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(T.W.P. reads carefully to end, his face wreathed in smiles, then gleefully rubs his hands.)

TORY W.P. :—Good, good, my friend, work up the ferment and we'll soon line our pockets with Dominion dollar-bills.

(They discuss earnestly together for some time, then separate, with great display of friendship.)

CURTAIN.

THE NEW SHAKESPEARE.

"Andromeda! did'st note the alti yester-e'en within the organ loft when thine own Henrico did'st attune him for the invocation in the vesper chant?"

"Not I, Henrico! Me e'en were fastened on the misfit redingote Beatrice Marcia wore—a very Caliban of garbs—a vile distortion of a sottish mantau-maker—that would have ta'en old Momus so with laughter that e'en like gelantine would his paunch have quivered!"

"Nay, an' thine e'en were better given to more fitting things."

"A jest, Henrico?"

"An' if it be, Andromeda, thou need'st not jest-ure so! Attend unto this tale of choir-like amenity: As erst I gave thee hint, just as me lips were trem'ulous with me portion of the vesper chant, the alti took from that crude knave Vingardo—he that doth bail his notes

from deep intestinal—a goodly number of those fibrous nuts which snap and crackle almost as loudly as they do smell, and with a porcine gusto did masticate the same e'en until it came to pass that, as a horse doth champ his bit, so did her jaws rude calisthenics make the while Henrico grappled with the score tenori."

"The jade! The wizen-featured wench? But she shall rue the day she chastened thee with this affront! Knowest thou her special weakness, Henrico?"

"I do, sweet syren of my melting moods!"

"Give it me, delicious conqueror of me irony!"

"It is a deep, a lasting detestation of the onion!"

"Praised be the gods for this sweet morsel, good my lord! for by that token comes there dear revenge. When next the Sabbath brings its invocation to the minstrel band that laves the weekly worshippers with sacred melody, it shall be mine to batten on the morning stew, wherein a copious onion hath been interject, and when I greet the alti f' the organ loft, e'en tho' it be a nostrum to me taste, her will I kiss with fervor so intense that she will sentient be with garlic taint for many a gruesome day, e'en so that when the grim Vingardo doth her lips ensample 'twill seem to him as 'twere a leek he'd ta'en into his confidence."

"Heaven's benisons on thee for that thought, fair maid!"

"Vast thee, knight! It needs no keener goad than that some rivalry which every choir brews 'twixt alti and soprani to nerve me to this deed, an' if it bane me breath for weeks, I'll do't, so help me Borgia."—*Yonkers Gazette.*

Miss Simmers and Miss Littlebud were discussing a handsome and popular physician lately.

"I like him ever so much," said Miss Simmers.

"Oh, so do I," replied Miss Littlebud; "but he gives one such awful medicine."

"Oh, I don't mean his physic," tittered Miss Simmers, "I mean his physique."

Then they giggled in chorus.

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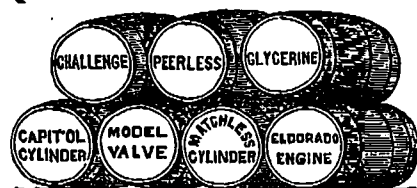


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