

"Well," said a man to his friend, "I've made up my mind where I shall spend the summer."  
"Ah—where?" eagerly asked his friend.  
"At—home!" replied the other, patting his flat pocket-book gloomily.  
Then the friend acknowledged that "circumstances had also caused him to decide upon patronizing the same resort, though he wasn't quite ready to confess it."

John Morrissey, the New York prize fighter, was Governor Tilden's chief backer for President in the St. Louis Convention, and John C. Jacobs of New York, a notorious protégé of Tweed, was promoter of the temporary Chairman in addressing the convention and in making the rulings which shaped its permanent organization. The conjunction is a very instructive one.

Human nature is indeed a curious study. A boy may sing "Hold the Fort" so sweetly on Sunday that the very walls of Zion tingle with the sacred melody, and yet you wouldn't recognize him on week days when he comes out from swimming and finds out that some other boy has hopelessly knotted up his shirt sleeves and trower legs.

A practical rural lady, attired in a black bombazine dress and an overgrown bonnet, gave vent to her astonishment, when looking at the laces displayed by Belgium, by exclaiming: "Five hundred dollars for one little handkercher like that! Why, one good blow would send it all to tatters!"

Gen. Sherman said, at a recent army reunion, that he would rather march six times from Atlanta to the sea than encounter once the unspeakable horrors of a campaign against the savages on the frontier. The full force of his remarks are now appreciated.

The use of the editorial "we" prevails in the South, as will be seen by the following remark in the Paris, Tenn., *Intelligencer*: "If we escape the hog cholera this season, there will be a large surplus of pork next winter."

Curran's ruling passion was his joke. In his last illness his physician remarked in the morning that he seemed to cough with more difficulty; he answered: "That is rather surprising, as I have been practicing all night."

"Does your sister Annie ever say anything about me, sissy?" asked an anxious lover of a little girl. "Yes," was the reply, "she said if you had rockers on your shoes they'd make such a nice cradle for my doll."

A country girl coming from a morning walk, was told she looked as fresh as a daisy kissed by the dew, to which she innocently replied: "You've got my name right—Daisy; but his isn't Dew!"

Foster, who was executed at Warrenton, Mo., the other day, said he wasn't quite ready to die, but if it would do anyone any good they might go ahead and hang him. They went ahead.

Mr. Corliss, manufacturer and owner of the big engine, threatened to take it away if the Exhibition was opened on Sunday. And the big engine works all the machinery in the hall.

"No, sir," said a weary looking man on a street car to an individual by his side. "I wouldn't marry the best woman alive. I've been a dry goods clerk too long for that."

"Mike, and is it yourself that can be after tellin' me how they make ice cream?" "In troth I can. Don't they bake them in cowlid ovens, to be sure?"

Helmhold went insane, and now doctor Ayer is a lunatic. It is too much strain on a man's nerve tissues—trying to cure everything for a dollar.

An Irishman having been told that the price of bread had been lowered, exclaimed, "that is the first time I ever rejoiced at the fall of my best friend!"

Never give a beggar a coin without looking at it. You might give him a three, five or ten cent piece, and then you'd never forgive yourself.

An exchange says: "Boys ought to be abolished." Perhaps. But after all, boys are the only material known at present to make men out of.

Some men keep savage dogs about their houses, so that the hungry poor who stop to "get a bite" may get it outside the door.

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; and yield with graciousness, or oppose with firmness.

An editor's epitaph: "Here lies a man who lied before, and now lies here to lie no more."

What is more beautiful and poetic than the child's idea of ice—"Water gone to sleep."

Blows are sarcasms turned stupid; wit is a form of force that leaves the limbs at rest.

Three Presidents died on the Fourth of July, Adams, Jefferson and Monroe.

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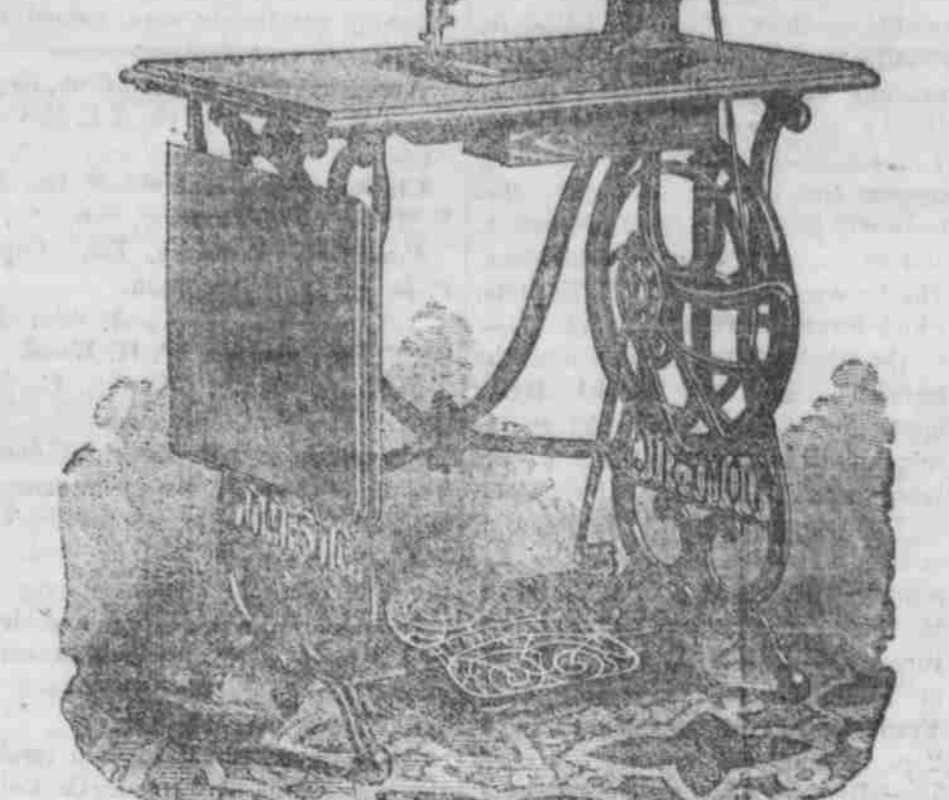
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