

**Blasted Ambition.**

He was a small man, says the Danbury News, but a perfect reservoir of liquor and language. From 9 o'clock until 11 o'clock, last Saturday night, he carried an eye full of blood about Danbury. He brought up finally in front of McGoffin's saloon, and a small rabble soon gathered about him, awed by his prowess. He was perfectly willing to meet anybody and "while lightning out of him," but what he particularly craved was the presence of that man in Danbury who cherished an impression that he could lay him out.

"Where's the man who thinks he can lay me out?" he screamed. Then he would yell: "Whoop!" as a sort of postscript, and spring up into the air.

The crowd stared at him in dismay. He was, without doubt, what he claimed to be, "a regular snorter." He had just delivered the challenge and P. S., and was jumping backwards and squaring off at ten thousand men at once, when Steve Irving appeared, on his way home with a basket of groceries. Steve is a broad-chested man, and of a height that would make him invaluable in case of a sudden and disastrous flood.

"Are you looking for me?" inquired Steve, in a tone of bearded solicitude, as he loomed up above the pugilist. The little man ceased his manoeuvres, looked up to the bronze face, and promptly explained:

"You keep away from me. I don't know you, and I can't strike a stranger."

Steve smiled grimly, extended the basket of groceries to the warrior bade him take hold of it, which he did with alacrity, and directed him to start on ahead.

"What's this for?" asked the fighter, having all he could do to keep up under the burden.

"I want you to carry it home for me," was the unexpected reply of the giant.

"Carry it—?" gasped the gladiator in a bewildered voice—"carry—?"

"Git," said Steve, opening his large hands in a painfully suggestive way.

The rising pugilist hastened ahead with the load, looking as if he very much doubted the stability of the universe.

Dr. Beard states that from an analysis of the lives of a thousand representative men in all the great branches of the human family, he made the discovery that the golden decade was between 40 and 50; the brazen between 20 and 30; the iron between 40 and 60. The superiority of youth and middle life over old age in original work appears all the greater when we consider the fact that all the positions of honor and prestige—professorships and public stations—are in the hands of the old. Reputation, like money and position, is mainly confined to the old. Men are not widely known until long after they have done the work that give them their fame. Portraits of great men are delusions; statues are lies! They are taken when men have become famous, which, on the average is at least twenty-five years after they did work which gave them their fame. Original work requires enthusiasm. If all the original work done by men under 45 were annihilated, they would be reduced to barbarism. Men are at their best at that time when enthusiasm and experience are almost evenly balanced. This period, on the average, is from 28 to 40. After this the law is that experience increases, but enthusiasm decreases.

The New York Sun which "shines for all" who raise sufficient inducement, told the following little story about six months ago. The story is as good as it was then and much more important:

During a visit paid by Senator Morrissey to Governor Tilden recently, one of the Governor's friends spoke of William M. Tweed's escape from jail. "I'm glad that Tweed got away," said Mr. Morrissey.

"Why do you say that?" asked Governor Tilden.

"Because," replied the Senator, "I think he has suffered enough for his crimes."

The Governor looked sharply at the Senator, and said, "Morrissey, you don't dare express that opinion publicly."

"Oh, yes, I dare," answered Morrissey, smiling. "I cut loose from Tweed in 1868, before it was known that he had done anything wrong. But you stuck to him until 1871."

The Governor scowled and changed the topic.

"Live within your income," says Mr. Tilden, reformer. "How much is your income?" asked the assessor. "Six hundred," says Mr. Tilden raising his right hand. "I never had any income."

The man who knows we're going to have a cold winter has made his appearance. Won't the coal dealers put a reward on his head.

"We find that he came to his death from calling Bill Jackson a liar," was the verdict of a coroner's jury in Missouri.

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