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Quee, at Least, It Proved to Be the Undoing of the Orator.

Much has been said about the thunderous voice possessed by the Hon. Pete Gregory, member of the legislature from Oswego county. The voice, such a phenomenon, a volcano, a salvo of 13 inch guns. Our good friend Bottom said: "Let me play the fog horn. I'll roar that you may do any man's work, good or bad. I will roar that I will make the duke say, 'Let him roar again, let him roar again.' But Quince was fearful that such roaring might offend the ladies, and Bottom hastened to qualify his roar in a historical term: 'But I will aggravate my voice so that I will roar you as gently as any sucking dove.' It will roar you as 'twere any nightingale.' The difference between Pete and Bottom is that while Pete can roar like any lion his voice is not at all offensive to the ladies, and Bottom does not yet get to that of the nightingale.

And this fact recalls us to a story told by Charley Shedd, the only one of the time Pete's roar lost its volume and Pete himself became silent and abashed. There were some kind of doings in Oswego county, and Pete was selected as the orator of the day. He wrote a speech that was to be the effort of his life and rehearsed it down in the middle of the farm. When the day rolled around and the multitude had assembled, Pete faced his audience, threw out his chest and thundered, "Fellows, when I was a boy I went to a school where a widow, while all the old fellows sitting about the stage fall over backward chattering at their ears. I've passed to the reverberating air a chance to settle down, and just then Charley Briggs, sitting in the front row, sneezed out, 'Londer, please.' The orator was instantly arrested. The audience went wild and fairly hammered holes in the floor. A foolish grin overspread the face of Pete, and it was plain to see that he had received a shock that left his mind a blank. He drank something like a bucket of water in a vain effort to recover his voice and equilibrium, but it was plain that "the effort of his life" had gone glimmering, and he soon sat down.—Kansas City Journal.

ABOUT OPEN CARS.

The Joys and Sorrows They Bring in Their Train.

It is said that at certain fashionable boarding schools young women are taught the art of getting into and out of a carriage gracefully. In this democratic age, when cars are more in evidence than carriages, and in view of the difficulties involved, it might be more the purpose were they taught how to make their exits and entrances from and into the modern open cars. These cars are things of beauty and a joy, but they are not connected with any reference to human anatomy, and if nature has been so kind as to grant a man a generous endow, he is continually confronted with an open car, but he is not the problem of how to get over a car which isn't there without brushing against people whose feet form the only pathway to a seat.

Calling Political Names.

The political world on one occasion had to deny that he was a Democrat, but was a Republican, the former being an epithet that was not enjoyed in those days because associated with sunburnt, curly hair and French politics. But in the administration of Jackson the word "democrat" had lost its opprobrium and was used as an acceptable name for a party. Then the Democrats called the "free soil" wing of the party "barn burners" because they would drive out of the party the proslavery element as the Dutch farmer expelled the rats from his barn by setting it on fire. During the civil war those who sympathized with the south were "seceders," while the anti-secessionists were "black Republicans" and a little later "trait spotters."

The End of Man.

We do not wonder at man because he is cunning in procuring food, but we are amazed with the variety, the subtlety, the immensity of human traits. We are astonished that he should have found his way over the seas, and numbered the stars, and called by its name every earth, and stone, and planet, and great things that the Almighty has made. We see him gathered together in great cities, guided by laws, disciplined by instruction, softened by the fine arts, and sanctified by religious worship. We count the pious spirits of the world, the beautiful writers, the great statesmen, all who have invented, sublimity, who have thought deeply, who have created wisely—all these are proofs that we are destined for a second life, and it is not possible to believe that this redundant vigor, this lavish and excessive power, was given for the mere gathering of meat and drink. If the only object is present existence, such facilities are cruel, are misapplied, are made in vain. It is shown us that there is something great awaiting us—that the soul is now young and infantile, springing up into a more perfect life when the body falls into dust.—Sydney Smith.

The Shovel Ennui.

That which we work for and win by earnest effort is doubly our own and carries with it its wisdom. Thus a man who inherits a fortune seldom puts it to the best or wisest use. In order to learn the wise and beneficent use of money, one must have been told for it in his own, must have seen the first sufferer the want of it. A man born with a golden spoon in his mouth never tastes either pain or happiness as these are known to the common man. He has not felt the great danger of death which gives to his money an exquisite flavor. Not having struggled in the fight, he knows nothing of the joy of victory. Carrie E. Garrett in August Volumny's Home Companion.

The Way of the World.

"It makes me very weary," said the mosquito, "to see the manner in which the American public allows itself to be carried away by a fad. Any old thing which comes along under a new name can create a furore. 'You talk as if you had a personal grievance,' said the moth. 'I have, I have for years been stinging people so that their faces swell up, but nobody puts me in the paper, and you call me a 'kissing bug.'—Washington Star.

The Gun Joke Reforming.

The last practical joke is deserving of a monument. He playfully despoiled the soldier, but at himself, and the subsequent sacrifice was strictly in the best interests of society. With the practical joker taking to self extermination, nobody puts me in the paper, and you call me a 'kissing bug.'—Washington Star.

Antiquity of the Trust.

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Making Friends.

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