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The Tobacco Leaf.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1873.

FREE LICORICE.

We are glad to see that the advocates of free licorice and other dutiable articles used in the manufacture of the weed, are evidently in earnest. Col. A. M. Davis, of the Fifth (Danville) Congressional District of Virginia has introduced in the House of Representatives the following bill to secure the end in view. On the reassembling of Congress after the holidays, the Committee of Ways and Means will give audience to the committee appointed on the part of the Farmers' Council at Petersburg and the tobacco-men of Richmond and Petersburg. "The friends of this bill," remarks W. P. Burwell, in a letter to the Richmond Dispatch, "hope to demonstrate to the committee that it will more than double the exports of manufactured tobacco from this country, enabling our manufacturers to compete most successfully with those abroad, especially with those in Canada, where manufactories of tobacco have been built up at the expense of our own by reason of the policy of Great Britain allowing all of these essential ingredients to enter that country free of customs duty. They hope, also, to show that while it may take directly out of the Treasury \$667,000 of gold annually, it will, by its great increase of the exports as the basis of a like importation, give \$1,000,000 to the Treasury in lieu of this loss."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled That any manufacturer of tobacco or snuff who shall have given a bond in conformity with the provisions of the internal revenue law now in force, or which may hereafter be in force, and who shall have otherwise complied with all the provisions of law relating to the manufacture and sale of tobacco and snuff, shall be allowed the privilege, under such rules and regulations and after filing such bonds as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, of transferring to his manufactory licorice, sugar, gum, and other materials used in the manufacture of tobacco and snuff, directly from any vessel in which said articles and materials have been imported from a foreign country, or from any bonded warehouse in which the same may be in original and unbroken packages, without payment of duty thereon. Every manufacturer of tobacco or snuff before he shall be entitled to the provisions of this act shall file with the collector of customs at the port of entry or at the port of delivery where the vessel entered, or in which the bonded warehouse is located in which the articles or materials subject to import duties may be, a bond with good and sufficient security in double the amount of duties chargeable thereon and uncollected truly and faithfully to convey and transfer the same to his factory, giving State, district, and number of his factory, etc., and that he will remove no portion of such articles or materials from his factory, but will use and consume the entire amount in the manufacture of articles aforesaid; and on the 1st day of January of each and every year, or at the time of concluding business, on the affidavit of the manufacturer that all the articles and materials transferred to his factory have been during the year entirely used and consumed in the manufacture of tobacco and snuff, and upon the verification of such affidavit of the manufacturer by the collector of internal revenue of the district where such manufacturer has his place of business, from his own personal knowledge and examination of such manufacturer's stock-returns and inventories, the collector of customs as aforesaid is authorized and directed to cancel such bonds."

THE TRADE'S OPPORTUNITY.

The holiday adjournment of Congress should be improved to the utmost extent by all those who are opposed to having tobacco taxed four cents per pound in addition to the heavy impost already collected. The present proposed increase, it should be understood, is but the thin edge of the wedge. If the trade will submit now to this comparatively small imposition, the Secretary of the Treasury, when his own mismanagement and Congressional recklessness have again brought him into a tight place, as they undoubtedly will, another four cents will be added, and the process repeated until the old forty-cent exaction is again reached. The trade will therefore gain nothing by submission now, on the ground that the increase is a proportionately slight one. The same arguments that are cited by those who advocate the increase to-day, can be used with equal propriety a year, or two years, hence. The fallacy that tobacco is a luxury, and therefore can stand any amount of taxation short of commercial annihilation, will be as seductive to the legislative mind in the future as it has been in the past, and the Secretary of the Treasury, it may be taken for granted, will have no more compunction in recommending tobacco as an excellent article to tax in his subsequent reports than he has had in those already issued. The weed has stood in the breach during the last decade, and will stand there for some time to come, unless our friends can successfully show how fallacious are the arguments relied upon to prove that tobacco should bear the heaviest burdens, while real luxuries, such as plate, yachts, billiard-tables, etc., go untaxed.

Let the trade, therefore, respond to the present proposition by a series of earnest protests that will not go unheeded at Washington. The holiday recess gives the fitting opportunity needed for this purpose, and, if not embraced, the trade will deserve the fate it will most certainly meet.

In discussing this subject the same view is taken by a valued correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch. Messrs. Editors:—The late report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows for the last fiscal year that the taxes received from tobacco was the enormous sum of \$34,250,000. Yet, in the face of this fact, the Secretary now comes forward and urges Congress to increase the tax on tobacco from twenty cents per pound to twenty-four cents, thereby fixing on this heavily burdened article upwards of \$4,000,000 more, or four cents

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on each 118,000,000 pounds consumed in the United States. In the great struggle between the Congress of the United States in 1872 for a uniform tax of twenty cents per pound instead of the old tax of sixteen cents and thirty-two cents, it was conceded in the discussion before the Committee of Ways and Means that \$30,000,000 was all that the exigencies of the National Government required on this article; yet, instead of this sum, the Treasury is reaping the above sum of \$34,250,000, annually from this article, of which Virginia paid on her product the last fiscal year over \$7,000,000. Is it just and equitable that the great staple products of six Southern States—namely, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri—should be selected to bear this increment to its present taxation, while the produce of Massachusetts and other New England States, like woolen and cotton goods, should be released entirely from the bondage of this internal revenue system, which was born of this war and the war debt. Should it be necessary to increase the revenues of the Government, let them raise on tea and coffee the \$20,000,000 proposed, where the burdens fall on all sections of the United States alike, and where the whole sum levied goes into the National Treasury, without any bounty to any industry, but let not the representatives of the nation consent even to another cent being laid on the agricultural produce of the Southern and Western States. The tobacco interest has upwards of sixty-five representatives on the floor of the House of Representatives, who can by proper combination defeat this iniquitous proposition for further burdens on the tobacco interest. We therefore recommend to the tobacco men of Richmond, Petersburg, Danville, and Lynchburg to hold meetings at once and pass resolutions condemning in no uncertain terms this recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The same writer sends the following, in addition, from Washington:

In conversation with various members of Congress on the subject of Mr. Richardson's late recommendation of four cents per pound increase on tobacco I find great hostility to it, and if the tobacco-men through the great central belt of the Union will by public meetings bring to bear their earnest protests on members it can certainly be killed in the House of Representatives. Let Congress lay a duty of three cents per pound on coffee, and fifteen cents on tea. This will bring them upwards of twenty-five millions; and if the Treasury wants more, let a temporary loan be effected; but do not let the business interests of the country get again in an abnormal condition; let not \$4,720,000 additional be put on an article which is now pouring more than \$34,000,000 into the National Treasury.

A FINANCIAL WEATHERCOCK.

that Congress should, in the brief period that remained before the holiday recess—and consequently without much debate—increase the taxation of the country by the bagatelle amount of forty millions, encountered a stormy opposition on which he little counted. The columns of THE LEAF last week showed what reception it met with at the hands of the tobacco trade, and our interest was not singular among those proposed to be affected. Those engaged in the commerce in whisky, tea, and coffee, with the other industries involved, soon made it apparent at Washington that "some one had blundered," to say nothing of the agitation created by the western inflationists. In view of these facts, it is easy to see that the Secretary has very prudently, if not very valorously, in sporting parlance, "taken water." He has promptly yielded to the popular clamor against his proposal, and now submissively places on record his opinion that he has no doubt that "whatever measures they (Congress) would adopt would be the best." The public could not ask for more speedy acknowledgment of an error, though it might demand, in so exalted an official, a degree of financial ability that would have made this error impossible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1873.
SECRETARY RICHARDSON ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.—HOPEFUL INDICATIONS.

Secretary Richardson, in conversation yesterday, gave a very hopeful view of the condition of the finances of the Government. He said when he wrote his letter to Congress there was every prospect of the stagnation of business seriously affecting the operations of his department, and though in a measure such has been the case, he is now encouraged, from various reasons, to expect a more prosperous issue. Signs of reviving activity at home and in importations are already perceptible in the revenues, and there is every indication that the increase, though yet small, will go on till it approximates, if it does not entirely reach the old standard. Notwithstanding these brightening prospects, he did not think it would be advisable to delay action in the matter of making timely provisions for possible contingencies, and, therefore, he hoped Congress would take some action by which he would feel free to act if the necessity occurred. He had no particular suggestions to make, but thought that the proposition to increase the taxes should only be adopted when all other means failed. He said, however, that that was a matter for Congress to determine, and he had no doubt whatever measures they would adopt would be for the best. The Secretary said that in regard to expenditures and receipts he could save \$30,000,000 in the sinking fund by using such money as he might have for the current expenses and pressing demands on the Treasury, for if there were no moneys to be conveniently turned into the sinking fund he could not be expected to further embarrass the resources of the department by any attempt to reduce the national debt. The Secretary thought that Congress, instead of requesting a reduction of estimates, had better appoint a committee to investigate their legislation on the subject of offices and appropriations. There were many unnecessary offices and other sources of expenditure which could just as well be abolished. He thought the best way to diminish expenses was to repeal the laws creating them. There were a number of offices appropriated for annually that had long outlived their usefulness. He had no doubt there might be considerable retrenchment in bringing the necessary offices, in their working force, nearer in accordance with the work to be performed. In regard to the estimates he remarked that there seemed to be an impression that he was responsible for their amount, which was not the case, for with the exception of his own department he was merely the officer designated by law to receive them from the other branches and departments of the Government to prepare them in official form and submit them. The estimates for the Treasury Department, he said, were for specific and definite appropriations and salaries, which were fixed by law and could not be changed. Respecting public buildings the estimates were in accordance with the requirements of Congress. It was not for him to determine where buildings should be erected. Congress settled that and it was his proper duty to carry out their wishes. He thought any reduction in this line could only be made by Congress. In regard to fortifications, arsenals, armories and improvement of rivers and harbors he had nothing to say, as they belonged to the War Department. They made their own estimates and they were embraced in the annual statement. The Secretary remarked that, so far as last year's estimates were concerned, Congress appropriated about \$20,000,000 more than was asked for, and the same power could reduce the amount. He was in favor of cutting expenses down to the smallest amount possible, for such action would, he was convinced, very satisfactorily relieve the present undesirable turn in the balance between receipts and expenditures. So far he has managed to keep along with the aid of the reserves, of which about \$20,000,000 is now out. The rest, if the worst were to come, would stand him till spring, when trade would revive; but with the signs of increasing revenues already it may not be necessary to draw upon them any more to any extent. The Secretary says that the statement that the German Government has made another purchase of United States bonds is incorrect, as far as any information that he has on the subject goes.

MINOR EDITORIALS.

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION.—Southern journals are scandalizing their readers by telling them that the paper which circulates best in that region is a paper of tobacco.

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.—At the meeting of the Cheap Transportation Association held in this city on the 22d inst., Mr. S. Jacoby, of 209 Pearl Street, President of the Cigar and Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, was elected a member.

THE LATE G. H. BOLENNUS, ESQ.—By one of those curious errors for which the art typographical is sometimes responsible, the expression "However unfortunate in business" was substituted, in our obituary notice of this gentleman last week, for the words "Exceedingly fortunate in business,"—a fact we vainly attempted to set forth! It should also be added that Mr. Bolennus went abroad early in 1870 and returned, apparently in good health, in the autumn of 1872. His final illness was brief but severe, extending over a period of four weeks. He was in his forty-first year.

OUR CHRISTMAS BOX.—We have received from Messrs. John P. Allen & Co., tobacco manufacturers of Richmond, Va., a neatly-packed box containing samples of their "Matchless" brand of plug and smoking tobacco; a bale of their "Buds and Blossoms" granulated smoking, and several packages of their No. 1 Richmond Straight-Cut and "Straight-Cut Cavendish," which are now largely used for cigarettes. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Allen & Co. for their thoughtful remembrance of the necessities of the staff of THE LEAF at this genial Christmas-tide. The packing of this firm is too well known to call for especial mention, but is certainly exceptional. Indeed for neatness and appropriateness it is difficult to believe that their packages could be excelled. As to the quality of the tobacco, we can heartily recommend it and advise a generous patronage of this enterprising house on the part of dealers. It is only the enterprising that, at the present crisis, can "make both ends meet." To such as unite energy and intelligence, prosperity is the sure reward!

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

DOMESTIC.

NEW YORK, December 23.

Western Leaf.—The business since our last continues of a holiday character, and we look for little more being done this year. The sales reported are 614 hhds, of which 161 to manufacturers; 87 to jobbers; 43 Mason County, to cutters, and the remainder to shippers. The market is irregular. Lugs still sell at 60¢, and fillers seem in good demand. For other leaf there seems no fixed value, but factors seldom let buyers go elsewhere, if concession in price will retain them.

	1st week.	2d week.	3d week.	4th week.	5th week.	Total.
January.....	439	961	1,261	739	—	3,400
February.....	380	290	582	548	—	1,800
March.....	680	383	298	239	—	1,600
April.....	859	740	849	848	—	1,504
May.....	679	626	1,720	829	—	1,146
June.....	1,242	1,771	1,548	1,439	—	6,000
July.....	1,120	1,609	2,097	1,447	—	8,100
August.....	773	2,033	1,326	1,929	—	7,700
September.....	873	740	344	1,543	—	3,500
October.....	513	1,843	830	797	—	4,500
November.....	940	948	757	655	—	3,300
December.....	873	593	614	—	—	2,080

Virginia Leaf.—The stock of old Virginia leaf is now so much reduced in this market, and others as well, as to leave little opportunity for traffic therein. For what was available there was a fair demand, and sales were effected at comparatively satisfactory prices. New crop is now moving freely towards the business centers, and will shortly be in sufficient volume here to admit of a resumption of ordinary weekly transactions. Primings have been sought in larger quantity during the week, the fact indicating that the higher rates prevailing in Richmond have not been without effect in helping to impress buyers with the conviction that the present is the accepted time for securing these goods, as they are not likely to be lower this season. They cannot be replaced from the Virginia markets at the prices they are now selling at here.

Seed Leaf.—A moderate business, at former prices, was done both for export and home trade. Among the sales during the past four or five weeks we have recorded, as will have been noticed, quite a number of lots of 1870 Connecticut and Massachusetts at low prices to shippers. Holders of such goods, seeing little or no opportunity to dispose of the same to better advantage for the home trade, wisely show a disposition not to carry this unprofitable stock into the new year.

A noteworthy feature of the past week was the sale of 130 cases of Connecticut and Massachusetts, crop of 1872, for export, at 40¢, 45¢, and 50¢. These are discouragingly low figures for even panicky times, and in any degree indicial of the expectations of the trade, then it is clear that over confidence in the future is not at this time a prominent symptom or manifestation of the market. We do not wish to say one word that would lead growers to infer that we desired them to abate a jot or tittle of their profits for the benefit of somebody else. But it must be obvious to them, not only from the prices above noticed, but from our general range of quotations, and the comparatively lifeless condition of trade, that a realization of their earlier anticipations is now a sheer impossibility, and that if the tobacco held by them is to be sold at all it should be sold as rapidly as opportunity offers. The year 1874 is likely, very likely indeed, to substitute for the conventional inquiry of the past two or three years "What is your price?" the more novel one, "What will you pay?" This is the tendency all round, in the tobacco trade and out of it.

The details of the week's business were as follows: For home trade 100 cases 1872 Connecticut at 30¢/40¢. 150 cases do Massachusetts, at 7¢/12¢; 50 cases do do Connecticut, second, at 12¢/16¢; 61 cases 1870 Massachusetts at 6¢/8¢, and 120 cases sundries on private terms. And for export, 203 cases 1870 Connecticut and Massachusetts at 60¢/90¢; 130 cases 1872 do, fillers, at 40¢/50¢; 200 cases 1872 Ohio at 60¢/70¢; 50 cases do State at 70¢; 323 cases Wisconsin at 60¢/70¢, and 83 cases do do wrappers on private terms. The sale of selected Wisconsin wrappers referred to in our previous report should have read 160 cases, the types, which made it 16 cases, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Spanish.—The sales of Havana fillers were limited to about 400 bales at 80¢/90¢. The Havana market was very fully described in our last issue in the copious and excellent report of Messrs. J. F. Bernes Sr. & Co. According to that resume prime Vegas, *Vuelta Abajo*—remained through the recent dispute at previous quotations. What may be styled *sami Vuelta Abajo* are a drug in the market, and if of good strength can be bought at 40¢/45¢ per qtl; if coming within the range of qualities suitable for the United States they are held from 50¢ to \$1.00 per qtl. above that rate, notwithstanding the almost entire absence of buyers for that country. Showing, it may be observed, how strong is faith. The absence of haste in buying for this market, so noticeable a feature of this season's transactions, is not calculated to strengthen prices in Havana; which is well in view of our home prospect for the coming year.

Manufactured.—There was about an average demand for Cavendish tobacco for consumption, with somewhat less inquiry for export, last week.

Though not active, the market is regular, and prices are very well sustained. The holiday season being now upon us comparative quietude is to be expected in this department and elsewhere until the expiration of the period usually allotted to its observance. After that, as is our custom, we may hopefully look for improvement in his and other directions. In this direction, it should be said parenthetically, provided Congress spares us the infliction of some or any of its "betterments." Therefore, as has recently been stated in THE LEAF, two or three subjects connected with our interest upon which legislation would be gratifying if in accordance with the wishes of those to be affected by it. But the risk is so great that more harm than good will be done if additional legislation is attempted that most traders would be willing to excuse Congress if it would leave tobacco matters entirely alone until the debt is paid off and taxation expires by limitation provided or implied. For so long an exemption from tinkering the trade could well afford to waive all claims to reduced taxes, export warehouses, back-taxes, and other items scored and graven on the tablets of its united memory.

Smoking.—For smoking tobaccos we note a very fair inquiry since our last. The shelves of retail dealers could not well be dispensed during the holidays with the embellishments furnished by the variegated and ornate packages now appear, and, as a consequence, replenishment was in order throughout the week. Similar providence should be predicable for the ensuing fortnight, but having the nib about the "slip" and the "lip" dangling at the side of the pen as we write, we avoid the prediction.

Cigars.—Business has been moderately good the past week; and to be slightly more explicit, it may be said it has been neither better nor worse than late preceding weeks. At the best trade is not as good as could be wished, and at the worst it is not nearly so bad as it might be. A heavy manufacturer and dealer remarked to us that trade is now duller than he has seen it for twenty years. Admitting this for the nonce, we would exchange the business of the present for that of twenty years ago. Everything is relative. It is millions of cigars now where it was thousands then.

It is suggested that manufacturing in the interior as well as in the towns having materially declined since the inception of the present sluggish period, and consumption having continued all the time, a more active demand for cigars must ere long spring up and make

itself visible in the leading markets. And this idea appears rational. And then, it is also observed that as many of the workmen lately discharged in the towns are not to be met in their old haunts, it is fair to presume that a considerable portion have found work in the interior, and production in the interior having thus been pretty well kept up, an active demand in the great markets is hardly to be expected without a somewhat prolonged delay. And this idea, too, appears rational, after a fashion; and so it goes.

"How happy (one) could be with either
Were 'other dearer charmer away.'"
Our own opinion is that an actual count would show that production is not diminished in town or country as much as is sometimes imagined. Business is simply in a transition state; that's about all there is in the present aspect of affairs. Trade has been frightened, but not much hurt, and it takes time to get the nerves steady again.

Gold opened at 110¢ and closed at 110¢.
Foreign Exchange has been subject to a decline since last week. Prime sterling is offered as low as 108½, though 108½, nominally, is asked, the demand being light. We quote—London: Bankers' 60 days, 108½; 108½; 3 days, 109½; Commercial, 60 days, 105½; 105½; Paris: Bankers', 60 days, 525¢/523½; 3 days, 520; Commercial, 60 days, 530¢/527½; Swiss: 60 days, 523½; 3 days, 518½. Antwerp—60 days, 523½, 3 days, 518½. Hamburg—60 days, 94½/95½; 3 days, 96½. Bremen—60 days, 94½/95½; 3 days, 96½. Frankfurt, O.—60 days, 40½/41½; 3 days, 41½. Amsterdam—60 days, 40½; 3 days, 41. Prussian Thaler—60 days, 70½/71; 3 days, 71½.

Freights.—Mr. Louis Meyer, Freight Broker, reports: Rates are in favor of shippers but business is light on account of the holidays. To Liverpool, 45s. by sail per hhd Ky. London, 52s.6d. by steam. To Antwerp, 40s. for cases and 50s. per hhd by steam. To Bremen, 60 Marks per hhd and 85 Marks for cases by steam, by sail 37s.6d. for Virginia hhd, 45s. for Kentucky hhd, and 27s.6d. for cases.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.

Growers of seed leaf tobacco are cautioned against accepting the reported sales and quotations of seed leaf as furnishing the prices that should be obtained for them as first hand, as these refer in most instances to old crops which have been held nearly a year, and the profit on which must naturally include the interest on capital invested. Growers cannot expect even in the case of new crops, to sell them for the same prices as are obtained on a re-sale here. Of course every re-sale must be at an advance, and therefore the price obtainable by the growers will always be somewhat lower than our quotations.

QUOTATIONS OF WHOLESALE PRICES.

Western—Light leaf.	cts.	Yarn & 11 Cut outst.	95¢/100
Common to good lugs.	8 1/2 1/2	Manufactured—Tax 20 cts. per pound.	
Good.	10 1/2 1/2	Florida—Bastard.	
Medium.	12 1/2 1/2	Extra fine.	60 70
Light cutting lugs.	14 1/2 1/2	Medium.	45 55
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	Good.	45 55
Clarksville and Western.	District.	Common.	40 45
Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	Monthly, scarce.	35 38
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	Light Pressed, extra fine.	60 70
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	Light Pressed, fine.	55 65
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	Light Pressed—Fine.	50 60
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	Medium.	45 55
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	Common.	42 44
Clarksville and Western.	District.	New York Fine.	45 55
Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	New Half Pounds and	
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	Thirds.	40 45
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	Fine.	43 48
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	Fancy Tobacco—Long 10's.	48 50
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	do do.	45 50
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	Fat Lady, 60's.	45 50
Clarksville and Western.	District.	Pocket Pieces.	45 55
Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	do do.	45 55
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	Bright Good Hair, 6 inch 13's.	45 55
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	Bought & Ready.	40 45
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	New Pounds—Fine.	43 48
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	do do.	40 45
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	New Half Pounds.	42 45
Clarksville and Western.	District.	Medium.	40 45
Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	Quarter Pounds—Fine.	38 46
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	Good.	38 40
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	do do.	35 40
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	Fives and Four.	42 45
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	do do.	42 45
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	Negro 24's.	44 45
Clarksville and Western.	District.	Thirty-Two.	42 45
Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	do do.	40 45
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	Good.	42 44
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	do do.	39 40
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	Granulated Smoking.	34 37 1/2
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	do do.	34 37 1/2
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	Seed and Havana.	
Clarksville and Western.	District.	per M.	45 00 75 00
Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	do do.	45 00 75 00
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	do do Second.	25 00 30 00
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	New York Seed Conn.	25 00 30 00
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	do do.	25 00 30 00
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	Penn. do do.	17 00 25 00
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	do do.	17 00 25 00
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Common to good lugs.	7 1/2 1/2	do do.	20 00 30 00
Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	do do.	20 00 30 00
Medium leaf.	10 1/2 1/2	Cheerots and Sixes.	10 00 12 00
Good.	12 1/2 1/2	Shag—Macaboy.	85 90
Fine.	14 1/2 1/2	do do.	85 90
do do leaf.	16 1/2 1/2	Shag & Turkey.	85 90
Clarksville and Western.	District.	do do.	85 90
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Common leaf.	8 1/2 1/2	American Gentleman.	90 100
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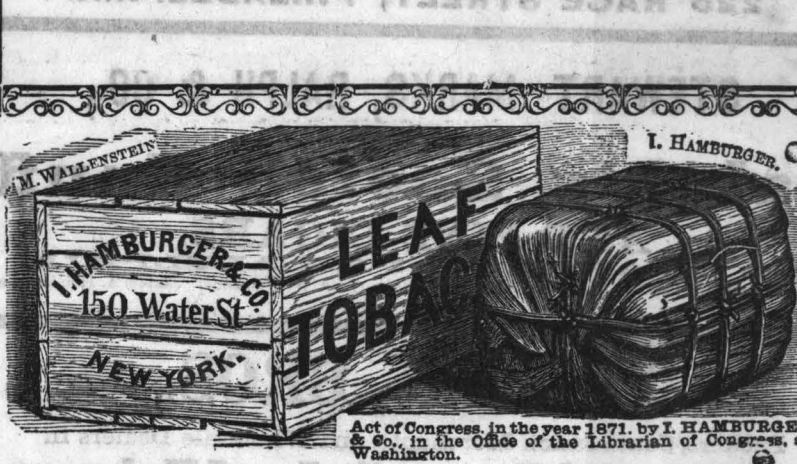
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BURNING OF A TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.—Early on the morning of the 23d inst., Samuel R. Bell & Co.'s tobacco warehouse at Hadley, Mass., was burned to together with 330 cases of tobacco. The loss is \$38,000, and insurance \$25,000, in Hartford, Worcester, and English companies.

TOBACCO AT DANVILLE, VA.—The revenue from manufactured tobacco for the last month amounted to \$53,571.80. The sale of stamps for tobacco on the 1st instant amounted to \$1,050.40, on the 2d to \$2,257.90; on the 3d to \$5,338.80; on the 4th to \$2,115.40; on the 5th to \$2,160.20. It is reported that three of the Danville manufacturing houses—Messrs. Keen & Keen, A. S. Fuller, and J. B. Pace—sold for cash on the 4th instant, several lots of manufactured tobacco, amounting to twenty-five thousand pounds.

ANOTHER IMPOSITION ON EXPORTERS OF TOBACCO.—We understand that "Form C," being the landing certificate used in exporting tobacco, has recently been changed, a certificate of the actual weight of the tobacco at the foreign port at the time of delivery being now required as well as a further certificate made by the Collector of Customs that the duties imposed by the foreign government have been paid, or security for such payment given by the exporter's consignee, or his agent. To us, it seems that the force of folly could no further go than in this requirement. When will the Washington officials cease making rules for foreigners to obey?

THE LORILLARD STEAMSHIP LINE TO NORFOLK, RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG.—For the transportation facilities which it will afford to our friends in the tobacco trade, if for no other reason, we are glad to see that this new line of steamers is now, and has been for several weeks past, making tri-weekly trips between this city, Norfolk, Richmond and Petersburg, Va., and is already receiving a very liberal patronage from our merchants in the Virginia and Southern trade generally and from our tobacco merchants and factors in particular. The Lorillard Steamship Company, who are also owners of the two other associate lines to Philadelphia, and Wilmington, N. C., have placed three first-class steamers, the *Mediator*, *Vindicator* and *Fania* on the Virginia route, and these vessels having been built expressly for the traffic to which they are devoted, being staunch, swift and commodious, the managers of the line feel confident that it will be equal to all demands that may be made upon it by the business community. The dock accommodations of the Company, at Pier 33, East River, which have been constructed and fitted up at an expense of \$30,000, appear to be well adapted to the requirements of the shipping trade, having besides the requisite slips and covered piers, a broad and solid platform way along South Street extending from James Slip to Oliver Street, upon which cotton bales,

sugar and tobacco hogsheads, and boxes innumerable may be placed until distributed.

TOBACCO AT FARMVILLE, VA.—A correspondent writes: "A sojourn of several days in the good old town of Farmville has enabled me to pick up some items which may be of general interest. I was surprised to learn that there are here over twenty 'tobacco-houses' belonging to firms who 'handle' tobacco in all of its stages, and are very successful in converting the 'yellow leaf' into greenbacks. From the necessities of this trade three banks and a flourishing insurance and banking house have arisen, and I should think, from what I hear, that Farmville was a moneyed place until with the whole country, it felt the blighting touch of the panic."

POLICE AND REVENUE ITEMS.—Captain Walsh, of the Seventeenth Precinct, reports that Monheim & Brock, cigar-makers, No. 324 Bowery, complain that on the night of the 13th instant burglars entered their factory and stole 20,000 cigars, worth \$1,200. Captain Walsh ascertained that the burglary was what is known as an "inside job," and that the robbers were concealed in the building, and got out by screwing a nut off a bolt that held the padlock outside the front door. The United States officials suspect an attempt to defraud the revenue, as the boxes containing the cigars were unstamped.

In the United States Circuit Court, in the case of the United States agt. Joseph Keit, the jury found a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$500, the amount due on a tobaccoist's bonds—Officers Ryan and Steen, of the Customs House, seized 3,000 Havana cigars and sixty gallons of rum which were being smuggled over the bow of the steamship *Zyba*, at Pier 3, North River.

The cigar manufactory of Robert Hubert, on the third floor of No. 174 Water Street, was entered by burglars on Friday night, and 12,000 cigars, valued at \$1,200, were carried off. It is supposed that the burglars were secreted in the building—One morning last week fire was discovered in a room in Van Dyke's Hotel, No. 25 Catherine Slip, whose history is unknown, and who appeared to be intoxicated when he retired to rest on Tuesday. The fire was put out in a few minutes, but Norton was found dead and partly burned. In the centre of the charred bed-clothes a clay pipe was found, and it is supposed that, as was his custom, Norton lit a pipe when he got to bed, and went to sleep with it in his mouth. In his inebriate condition he did not perceive that the cinders from the pipe had set fire to the clothes on the bed, and he was gradually suffocated. The damage done to the furniture and building is about \$700.—On the evening of September 30 a fire occurred at the residence of Philip Goodman, No. 201 Division Street. The circumstances surrounding the fire were regarded by Fire Marshal Sheldon as very suspicious, and since that time he has been engaged in investigating the matter. About two weeks ago, on a day that Aaron Harris was convicted of perjury, in making a false statement in relation to his loss by a fire at his cigar manufactory in Hester Street, Goodman disappeared, and it was ascertained that he had left the city. During his absence the evidence in the case was presented to the Grand Jury, who found an indictment against Goodman and his wife for arson. Search was made for the fugitive, and on Friday night last he was arrested in Buffalo, by Officer Reinisch, of the Fire Marshal's office, on a bench warrant issued by District Attorney Phelps. On the same evening Mrs. Goodman was arrested in this city by Detective Dyer, of the Tenth Precinct. Goodman was brought to this city, and both he and his wife are now locked up in the Tombs to await trial.

THE TOBACCO PRODUCT FOR 1873.

Official Report of the Agricultural Department.

The average in comparison with last year is 94. The returns for tobacco make the yield above that of 1872 in West Virginia, 129; Kansas, 114; Arkansas, 108; Virginia, 102; Illinois, 101; New Hampshire, New York, Texas, and Oregon, 100. The other States range between 70 in Pennsylvania and 98 in South Carolina and Florida. In condition, Connecticut reports an average of 133; Massachusetts 120; New Hampshire, 118; Vermont, 110; Maryland, Louisiana, and Oregon, 106; Kansas, 102; Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama, 101. Other States range between 100 in Illinois and 91 in Missouri.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Franklin: Tobacco is doing well; no pole-sweat; scarcity of money will prevent the early marketing of the crop.

CONNECTICUT.—New Haven: Excellent where not frosted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Lancaster: Crop short.

MARYLAND.—Howard: Good season and good crop.

VIRGINIA.—Madison: Generally cut before frost, and curing handsomely. Fluvanna—Full crop, though much of it was late. Pittsylvania—Did not recover from July drought. Rockbridge—Failed; did not get a good stand. Chesterfield—Heavy yield, but badly frosted. Buckingham—Large crop well secured; fine harvest season. Mecklenburg—Short crop planted and it failed to mature; much was cut green. Spottsylvania—Crop large; season fine; no frost until October 13. Orange—Crop had a bad start, but subsequent good weather made a fair yield. Goochland—More tobacco made than in any year since the war; quality good. Cumberland—Very fine. Nelson—Much had to be cut green to escape frost; curing season good. Dinwiddie—Scarcity of plants and increased cotton reduced the acreage; crop injured by rains.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Person: Yield heavy and good. Alamance—Poor stand at starting; grew rapidly later in the season, but produced but little fine tobacco; cut before ripening. Forsyth—Good and secured. Rockingham—Heavy, but inferior on account of late rains. Caswell—Planting delayed by drought; later rains caused a second growth, which did not mature well fine tobacco scarce.

FLORIDA.—Gadsden: Large increase of Cuba tobacco.

ALABAMA.—Crenshaw: Acreage 25 per cent. increase; yield 25 per cent. above average. Hancock—Increased acreage and good quality; seed mostly brought from Havana.

TENNESSEE.—Dickson: Good crop well secured; injured somewhat by worms. Obion—Very good. Williamson—Acreage 25 per cent. less; quality 25 per cent. better. Sumner—Injured by frost in some places; increased acreage will make up the deficiency. Smith—Ten per cent. over last year's yield. Trousdale—Not so good leaf as last year. Putnam—Crop large, excellent, and well secured. Robertson—About 600 pounds per acre average; quality 25 per cent. below last year.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Grant: Badly frosted. Mercer: Very good; increased acreage; more attention to this crop.

KENTUCKY.—Hardin: About average in quantity, but inferior in quality. Oldham—Secured in good order; shortened by drought. Adair—Larger acreage than ever before; late planted and somewhat frosted. Laurel—Above average in spite of frost. Nicholas—Drought injured late plantings; worms bad. Pendleton—Stand late and consequently ripened late, reducing the quality, though but little was frosted. Taylor—Crop greatly reduced by wet early season and subsequent drought. Clinton—Great increase in tobacco culture; aggregate yield five times as great as last year. Henry—Depreciated by early frosts; late planted on account of drought. McLean—Injured by extreme wet weather. Anderson—Average. Livingston—Well saved; not frosted.

OHIO.—Medina: Leaves somewhat eaten by grasshoppers, preventing their use as cigar-wrappers. Indiana—Dubois: Shortened greatly by drought. Ripley—Somewhat frosted. Brown—Increased acreage; late planted; considerably frosted. Edwards—Good in spite of worms.

WISCONSIN.—Clark: Damaged by wet spring and early frosts. Adams—Injured by early frosts. Missouri—Monteau: Badly frosted. Clinton—Increased acreage, but some of it injured by early frosts. Howard—Injured by frost. Carroll—Early planting fine; late, damaged by frost. Franklin—Much injured by worms. Stone—Full 25 per cent. above last year in yield, but nearly worthless, having taken a second growth. Cass—Frost caught most of the tobacco.

KANSAS.—Labette: Experimental crops promising.

CALIFORNIA.—Alameda: Not extensively grown, but under a new method of treatment it is thought to be equal to Havana.

OREGON.—Tillamook: Growth small, but quality excellent.

CUBA TOBACCO.

Gadsden, Fla.—Prior to the war the Cuba tobacco was cultivated as a staple market crop, the annual product of the country amounting to about 4,000 boxes of 400 pounds each, and commanding at the barns prices ranging from 20 to 80 cents per pound, according to quality. This is emphatically the "poor man's crop," in numerous instances it has so proved itself, requiring but a small acreage and little money. Every child, six years old may be profitably employed on this crop, which is subject to none of the casualties of cotton. It will probably resume its former position of a staple crop.

A PHILADELPHIA TOBACCO COMMISSION HOUSE.—The Philadelphia *Journal of Commerce*, in giving some facts regarding the tobacco trade of that city, thus refers to one of our old friends: "Among these the Commission houses are prominent, and one of the most reliable establishments of the kind is undoubtedly that of Woodward, Garrett & Co., who are the successors to Woodward Brothers & Co., who established the house some years ago at the same location. The names of the firm are respectively Mr. Theo. H. Woodward, Albin Garrett and William Hemphill. The latter is resident manager of the Pittsburgh house, a branch of the establishment, which the firm established in order to more thoroughly control the Western market. The firm have the credit of instituting the first commission house in Pittsburgh, and it is the only one in that strictly busy city. The Woodward family are among the pioneer houses in the tobacco trade of our city. Mr. Samuel Woodward, the father of the present member of the firm, having engaged largely in transactions of this kind, in connection with associates, the firm known as Heald, Woodward & Co., and who established their house over half a century ago. Mr. Thomas Woodward, recently deceased brother of the member of this house, was also connected with the tobacco interests of our city. The present Mr. Woodward of the firm is thoroughly acquainted with the trade in late departments. The principal sales of the house relate to the Kentucky tobacco, and what are known as unmanufactured and smoking tobacco. The Kentucky product is mainly derived from the establishment of Mr. Edward Holbrook, Jr., of Louisville, Kentucky; the most noted brands, "Monitor," "Flying Top Galant," and "Hard to Beat," having a wide-spread reputation. The house, as mentioned, makes a specialty of the Kentucky tobacco, but they largely engage in the "Durham," North Carolina, smoking tobaccos, which are extensively known throughout the country, this house receiving the bulk of the tobacco forwarded on the Northern market. The property of No. 33 North Water Street, has a frontage of twenty-four by fully one

hundred and fifty feet, extending from block to block, Water Street to 32 North Delaware Avenue. The principal entrance is on Water Street, where the goods are received and shipped to purchasers. The firm do an exclusive wholesale commission business, supplying the jobbing and wholesale grocery trade; the Philadelphia house with manufactured and smoking tobacco, while the Pittsburgh establishment devotes itself to the sale of manufactured and smoking tobacco, and cigars in addition, the Western market affording an excellent field for transactions of such a nature."

"SHORT ON SOAP."—"How does that look, eh?" said a big-fisted Wall Street man to another man, holding up his fist. "That," said his friend, "looks as if you'd gone short on soap."

THE KIND OF WOMEN THEY RAISE IN KENTUCKY.—The Elizabethtown (Ky.) *News* asserts that "Mrs. Searle who lives in Grayson County, went out one day last Spring to dig ginseng. She is said to be one of the most industrious women in all her section. During the day she dug seven pounds of ginseng, killed five young foxes, two rattlesnakes, slew two fawns, and went back home and gave birth to twins."

FIRST OF THE NEW CROP AT LYNCHBURG, VA.—Says the *Lynchburg Republican* of Dec. 12: "The first crop of tobacco over the Lynchburg and Danville Railroad was brought to the city on Tuesday evening, and disposed of at Liberty Warehouse yesterday morning. This tobacco was raised in Pittsylvania county, about seven miles from Staunton River, and the prices realized were highly satisfactory to the producer. This is only the advance of the avalanche from that grand tobacco county."

HOW THE ENGLISH QUAKERS AMUSE THEMSELVES.—Mr. Moncre D. Conway, an American gentleman residing in London is responsible for the following: The Quakers, of England, are generally wealthy, and their young people, denied the usual amusements on week days as well as Sundays—concerts, theatres, dances, and other vanities, as well as sermons and choirs—have long been sadly put to it how to employ their time. An excellent Quaker lady told me the other day that she and her young companions found relief by getting together and—smoking cigars!

AN IMPROVING TENDENCY AT RICHMOND, VA.—Says the *Whig*: "The statistics published to-day in the commercial department of the *Whig* illustrate the damaging effect of the late financial crisis upon the manufactured tobacco interest of this city, but they also indicate a recovery from the depression recently prevailing. The quantity of chewing and smoking tobacco shipped in bond last month was about one-half the quantity so shipped in October, but the amount of chewing tobacco tax paid was much larger, requiring nearly \$35,000 more cash to pay for stamps in November than in October. The total of chewing tobacco, bonded and prepaid, during the last two months was 1,167,548 pounds below the total for the same two months of last year. It will be observed that the total for November is below that for October; the difference being 10,000 lbs. This falling off is usual, and last year the November total was 36,000 lbs. below that of October. The comparison of the November business shows a decrease this year of 570,816 pounds in the product of chewing tobacco put into the market, and an increase in smoking of 13,213 lbs. The total quantity of smoking marketed since 1st October is only 3,763 lbs. below the total for the same time of last year. These facts show that the manufacturing interest has suffered greatly, but they are also full of encouragement."

AN INTERESTING TOBACCO CASE AT RICHMOND.—On the 8th inst., at Richmond, Va., at a meeting of the tobaccoists, held at the Tobacco Exchange, Mr. Benjamin Gray, the President of the Association, stated that there were certain buyers who had been compelled to pay twice for tobacco which had been sold to them, and they desired to call forth an expression of the trade determining this matter for the future. Mr. James Scott gave a very clear statement of the facts connected with the purchase of three hogsheads of tobacco, and the proceeds of which had again been collected from him, at the instance of the planter, in Judge Wellford's court, and urged the trade, as a matter of the deepest importance to them in the future, that the commission merchant or party selling should in all cases be held responsible to the purchaser of tobacco, and the commission merchant to look to the party who placed the tobacco in his hands for indemnity. General Peyton Wise stated that it was a matter of decided importance to have this matter correctly and legally settled, and he moved that the point be referred to the Attorney-General for his legal opinion. After some further discussion between Messrs. Wise, Scott, Nollings, Sommerville, and others, General W. withdrew his motion, and Mr. James Scott's resolution, that the commission merchants or sellers should hold themselves responsible to the purchaser, was carried with few dissentient voices. Mr. W. P. Burwell being present was requested to give his legal opinion. He stated that he thought Mr. Scott's resolution enunciated the law on the subject, and referred to a similar case which had been carried to the Supreme Court of New York, and where the principle was fully sanctioned. He doubted not that our Courts here would recognize it.

THE NEW CROP OF OHIO SEED LEAF.—The *Miamibus (O.) Bulletin* thus comments on specimens of the new crop sent to by growers in that vicinity: "Mr. John Lowery sends us samples of a very fine crop of seven acres grown near Carrollton. Color is light and uniform. Ten cents has been refused for the crop. Isaac Watson, of the same neighborhood, sends samples of about same grade as above. We have samples from a crop of 2½ acres of upland tobacco, grown by David Woods, southeast of town which are heavier and darker than the above but of excellent quality. Mr. G. W. Rogers sends us samples of 4 acres of second bottom leaf, very fair quality, and deep, rich color. Mr. John Mayer, across the river, sends us magnificent specimens, very near the color and quality of Schenck's. The veins are fine, color light, and texture of many leaves very fine. Mr. Rockey, of the 'Ridge,' sends a few large leaves of very fine quality, but dark. Mr. Christian Schuster, east of town, sends samples of '72 (sold) and new crop. The former is very light for '72, and the latter is much above the average. Mr. Eli Shade, on Bear Creek, sends two samples of extraordinary size and very fine. The color of the leaves will nearly approach chestnut. Mr. W. D. Welsh of Waynesville, in the Little Miami Valley, sends fine samples of leaf for that region. The prevailing color is light; ribs fine, and texture silky. Welsh is a skillful planter, and says there is considerable tobacco grown in his neighborhood. Mr. C. Brumm, west of town, sends samples hard to beat. The size and color of leaves are uniform; the former large, and the latter light. Mr. J. H. Schaefer, south-west of town has presented us a sample of short, spicy, Spanish leaf—a small lot grown on his farm. The flavor is very fine. Mr. D. B. Hipple, south-west of town, sends us very fine specimens. The leaves are large, and uniform size and color. One sample of light Cuba we cannot identify; the label having been detached. The owner will please send in his name. Judging from the samples before us the crop in this valley is better than we have had for several years. Some of the leaves show symptoms of white veins, but from observations we are inclined to believe that this defect does not prevail to any considerable extent. The prevailing color, this season, will be light, and the quality of the leaf is, as we have said, much above the average of late years."

A PROMPT RESPONSE.—A dandy asked an old sexton if the ringing of the bell didn't put him in mind of his latter end. "No," replied the grim grave-digger, "but the rope puts me in mind of yours."

THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO-GROWERS EXHORTED NOT TO MARKET THEIR CROPS.—The *Index and Appeal*, of Petersburg, Va., gives the following advice: "While standing in the store of one of our leading merchants on yesterday, a young gentleman came in with a roll of notes in his hand to settle a bill, as he remarked, for a farmer. He went on to say, that the money he held in his hand was the proceeds of a lot of tobacco sent in for sale by a farmer, and that the sale of the product of his labor had actually brought him in debt. Walking a little further we met with a representative of one of our leading warehouses, and he urged upon us to say to our country friends that, if consistent with honor and duty to themselves, they should not for the present send loose tobacco to this market. The prices are inadequate, and if farmers can retain their tobacco, it would be to their interest to do so. Our city, like all cities, is dependent upon the agricultural interest for support; and recognizing this fact, it should be our highest aim to protect and promote that interest. Therefore we say, that as far as we have influence, it shall be exerted in behalf of our farming interest, which is the foundation of our prosperity and of all our commercial hopes. We would therefore say to our tobacco-growing friends, that for the present it would be to their interest to hold their crops. After a little while there is bound to be a change for the better, by which they will receive remunerative prices."

"HARD TIMES" IN CUBA.—An Havana correspondent writes: "In the meantime every thing receives a fictitious value, owing to the disordered state of the finances. Meeting after meeting is held by the Debt Junta, of which the irrepressible Don Julian is president, as he is of every thing else, and the appellation of Autocrat of Cuba ought to be given him, instead of King of Cuba. Speaking with a prominent member of the Casino about Mr. Zulueta, the gentleman remarked: 'The Captain General is the chief authority here, and rules the army and officials, but Mr. Zulueta is the chief of the people and the masses, and without the latter's consent the acts of the former can not be carried out.' But, as President of the Debt or Financial Junta, Mr. Zulueta has found his master. The mere existence of a paper-mill and lithographic establishment to manufacture bank notes, is not sufficient to produce gold or credit. The Junta cannot manufacture either, and all discussions or meetings to that effect are simply a waste of time. A new issue of notes of the Spanish Bank has already begun, and the immediate effect has been a corresponding rise of the gold premium. According to the *Gorrio Frigo*, all the gold is sent to Spain, and this exportation causes its dearth; the *Gorrio* quoting from the financial columns of the journals to show that previous to the departure of the mail steamers for Spain gold always rises, and then falls several per cent. the day after the vessel has sailed. This fact cannot be gainsaid. Commercial houses, which, in former years, at the beginning of the crop, had hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars here to invest in the saccharine, or 'make advances to the planters, have not a single dollar now, and only keep a sufficient amount for their daily requirements. Every week that passes makes the island poorer. The proceeds and profits, either from commerce, agriculture, or industry, are sent out of the country, and remain away. Several cigar manufacturers refuse to sell cigars to Havana merchants, and prefer to ship the goods themselves, allowing the proceeds to lie in England or the United States, and expending whatever amounts of currency they may have on raw material and labor. Another cause of the rise in the gold premium is the report that on and after the 1st of January duties will be collected in gold. Whether this is true or not is uncertain, but many members of the Debt Junta are certainly in favor of it, and will do their best to carry the measure. This will simply increase the cost of imported articles, and thus be an indirect additional taxation, or rather an increased tariff of from 80 to 100 per cent., without changing the present figures, thus doubling the revenue derived from Customs. Notwithstanding the state of the Treasury, it is still reported that the old Custom-house Ring is as vigorous as ever."

DR. MARIGOLD IN ST. LOUIS.—The time is eight and the scene is a Fourth Street auction store, not a mile from the Court-house, says the *St. Louis Times*: The place is ablaze with gas, and before a long counter piled high with all kinds of wearing apparel is a mixed and motley crowd of men of all ages. Behind the counter, on steps, to elevate him above his audience, is a dark-haired, dark-eyed, wiry little man, who is selling two shirts and two pairs of drawers for \$2, and the men and the big boys are looking at him spell-bound, with open mouths as well as open ears, taking in all that he says in wonderment and awe. There never was heard such a burst of Ciceronian eloquence before for \$2, including two shirts and two pairs of drawers. And the crowd! Cruikshank would have consented to sketch them and then die. "Now then," said the wiry little man, rattling his patter off the reel without regard to punctuation, "we'll try something else. Here you are, six pair of all wool socks, knitted on the Western Reserve by the Shakers, sitting by the midnight oil while you fellows are trying to find a dollar on the streets with a pick-ax. Here they are for three dollars, two and a half, two, one ninety, one eighty, seventy, sixty, one-and-a-half, and a quarter, here, take 'em for a dollar, and not a cent less will buy them. Why, they're cheaper than a man can go out and steal them. Six pairs for a dollar, that's the only price that can and will buy 'em. Do you want 'em? Does anybody want 'em, before I pass 'em? There you all stand with your hands ram jammed down into your pockets feeling for a second-hand chew of tobacco, and afraid to open your mouths. Don't none of you wear socks, say? Well, times are hard, and it isn't everybody that wants to buy all the socks in a man's store at one lick. I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll divide 'em and sell you three pair for a dollar; for seventy-five cents; for half a dollar, and no more, and no less; will you buy 'em?" Then he gushed into song:

"Good-by, Princey, when you are away,
Write me a letter, love, send me your photograph;
Good-by, Princey, when you are away,
Don't forget your dumpy little darling."

"These socks are double-knitted, double-toed, double-heeled, and there they are, three pair for half a dollar. Why, they're cheaper than if you were to wash your feet and go and look for your old ones. Nothing, gentlemen, is so conducive to a man's health as to wash his feet and then buy these socks. Go home and put on a pair of these socks and your landlady won't know you in the morning, which will be to the advantage of some of you, and all this happiness to be purchased at three pairs for fifty cents, or give me half a dollar and I'll call it square. For a man to wash his feet once in nine or eleven months or so will open the pores of his system, promote the circulation of his blood, and cause his children to rise up and call him blessed. The rose may cease to bloom, the earth may cease to perform its natural functions, and the United States may declare war against Spain in the next twenty-four hours, but I never, no I never will take less than half a dollar, fifty cents, for three pairs of those double-toed, double-knitted, all wool shakers." The appeal was irresistible. "Sold again, wrap 'em up," cried the wiry little man. "Who'll have another lot? Sold again." Finding the virtue of his eloquence rewarded with patronage, we left, and the "all wool shakers" were going off like hot buckwheats on a frosty morning.

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