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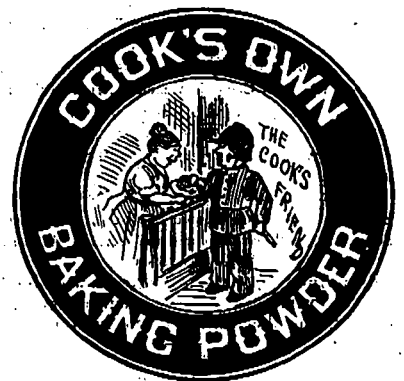
'Twas noon; the sun stood resplendant, high over the weather-cock on uncle EPHRAIM's barn. The dinner horn, like the storied instrument of the hunter, was heard on the hills. Thrice had his eldest sister, ELMIRA ANN, tooted her loudest and most prolonged toots, yet GUSTAVUS SLAS'BUSH heard them not. The patient eyed oxen at the plough had reached the extreme end of the furrow, and stood reflectively with their heads touching the rail fence of the dividing line. He sat on one of the yet remaining pine stumps musing: "Oxen," he murmured, "Oxen is essentially an Anglo-Saxon word. It has the only purely Saxon termination left unaltered in our language by the usurping Roman, Dane, and Norman. Shall the noble Anglo-Saxon race ever be as completely swamped as its sturdy original tongue? I think I can with confidence say No! Even the wretched Celt-tonic Yankee has at last reluctantly admitted the power of us Canadians; of us, the purest and most brilliant minded branch of the great A. S. race. Yes, the vicious, grasping and insatiable bird of prey that typifies the character of the besotted nation it represents, distractedly tears his fussy feathers and screams wildly when he beholds from his mountain nest the mustering of our forty thousand volunteers at their annual drill, and reflects that we have "800,000 more" of hardy sons of toil ready to receive the invader, should any have the audacity to attempt it. Let 'em try it or! Ha! Ha! we would bring a hundred gunboats on the lakes, each armed with guns of the heaviest calibre. We would commence at Ogdensburg and blow it skyward! then Oswego, Rochester (with shells from the lake) then Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee and Chicago in succession, distributing a few shells here and there at minor points as we go along, by way of local freight. I would concentrate forty thousand men on the Niagara frontier! forty thousand at Detroit! forty thousand at Chateauquay! forty thousand at—" "GUSTAVUS," said ELMIRA ANN, who with dinner horn in hand, had run down from the house, "You'd better get off that stump and hurry home to dinner, or father will be after you with his gad in about a minute!" "Geewhitakers!" said GUSTAVUS, as he hurriedly came to the ground, leaving a fragment of his attire attached to the stump—"Great Washington! I'll get it worse than a Yankee invasion!"

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