TELLS OF SOME LIVELY COINGS IN THE OLD LAND.

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The election is now over and gone—with its unfulfilled phophecies and disappointed heps. It is still the uppermost topic of conversation: hence I deem it seasonable to give a yarn about old elections, spiced with some of my own experiences at election times in the Old Land.

Appropriate the conversation of 1826 at Sudbury four cabbages sold for £10 and a plate of gooseberries for £25 (\$100). At Great Martowe a poor elector bought of the candidate's agent a sow and nine young pigs for a penny.

Yarmouth, the famous fishing place, is not a large borough. At the election in 1866 the sitting member paid £70,000 for retain his seat, which he, however, he lost.

new election! Glory to the town!
r all there's profit and for some renown,
he Lion" opes his hungry jaws and springs
d "The Black Bear" seems dancing as he

Seldom was it left to local orators to con-duct a campaign. Statesmen of cabinet rank were always in request, and as the trish vote is strong in York there were flying yisis from the Sullivans, the Redmonds, Dillon, Sexton, Biggar and Ireland's "Un-growned King."

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othing so interests every class in Engolden times. Admirably does the great comic poet Butler illustrate this in his day in "Hudibras":

"Hudibras":
Tinkers bawled aloud to settle
Church questions stead of mending kettle;
Oyster-women locked their fish up,
And trudged away to cry "No Bishop!"
Tailors left old clothes in the lurch
And fell to turn and patch the church;
Some cried "The Covenant," instead
Of nudding ples and gingerbread;
And some left brooms, old boots and shoes,
And bawled to purge the Commons House.

Money Made the Mage to Go.

the York City elections were always keenly contested. The fight was pretty even between the Tory Blue and the Liberal Orange. Candidly speaking, I believe the result was more dependent on the "cash that was going" than on the merits of the candidates. At all events it was a coincidence that the best man at the poll was the one who spent most, but this was in the good old days of open voting and hustings.

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Bridgewater, Beverley, Sligo and Cashel 1870. So also were Potness, Reigate, Great Yarmouth and Lancaster in 1867.

Took Money From Roth Sides.

Some strange revelations were made at the

ings in the vicinity of the hustings.

Now, hail ye, groans, huzzas and cheers, so grateful to electors' ears,
Where all is riot and confusion, Frand, friendship, scandal and delusion; Now houses stormed and windows broken, Serve as a pastime and a token That patriots spare not, in their zeal, Such measures for their country's weal. Now greeting, booting and abuse To each man's party proves of use; And mud, and stones, and waving hats, And broken heads and putrid cats Are offerings made to aid the cause Of order, government and laws.

declaration of the poll it was the custom to

A man, when once he's safely chose May laugh at all his furious foes, Nor think of former evil; 'et good has its attendant ill; seat is no bad thing—but still A contest is the devil!

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over till after the election. There was a severe law against them. Sir M. Lopes, Bart, wassentened to pay a fine of £10,000 and to be imprisoned for two years in Exeter Jail for bribing several electors of the borough of Grampound.

At Hull, Beverley and York it was customary to give four guineas after the election for a single vote and two guineas for a divided one. From personal knowledge I can state that this was done whilst I was an apprentice.

what a wonderful thing's an election!
It sets all the people alive,
And makes them all busy and nimble,
Like so many bees in a hive.
This them the nobs learn to be civil
And gat all their lessons by rete,
With "How do you do? honest friend,
I'm come to solict, your vote."
They're professing to canvass for truth,
Which all honest folks must deny,
For 'tis plain as the nove on your face
They'll gammon you all with a lie.
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Hear Both Sides.

And yet seldom has a meeting broken up. The good old plan obtained in Yorkshire of allowing a man to speak, reserving full and undisputed right to popularly endors or condemn his utterances. The result is more amusing than was that at the Massey Music Hall meeting.

Now that the elections are over, may I be permitted to say of some of the orators on both sides:

Nature indeed denies them sense, Ent gives them legs and impudence Beyond all understanding.

From school days I was familiar with the hustings. In my native city, both borough and county nominations and declarations took place, the city in the market place, the north riding in York Castle yard.

Since I was connected with the press I had acquested the service of Mr. Gladstone's Midlothian campaigns, Joseph Arch's "three acres and a cow" propaganda, Lord Randolph Churchill and his smart young men, "Jimmy" Lowther and his Fair Trade advocacy, Mr. Parnell and the Land League, Charles Bradlaugh and the oaths question, Thomas Brit and the pitmen's pald members.

In labors abundant and perils of thave I been present at meetings when organized opposition was successful. Examples are when Ashton Dike was refused a hearing by the Scarbro Liberais. At both meetings there was danger to life and limb, especially when the gas was turned out on a struggling, fighting mob.

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Disorderly Elections; In one of Mr. Bright's speeches he refers to an election for the borough of Carlow. "There were two troops of dragoons, two companies of infantry and 150 police, and the whole of this force having been engaged keeping the peace in a town which comprised only 200 voters."

An Ex-Priza-Fighter in Parliament, John Gully, who had been a prize-fighter and ex-champion of England, and who afterwards took to the turf and made much And bawled to purge the Commons House.

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The Scene at the Hastings.

Often have I described this at York and ether Yorkshire towns. There were flags and bands of music; yellow or blue favors; police and special constables, sometimes troops of soldiers, bludgeon-boys, ballad singers, pugliists and drunken-hired supporters by the hundred; also vendors of cakes, nuts and fruits. The latter business was conducted at personal risk, the baskets being overset, contents exattered and the owners roughly handled in the course of the attacks, counter-charges and other party manceuvres which diversified the proceedings in the vicinity of the hustings.

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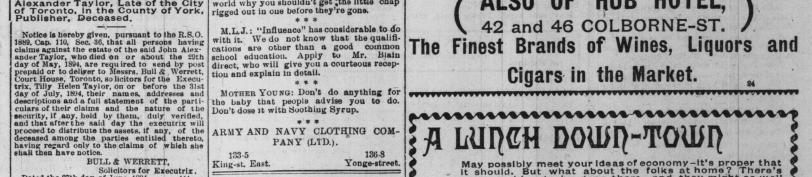
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As I look where last I left her, as I sing
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'He's kissed her, kissed her—but
the rose has stole the kiss!'"

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