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He smole the while a knowing smile, And eke a wink wunk he. As to the merry candidate He spake quite pleasantly, By the great horn spoon I ask thee why Thou buttonholest me?"

"Oh, nothing," said the candidate,
He said it carelessly,
"You'll keep my name in mind, of course,
F. Tompkyns L atherby; Just vote the yellow ticket straight, And-have another with me

"The ballot is," the voter quoth, When he had wiped his chin. The ballot is the means by which, That is to say, we win "—" yes, just so of course, ahem!" The candidate chipped in.

The other said, "the way I vote, Of course you want to know, Why, opposite the names I put A cross. you see, just so!
And then I fold the paper up,
And then outside I go,

" And then I don't tell every one About my vote, but wait And take in all the fun, you know, And never ope my pate, Except to "—" Take another drink!" Up spake the candidate.

And having filled the flowing bowl, They straightway emptied it; Now for an empty flowing bowl No sane man cares a whit, And so they fit ed it up again, And straightway, as was fit,

They drank it off, The voter seemed To have almost a skinful; The candidate looked on his friend, Thinking it all quite sinful; Besides, when going in to vote, His friend might stagger in full!

And lest the voter should get worse, He said, "It's rather late. You'd better get your vote in now, For if you longer wait, You ll,"—" Thass all ri'," the voter then Assured the candidate.

"Whass the use, olefelter', ye know, O' botherin' yerself 'bout me? I voted more'n' anhourago, 'Rah fur ourside—we! Thassallri', Idid'n'vote, Fur Tomp-p-kinsonl-l-leather er-by!"

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