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PECK'S BAD BOY.

16 Tells How His Pather Got Expended.

"There, you drop that," said the grocery man to the had boy, as he came limping into the store, and began to tumble accurate box of strawberrior. "have mover kieled at your eating my codfish, and crackers and choose, and herring, and apples, but there has go to be a dividing line nomewhere, and make is at extrawberries at air shilling a box, and only two layers in a box only bought one box, hoping that some plumber or gas man, would come along and buy it, and by gum, everybody that has been in the store has sampled attacker; out of that box; advoced a thought if you sour, and gone off without aking the price," and the groomy man fooled mad, took a hatchet and knowled in the head of a barrel o applies, and said, "There, help yoursel

"Oh, I don't want your strawberries or dried apples either," said the boy, a ha leaned against a show case and look of at a liar of red, transparent scap." I was only trying to fool you. Say, that her of soap is old enough to vote I remember seeing it in the show case when I was a year old, and pa came in here and held me up to look at that it to has on both and the round zine looking plass, and the yellow wooden pokee comb, and the soap looks just the same, only a little facted. If you would wash yourself care in while your soay wouldn't dry up on your hands," and the boy sat down in the chair without any back, feeling that he was even with the grocery man.

hox to kindle the fire. "But we won't quarrel. What was it I heard about a band excending your father, and his inviting them in to lunch!"

"Don't let that got out, or pa will hill me dead. It was a joke. One of these Bohemism hands that goes about town playing tunes, for pennies, was over on the next street, and I told ps I guessed some of his friends who had labril we had a baby at the house had hired a band and was consign in a few minutes to zeronade him, and he had better propure to make a speech. Pa is proud of being a father at his age, and he thought it was no more than right for the neighbors to zeronade him, and he went to leading himself for a speech, in the library, and me and my chum went out and told the leader of the band there was a family up there that wanted some music, and they didn't care for expense, so they quit hlowing where they was and came right along. None of them could underget and English except the leader, and

take a drink when he is invited. My chum steered the least up to our house and got them to play "Babies on our Block," and 'Baby Mine, and stopped all the men who were goin home, and told them to wait a minute and they would see some fun, se when the hand get through the second time and the Primains were emptying the hear out of the horns, there were more than a hundred in front of the house. You'd a died to see as when he put his hand in the breast of his cost and struck an attitude. He looked like a Congress man, or trains. The band was seared cause they thought he was mad, and some of them were going to run, thinking he was going to threw pieces of a brick house at them, but my chum and the leader kept them. Then a sailed in. He commoned, "Fellow Citisens," and then went away back to Adam and Eve, and worked up to the present day, giving a history of the notable people who had acquired children, and kept the crowd interested. I felt sorry for pe, cause I knew how he would feel when he came to find out that he had been sold. The Bohomism in the band that couldn't understand English, they looked at each other, and wendered what it was all about, and finally pa wound up by stating that it was a severy citizen's duty to own children of his own, and then he invited the band and the crowd in to take some re-treshments. Well, you ought to have seen that band come in the house. They fell over each other in getting in another cowd want house leaving as and my chum and me and the band. Eat Well I should smile. They just reserbed for things, and talked Bohemian Drink! On a I guess they didn't pour it down. Pe opened a dozon bottles o champagne, and they fairly bathed in it as though they had a fire inside. Pe tried to talk with them about the baby but they couldn't understand, and file they couldn't understand, and file

r who got up theserenade had paid for the mode, and the leader pointed to me and add. It was the gestleman that get it up. Ps paid him, but he had a wicked look in his a sye, and me and my thum lit out, and the Bohemians came down the street, billio' full, with their horse on their arms, and they were talking Bohemian for all that was out. They stopped in front of a vacent house and began to play, but you couldn't tell what tune it was, they were so full, and a policeman came along and drove them home. I greas I will deep at the livery washes to night, cause pa is offul unreasonable when anything costs him three dellars, well, you have made a pretty measure of it will be a support the street of the side o

what is it I heer about the trouble at he church? They lay that foolishness o you."
"It's a lie. They lay everything on ne. It was some of them ducks that ing in the choir. I was just as much urprised as anybody when it occurred. You see, our minister is laid up from he effect of the ride to the funeral.

and an old deacon, who had symptoms of being a minister in his youth, was invited to take the minister's place invited to take the minister's place invited to take the minister's place and I and talk a little. He is an absent-minded old party, who don't keep up with the events of the day, and who ever played it on him knew that he was too plous to even read the daily papers. There was a notice of a choir meeting to be read, and I think the tenor amugged in the other notice, between that this truch the deacon read the weekly prayer meeting. Anyway it wasn't me, but it like to broke up the meeting. After area, and think the deacon read the choir notice he took up the other one and read, "I am requested to announce that the deacon read the choir notice he took up the other one and read, "I am requested to announce that the deacon read the choir notice he took up the other John Sullivan, the eminent Boston revivalist, will lead the excrises assisted by Brother Slade, the Maori missionary from Australia. There will be no alugging, but a collection will he now the poor old deacon but what understood that some wicked wretch had do and it is a mean as a cheir ainger for two dollars. I felt real sorry for the old deacon, gout he never knew what he had done, and I think it would and the land of the land

at the band. Eat at the slugging match. That remar about taking up a collection settled the deacon. I must go down to the stable of or fairly bathed in it is a fire inside. Pasem about the baby, understand, and find attacted outs and for three dellars, us. Pa told the condition of the stable oned the gentleman grand the gentleman grand the gentleman grand to the grocery, "Straw-berritwo shilling a smell, and one smell canif."—Peck's Sus.

The Corruption of English Society.

Some thirty years ago a favorite subject of chaff in Funch and in society was the High Church girl of fashion. This being (who was by no means wholly a creature of imagination) was supposed to dance till 3 or 4 a.m., and to go to Matins at 6 or 7 a.m. She dressed in the very latest fashion, and never touched meat on Friday. She went regularly to the opera and as regularly to daily prayers. She ran after the best solors and the meat approved confessor. She always read the last new novel, and the last newly "translated and adapted "book of devotion. She knew day and hour of every fashionable amusement, and punctually ob-

s served every vigil and saints' day. She combined in her own life and person all that was high class and distinguished to both in the Church and in the world. But with all her eccentricities this young lady was allowed on all hands to be irreproachable in morals, pure and blameless in life. If she was in the fore-front of fashion and -sather more

than a little rattling, she was, at all events, not "fast." If she was rather apt to bring religion too nearly to the level of the world, she was at least thoroughly womanly, and did not wish to be anything else.

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in "good" society who is not more or less slangy and fast. Nor are the slang and fastness now in vorue mere vulgarity, they are only too generally vulgarity, they modesty. And if our gir of fashion nowadays affect the immodesty of a former age which was too prodigal and toward in its display and exercise of female charms, but she adopts a much more repulative form of immodesty, and assumes it in dress and mannet e hideous parody of manly at tire and ways which renders her bold and easy of approach, without adding of heightening a single womanly charm.

An Englishman used to be able truthfully to boast that the aristocracy of his native land were pre-eminent for the purity of their manners and lives; but he can boast of this no more. It is hardly too much to say that English society at the present day is as corrupt as, or even more corrupt, than that of any country in Europe, and that the higher you go the more shameleasly victious and degraded it is.

ricious and degraded it is.

In this we see perhaps a punishment or our former boastfulness. Englishmen are rather apt to trust in them silves that they are righteous and to supplie others, and our highly moral ristoracy was one great occasion of this boasting. Our pride degrad a fall. One great reason which he Protestant Englishman assigned as the cause of the prevamed licentious case of the upper circles on the continuent was the upper circles on the continuent was the prevalence among them of Catholic, and not the merely be Catholic, and not the merely toward element in continuental religion which was supposed to be favorable to conce in morals. Let him look now

distinct change for the worse took place in its moral tone, when through Episcopal influence, an outspoken priest of a fashionable church was, some thirty years ago, removed because of his Ritualistic tendencies. This one stern man (those who knew said), who was respected and feared in the upper circles, was enough to exercise a sensible

check on immoral freedom in manuers and his removal was distinctly felt to be the removal of a moral safeguard.

The history of other times and countries leads us to be quite sure that mist ters cannot rest where they are. Corruption in the upper circles sooner of later makes itself felt below, and is either imitated, and then the whole nation becomes enervated and corrupt and ready to be the proof of the first invader; or it provokes resontsent, and then a collision and a revolution are the result. Observers thought this latter contingent not far off not a dozer years ago. Any way, the look-out is every dangerous one, and whatever il happens, the curse must and will light on those who have deliberately counters.

Talmage's Twaddle.

Mr. T. De Witt Talmage is known a Christian minister in the town of Brooklyn, where he preaches allege sermons which enjoy a sensation notoricty. In one of his recent effusion he undertook to speak of Mr. Tilden saying, "He is one of the candidate for the Presidency."

Now, this is a falsehood on the part of Talmage.

In June, 1880, the Democratic party held its national Convention in Cincinnati. That Convention was strongly disposed to nominate Mr. Tilden. Had he consented, there is no doubt that every form of personal opposition to him would have been crushed. He would have been reminated, and he would have been mominated, and he would have been reminated, and he would have been reminated, and he would have been the refused. But he refused. The words of his refusal, most impressive then, are memorable now.

"Having borne faithfully my full share of labors and cares in the public service," said Mr. Tilden, "and wearing the marks of its burdens, I desire nothing so much as an honorable discharge, I wish to lay down the honors and toils of even quasi party leadership, and to seek the repose of private life.

"In renouncing renomination for the Presidency, I do so with no doubt in my mind as to the vote of the Easte of New York or of the United States, but because I believe that it is renunciation of re-election to the Presidency.

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"To those who think my renominaion and re-election indi-pensible to an ffectual vinducation of the right of the scopic to elect their rulers, violated in ay person, I have accorded as long a eserve of my decision as possible; but cannot overcome my repugnance to nter into new engagements which inolive four years of ensaeless toil. "The dignity of the Presidential floe is above a merely personal alhoi-

tion, but it creates in me no illusion Its value is as a great power for good to the country. I said four years ago ir accepting nomination:—

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""Knowing as I do, therefore, from tresh experience, how great the difference is between gliding through as official routine and working out a reform of systems and policies, it impossible for me to contemplate what needs to be done in the Federal Administration without an anxious send of the difficulties of the undertaking of the difficulties of the undertaking of the difficulties of the suffrages of myountrymen to attempt this work, whall endeavor with God's help to be the efficient instrument of their will.

"Such a work of renovation after many years of misrule, such a reform of systems and policies, to which would cheerfully have sacrificed all that remained to me of health and life, is now, I fear, beyond my strength.

"With unfeigned thanks for the nonors bestowed upon me, with a hear welling with emotions of gratitude to the Democratic masses for the supporthey have given to the cause I repre-

"SAWUEL J. TILDEN."

But even this positive letter of retusal was not enough to overcome the
strong sense of public duty which predominated in the Convention. Mr.
Tilden would still have been nominated
in spite of it, but for the following additional and more emphatic declination
which he sent by telegraph:—

"Hon. Daniel Manning, Grand Hotel.
Cincinnati, Ohio:
"Received your telegrams and many
others containing like information. My
action was well considered, and is irre
yocable. No friends must be allowed to
ass a doubt on my motives or my sin-

"Samuel J. Theres."

Has anything happened since the words were written which authorize Mr. Talmage or any other person a impute to Mr. Thileen a purpose cattempting to obtain in 1884 an hone which he declined for such reasons i 1880? As we have repeatedly mid there can be no question that some ma with principles and aims like hahould be the candidate next year, such a man can be discovered; and is equally certain that if Mr. Ti deen now thought himself physicall capable of enduring the labors which the Presidency imposes; the nomination would be pressed upon him with degree of unanimity and devotion worthy of his genius and his services. But there is not the alightest evidence of any auch thought or willingness of his part. The refusals of three year ago stand good now; and the false an inppant words of a Talmage are of navall against them. N. Y. Nos.

Ingersoll says plug hats and suspend are needed in the South before we want to be successful to the suspension of the su

Celebrated Irishman

It was an Irishman from Magher Charles Thompson, who was the guidin spirit of the congress and conventio that adopted our Declaration of Independence and framed our constitution It was an Irishman's son from Wexfort John Nixon, that first read the Declaration of Independence in public to the people of Independence Square; it was an Irishman from Tyrone, John Dur lap, that first printed and publishe the Declaration. It was an Irishman from Tyrone, John Dur lap, that first printed and publishe the Declaration. It was an Irishman from Tyrone, John Dur lap, that first printed and publishe the Declaration.

man, this same John Dumlap, that published the first disily paper printed in the United States. It was an Irishman from Donegal, General Richard Montgomery, that first fell while commanding an army fighting for independence. It was an Irishman from Wexford, John Barry, who we shirst commander of the American Navy, it was an Irishman's son, General Henry Knox, that fought in every pattle in which Washington was engaged, and was first Secretary of War. It was an Irishman that wrote the first history of the United States. It was an Irishman as on, Robert Fulton, that gave America the credit of inventing steam navigation. It was an Irishman savigation. It was an Irishman savigation, Samuel Finlay Breese Morse, that invented telegraphy. It was the descendant of an Irishman McCormick, that invented the reaping and mowing machines, and another descendant of an Irish migrant. Horsco Greeley, with a smashed-down hat and patriots, who, is the darkest hours of the revolution, when the English elements were rejoicing over the disasters of Washington and his army, that gave their money and their words to the cause, which, without them, might have lost. They were mostly members of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a society then Joursal of Washington, of Cork, and his three two Joursal of St. Patrick, a society then Joursal of St. Patrick, a society then Joursal of Washington, of Cork, and his three two Joursal of St. Patrick, a society then Joursal of Washington, were members of the const

A Coltie Library

The Irish portion of the Ashburaham Library is one of the richest Celtic colections in existence, and the Royal rish Academy is striving to obtain it, tecomprises portions of the original-anals of the Four Masters, as well as any other works, which are to the rish, historically as well as artistically peaking, priceless.

The Dublin Review says that the ole Roman Catholic families in Great Britai "cling like limpets to their hereditar, policy of retirement and non-intervention."