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The Senatorial Question.

The entire body politic of Maine is interested in the election of a United States Senator. Every voter has a personal, a legal and a political interest in this question. As the time approaches for a settlement of it, the feeling of interest in all respects ought to become stronger, more emphatic and outspoken. All classes, and all parties and individuals have a right of representation in the case. They should give the question such consideration as will enable the legislators to whom they have delegated their political power and judgment to form a conclusion in accordance with the will of the people. It must be remembered that this is the highest office in the State; and it there is any manhood in Maine or in the Republican party, now and when the session of the Legislature commences is the time for it to be shown. The people—the voters had had no time to form a conclusion on this question last August and September. Those who undertake to say that the voters—the masses of the Republican party had become interested and had discussed or decided this question at that time, are mistaken or they wilfully misrepresent the true state of the case. It takes more than one month or two, and those the busiest of the year, to rouse the masses of men and learn their conclusion on an important and complicated question.

What is the voice of the people? Does any man know what it is? There is a strong desire on the part of all honest men, be they politicians or not, to find out what is the true sentiment, wish and instinct of the people. They have in this region been called upon to give expression to their wishes through these columns. Some have done so. Some are warmly in favor of Mr. Hamlin; others are as warmly opposed. One declares that Mr. Hamlin is the choice of the people. Another denies it, and asserts that three-fourths of the same district is opposed to him, and are in favor of Mr. Perham. So we abound in this bewildering contrariety of opinion. As the question is presented and discussed by different people, for whose statements they and not we are responsible, the difficulty of arriving at a perfect conclusion is about as remote as the beginning of brass, blunder and nudacity are great elements in some men's opinions; and it is not difficult to find both judges and jurors who are influenced by them. When a man stands up with a square front and declares that "a large majority of the citizens of this State representing the Republican party, at the last State election declared in favor of the re-election of Mr. Hamlin to the Senate," who would dare to disbelieve it? To know this as a fact or an opinion requires more than one human man ever possessed. Such a man should be omniscient and omnipresent. But this is mistakenly called wisdom, knowledge, fact—the voice of the people. It is simply audacious, unsupported assertion.

The voice of the press is a great element in arriving at the voice of the people. The Republican press of Maine is not unequal for intelligence in any other State. Its just pride consists in its effort to reflect the latest and best opinions of men and things. To-day the reader will find extracts from the press in nearly all parts of the State. They will enable one to know whether the assertion that any one man was absolutely the choice of the people at the time of the election, or is at the present time. These extracts are but little compared with the whole. Some ten or eleven presses appear to be opposed to Mr. Hamlin. About as many support him. Several others are simply lookers on, and neither have or claim to have any opinion on the subject.

This is purely a domestic and local question; and it is to be hoped that our people can settle it without any outside interference. Boston nor its press should attempt or assume any right to dictate or even advise Maine what to do. Nor should our contemporary at Springfield undertake any similar function. Both democrats and republicans in that State have enough to do to settle their own controversies, without intermeddling with our affairs.

The great mass of Republicans in Maine are a noble set of men. They are intelligent, brave and true. They desire an honest Government. They want honest servants, and not ambitious, unscrupulous masters. They want men for office who will quietly attend to their duties, and not those who are prowling to and fro in the earth to seek whom they may elevate or devour. They want no rings, Presidential, Congressional, Representative or Senatorial. And should they be so unfortunate as to find one, let us all pity and commiserate its members and component parts. For as true as the lightning falls from a scorched cloud, the uplifted clenched fist of the Republican masses will descend upon it and squelch it out.

—We wish our subscribers a very merry Christmas.

The Senator Question.

Selections from the Republican Press of Maine.
(From the Portland Press.)

The Hamlin Party and its Methods.

It is right and proper that the people of the State of Maine, and especially the Republican members of the Legislature, should understand the precise nature of the contest for the senatorship which is now going on, the foes they must meet and the appliances which will be used to sway them from just and honest judgment. So far as Mr. Hamlin himself is concerned, we have no harsh or unkind word to say. Upon him we make no assault, and of him utter no scornful syllable. That he has, for the last six years, been of little service to the country and the party is so undeniably historical fact, that if there be any reproach in that, it comes not from us, but from inexorable facts; and, in performing the painful duty of calling it to mind, we have had one plain purpose, and that was to remind the Legislature that the friends of that senator do not demand another six years power from a people which had always showered honors upon him with unstinted hand. Everyone who knows anything of Mr. Hamlin's candidacy, knows that he is brought forward in obedience to the demands of other men, that he is to be used to maintain the ascendancy of a set of men whose continued rule of the Republican party has toward its prestige and may cause its destruction. There exists in the bosom of the party another organization. It is small, compact, well disciplined body of men. They have recognized leaders and follow their leaders implicitly. They are perfectly organized throughout the State. They form a united body in each Congressional district. They ramify into each County town and even school district in the State. They have their captains of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. Their toes all point in the same direction. To change the illustration, it is a series of parasites—the large ones dependent upon the great central "boss," having turned the next grand dependent upon the boss, and on to the very proud tier of blattent little Hamlin men. It is the old story over again where

Mr. Hamlin is not our special object of discontent—it is what he represents. His friends in office have helped him. Now he is in the field to help them. He does not himself wish to be a candidate again. He recognized how unstable a seat that office demands, another six years power from a people which had always showered honors upon him with unstinted hand. Everyone who knows anything of Mr. Hamlin's candidacy, knows that he is brought forward in obedience to the demands of other men, that he is to be used to maintain the ascendancy of a set of men whose continued rule of the Republican party has toward its prestige and may cause its destruction. There exists in the bosom of the party another organization. It is small, compact, well disciplined body of men. They have recognized leaders and follow their leaders implicitly. They are perfectly organized throughout the State. They form a united body in each Congressional district. They ramify into each County town and even school district in the State. They have their captains of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. Their toes all point in the same direction. To change the illustration, it is a series of parasites—the large ones dependent upon the great central "boss," having turned the next grand dependent upon the boss, and on to the very proud tier of blattent little Hamlin men. It is the old story over again where

Great Boss have little flies to be seen. And these have little flies, and so on ad infinitum. The central nourishing force is the Republican party, which language while the parasites live. As a larger part of a band of men who have ample time to employ the appliances of which we must speak hereafter. They are a formidable body, not in numbers or character, but in discipline, persistence, energy and experience. This is all wrong; and must be broken up. There never should be a party inside the party. No permanent combination of men should be permitted to treat down any Republican who refuses its dictation, or sufficient efficiency to overshadow by skilled intrigues the wishes of a majority of the party. Every man ought to feel that being a Republican is passport enough to all the honor he deserves. He ought to be at perfect liberty to exercise his freedom of choice as to persons or measures, without any risk of destruction or a band of men who think of themselves first and the party afterwards. Mr. Hamlin gives to this organization life and power. His re-election means its perpetration. The return of some vigorous and able man means its overthrow.—These are the foes we must meet.

From all parts of the State we are daily in receipt of letters from individuals and bodies of men, endorsing the position of the Press on the senatorial question. A well known Republican and lawyer in Piscataquis writes: "You are fighting the great battle of the Republican party in this State and fighting it nobly, too. Three-fourths of the Republican voters of Eastern Piscataquis are with you." All that Mr. Hamlin's age, experience and position could give, we have had for the last six years; and yet the last six years are the years of the Credit Mobiliery Grab, Simmon's, Sanborn and Jayne, and all of that vast accumulation of dishonesty, which has laid waste to the State in other States, and, unless we take good heed of our steps, will produce like results here. All subterfuge attempts to disguise the plain issue by the introduction of collateral matter and personal controversy serve only to more strongly emphasize the position of the Press. Mr. Hamlin represents the obnoxious element of politics which have met such stern rebuke elsewhere.

From the Press of the State.

The Portland Advertiser and Portland Press were particularly earnest and persistent in this regard. Four gentlemen were announced as candidates—Mr. Drummond and Ex-Governor Washburn of Portland, Ex-Governor Perham and Mr. Hamlin. Every body knew these gentlemen were candidates, and every elector in Maine of the Republican party had an opportunity to tell his choice, and to express that choice in the nominating conventions, and at the polls. These all are good and true men, and Maine would suffer no detriment at home nor at Washington from either of them.

The selection of either of these gentlemen at the September election by the people, ought to be, under the circumstances, recognized by all, as the will of the people and accepted as final. Probably there are thousands among the people who could hardly tell of the four good men who were their choice. With persons, who were very cogent reasons why we should prefer Mr. Perham. He is a gentleman of eminent ability, has served the State faithfully and well as member of Congress and Governor, is one of the people in the best sense, a true man, a temperance man, in the prime of life, can be trusted ever, where in public life and private, and every time, and no one will ever be deceived by him.

From the North Star, Press in Isle, Annotook.

As we intimated last week the Portland Press and North Star have been vigorously discussing the Senator question. As the time approaches for the election or defeat of Mr. Hamlin, the interest increases and opposition begins to assume large proportions. The *Star*, which has along has steadily declared the certainty of Hamlin's re-election, figure prominently in the discussion. With persons, who were very cogent reasons why we should prefer Mr. Perham. He is a gentleman of eminent ability, has served the State faithfully and well as member of Congress and Governor, is one of the people in the best sense, a true man, a temperance man, in the prime of life, can be trusted ever, where in public life and private, and every time, and no one will ever be deceived by him.

fact that the farmers and mechanics, the hard working masses of the State, do desire the return of Mr. Hamlin to the United States Senate. The strongest claim we have yet seen urged is, not because the people want him, but that the integrity of the party in the State demand it. But that is not Mr. Hamlin's claim, his eminent qualifications should be thus recognized, and his distinguished services rewarded.

We do not pretend to know exactly the wishes of the people in other Counties, but we can say that a very small portion of Annotook has a desire to see the re-election of this gentleman. Taking this town for illustration, and the people here take as much interest in politics as any other town in the State, and by reading kept posted in passing events, but of all the men here who desire Mr. Hamlin's return we can count them on our fingers; these men, too, are mostly those who have in the past received favors, directly or indirectly, from him, while the people at large would be well satisfied to have some other man occupy the place so long filled by the gentleman from Bangor. For the last three months we have taken pains to inquire of the voters in this section their wishes and preferences, and we come to the foregoing conclusion; but the office-holders, present and prospective, are for him to a man. If there is any man here who has the present incumbent should reason why the present incumbent should have re-election than that some other man should take his place, then we should be glad to know it.

From the Machias Union.

Light Ahead.

The general political movement all over the State for the rescue of the Republican party from the dangers which threaten, shows conclusively that the Press has given voice to the thoughts of many men, and that the peril pointed out may yet be averted. The powerful aid to the good cause which comes from Kennebec, the well-known open revolt of York County against ring rule, the stirring responses from the fifth district, and the developments as to the actual situation of things in Oxford, Sagadahoc and Franklin Counties, together with some other indications of when we may yet speak, all bode fair to result in the sweeping overthrow of the carefully worked up plans of the bread-and-butter brigade, and the salvation of the party. Men, everywhere, who have been sullenly discontented under the conviction that no remedy could be found within the party, are now speaking out hopefully and boldly and will join in the effort to rescue the party from the stifling effect of the incursions which is upon it.

Yes, there is a good prospect that the office holding combination—the organization within the organization, the parasite which thrives at the expense of the whole body—may be brought to naught by the defeat of him who gives it life and cohesion. Mr. Hamlin out, and the lifeless body of Hamlin in—life falls dead; the party is left a burden. The recent events in other States are conclusive in demonstration of this point, and men are accepting the warning, to edification. The alternative is recognized as inevitable between the Republican party and the lifeless body of Hamlin in—life falls dead; the party is left a burden. The recent events in other States are conclusive in demonstration of this point, and men are accepting the warning, to edification. The alternative is recognized as inevitable between the Republican party and the lifeless body of Hamlin in—life falls dead; the party is left a burden. 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THE subscriber hereby gives public notice, that she has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Executrix of the last Will and Testament of ELISHA MORSE, late of Paris in said county deceased by giving bond as the law directs: she therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

ANN G. MORSE.

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Ordered, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford and Worcester Gazette, and that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of June, next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and shew cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Registrar.

OXFORD, 88.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1874, **MYRANDA A. CLARK** Administratrix of the estate of **ROBERT B. WALTON** late of Bethnal Green in said County deceased, having presented her account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance.

Ordered, That the said Administratrix give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of the order to be published three weeks successively in the London Gazette and in the Oxford and Reading Mercury at Oxford at Paris, that they may

OXFORD, 28.—At a Court of Probate held at
Paris, within and for the County of Oxford,
this 28th day of January, 1901, the following
wills were proved and the executors sworn to:

ARON WOODBURY, Guardian of Martin Plummer late of Sweden in said County deceased, having presented his first account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of the order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris

in said County on the third Tuesday of Jan. next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if they have any the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.

A true copy, filed—H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1885.

ALFON WOODBURY Guardian of Rhoda L. Pinner, an insane person, having presented his first account of guardianship of said ward for

Ordered, That the said marshals give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of the order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of Jan. next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and shew cause if they have why the same should not be allowed.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.

A true copy—attest: H. C. Davis, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held

HORACE N. BOLSTER, named Executor, in certain instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John Lombard late of Paris in said County deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of the order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of January next.

At 9 o'clock in the forenoon and she came if they have why the same should not be proved as proved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

A. H. WALKER, Judge.
A true copy—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

●XFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held in Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1874, ON the petition of WILLIAM HAPGOOD of said County of Sherman Hapgood minor heir of said

petitioner of Denmark in said County, praying license to sell and convey the late homestead of said petitioner as aforesaid, and as described in said petition, did file with the Probate Office:

ORDERED, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing an abstract of his petition with this order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of Jan. next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

A. H. WALKER, Judge,
A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held
Paris within and for the County of Oxford
on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1874
ON the petition of PISCENE BERNHAM A
administrator on the estate of Hannah J. W
late of Bethel in said County deceased, pr
ing for license to sell and convey all of the real
estate belonging to the estate of said deceased
set forth in his petition on file in the Probate

Ordered, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested by causing an abstract of said petition with this order thereon to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of Jan. next at 9 o'clock the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

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Agricultural.

Report of Maine Fish Commissioners.

The Fish Commissioners of Maine—Messrs. E. M. Stilwell and Henry O. Stanley—have submitted their report to the governor and council, from which the *Kennebec Journal* condenses the following facts:

Our rivers are capable of being so stocked with salmon by yearly contributions of young fry of their waters, that no fishways would be needed, but simply fishways to allow the grown-up fishes to ascend to their usual tributaries, that all, from the river mouths to their inland fastnesses, might have the opportunity to catch and consume.

Two hundred thousand salmon eggs were divided from \$700 invested in the Backport Breeding Works. In addition, 250,000 eggs were placed to our credit as a gift from the U. S. Government, through the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, Prof. Baird, making a total of 450,000 eggs. These were distributed and planted in several localities in the State. The reports that have been received from the rivers and ponds where the salmon fry have been planted are of the most favorable description. More legislation is needed to protect the young fish.

The Commissioners give a condensed description of land-locked or fresh water salmon, and its "habitat." As a table fish, they are of a richer flavor than the sea salmon; as a game fish they have unequal. The Commissioners speak very particularly of the black-bellied trout as a stock fish, to be put into ponds, to afford an unlimited supply of food for trout and land-locked salmon. It is a great mistake to allow these fishes to be taken as they are, at the great size of the Bangor trout is to be attributed, mainly to them. The black-bellied trout is a native of the Bangor river, and it is thought that these fish can be advantageously introduced into all waters that are stocked with trout or land-locked salmon.

In the autumn of '90, several ponds were stocked with black bass, and the fishes have grown and multiplied wonderfully. There are abundance of these fishes in all the ponds in which they were placed, but the commissioners are not always successful in being able to find parties living near these ponds to catch them, at reasonable prices. As the case is now presented, the better method is to purchase of dealers in Massachusetts, and have the fishes delivered at the desired localities here.

Five years ago, the Commissioners of Fisheries for Maine made the attempt to have fishways constructed over the dams on the Presumpscot river. Their efforts and the wishes of the people were defeated by the determined opposition of the mill owners. The case was taken to the courts, and the commissioners in behalf of the State, triumphed, but the fish-ways are not yet built.

At the expiration of the statute of limitation exempting the owners of the Augusta dam from the execution of the law enforcing fish-ways, the Fishery Commissioners were solicited for an immediate enforcement of the law. A notice was served upon the owners and occupants of the dam at Augusta of a hearing, and a hearing was duly held. When the survey was made by E. A. Brackett, the engineer whose patented fishway it was proposed to use, the Hon. James W. Norris, Mayor of Augusta, and DeWitt, the representative of the Messrs. Sprague, were present. A thorough explanation of the intended fishway, its location, place of entrance into the canal, all was talked over, and met the entire approval of the agent of the mill owners. So soon as the plan could be got ready, they were served by an officer, with an order requiring the fishway to be constructed according to plan and specifications annexed by the first day of September, on Oct. DeWitt, who represented the mill owners as their agent and engineer. On the 25th of October, the fishway not being constructed, and no apparent design being evinced of complying with the order of the Commissioners, the matter was placed in the hands of the County Attorney, and the mill owners were indicted by the Grand Jury.

Two fishways have been finished in Machias, and another will be built. The Commissioners urge the necessity of a more uniform system of fishing laws for the State, especially in the matter of close time; the punishing of offenders who have around the waters and wantonly destroy the fish; that no charter be granted for the construction of any dam on brook, stream, river or outlet of pond, without making it imperative on the parties or applicants that they build a fishway and a more rigid enforcement of the law forbidding the throwing of sawdust and other waste into rivers.

The report closes with a summary of the year's operations at the Backport Salmon Breeding Works, under the direction of Charles G. Atkins, formerly fish commissioner. He placed in the pond, this year, 500 living salmon; but from this small supply of breeding salmon were obtained a larger number of eggs, and at a lower cost, than ever before.

The whole number of salmon of all kinds reared, was also much greater than in former years. The 500 salmon placed alive in the pond in the summer, were reduced by known deaths to 502, and of this number 519 were caught in the fall—187 males, 341 females. Total number of eggs taken, 3,029,000. The cost of the season's work up to the time of distributing the eggs (March next) may be estimated at about \$6,000, which gives \$2 per thousand, as the cost of collecting, developing and packing the eggs. When compared with the cost in previous seasons, this shows a very satisfactory progress in the direction of economy, in the face of a smaller number of breeding salmon purchased and of the higher price paid for them.

On the 28th day of October there were received 11,000 eggs, which had been shipped by Mr. Stone of California, nine days before. On unpacking, the temperature of the interior of the box was found to be 70 deg. Fah., that of the air, at the time, and place being 50 deg. Fah. As might be expected, the inner portions of the package were in a very unhealthy state and very few of the eggs therein proved good. Those eggs in the outer portion of the package were, however, in

very good condition. The whole number of bad eggs picked out to this date is 62,000. Of the 27,400 remaining, about one-half are hatched out, making for the most part strong, healthy fish.

Misusing Farming Tools.

A correspondent of the *Oranmont Telegraph*, in a communication to that excellent paper, asks why we cannot have our farming tools and vehicles made like the "Deacon's wonderful one-horse shay" so perfect in every part that they will wear out alike all over. "Three-fourths of our spades and shovels," he says, "fail at the shank or where the handle joins the blade, and if we want one that is stronger, we must buy one that is heavier all over, and perhaps no stronger in the shank than the others." If we look over tools in common use, he thinks we shall find that most of them show a weak point or two, where a majority of all breaks occur.

New although it is true that shovels and spades do generally give out first near the shank or at the rivet holes, and that they might last longer, if they were strengthened at these points, still we believe the breakages are quite as much the fault of those who misuse them, as of the manufacturers. How often do we see men use a spade or shovel for prying out a stone, when a pick or an iron bar is the proper tool to use. How many farmers have broken, or even others break manure forks, by plunging the tines into hard packed manure clear to the handle, and then prying, instead of trying to lift the load from its bed. So far as our experience goes we have found manufacturers willing to make such tools as the farmers want. The trouble is we want too much of the same tool. We want strength, durability, lightness and, most of all, cheapness in the same implement.

Nine farmers out of ten, when buying a plow, will reject the first one shown them by the manufacturer or dealer, because it is too heavy. They do not want a heavy plow, for their team is light and they must plow their old ground, with it, as well as their new ground. So they select a size fit only for light work and a light team, but use it in all places and for all kinds of plowing.

The result is a breakage and a complaint against the manufacturer for not making his ploughs stronger, and, perhaps, an invitation to furnish new castings free of charge. If we will have but one plow, we should get one heavy enough for all places where it will ever be used, and if we intend to use a fork for spading, we should buy a spading fork and not a light manure fork, until we learn how to use it without abusing it. There are spades in our nurseries, taking up trees, &c. which are about as strong as crow-bars, and if we have much work of that kind to do it will pay to get one, but we should not complain because they are heavy and more expensive than light spades.

Miscellany.

Wet Boots.—What an amount of discomfort wet boots entail, and how well we all recall the painful efforts we have now and then been made to draw on a pair of hard baked ones which were put by the fire overnight to dry! Once on, they are a sort of modern straws, destructive of all comfort, and entirely demerizing to the temper. The following plan, it is said, will do away with this discomfort. When the boots are taken off, fill them quite full with dry oats, this grain has a great fondness for damp, and will rapidly absorb the least vestige of it from the wet leather. As it quickly and completely takes up the moisture, it swells and fills the boot with a tightly fitting last, keeping its form good, and drying the leather without hardening it. In the morning, shake out the oats and hang them in a bag near the fire to dry, ready for the next wet night; draw on the boots and go happily and comfortably about the day's work.

Advertising.—According to a correct record of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, the average receipts of the New York City for advertising amount annually to \$8,908,000. On this sum the *Herald* receives upward of \$2,000,000, or about \$2,000,000. In addition to this it publishes \$5,000,000 in posters, circulars, steamboat and street car advertising, etc. A. T. Stewart, for instance, is said to spend \$500,000 a year for printing ink; Lord & Taylor, \$25,000; Arnold & Constable, \$170,000; Robert Bonner, \$200,000; while Barnum pays out every year about \$400,000, and all have made their fortunes largely through this instrumentality.

The Wives of Great Men.—Euripides is said to have turned woman-hater because one or both of his wives were virtuous or worse. Dante had an ill-tempered partner—"she for a night," he says, doubtless, of his affection for Beatrice; for women are jealous of past or even ideal, as well as living, rivals in wedlock. Shakespeare and his wife would seem to have agreed best part from one another; Milton wanted a divorce act for his special use; and the merits of Elizabeth, his third wife, appear to have been like those of Rebecca, skill in making savory meats such as his soul loved. Dryden is reported to have wished his wife an alumnae, so that he might change her every year. Addison had an ill time of it with the Countess of Warwick; and Byron and his lady lived scarcely a year under one roof.

A Family Weakness.—A young Iowa man has a turn for practical joking, recently tried to impose upon an honest farmer, by leading a male into his house, and taking him up to the bar as if for a drink. Mein Herr looked steadily at the pair for a moment as if collecting his wits, and broke out as follows: "See here, Yancey, I know 'at dis is here—your own brother—but he be one year old a minor. Heish too much young to drink his glass lighter; it is not for the law in no place, nor not mit my saloon. He look like you; you may be one family, as you call it; but if you ever bring dat young brother here again, I will shush t'at you old fadder jackson of you both. Now you must go along mit yourself."

Most men are like eggs, too full of themselves to hold anything else.

—A queer case of literary piracy is related by the Boston *Advertiser*. Some ten years ago Miss Mulock wrote a story for an English magazine, which was so good that it was copied in *Harpers Monthly*. It was forgotten in English sooner than it deserved, but a Frenchman kept his eye on it. Two or three years ago he translated it, changed the names, and appended his own signature to it. A reader of the *Revue* translated it from the French for *Every Saturday*, in which it was published with something of a flourish before the real origin of the story was discovered. It is a curious circumstance that another reader of the *Revue* in a New England city also translated it, to a Boston editor as an original story. If Miss Mulock were Moloch, those pirates ought to be arraigned before her for judgment. As she is not, her mild spirit would be altogether too merciful for them.—*Christian Herald*.

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