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Washington City, Aug. 5th, 1863.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February 25th, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the said FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of August, 1863.

HUGH McCULLOCH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

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N. B.—A hack runs daily to Loretto from Cresson. sep11

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TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS.

Bean Hacket as an Amateur Skater.

EDITOR POST.—My physical education has been sadly neglected. When I was a boy I had some experience in climbing apple trees, and scaling picket fences; and once I succeeded in throwing a double somersault out of a hay loft, on which occasion the stable keeper's boy played the part of a spring board. I had a passion for hay lofts in the hey day of my youth. I was in clover every time I got in one. But the physical exercise incident to my early experience of tree climbing, picket scaling and precipitate revolutions out of barn garrets, rather retarded than improved my muscular development, and the surgeon mascular operation of taking a foot off my delicate figure when I was already as short as a boy of my age had any right to be, caused me in later years to avoid studiously any physical exertion that was not absolutely necessary to my health and well being.

Therefore,

Skating is a new thing to me. I never studied the art in my boyhood's sunny years, and I never practiced it; but I am prepared to assert from actual observations and experiments by the subscriber, that skating is a humbug, and skating parks are a diabolical invention that could have belonged to no other age than the one in which we live.

I rejoice in the acquaintance of several young ladies who skate. They commenced as early as the last Fourth of July to persuade me to learn the glorious art; and they have prosecuted their endeavors unceasing ever since. As the cold weather advanced I became a little alarmed, and tried to convince them that it would be to their advantage to repudiate my friendship, but they insisted that I was an exceedingly proper young man, and cultivated me more intimately than ever. I began to think that summer all the year would be agreeable, notwithstanding philosophers have contended that if such were the case we would not know how to appreciate it. The first morning that I found ice in my pitcher I came near fainting; and when I saw an advertisement in the papers of skates for sale, it absolutely made me sick. I was not to be fooled now, until Christmas day. I had made special anniversary engagements to spend that evening my way home early, and was ably in the afternoon, when I was persuaded by a party of my shating female friends to take a sleigh ride with them. Of course I could not refuse. Flight was impossible. I had to face the music. I resorted to strategy in the first place, but it was a failure. Told them I had no skates. They offered to present me a pair. My gallantry was challenged and I could say no more on that head, but I begged them to go with me somewhere and hit me pretty a little on sawdust before I appeared in public on the ice, they refused. I told them that if they would go home with me I would have my back yard flooded and we would skate there till doomsday, but they had the skating park fever and all of my propositions were powerless. Finally I became desperate, squandered the price of a pair of skates and accompanied the importuning bevy to a skating park.

The first thing I did on entering the park was to laugh. I laughed vociferously (one of the young ladies said it was vociferously) to see how stupid I had been. Anybody could skate; I knew it as soon as I saw it. Why, it was just as easy! I spurned my tutors; I would have no dictatresses with petticoats on; told them to stand aside; I could paddle my own canoe and so forth. They stood aside: I paddled. I buckled on my skates and stood upright with hope springing eternal in my human breast and struck out boldly. In less than one tenth of a second afterward I struck in boldly, head foremost. I don't think I fell; but I believe that an acrobat with a million triumphs in his favorite art clustering about his person could not have performed the feat that I performed, and I believe that an experienced phrenologist could have examined the impression that my head made in the ice and drawn therefrom a very accurate map of my intellect. I was satisfied, and told my crinolined keepers that if they would crown me with aurels I would leave as soon as the gate keeper would let me. They were not so impetuous as myself and contented that I should stay a while.

One precious little creature, with Satan in her eye, took me by the arm, and said I had nothing to fear; she would give me a lesson and make a skater of me. She would teach me the whole art in a remarkably short space of time; she would do anything in fact that any reasonable man could exact, and I went forth with her, feeling tolerably happy. We struck out moderately—she and I. She said something about putting the right foot foremost. I endeavored to follow her advice, but before I could accomplish my purpose I was in an excellent position to have a photograph of my feet taken with the sky for a back ground; and as I acquired that position (not gradually by any means) I heard one of my skates strike something considerably above the surface of the park. Two minutes later my tutor was on her knees, picking up her teeth, which were scattered around so profusely that a greenhorn might have supposed, on seeing them, that a farmer's wife had been shelling corn for chickens. One of her friends rushed to her and looked in her mouth to count the vacancies. I told her not to do it; I did not want to see anybody look down in the mouth on account of my calamities, and that was all the apology I made.

When I arose again it was with the determination not to skate any more till next season. I told the young ladies there was a conspiracy against me; somebody had poured oil on the ice to make it slippery, and I would not patronize a park where the proprietors would allow such indignities to be perpetrated. My guardians gatheted around me and entreated me to try it once more, just for fun." I told them I would try it for anything else but for fun, which was incompatible with a skating park, provided they would furnish me with a balancing pole and put some sealing wax on the bottom of my skates. Another heroic woman, undaunted by the circumstance of a companion having been made toothless, volunteered as a substitute for a balance pole and sealing wax and dragged me out (against my will I pledge my honor) upon the ice again. [illegible] profited a little by experience, as [illegible] determined not to put the [illegible] out again. The result was the unkindest cut of all. I measured my length on a slippery foundation, and, to add to my misery, I heard something tear just as I gained a horizonical position; and before I had been prostrated a minute I was sure from the inexpressible coldness of the ice as it came in contact with an exposed part of my person, that something had been torn. I could not get up for fear of making myself ridiculous, and concluded to lie there even though I melted my way into China. My feminine protector asked me if I was hurt, and why I didn't get up. I told her I was looking at the reflection of my face in the ice and was so pretty I couldn't leave it. Meantime the ice got colder—especially in a particular locality that will not admit of a geographical definition. I was convinced that the mercury in the thermometer was falling at the rate of several degrees a minute. The skating park was covered with people two-thirds of whom, I think, were women; and I am ready to express my settled conviction that every one of them was skating directly towards me. They skated over me and all around me, and among me, and through me, and between me. So much affection did they evince for the spot where I was reposing that there was no doubt in my mind that I had fallen on good ice, which afforded some consolation. The ice got colder. I was tempted to get up, but there was a stronger temptation to stay where I was. I couldn't bear exposure. One thing annoyed me continually. Impetuous young ladies persisted in jumping over my head. Modesty compelled me to turn my face towards the interior of the earth occasionally, and it was very hard for me to turn my back on the fair rear when it caused me to rub my nose against cold ice.

I saw a fat woman coming—a fat woman on ice. Have you ever seen the spectacle? I hope not, unless you are proof against fear. A thousand thoughts rushed into my head at once, chief among which was a speculation and fear of a fat woman falling. I took one glance at her and buried my face in my hands to await my doom. I am too gallant, and possess too much respect for the sex of which I am an opposite, to dilate upon the enormity of the nether limbs of any fair creature, but I say boldly that I did heartily wish, as I reclined on the ice, that I could have one of that lady's hose to hang up the night before Christmas for Santa Claus to fill. She passed around me and I was not demolished.

The ice got colder. I suffered excruciatingly. Young men cut pigeon-wings around me, and thrust their skates against my ribs occasionally, to keep my interest awake. There was music, and some of the young people were trying to go through the vicissitudes of the dance. I think from the pummeling they gave me they kept time about as well as a drunken man running from a bear would have done.

At last when human endurance could endure no more, and I was meditating which would be the better for me, to freeze to death, or to get up at all hazards, a fortunate circumstance occurred. A little lady, whose memory I shall cherish every winter for the next twenty years, at least, with Bloomins on and red stockings and high heeled boots and around them stripes with black stripes running around them, (they call black stockings with red stripes running around them, (they call them Balmorals, or some such name,) fluented dangerously near me, with a magnificent shawl hanging loosely about her shoulders and streaming gracefully out behind her. I went for the shawl, I clutched it frantically, and the lady was moving so rapidly that she was on the other side of the park before she missed it. I snatched the penknife from the deep recesses of my vest pocket and cut the straps from about my feet, threw the skates as far as I could, and then wrapping the shawl about my body I went—home, if you please, and beat the city railway cars.

I have nothing more to say about skating at present. I think ice is very useful in summer time with brandy and water, but in winter it is neither useful nor ornamental. I think a man who will put oil on ice to blast the prospects of a novice is no better than he should be, and I always will believe that saw dust is a better thing than ice for a new beginner. I have profited some by my experience. Should I ever in any extremity engage in the manufacture of ladies' stockings, I could, from the knowledge I gained on Christmas day, produce all the modern styles without paying for patterns.

I am frigidly,
BEAN HACKETT.

An Editorship Acknowledged.

Mr. Cobden saying published in the Rochdale *Observer* the communication in defence of himself and Mr. Bright which was rejected by the editor of the London *Times* the controversy has become personal. Mr. Cobden's sharp criticisms have compelled Mr. Delane, the editor of the *Times*, to appear in print with a statement under his own signature—thus destroying the impersonality of that truculent sheet. Mr. Delane encloses his letter to the *Daily News*, requesting the favor of an insertion in its columns. He denies any intention to misrepresent the meaning of Mr. Cobden's or Mr. Bright's speeches, and concludes as follows:

"The possession, tee transfer and the tenure of land are, however, public questions, which are best discussed, not between Mr. Cobden and Mr. Delane, but as it has always been the practice of the English press to discuss them—anonymously. That practice was not invented by me; it will not be destroyed by yourself. It has approved itself to the judgment of all, whether statesmen or publicists, who have appreciated the freedom and independence of the press, and I believe it to be essential to the interests not only of the press but of the public.

"Although, therefore, I have accepted your challenge in this instance, I shall decline to make any further contributions to the *Rochdale Observer*.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN T. DELANE.

"16 Serjeants' Inn, Dec 11."

The Bouquet in Wine.

Paris Correspondence of the London Times.

An experiment, interesting to wine drinkers, has been lately made by M. Berthelot, the celebrated professor. It was he who first discovered that there is a particular oxydable principle in Bordeaux and Burgundy wines to which he attributes their flavor. In pursuing his studies he was induced to examine the influence which oxygen exercises over wine. The result convinced him that this action is most unfavorable, and that it entirely destroys the bouquet, which is replaced by a most disagreeable flavor. Mr. Ber[illegible] found it sufficient to pass a current of oxygen into the choice wines [illegible] Therin to produce this [illegible] strate experim[illegible] quality is [illegible] most of[illegible]

The observation of this distingui[illegible] chemist prove how necessary it is to [illegible] serve wine in a perfect state from th[illegible] tion of the oxygen contained in the [illegible] since the prolonged contact of 10 [illegible] centimetres of oxygen—that is, 50 c[illegible] centimetres of air—is sufficient to des[illegible] the bouquet of a quart of wine. It i[illegible] the slow penetration of oxygen [illegible] bottles that Mr. Berthelot at[illegible] destruction of flavor which every wine e[illegible] periences at last. The reason that [illegible] racking off of new wine from the [illegible] to the cask does not produce a similar [illegible] sult is that new wine being saturated w[illegible] carbonic acid, disengages a portion of [illegible] when exposed to the air, so that it is in a great measure preserved, a very small volume of air disengaging a considerably greater volume of carbonic acid. The decomposition of wine in bottles half full, and the diminution of the flavor, well known to all connoisseurs, are caused by the action of oxygen. The complete destruction of the flavor of wine by the addition of an alcaline mineral water, such as that of Vichy, is explained in the preceding facts.

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