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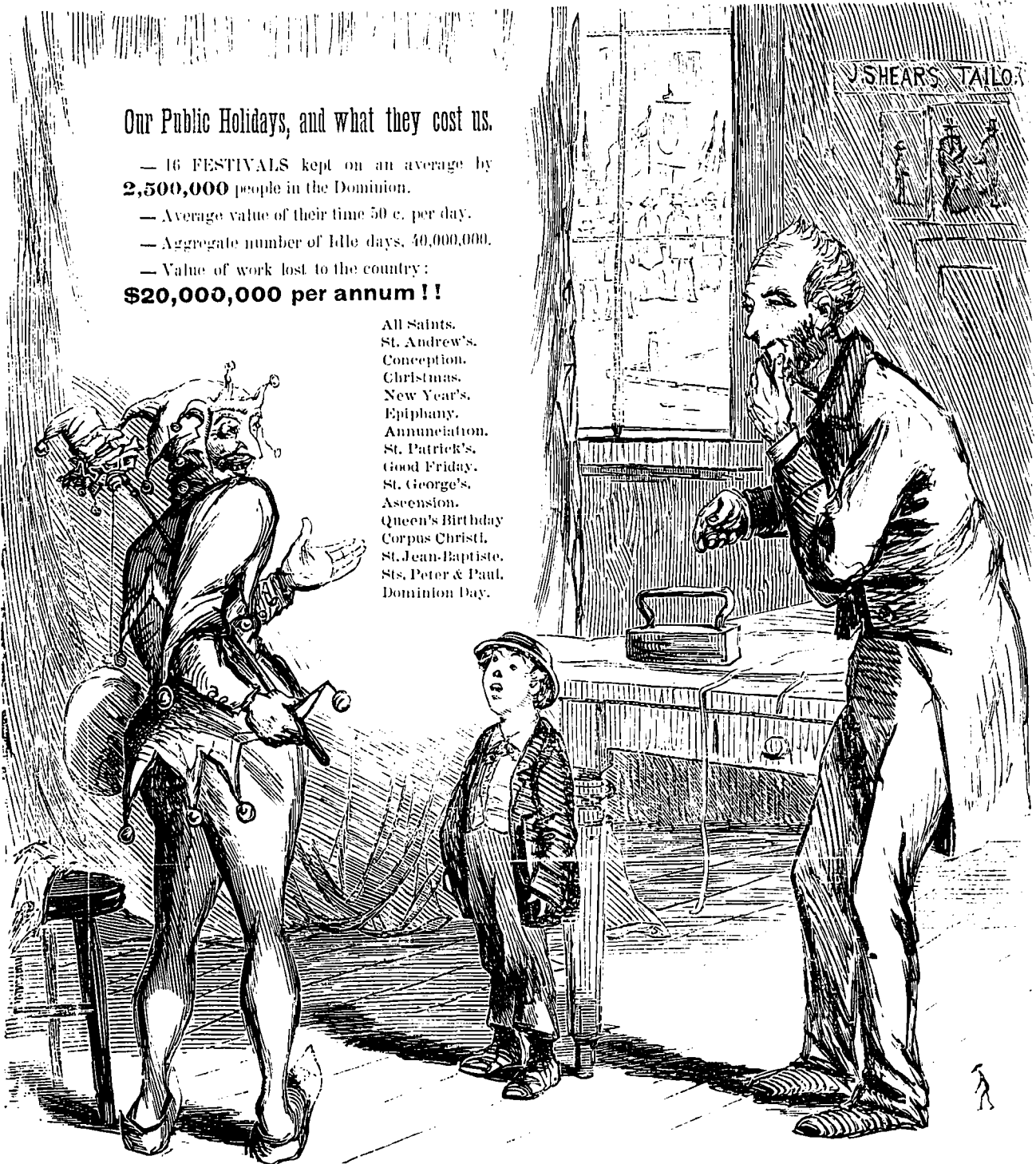
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SHEARS: Just to suit the times, your Honor; what with the holidays, and hard customers, I can't afford to give you more coat tail for the price.

JESTER: All nonsense, my dear Shears, a nation that can afford to spend \$20,000,000 a year on its holidays must be wealthy. So next time, cut my coat a decent length, and charge it to the nation.