

"Madam, your late husband and I were old pals. We've tramped together many a mile—from the Hudson to the Missouri, and down the Mississippi to the Gulf. We've been as brothers—working, eating, sleeping and drinking with each other, and it is with a heart filled with the most poignant sorrow that I now behold him sleeping the sleep that knows no waking —"

"Goodnuff, 'Jezzy'—hang up," interrupted "Nosey," his face beaming with admiration and—bourbon.

But here "Jersey" stuck, and could go no further, despite the invitations of his friend "Nosey" to "fire ahead." By this time "Dug's" feelings had become composed, and he stepped to the front to do *his* share of the consolation. The widow grew more demonstrative in her grief as she realized the fact that the trio before her were warm friends and shop-mates of her deceased consort, and remarked, through her sobs, that her loss was an irreparable one—that her grief was well-nigh inconsolable. "Dug" had studied up a little speech, but, alas, his memory went back on him, so he blurted out:—

"Well, Mrs. B——, it's mighty tough, I know; but *he's a d—d sight better off than setting solid bourgeois for forty cents a thousand.*"

This declaration produced a sensation among those present, and the remainder of the committee lost no time in snatching their hats and making a hasty exit from the house. When they got back to the office they were boiling with rage, and vowed that "'Dug' spoiled the whole thing," while that worthy insisted that he had done his "level best."

ADVERTISERS like to know when and where their advertisements are paying best, therefore, any person writing for things advertised in the *Miscellany*, would do that publication immense good and themselves no harm if they would mention the fact that the *Miscellany* brought it to their notice.

PARTIES wishing to buy printing offices, or any material in any way connected with the business, should consult our advertising pages before making their purchases. None but reliable houses and *bona fide* bargains are represented in our columns.

Who is the greatest liar? He who speaks most of himself.—*Chinese proverb.*

THE DOMINION TYPE-FOUNDING COMPANY, Montreal and Toronto, are too well known to require any laudation at our hands. It remains only to remind printers that this foundry send out better material than was done by the old company years ago, a natural consequence of age and experience. The most skilled labor is employed in the several departments, and, of course, the material turned out will compare favorably with that from any other concern on the continent. With such men as Mr. I. W. A. Osborne as manager in Montreal, and Mr. P. A. Crosby, traveller for the lower provinces, the standing of this foundry cannot be anything but good. The patrons of this foundry all bear testimony to the fair and liberal treatment received at the hands of the above named gentlemen. Printers will bear in mind that in addition to manufacturing plain and fancy, modern and old style types, cuts and typographical articles generally, they are also agents for the principal American type foundries as well, so that what they do not manufacture themselves they can readily supply at the same rates as though it were not procured through them. Besides, they are agents for printing and bookbinding machinery of all descriptions, as well as the most celebrated printing inks. Their advertisement will be found on the last page of this paper.

BOOKBINDERS, and, in fact, all others requiring a first-class thread, should communicate with Walter Wilson & Co., Montreal, and ascertain particulars and prices respecting Barbour's Improved Irish Flax Thread, than which there is none better made. It is spun from the best and purest fibre, and is warranted uniform in strength and size. Besides, dealing in nothing but first-class goods, this firm make lasting friends wherever they are known by their honorable and liberal dealings.

THE BOSTON TYPE FOUNDRY is the oldest and best concern to deal with in the New England States. Their material is good and it is put up with care. Their prices are moderate and their terms liberal. Their agent, Mr. John K. Rogers, jr., is a gentleman in all respects and deservedly popular. We can assure those of our readers who may conclude to have dealings with him that they will find it both pleasant and profitable. The address will be found by referring to page 47.