An Ancient Chronicle,

Respectfully Dedicated to the Electors of Hamilton.

CHAPTER FIRST.

And it came to pass in the time that the good Queen reigned over the land, and on the twentieth year of her reign, and in the year that the Bear sat in the seat of the chief Magistrate of the city, and in the eighth month thereof, that Allan the Brave, finding old age coming upon him, caused proclamation to be made throughout the city, yea, even to the outermost borders thereof, saying "Ye men of the City of Ambition, I am now getting old and am no longer able to gird on my sword and take my place at the head of your valiant men to do battle for your rights, 'tis meet therefore, that you choose from amongst you a good man and true to fill my place amongst the Princes of the land, when I am laid with my fathers." And the people, when they heard the proclamation, fell upon their faces and wept, for Allan was a good and valiant leader, who for the space of five and twenty years had done many mighty deeds on behalf of the city called Ambitious, and of the inhabitants thereof. And it came to pass that when Allan the brave was about to leave the city, where he had so long sojourned, to go to a distant land, even to the Isles of the Sea, where he wished to end the remainder of his days and be buried with his fathers, that the men of the city, both great and small, with their wives and their little ones, went out with him on his way, yea even beyond the great gate of the city, and they wept aloud and rent their garments, and they parted from him with great lamentation, for they felt that they had lost a friend, and they returned into the city and every one went to his own house.

And on the morrow the men of the city again assembled themselves together, and said each man to his neighbor, "Come now let us chose from amongst us one whom we will send to the Assembly of the princes of the land to do battle for us, our wives and our little ones" and after communing one with another, they said as with the voice of one man; "we will send the man Isaac, for we have ever found him leal hearted and brave, always doing good battle for us and our rights, and in the time of our sore strait his stores of silver and gold were spent with no miser hand in strengthening the bulworks of our city, and the people lifted up their voices, and with a shout like the noise of an earthquake, cried long live Isaac the Good, he alone is worthy to sit in the seat of Allan the Brave. And the people arose and went each man to his own house in peace. But there was in the city a son of Belial, one who had long sojourned amongst the people and who by making merchandize of the plant which comes from flowery Cathay, and selling it to the people without the impress of the Queen's signet, had made great gain and became rich; yea, even Codfish, head man of the tribe, known throughout the Ambitious City as the Compact Family; and when this man, even Codfish, heard that the man Isaac was the people's choice he was sorely enraged and grinded his teeth, for he hated with a bitter hatred the man Isaac, and his spiteful heart was like to burst asunder when he thought of what the people had done. So he called unto him his man of all work, yea even Done Brown, and said unto him, "have ye not heard what the people have done" And Done Brown lifted up his eyes and said "my Lord live for ever, thy slave has heard of this foolish thing."— And Codfish said unto him, "get you hence and call together the chief men of our tribe, that we may consult together how we may degrade this hateful man Isaac, in the eyes of this people, so that they may repent of their folly, and put in his place one whom we will name unto them. And Done Brown departed on his errand, and it came to pass that at the midnight hour, the chief men of the tribe called the Compact Family, assembled themselves together at the great house of their Lord Codfish. And it came to pass that [illegible] unto the house, even [illegible] who was called "Dodger," who, with his ferocious dog, always stood at the gate, and he opened it unto them and they went in unto the house, and there are the names of the great men of the tribe who went in to consult with the Lord Codfish, to wit: Lord Richard, the son of Achs, Lord Thomas, also called Kickero and Lord Pickle Herring; and they brought with them the man who was named after the places in the City of the Sea, where the people make the pale wines out of barley; also Sad-Liar, the Scribe, and their lord's man of all work, Done Brown. And when they came in unto the presence chamber of the great Codfish they made obeisance before him, and he said unto them, "Make haste and arise, for I have sent for you to counsel me in this sad calamity that has befallen me and my house, for mine enemy, the man Isaac, is chosen leader of the people. Now, know ye, that he is hateful in my sight for he bows not before me, neither does he do me reverence. Now, therefore, advise ye me in this matter." But for a space the chief men of the tribe were sore perplexed for they knew that the great Codfish was exceeding wroth. At length, lo and behold, the man of all work, even Done Brown, opened his mouth and said, "Oh most mighty Codfish, if thy servant hath found favor in thy sight, permit me to go out on the morrow among this people, and let me take with me Sad-Liar the Scribe, and thy valiant henchman, even he who is called the Dodger, and may I lose favor in thy sight if we do not unto their man Isaac as much, and more also, than the desire of thine heart, for I know this people to be a foolish people, easily led, yea even like sheep to the slaughter, and moreover, early in the morning we will arise and offer up sacrifice to our God Belial, invoking his aid; we will then go in amongst the people and say unto them, that the man Isaac whom they have chosen for their leader is a wicked, yea even a very dangerous man, he hath robbed the laborer of his hire, yea even the dark sons of Ethiopia hath he defrauded. We will also say unto them that he hath robbed the widow and the fatherless, moreover, that if they put their trust in him he will sell them, their wives and their little ones to be slaves to the dwellers on the other side of the great sea, for he is a man whose hands are not clean, he having long made merchandise in bribes, therefore, oh mighty Codfish, choose ye a leader for the people, and when we go in amongst them on the morrow, we will persuade them that he alone is fit to take a seat in the Assembly of the land. And the Great Lord Codfish was mightily pleased with the sayings of the young man, yea, even with that which his man of all work, Done Brown, did advise. And the rest of the acts of the great and mighty Codfish, high chief of the ville Compact Family, are they not to be found written in the book of the Chronicles of the Ambitious City, which Jubal the Scribe did write

CHAPTER SECOND.

And it came to pass, that when the young man, even he who was called Done brown, the man of all work of the mighty Codfish, chief man of the tribe called "compact family," had made and end of speaking, that Codfish rose up in haste and said unto his counsellors, the chief men of the tribe, "I swear by our god Belial, that this, mine enemy the man Isaac, shalt not sit in the seat set apart in the assembly of the princes of the land, for he whom the men of the city of ambition delighteth to honor. Now therefore know ye that it is the desire of mine heart that this our servant even the man Burntiron, is he whom ye will name to the people when ye go out amongst them on the morrow." Now this man, Burntiron, was not he of whom aforetime (it was said) had mixed gall and wormwood with the pale wines which he did vend in the city, and when the people did drink thereof, lo! they found it was bitter to the taste; but he was a good man, and one that desired in his heart to do that which was right, moreover, he was much thought of by the men of the city. And he was sore perplexed when he heard the words of the great Codfish, and he arose and said, "Oh most mighty Cod, I pray you listen to my speech, and hearken to all my words, for I will give good counsel unto thee. Therefore, I beseech thee take heed what ye do, and repent thee of thine oath, for I have long sojourned in this city, and know well the inhabitants thereof. Moreover, the man Isaac is the choice of all the old men who did battle under the banner of Allan the Brave, yea also of the merchants of the city, and of the skilled and cunning workmen in wood and in stone, in brass and in iron. Now know ye oh great Codfish, that none other than the man Isaac shall sit among the princes. Why then doth my Lord require this thing? Why will ye be a cause of trouble to the city? As for thy servant, the hand of sickness is laid heavily upon him. Moreover, I am not a man of war, neither am I able to be a leader unto this people." And while yet the man Burntiron was speaking, the face of Codfish shone like a live coal from out of the furnace, yea he was well nigh choked with exceeding great rage. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit had gone out of him, that Lord Thomas arose, even he who is called "Kickero," and having opened his mouth, spake, saying, "Seeing that the man Burntiron fails us in this our strait, I would counsel thee oh most honorable Codfish, to send thy henchman, even he who is called the "Dodger," for the man Nehemiah, who is also one of thy servants. Moreover, he has long envied the man Allan, and would fain persuade the people to place him in the vacant seat among the princes." Lord Pickle Herring also arose and said, "I know that this Nehemiah is our faithful servant, and if we can prevail upon the men of the city to choose him for their leader, we can do unto them as seemeth well in our sight, yea, even, we shall have them, their wives and their little ones, to be our slaves for ever." Then stood up Lord Richard, the son of Achan, and said, "Oh most gracious Codfish, mine ears have been open to the counsels given unto thee by my brethren, and their words have sunk deep into my heart, but I approve not of the man they have named unto you, for he is a vile man and foul-mouthed, this man Nehemiah, his garments have also a most unpleasant colour, for he works in paints and oils, therefore it seemeth not good in mine eyes that this man should sit down with us who are of the compact family.

After Lord Richard, the son of Achan, had done speaking, Codfish again opened his mouth and spake, saying, "oh ye chieftains of my house, I have listened unto the counsels which ye have given unto me, and seeing that the man Burntiron willeth not to do that which seemeth good in mine eyes, we will have this man, even Nehemiah, to be leader to the people" Furthermore, he said unto his man of all work, even the young man Done-brown, "Arise ye early in the morning and offer up sacrifice to our god Belial, and when thou hast done this take with the Sad-liar, the scribe, and the man who is my henchman, even he who is called the "Dodger," and go down amongst the people and be as evil spirits unto them walking with slanderers, moreover be as false witnesses that speaketh lies against the man Isaac. And when ye have sown discord amongst the men of the city, ye shall then say unto them whatsoever seemeth good unto thee in praise of the man Nehemiah" The night being now well spent the chief men of the tribe, who sat in council with their great Lord Codfish, arose to depart, and when they came to the outer gate they found it shut, for he who was called the "Dodger" had fallen into a deep sleep, being weary with long watching; and when they shook him he awoke, and he having unbarred the gate, they passed out, and each went to his own home. And on the morrow Done-brown with Sad-liar, the scribe, and he who was called the "Dodger," went down unto the city and they did as their Lord the great Codfish had told them. And when the people heard what was said about the man Isaac, they were much grieved and sorely perplexed, and each man took counsel of his neighbor, saying unto each other "what think ye of this evil thing that is noised abroad, about the man Isaac" And many of the people were deceived, but the greater part said, "Come let us assemble together the old men of the city, so that they may advise us, concerning this evil thing that is spoken of amongst us" And they all went to the public place, even the great square of the city. And the sons of Belial went with them, and when the old men arrived, the people said unto them, "Now advise ye us in this matter". And one of the old men arose, ye men of the City of Ambition, I pray you let not these lies sayings take root in your hearts, for thine enemy, the man Codfish, hath done this wicked thing. Moreover, be it known unto you, that he hateth the valiant Isaac with a bitter hatred, and he seeks to degrade him in your eyes. Furthermore, it is the desire of his heart that ye, Oh men of the city, should choose his servant, the man Nehemiah, to be your leader." And the people gave a shout, and cried with a loud voice, "We shall have none of him, for was it not he who sat in the seat of the Chief Magistrate of the city, in the year that our treasure disappeared. Away with him! Away with him! we will no more put our trust in him." And the people gave three mighty shouts, and cried "long live our leader, Isaac the valiant," and they dispersed, each man to his labour. And the young man Done brown, with his two companions Sad Liar the Scribe, and he who was called the "Dodger," made haste to depart, and swiftness was in their heels, for they feared the people, who were greatly enraged at them, and they shortened not their speed, until they arrived within the outer gates of the house of their Lord Codfish, and having rested awhile, they went in unto him and he asked them "What tidings from the city, and how succeeded ye with the people." And Sad Liar the Scribe answered and said, "We did all, yea even more than thou didst desire against the man Isaac, and the praises of thy servant Nehemiah were loudly sounded throughout the streets aye with many trumpets, but the people cried with a loud voice, "We will have none of him, for in the year in which he was Chief Magistrate, great stores of silver and gold had vanished out of the treasury of the city. Now therefore know ye Oh most mighty Codfish, that the man Nehemiah won't go down, for his fat carcass sticks as it were in the gullets of the people. Now, therefore I counsel thee to send for the man, even he who is thy neighbor, and dwelleth hard by, he who at one time filled the office of "Chief Baker" to the city, for I know that he longeth in his heart to sit among the princes, and if thou furtherest his desire he will bergain with thee to be thy servant, to do whatsoever thou biddest him." And the interview which Codfish had with the "Chief Baker," and the rest of the acts of the Codfish family, are they not recorded in the book of the Cronicles of the City of Ambition, which Jubal the Scribe did write."

CHAPTER THIRD.

Now the words of Sad Liar, the scribe, which he spake before the man, Codfish who was chief of the tribe, called Compact family, did seem unto him, even unto Codfish, as the sayings of a wise counsellor; and he said unto him, his man of all work, even he who was called Done brown, and said unto him, 'make haste and tarry not, I command thee, and go to the house of the Confederacy of Usurers, and unto him who is chamberlain thereof, even unto him who was the "Chief Baker," and fetch him thither, for I would speak with him' And the young man hastened to depart and being swift of foot, he ran as one who runneth a race, having the fear of his master, the mighty Codfish before his eyes. Moreover Codfish also spake unto Sad Liar the scribe, and said "Go ye out I pray thee, unto my henchman, even he who is called the Dodger, you will find him at his post by the outer gate, and send him to the chief men of my tribe, to bring them up hither, to sit in council with me." And Sad Liar, the scribe did as he was commanded, and the "Dodger" arose and departed on his errand in great haste, and while he was yet on his way, he overtook the Lord Thomas, even he who was called "Kickero," and he made known to him the purpose of his message, and "Kickero" retraced his steps and went towards the house of the chief Codfish, and he went in unto the audience chamber, and having made obeisance, he opened his mouth and said, "Wherefore, oh most mighty Codfish, hast thou called together the chief men of the tribe." And Codfish answered and told him all the words which Sad Liar had spoken unto him. And he who was called "Kikero," spake saying, "Come now I pray thee, listen unto me, and I will give the good counsel, know then that the people of this City, will not have the man who was chief Baker, to be the leader, for they despise him in their hearts, for his hypocrisy and deceit; and although he is a leader in the synagogue, being one of the wardens thereof; hath he not made merchandise thereby, and great gain; besides is he not chamberlain of the confederacy of usurers, which does so sorely oppress the people, for he taketh advantage of the poor and the needy, yea, the house of the widow doth he take in pledges; moreover he taketh from the widow and fatherless, houses which he builded not; besides all this, hast thou not heard that aforetime, even at the time that our servant Nehemiah was chief magistrate, that the fathers of the city did appoint him that he might sum the silver and gold brought unto the treasury, and, think ye, have the men of the city forgotten that at that time the chest containing the treasure was found empty, now, therefor, I would advise thee to think no more of this man, even he who was "chief Baker," for he is in bad odour with the people, rather let us choose one from among the chapmen and merchants of the city And Codfish answered and said, "Oh, Thomas, thou speakest as one of the foolish women; think ye we could find amongs the merchants one who will do our bidding like unto this man: moreover if he is despised by the people, peradventure we can force them to give him the seat amongst the princes, for the influence of our family is great, we can also bring to bear upon the people the confederacy of Usurers, yea, also the man even he who is chamberlain of the Iron Road, will come to our assistance—he hateth the man Isaac, for he hath received benefits at his hand." And Thomas answered and said, "Truly thou art a wise Codfish, yea, verily, a second Daniel, and in thy presence I am as a foolish woman." And while they were yet speaking the young man even Done-brown came in, and he said, "behold the chief Baker." And the chamberlain of the Usurers stood against the posts of the doors, and having removed the sandals from off his feet he went in barefooted into the presence of the mighty Cod, and he bowed himself before him, with his face to the ground, and he did kiss the hem of his garments. And Codfish spake unto him, and said, "Arise and be seated, for I have somewhat to say unto thee." And he did as he was commanded, and sat down on a stool at the feet of the mighty Codfish Furthermore, Codfish said unto him, "thou knowest that the men of this city have chosen the man Isaac, who is mine enemy, to be their leader; now I know that thou art ambitious and doth covet this place and would fain see the man Isaac degraded in the eyes of the people. Now, therefor, know ye that if thou wilt covenant to be my servant, to do what seemeth good in mine eyes, I shall cause this man Isaac to be a vagabond and fugitive in the earth, and all the influence of the Codfish family, shall be thine to place thee in the seat set apart in the assembly of the princes, for he whom the men of the city delightteth to honor." And when he had done speaking, the man, even he who was chief Baker did again prostrate himself and made obeisance, and when he arose from his knees he opened his mouth and said, "Oh most gracious and honorable Codfish, truly hast thou discovered the immense secrets and interests of my heart, for it is even as thou hast said. I have indeed envied the man Isaac, and would fain be captain of the people; but I have lost favor in the eyes of the men of this city, for I have shaved them, and thou knowest that a shaver is an abomination unto them, for they set great store by their beards, and delight in them; but, nevertheless, if thou doest unto me as thou hast said, I will make a covenant with thee to be thy servant, to do whatever thou wisheth. And while he was yet speaking, he who was called the 'Dodger' came in, and having made obeisance said, "Behold, my Lord, they for whom thou didst send me are here." And they came in and sat down, to wit,—Lord Richard, son of Achan, and Lord John, who is also called Pickle Herring, and the Dodger returned to his seat at the gate. And Codfish spake unto Sad-Liar, the scribe, and said unto him, "Take, I pray thee, a parchment roll write a covenant between me and the man who is to be my servant, even he who is chamberlain of the confederacy of Usurers, and make it binding between us and our children for ever." And Sad-Liar, the scribe did as he was commanded, and when the [illegible] ment roll, and they each sealed it with [illegible] of the chief men of the compact family in witness thereof. And the Lord Codfish said unto the young man Done brown, "Get you quickly to your couch, for you must rise early on the morrow, and ere yet it is light take with thee Sad Liar, the scribe, and the man who is my henchman, even he who is called the "Dodger," and go down into the city and wait upon the man whose house is by the wharf, even he whose ships are mortgaged unto me and tell him to come up on the evening of the morrow to the caravansary, which is kept by the son of David, and to bring with him all his servants, for we shall there name he who was the "Chief Baker" to be the leader in place of the man Isaac; ye will also go down amongst all who are indebted to us of the Compact Family, and bid them come up also; and Codfish said to the man who was chief Baker, "see that ye also cause all those whose houses ye hold in pledge, to come to the Assembly"; and he commanded his servants to bring in bread and wine, and they did eat and drink and made merry over the downfall of Isaac. And they arose and went out from the presence of the great Codfish, each man to his own house. And the young man, Done brown arose early in the morning, and having called Sad Liar the Scribe, he went out and said unto the Dodger, who stood by the gate, "saddle me the ass" and he saddled him; and Done Brown got astride of the ass and went towards the city, and Sad Liar the Scribe, and he who is called the Dodger, went on foot, one on each side of him, and they did as they were commanded. And on the evening of the same day, there began to assemble at the appointed time within the Caravansary of the son of David, all who had dealings with the Codfish Family, and owed money, also, all who had received money at usury, and had given their houses as pledge to the man who was chamberlain to the confederacy of usurers; yea also, all who were bankrupt, and they brought their servants with them, and they filled the large room of the house, for there was a great number; and there were present besides, they of the house hold of the Codfish family, to-wit:—the man, even he whose ships were mortgaged, and there also came with him his servants, also the man Mason, together with his comrade Will you buy me, who even sail ships on the mighty deep, also the man Worth-ing nothing, also the man Footrunner, also the man Fireball, also the man Bottlethare, also the man Firearm, also the apothecary Billingsgate, with their servants and dependents, also a [illegible] man the son of David, who was horse milliner to the Codfish Family, and they made him, even the horse milliner, to be spokesman to the congregation; and they set him in a chair at the head of the chamber, and he opened his silly mouth and said, "Oh ye men of the City of Ambition, it is known unto you that we are now without a leader, for the man Allan has taken his departure from amongst us; therefore I would say unto you that our benefactor, even he who was chief Baker, and who is even now devising great things for us, should be appointed to the office, for the man Isaac is a bad man, yea, a great chisellier, and we would have to blush for shame before the strangers should we send him to the Assembly of the Princes." And they all with one accord cried with a loud voice, "Hurrah for Baker!" And they took the coverings from off their heads and did wave them in the air; and the man McViper did shout, and he made a noise like unto the bellowing of the kine of Bashan. And they did drink of the fire-water, and were very merry. And they also did all sign a writing, saying that none other than the man who was "Chief Baker" should be their leader among the princes

And the rest of the acts of the Chief Baker and his confederates, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the City of Merchants.

CHAPTER FOURTH.

When the men of the city had heard what the sons of Belial had done, when they met with their servants and dependents at the Caravansary kept by the son of David, they were greatly amazed and sore distressed, not because of any fear they had that the Compact Family, and he who was "Chief Baker," could do any evil unto the good man Isaac, but because of the violence that was done in the city by those wicked men, who delighted in stirring up strife and commotion, and whose pleasure is to put each man against his neighbor. And all this evil was done in the city, because Isaac was a good man, and therefore was he hated by them of the Codfish Family, and the wise men of the city caused proclamation to be made in the streets there of, saying "Oh ye men of the City of Ambition, assemble yourselves together, and meet us in the great hall, that we may commune together and consider this great evil that has come upon us." And the people did assemble, yea even a great multitude of the men of the city, both great and small, according to the proclamation which the wise men had sent out. And when they were all gathered together unto the great hall, one of the wise men stood up, and when he began to speak unto the people, Lo and behold a great noise arose in the midst of the people, like unto the braying of asses, the bleating of sheep and the bellowing of kine, so that the men of the city could not hear what the wise man said unto them. And the people were sore enraged, and they made search for the cause of the uproar. And Lo! they discovered that the sons of Belial had comein amongst them, and they laid hold on them and thrust them forth out of the hall.— And these are the names of the sons of Belial whom the wise men of the city did drive out from amongst them, to wit: Codfish's man of all work, the young man Done brown, also Sad Liar the Scribe, also he who is called the Dodger, also the mill man, even he who is named McViper, also the silly fellow, even he who is horse milliner to the great Codfish. And when they were thrust forth into the street, there was silence in the great hall and the wise men again arose and spake unto the people saying, "Oh ye men of the city, see ye how that these sons of Belial hate the man Isaac, for he who is their master, even the man Codfish, hath sworn that he shall not be our leader. He hath also said that he will make us, who are the free men of the city of ambition, to raise his servant, even he who is chamberlain of the confederacy of Usurers to this post of honor." And the people cried with a loud voice, "We will have none but Isaac to be our leeder." And another of the wise men rose up and said, "who is this man whom the Codfish family seek to place over us, verily he is known to me of old, for in times past was he not our "Chief Baker," and did he not cause men, cunning in the working of iron and brass, to make him an instrument for the grinding of stones, and did not the bread which he did vend unto us set our teeth on edge?" And the people cried, "Yea it is even so" Furthermore another of the wise men rose up in his place and said, "Listen unto me oh ye men of the city, and give ear, for I will tell you what this man, even he who was "Chief Baker," did unto the good man George, whose dwelling is in the park, even while he was yet a stranger in the city. Be it known unto you that the chief Baker was warden of the synagogue in which the good man George did worship, and upon a certain day he went in unto the house of the warden of the synagogue to pay unto him money and the chief Baker said unto him "I perceive that thou hast invested large sums of gold in the stocks of the bank which is called "Gore." Now thou hast done a foolish thing, for the investment is poor seeing that the confederacy lend not their money at usury. Now know ye that if ye join with us who are of the confederacy of stone-cutters, we will make thee rich, for it is certain to be a paying concern." Now the man George seeing the high place which the chief Baker held in the synagogue, put faith in the words which he spake unto him, and with five hundred pieces of gold did he purchase stock in the confederacy of stone cutters, but his golden ducats and the stone-cutting confederacy disappeared together, and the good man will not be persuaded but that he fell into a den of thieves Now, he who deceived the good man George is the same who the man Codfish desireth us to honor." And when the wise man had done speaking, the people cried the louder, "we will have none but Isaac," and they gave three mighty shouts, saying "long live the valiant Isaac.' And they went out from the presence of the wise men of the city, [illegible] even he who presided over the assembly of the princes, had heard that there was a division among the people, he caused his scribe to write a letter, and he sent it by a messenger unto one of the wise men of the city, even he whose name is Littlerock, saying, "seeing that the people are devided amongst themselves, set ye apart a day and assemble the people together in the great square, and cause they who are for the man who was Chief Baker to stand on one side of the square, and they who are for the man Isaac on the other; and ye shall cause the people to be numbered, moreover, ye shall then know who is he whom the people delightteth to honor"; and the wise man, Littlerock, even the man famous in the healing art, did as the Queen's Lieutenant had commanded, and he caused his heralds to go out unto the city, and they read the proclamation. Now, about this time, it came to pass that the man, even he who is Chamberlain of the iron road, returned from his home in the Isles of the Sea, and came in unto the City of Ambition, where, for a season he had pitched his tent. Now this man had received many favors at the hand of the good man Isaac, yea, twice did he prevent him from being turned out of his stewardship, therefore he hated the man Isaac, for in his heart there was no gratitude Now when the mighty Codfish had heard of his return he waited upon him in his tent, and they did commune together in secret; and immediately thereafter it was known throughout the City of Ambition that they had confederated together to do evil to the valiant man Isaac Moreover it was also noised abroad that the treasury of the iron road had furnished three hundred pieces of gold, which were given to the henchman, even he who was called the "Dodger," to be laid out in the purchase of fire water so that the courage of the fighting men might not fail Now when the day had arrived which the wise man Littlerock did appoint, the men of the city began to assemble in the great square, and also a mighty array of strange men, with the chamberlain of the iron road at the head thereof, did march into the square, and the men of the city did say one unto another, "the Philistines be upon us." And when all the people were assembled, the wise man, who was named Littlerock, got up into an high place, and having surveyed the multitude, came down and spake, saying, "I find that the greater part of the people are on the side of the man Isaac, therefor do I declare that the man Isaac is he who shall go down and occupy the seat set apart [illegible] And when he had done speaking, he who was "Chief Baker," arose and said unto the wise man, Littlerock, "thou art an unjust judge, and has decided unrighteously, for am not I "the peoples candidate." And he demanded that the wise man should set apart another day, for the numbering of the people, when each man should be numbered in his own ward; and the wise man, Littlerock, because he was a righteous judge, consented that it should be as the as the "Chief Baker" had desired. And he named a day for the numbering of the people. And the people did shout justly, and cried "long live the valiant Isaac," and the Philistines did pelt them with mud, but the men of the City retaliated not, for they saw that the Philestines had drunken of the fire-water, which was purchased by the man who was called the "Dodger," with the money that came out of the treasury of the iron road. And the men of the City went out from the great square, and returned peaceably to their merchandising and their workshops; but the Philestines seized upon two chariots and having loosed the horses therefrom, they placed the Chamberlain of the Confederacy of Usurers in the one, and the Chamberlain of the iron road in the other, and they like unto so many mules did draw the chariots through the streets even unto the drinking booth of the man who is the "Dodger's" myrmidon, and they went in unto the booth and they did drink of the fire water and made merry. And the rest of the wicked acts of the Codfish tribe and of the Chamberlain of the confederacy of usurers, also of the Chamberlain of the Iron Road with an account of how they got licked at the Polls, and how the valiant Isaac was triumphantly returned a member of Parliament for the "Ambitious little City." Are they not all recorded in the book of the Chronicles which the aforesaid Jubal the Scribe did write.