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Letter from "Graybeard."

ON THE WAY—NEW YORK PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS—BOSTON IN HER WINTER SUIT—INDIGENOUS YANKEES—WHAT THEY ARE—WHAT THEY AREN'T—THEIR GOOD CONVERSATIONAL POWERS AND BAD BUTTER—THEIR BIGGEST "ISM". VINDICATED—NEW ENGLAND'S PRINCIPAL PRODUCTION BRAINS—HER THRIFT—NOT SAFE TO FIGHT YANKEES IN THEIR OWN BARNYARD—THEIR RECORD IN THIS WAR—A SECRESH HIBERNIAN—CHRISTMAS EVE IN BOSTON—AN ORIGINAL "JONATHAN"—"THE PRESS" REUNIONS AND THE WRITER'S REGRETS—MATTERS HE WOULD LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT, BUT DON'T.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

BOSTON, Dec. 25, 1864.

Somewhat unexpectedly, I left the "City of Brotherly Love" on Thursday morning, passed through the "Metropolis of the Nation" on the same evening, arrived in the "Athens of America" the next morning, with the thermometer away below zero, and am now writing to you, on this pleasant Sunday afternoon, from within a stone-throw of the "hub of the universe"—Boston State House.

New York, on Friday evening, donned her best holiday attire. Broadway never swarmed a more jubilant, heterogeneous, slipping, jostling, bundle-carrying medley of humanity. The windows were ablaze, and the shops, from Tiffany's and Stuart's, down to the smallest toy-vender's, were crammed with customers. All was "merry as a marriage bell," and in nothing did our gaudy sister seem one whit behind *Philadelphia*, except in her abominable, lumbering, old omnibuses, which, to people accustomed to the more modern modes of street conveyance, are an unmitigated nuisance.

The cold weather and heavy falls of snow combined to render New England all that the poets have ever claimed for her winter glory. I found her streets jingle with sleigh-bells, everything except the houses and lamp-posts, being on runners. No one wheeled vehicle have I seen. The rail-ways with which the city is girdled are for the time being dead and buried, thus affording the street room for the citizens to sleigh in, and obviating the villainous salt-car pestilence with which our city has of late years been habitually infected during snowy weather.

Notwithstanding rebel authority for giving the epithet "Yankee" a universal application to all Americans who happen to live outside of Dixie, the title must be admitted to have a more special application to the men and women of New England. And, although a Pennsylvania Dutchman myself, I am free to confess that I have long been an admirer, more or less, of "the everlastin' Yankee." There may be a degree of calculating coldness about him that would be rendered more attractive by a little softening; but we will set over against this the granite pertinacity with which he sticks to his principles. I do not appreciate, as some people do, the way in which Y-o-a-k-n-e-e n-o-ee-tha ve-o-wels, any more than I like their bad butter; yet, who will deny that, as conversationists, they have no superiors. My business since arriving here has called me to some of the adjacent towns, where I took occasion to visit industrial establishments and mingle with the operatives of both sexes, and I assure you that their ease and fluency of conversation would have passed with credit in the most polished and educated circles. We may not subscribe to the manner in which the descendants of Plymouth Rock indulge their constitutional proclivity to all sorts of new isms; and yet we are bound to admit that at least one of them—that of woman's rights—has a magnificent vindication before the eyes of the civilized world. Ay, these bleak, sterile States of Hancock and Warren, and Webster, the Adamses, Sherman, and Banks and Sumner, loom up to-day like a grand moral Colossus against the northern sky—and they feel it, too. Who will blame them? Of course, every section of our beloved country furnishes some distinctive lesson worth studying, but chiefly has New England been our schoolmaster in this respect. If she has not furnished as large a number of our public officeholders as Mr. John Van Buren's "wayward sisters," she has at least supplied her quota of brains to the nation's calibre. New England may be parsimonious; but her frugality and thrift are to-day a pattern worthy the nation's profoundest homage. I do not approve the sacrilegious manner in which Boston has especially ridden rough-shod with their architectural improvements over all the historic land-marks of their city, which, I think, ought to be preserved as sacred memorials; but I will not undertake to reason the matter with them, as in confronting their stubborn master-of-fact-ism I would probably get the worst of it. In fact, I tried the experiment when I was here six years ago, and was routed in the argument horse, foot, and dragoon. *Moral.*—Never undertake to fight a New Yankee on his own dunghill. It will no more succeed than calling slave-holders under the shadow of Bunker Hill monument.

If New England needed anything to complete the honor of her historic chaplet, she has it in the record made for herself during the present war. If she did cast some votes for McClellan in November she is to-day as innocent on the side of the Government. I have conversed freely with all classes of her citizens—merchants, professional men, capitalists, and others—and in every case the clear ring of loyalty was unmistakable. The only exception to this rule was the jolly Hibernian who came to my chamber this morning to make up a fire. Rounding into my room, he wished me "the top o' the morrin' and a happy Christmas" and immediately proceeded to intimated, in a trade against the Fenian Brotherhood and the "Gom-d" Abolectionists," adding that the South had a perfect right to rebel, and that Jeff Davis was that last a gintleman, which was more than