

Junior Department,

Introductory Remarks.—The response to our call, made last month, for signed and sealed tenders for the office of Junior Editor, has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Every visit of ours to the Sanctum after the issue of the September number found the letter-box filled with applications, made out in every due form of irregularity, and accompanied with the requisite photograph. Day after day our collection of letters and photographs kept on increasing; early in the second week, we were almost driven to pray that there might be a falling off in the inflow of correspondence, but the mere fact that we contemplated such a course of action had its effect; the tide slackened and soon abated altogether. Now began our weary work of selecting the right man. We did it thus wise. All letters we disregarded, as time would not permit of their perusal, and, besides, many of them were written in Assyrian hieroglyphics—a learned style of writing no doubt, but one requiring a tedious process of deciphering. We determined to violate the old rule and to judge by appear-

ances; in other words to decide the issue by the photographs. A special meeting of the Editorial board was summoned, the photographs numbering 191, were produced and after a great deal of psychological discussion a choice was made. The columns of the Junior Department for the future, must decide the wisdom of our choice. In accordance with our promise to publish from time to time the photographs of the disappointed candidates, we sent down half a dozen pictures to the Federal Press Co. to be engraved. The engraving of the first photograph proved disastrous to our plan; the F. P. engraving plant collapsed, whether from fright or fear, it is not known—the difference, of course, is more than that 'twixt tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee. We can only publish the one engraving that was completed when the accident occurred, and this one (whose is it?) will be found, with a double pair of pants on, in a portion of McCracken Bros.' advertising space.

Having made these necessary remarks we leave the rest to the new Junior Editor.