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About Assessments and Taxes.

Attention has been called to assessments; this being the year of the triennial assessments, the assessors fix the value of every man's property for three years, as a matter of course—subject only to being raised in the event of improvements. It has been alleged that an under valuation has pervaded the county for the past six years. This is true of many counties. In some, meetings of the assessors have called to fix a uniform rate of valuation, or rather to assess at the true value all over. This is wise. Yet it would be unjust and unwise for one township or borough to assess truly, and another have a sham assessment, so that the township or borough with the assessor who should truly assess, should be saddled with, say, one third of the tax of the county,—so that the proprietor of the small town lot worth \$500 is assessed at \$500, while the owner and proprietor of his broad domain of 1000 acre tracts, called the lumber lord, or the speculator, gets off with an assessment of \$2 per acre, (oftener \$1) when at the same time often \$50 per acre would be no inducement to sell. The Commissioners are the power that really receive and control the assessments; they are the regulators. Unjust taxation is robbery; Robbing people will not do, because it will keep people from settling. Of course where the valuation is high, the rate should be low. Just sufficient for a fund for the use of a county; not any more. High valuation presumes a low rate or levy of tax. The tax should not all come at one dose, but be strung out through a course of years. A man might spare an ounce of blood once; he might bear the first slash he got, but he would wince at the second.

VERITAS.

A Reflection and a Tribute.

Probably if Tionesta was ever cursed with a "Black Friday," it was that cold icy time when Hunter's first bridge went down. Everybody looked despondent. Everybody had been proud that for five weeks they had crossed the icy river on a wooden road, borne up on an iron super-structure, which was an iron link to connect with the railroad, which again connected us with the commercial, busy world. Added to the confusion and sorrow, it will be remembered that it was reputed on that foggy morning when our bridge went down, that the proprietor of that bridge, the indefatigable Hunter himself, had went down with it. This seems like a terrible dream of the past; yet when the contrary became known, about tea o'clock of that day, when Hunter appeared among us again, the least dejected man in the community, in the character of a prophet, prophesying that ere the Autumn leaves all fell, another and better bridge should mark the spot—the chasm—void—abyss, or whatever you may call it, from each ice bound shore, many were incredulous. But a view of that scene to-day puts incredulity itself to blush; for the great arcs spread from pier to pier, a triumph of skill and enterprise. All honor then to Hunter, to Beckenridge and all who reared the fabric. It is strong—it seems so—it must be strong. What changes! *Sic transit gloria mundi*—nothing so uncertain as earthly things; nothing more fleeting than sublunary joys and hopes. Yet that bridge does not, with its strong piers and heavy arches, seem one of the evanescent things. It looks as though nothing but an earthquake would shake its rock-ribbed foundations. To-day chronicles its completion. MIRZA.

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The Secret of the Strait, with sixteen illustrations; The Mystery of the Jewels; The Mountains, VIII, with twelve illustrations; Haunted; A Few French Celebrities, with thirteen portraits; Sonnet; South Coast Saunterings in England, with three illustrations; Transition; A Tale of Two Citizens; A Lone Woman in Ireland, with eleven illustrations; The Living Link, with three illustrations; The Last of the Three, with two portraits; Two Puppies; Sonnet; Northern California; Song—The Question; The Republican Movement in Europe (eleventh paper); Editor's Easy Chair; Editor's Literary Record; Editor's Scientific Record; Editor's Historical Record; Editor's Drawer. Terms \$4 per annum. Harper Bros., Franklin Square, N. Y.

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