TAKE-OFF.

We have never seen a better travesty of the outrageous puffing advertisements of more worthless stories, than the following from the Albany Evening Journal:

A humorous correspondent sent us a travesty of one of this sort of advertisement, which is so little exaggerated that it had a narrow escape from being put into our advertising columns as a genuine article.

Will be published early next month, uniform with the Lampighter, the Hot Corn Girl, the Watchman, the Barber and the Peat Nut Pedlar.

A new and extraordinary American comedy, entitled

### THE BAGGAGE SMASHER!

This wonderful work has been over eight months in preparation, and is the joint production of six of the most distinguished authors connected with the *Sun Day Owlet*, who under the assumed cognomen of "The Chuk," "Nux," "Quix," "Quo," and "Tux," have for years past delighted the literary world with their thrilling and soul-inspiring productions! It was thought that the engrossment of such an array of talent could not fail to result in the most astounding fiction ever issued from the *Press*!

And the verdict of posterity will show that, in this expectant, in the published, have not been disappointed!

### ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY.

He has paid to the authors of the *Baggage Smasher*, during their labors; and each, in his proper department, has shown up in the most brilliant coruscations of his genius.

The plot has been elaborated by Jux—the characters have been developed by Jux—the conversations have been wrought out by Nux and Chuk—and the scenery been depicted to Quix; while the jokes have been gleamed by Tux from the sayings of the

### UPPER TEN THOUSAND,

With those natural traits of brilliancy and refinement that are the station and association, perfectly similar!

The plot of the *Baggage Smasher*, though novel in the extreme, is strictly founded on fact. The *Ba gage Smasher*, bursting open a trunk by too hastily dropping it upon the deck, discovers a fatherless boy asleep inside. He adopts the child as his own, and is rewarded for his generosity by being promoted from one situation of trust to another, until he arrives at the dignity of being clerk of the steamboat. In addition to which, the friendless boy is subsequently discovered to be a cast-off son of the

### DUKE OF WELLINGTON!

The whole is severe and correct, inciting the virtue o' esprå, the liability of great men to err, the inefficiency of patent leather straps upon luggage, and the evils of the present social system as regards the marriage state.

As an instance of the varied contents of the *Baggage Smasher*, we subjoin a synopsis of a certain portion, selected at random.

### CHAPTER IX.

"The downward passage—'Call at the Captain's office and settle.' The man that wouldn't settle. He is put ashore. 'How will I be avenged?'—The fitting sentence. The Jesus ticket boy! The gimble hole in the boiler! The *Baggage Smasher* heroically stops up the hole with his thumb! Sensation! The bursted trunk! The discover of the innocent child! 'Where's my ma?'—Sympathy of the passengers. Fall of the Jesus ticket boy! Hisil Columbia!"

In preparing the MSS. of the *Baggage Smasher* for the press, over thirty pages of Maynard & Noyes' Writing Ink have been used, so far for cossures and interlineations! The work will be published on paper a quarter of an inch thick, manufactured expressly for the purpose, and will be sold at the low price of one dollar.]

In order to prevent delay in the preparation and dissemination of the copies, the *One Hundred and Twentieth Edition* will be Published First.

DUNN, BROWN & SELLERS,  
New York City.

A New Soar 'n' Nails—A tall, gaoky-looking countryman, during the height of the business season last fall, walked into one of the largest dry goods houses on Broadway, and, entirely disregarding the inviations of the numerous salesmen to inspect the latest patterns, he strides into the counting room, where the heads of the establishment were sitting in solemn conversation. After taking a cursory glance of the room, and surveying the faces of its occupants, he asked, with an unctuous Yankee drawl: "Wangs?"

### "Say, you got any nails?"

"Nails," said the merchant, the most dignified member of the firm; "no, sir, what should we do with 'em?"

### "Wal, I donno—thought maybe you might want to go out naihs?"

"No sir," replied Dobney again, with an emphasis, motioning to the door.

The individual in search of nails took his time about it, and then left the counting room, in turn, asked every clerk the same question, and received the information from all that "nails" formed no part of the stock of the establishment.

### "Wal?" said he, going towards the door, "don't keep naihs here, nobow?"

The principal salesman, whose dignity was burst by the idea that any one should suppose that an establishment where he had a prominent place should keep nails, headed the counter, and asked him, abruptly, what he wanted.

"Want?" said the countryman, as cool as an cucumber, "I want to know if you've got any naihs?"

### "Nails? no, sir. You have been told again and again that we've got no nails—so you'd better go."

"Well, if I don't get any naihs?" Well, then, just look a here, mister—if you ain't got, just what an awful fix you'd be in if you'd happen to have the tick."

### "D'n' Kallom, do you think my darter will get well?"

"Well, if she don't get no wuss, and does git sum better, she may pos'bly git over it. You see she's afflicted with a concretion of the diagnosis of the metacarpal sinus, which extends from the noboosis to the inferior lobe of the anterior revolution of the oculiput. Nothin' kin help her but calomel and perimons taken jingly both together—a spoonful more or less, accordin' to the symptoms, every other day, off and on. Then will eventully put her out of pain into a sweat, and restore a healthy action of the minor pedals and reduce the encyclopedias of the neuromuscular diaphragm, immediately under the left side of the right eye."

### "Lor'a sherry, sich a larin'! who'd a think it?"

"SAMUEL, when did Columbus discover America?"

### "When he saw it?"

"With his eye."

### "Good. Now, what was he?"

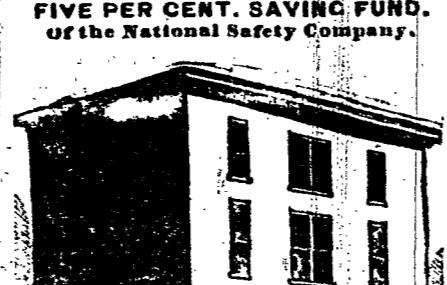
### "A bilboate."

"Go right up high, blow your nose, wipe the ink off your face, and when you go home you shall have a piece of leeced and butter, but, er, very thin."



## PHILADELPHIA.

### FIVE PER CENT. SAVING FUND, of the National Safety Company.



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### HAMMER & GRAEFF,

Manufacturers of  
HORSES, GLOVES AND VARIETIES.

103 North Third street, Philadelphia.  
March 1, 1855.

### J. STEWART DEPUTY & SONS,

Manufacturers of  
HOME FURNISHINGS.

110 & 112 North Second street (west side),  
Philadelphia.

### NEW BOOTS AND SHOE STORE,

120 North Second street (west side),  
Philadelphia.

### JOHN W. GRUBB,

102 North Second street (west side),  
Philadelphia.

### BOYS' CLOTHING,

102 North Second street (west side),  
Philadelphia.

### WHOLESALE CLOTHIERS

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102 North Second street (west side),  
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