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It will be remembered that in Mr. H. W. Beecher's last sermon in Plymouth Church, previous to his vacation, he remarked in substance that he had a presentiment that it was the last time that he would ever appear before his congregation in the capacity of pastor. Will it prove prophetic?—*New York Graphic*.

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The Landlady's Daughter.

Three students one day crossed over the Rhine:
With a landlady there they stopped to dine.
"Dance, dance, hasten thou good to bed,"
And where is that beautiful daughter of mine?"

"My dear and mine are fresh and clear."
My daughter, she lies on her funeral bier.
When they entered the chamber there,
In a shrine no black lay the maiden fair.
The first from her face the veil did throw,
And upon her head with a lock of wood.

"O sweet thou yet living, thou maiden fine,
From this time forth should thy love be mine."
The second, he covered her face once more,
And turned him away and wept full sore.
"Alas! that thou shouldst art lying here!
For thee have I loved this many a year!"

The third from her face lifts again the veil,
And softly he kisses her mouth so pale.
"I have loved thee always, I love thee to-day
And love thee I shall forever and aye!"

A BAD HABIT.

"Indeed, Walter, you are doing very wrong to delay so much in your business," said Mrs. Applegate to her husband, "one morning, as they sat later than usual over the breakfast table, I think you have a most extraordinary good luck that had befallen him. When he told his wife of it, she urged him to at once set about collecting the money to repay the debt."

"Oh, there is time enough for that," said Mrs. Applegate, "I have only to lay my hand on the money. There is no difficulty to be experienced."

This did not satisfy his wife, who gave him no rest until he had deposited the sum in the bank, ready to be paid out on the spot. The money was not there. The nineteenth of the month came at last, and as Mrs. Applegate was sitting in his office in the morning a friend came in and asked him to go that afternoon a few miles into the country on a fishing expedition. They would return after nightfall. Being very fond of the sport, Mr. Applegate at once assented. As he left his office for the excursion, he thought of the money he had to pay the next day, and his better judgment told him it would be as well to send Mr. King the check for it that morning, but as he was pressed for time he decided to put it off until the next day.

The fishing was unusually good, and a pleasant day was spent. Mr. Applegate and his friend were so well pleased that they determined to spend the night there, and try the sport again the next morning. Mr. Applegate's conscience reproached him as he made this decision. He remembered that he had promised to repay the borrowed money the next day. He quieted the inward monitor, however, with the thought that Mr. King would not be inconvenienced if he did not send the money until the twenty-first of the month. That gentleman's bill did not fall due until the twenty-second, and the amount he owed was already in the bank to be drawn out.

He felt so little satisfied with himself, however, that he determined the next day to spend only a few hours in fishing, and to take the train for New York before banking hours were over, and fulfill his promise. He did not move the car, however, until the station, the locomotive broke down, and they did not reach New York until nearly dark.

The next morning he hastened to Mr. King with the check for the borrowed money. Mr. King received him very cordially.

"I have come to repay the money I borrowed from you," he said to his friend. "As your bill is not due until tomorrow, I hope the delay will not cause you any trouble."

As he spoke, he laid the check on Mr. Applegate's desk.

"No," said Mr. King, "it will not inconvenience me in the least; but I am inclined to believe that it will do you harm."

"Why?" said Mr. Applegate in surprise.

"Because," replied his friend, "I have determined never to lend to you again. I know the cause of your delay in repaying me, and cannot afford to risk my money by putting it in the hands of one who shows so little regard for his commercial obligations. Believe me, Mr. Applegate, you will not see me again if you continue on in this bad habit of yours."

Mr. Applegate left the counting-house in silence, heavily ashamed of himself. He felt that he was justly reprimanded, and he deeply regretted having lost the good opinion of such a man as Mr. King.

When he went home that night, he told his wife all that had happened, and promised her to try and do better in the future. The next morning he saw Mr. King, and made him the same promise.

He kept his word, and though it was a hard struggle, he succeeded finally in conquering his bad habit, and he has since been known as one of the most trustworthy and punctual merchants in New York. The result was that Mr. Applegate died a rich man.

Are Detectives Useful?

Clear a year ago, says the New York Sun, the discovery was made that near the tip of the island of Manhattan, there had been a robbery of a large sum of money. The following remarks on the subject of the robbery, from so high an authority as Dr. Burdon Sanderson, shortly after the robbery, were to be taken as a guide to the police.

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Items of Interest.

It is calculated that the poultry industry of the United States amounts to \$1,000,000 annually, besides the home market. California has 77 Baptist churches, Nevada 53, Washington Territory 14, and Oregon 14, making a total of 158 in the Pacific coast.

Papa—And pray, sir, what do you intend to do with my daughter? "I intend to settle on you, my daughter, to settle myself on your daughter, and to live on you."

Anxious newspaper querists want to know if the comet has any hand in this war weather. In 1861 they were equally curious to know whether it was the comet that caused the cholera.

John Miller, of Idaho, had both legs and an arm off by a moving machine. In a home paper says that he is a member of the legislature, and seems to be the opinion of the doctors that it is a serious case.

The Superior Court of Cincinnati has just decided that a man who is sure for another on a legal bond or obligation is responsible for defalcation which may exist before he was on the bond.

Statisticians have decided, we believe, that a sentence to the penitentiary for life is a more certain way of securing the good of the State, an average imprisonment of from four to six years.

A lady who had been teaching her four-year-old child the elements of arithmetic, was asked by her husband, in an inquiring and propounding the following problem: "Mamma, if you had three butterfies and each butterfly had a bug on its back, how many bugs would you have?" The mother is still at work on the problem.

Mr. Volkner, the analyst of the Royal Agricultural Society in England, says that if a man had to live exclusively on brown bread, he would be better off than a man who had to live exclusively on white bread. As to arrowroot, the starch contained in the tuberous roots of the Arisaema, is a most nutritious arrowroot, which is costlier.

Fattening by Machinery. A Philadelphia visitor Paris writes: While visiting the Garden d'Acclimatation, I saw a machine for fattening ducks for the purpose of facilitating the curing of ducks for the tables of epicures. As it was new to me, I have thought a brief allusion to it would not be amiss. In the building, which is quite large and handsome, are several large circular frames, having hundreds of boxes, looking something like pigeon-holes, and each box is provided with a small door, through which the ducks are fed. The ducks are first placed in the box, it is necessary to use some force to get the ducks into their mouths, but after they are fed several times they seem to like it, and quack lustily when they see the preparations are completed for feeding. The ducks are fattened very rapidly, and the speculation, it is said, is a profitable one.

U. S. Doctors. The present medical force of the United States Army consists of some thirty more than a hundred men. Probably the most notable of these is Dr. John A. Smith, who is stationed at Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania. He is a man of great ability, and has been in the service of the army for many years.

Didn't Want the Ticket. A conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad was once called upon to make a stop at a small station. A gentleman, who was traveling alone, came forward and asked the conductor for a ticket. The conductor, however, refused to give him one, saying that he did not want the ticket.

At the Bank. If you will present a check without introduction at a bank where you are not known, do not get heated when the teller declines to cash it, or ask him to wait before sending it to the cashier. Instead of bothering him with questions, and regret your indiscretion. Napoleon Bonaparte was once called upon to make a stop at a small station. A gentleman, who was traveling alone, came forward and asked the conductor for a ticket. The conductor, however, refused to give him one, saying that he did not want the ticket.

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THE AMERICAN LOBBYIST.

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BOWLES, M. D. Editor & Prop'r
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HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC CO. N. J.

Republican State Convention.

The Republican Electors of New Jersey, and all persons who may desire to co-operate with us in the election of our candidates, are hereby invited to elect delegates to represent them in a State Convention, to be held in TAYLOR HALL, IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Governor, to be voted for at the election to be held on November 2d, 1874, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come up before the Convention.

The basis of representation will be one delegate to each 200 Republican votes cast at the Presidential election, and one for each fraction of the same, over 100; each township and ward, however, to be entitled to one delegate. Upon this basis the several counties will be entitled to the following representation:

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Bergen.....23
Camden.....23
Cape May.....14
Cumberland.....14
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Gloucester.....14
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BERTEL'S MILITARY HALL, EGG HARBOR CITY, ON SATURDAY, AUG. 2nd, 1874, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to elect delegates to the State Convention, to nominate a candidate for the office of Governor of the State of New Jersey.

County Convention.

The notice of call for a Convention to meet at Egg Harbor City on the 22nd inst., which appeared in our paper last week, was handed in too late for us to make any remarks upon it then. It will be seen that delegates are to be elected in the different townships and townships, the number apportioned to the number of votes cast at last election. Thus, Atlantic City would have 5, Absecon, town, 2; Buena Vista, 3; Egg Harbor Township, 8; Egg Harbor City, 5; Galloway Township, 8; Hammonton, town, 6; Hamilton Township, 5; making 42 delegates. As will be seen, the Convention is to elect delegates to go to the State Convention, which will meet on the 27th inst., at Trenton, for the nomination of a candidate for Governor.

We hope to see in the campaign now opening a measure of feeling and action among the Republicans of the County, which is sure of success, and in the Convention to meet at Egg Harbor City, we hope to see displayed the same determination to secure harmony, as well as to secure the nomination and election of a man to the office of Governor who is not only a Republican, but one who has the high and best interest of the State and people at heart, that has heretofore characterized our Conventions and our elections. Let us come together resolved that no sectional feelings shall bias us in our deliberations, but only that the great and magnanimous principles of Republicanism shall triumph, and that we may be guided with the wisdom to select men who will represent, faithfully, through those principles, the party who promulgates and sustains them. With these determinations and feelings our success can not be doubted.

The basis of representation in the State Convention is one delegate to every two hundred Republican votes cast at the last Presidential election, and one for each fraction of the same, over 100. Our County is entitled to ten delegates.

Overseeing intelligence comes to us from every part of the State, and the prospect of a victory is foreshadowed in the general good feeling and confidence, arising from a harmonious coalition in the primary. Let good men—our best—be selected for all places, especially in the Legislature, for we must furnish a successor in the U. S. Senate to Mr. Stockton, one who will be a true representative of the State and her interests. Let every Republican do his duty.

We are glad to learn that somebody has told somebody else that the latter heard some one say that the President is believed to be in favor of a third term. This is getting definite.—N. Y. Mail.

Senator Morton, in his speech at Terre Haute, Indiana, drawn life-like pictures of the aims and purposes of the two parties, as they appear in the phase of liberty, justice, and humanity, and the advocacy of the enforcement of civil rights, to which we call the attention of our readers. They exactly and truthfully represent the spirit of the two parties. Which will you choose?

The Democratic Party is pledged by its constitution, its history, affiliations, and hopes of the future to undying hostility to the negro race. The Republican Party is pledged by its immortal history, by its sacred principles, to stand by the five millions of new-born freemen, and must continue to be in the future as it has been in the past, the party of liberty, equality, justice, and the indivisible union of the States. Without any apology for the corruption and disorders in the State of South Carolina, or elsewhere in the South, the Republican party recognizes them as the result of the negroes' rebellion, and the individual union of the States. Without any apology for the corruption and disorders in the State of South Carolina, or elsewhere in the South, the Republican party recognizes them as the result of the negroes' rebellion, and the individual union of the States.

For this disorder the Democratic party is responsible; for the mental and moral degradation of the negroes, and their abettors are responsible. For the preservation of the Union, for the abolition of slavery, the enfranchisement of the negroes, and the reconstruction of the State Governments in the South upon the principles of liberty and equal rights to all, the Republican party is proud to take the responsibility.

In my conclusion I am proud to say that, while the Republican party may have erred, it has not proved false to any great principle, nor cowardly in the presence of any great question. Its aims are noble and patriotic, and it does not seek a continuance in power by pandering to vice and prejudice, but refers to its past record of great actions in behalf of the Union, of liberty, education, equality and the material growth and improvement of the nation, as an earnest of what it expects to accomplish in the future. And there must be no cessation in its labors; it must not presume to live upon the glories and memories of the past. Its first and ever present duty is introspection, self-examination, the correction of errors, the introduction of reforms. It must look to the execution and enforcement of the Constitution and laws; and, while asserting the existence of the nation and the just powers of the National Government, it should ever be vigilant to preserve in all their just extent the rights and powers of the States, ever carrying before it, as a lamp to guide its steps, those great fundamental principles which have given to the party its power and glory—equal rights to all—equal and exact justice to all.

In commenting upon this speech of Senator Morton, which was the opening speech of the campaign, the New York Times discourses very logically and truthfully.

The task of pointing out the difficulties in the way of repeating much confidence in the Democratic party, is, to be sure, not a very arduous one; but the manner in which the Senator performs it is characteristically vigorous and effective. "The Democratic party is out of power," he says, "and is struggling to regain it. It seizes upon every popular discontent, and seeks to avail itself of every local passion or prejudice to induce the Republican party to support it. And he instances the Democratic policy with reference to temperance. "It may be said," he remarks, "to go far in favor of unrestrained traffic in intoxicating liquors as it can and not wholly forfeit the respect and friendship of those who are inclined to the side of temperance. If the temperance men are for prohibition, the Democracy are for a license law, always striking lower, and making a bid for the support of those who traffic in intoxicating liquors. If the temperance men asked only for a license law, then the Democracy would put the license very low, or have no license at all. What measure may be proposed in any State or Territory to diminish the evils of intemperance, it is sure to come short of receiving Democratic support." This criticism has the merit, which criticism of political opponents does not always have, of being strictly true; and, as an example of the spirit of the modern Democratic leaders, it is at once fair and forcible.

The great obstacle in the way of trusting the Democrats as a party lies in the fact pointed out by Senator Morton, that they "have no policy for administering the Government, and make no attempt at consistency. The party is at liberty to profess in one locality what it denies in another. Thus, in Maine it is for free trade, in Pennsylvania for a high protective tariff, and in Indiana for a tariff for revenue." Nothing could be more accurate than this statement, and unit circumstances present to the country some question of national importance on which the Democracy are substantially united on one side, and Republicans on the other, the work of warring the Government from the hands of the latter will be extremely trying and uncertain. There will be some positive reasons for the change much stronger than now exist before the change will be made.

It may be said that the question of a pure administration of the Government

is a national one, and of the utmost importance. So it is. But the trouble which the Democrats encounter in dealing with it, as the Senator points out, that while the Republicans have shown themselves able and willing to contribute to the cause of a pure administration, a searching investigation and hearty condemnation of bad men in office, the Democracy give no evidence that they would do more, or so much. The Democrats are very naturally, that there have been frauds practiced on the Government by Republicans; and if the case could rest there, their claim to be restored to power would have some force. But the case cannot stop there. Republican frauds have been exposed by Republicans, and their authors have been exposed and driven out. Not only their authors, but those who innocently but carelessly allowed them to grow up. And this course has won the cordial and outspoken approval of the Republican press almost without exception. We suppose this journal will be regarded as a fair exponent of party feeling among the great mass of Republicans; and because we know that it is so, we venture to call attention to the entirely uncompromising position of the paper with reference to the Credit-Mobilier frauds, the Sanborn contracts, and the transactions in the District of Columbia. The Democrats say *The Times* is an "organ." In these instances it was clearly the organ of Republican feeling, and an efficient one. We should say that the way the Republican party dealt with these matters can be very favorably compared with Democratic treatment of the Tammany rascals. Indeed, nothing shows the desperate impudence of the Democracy so much as its challenge to compare accounts on the score of official purity.

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THE ENGLISH SPARROWS, which the enterprise of our city fathers introduced here a few years ago, have increased wonderfully, and they are now numbered by thousands. Before their introduction here, our trees in the spring were infested with the measuring worm, which was a great nuisance, and which the little feathered songsters have relieved us of. This summer we have had trees full of caterpillars, and it is now claimed by some that the sparrows are destructive. Ornithologists assert exactly the contrary, and the result has proven that they are correct. The appearance of the caterpillars is doubtless due to the fact, that the birds are too freely fed by private parties.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1.

THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO., doing business at 514 Walnut street, in this city, has suspended operations. The cause for the suspension is given in a notice which was posted on the door, which states that "information having been received that the Manager and Treasurer of the Company had left for parts unknown, it is deemed advisable to suspend all further business." The Manager and Treasurer is H. Prindle, of 176 Broadway, New York, who, it seems, deeming a change of air beneficial to his health, has raked all the cash and available assets of the company together, and left with them for Europe, not even waiting to bid the policy holders good bye, or to explain to them as in days gone by of the many benefits of fire insurance. Prindle is also a defaulter to several other insurance companies, and is said to have carried \$250,000 away with him. The fixtures and all the contents of the office have been levied upon by the landlord for rent. They consist of three desks, half a dozen stools, and an empty fire-proof. The company seems to have "died of a long and painful illness," and of Prindle it may truly be said, "gone, but not forgotten."

THE SECURITY COMPANY has also closed its doors and suspended operations. This company was formed several months ago, for the purpose of doing business in banking, insurance, real estate and stocks. The establishment in which the business was transacted is a large marble front store, on Chestnut street, which was fitted up in the most gorgeous manner. The furniture, which was of solid walnut, must have cost \$20,000. The President of the company is Harrison Grambo, and the Secretary is M. Zane. Who the other officers are, is not known. Mr. Grambo has figured quite conspicuously here of late in "suspensions," and the company did not have the confidence of the public, hence the collapse. The closing of the establishment, it is understood, was the result of a judgment obtained by J. M. Pile, attorney for the Gerhart estate, for \$1200 against Mr. Grambo under his former financial troubles.

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT and the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company have been at "odds" for some time, in reference to the postal car service. Mr. Hinkley, the President of the Railroad Company, has been threatening to remove the postal cars from this city and Washington, unless the Department allowed a larger compensation for running them, and the Department is not willing to accede to his demands. Mr. Hinkley has informed the Department that he will remove the cars after to-day, if his terms are not complied with, and the Solicitor of the Department has replied that if the cars are removed, the Government could take possession of the railroad, and compel the running of the cars at the established rates. Thus the matter stands. It is thought that a number of railroads wish

to make this a test case, and are urging Mr. Hinkley to take the steps he proposes to.

No findings have as yet been received of little CHARLES ROSS, and it is thought, by some that he has been taken by his abductors to Canada, where it will be a difficult matter to recover him. Our detectives have worked hard on this case; but not with much success. The New York and Boston newspapers are quite severe on our detectives, for their not recovering the child, forgetting that their own detectives have failed to unearth many crimes. One of the Boston papers is sarcastic and witty over the abduction. It says, "one of the kidnapers jammed the hat over the eyes of a Philadelphia detective, and the detective said, 'if you do that again I will arrest you.' It also says, 'the people of Philadelphia will forgive the kidnapers, if they will only pick up and carry off the detectives,' and advises the detectives 'not to go out after dark.'"

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Daniel Raack quarreled with his wife and mother-in-law, and attempted to poison them, by pouring white vitriol over a ham, which was cooking on the stove. Mrs. Raack being suspicious that something was wrong, tested the water in which the ham was boiling, and finding it puckered her mouth, sent some of it to a druggist to be analyzed. The druggist reported that it contained poison, and suggested that they should place the meat on the table for supper. They did so, but Daniel did not touch it. The next day they told him of their discovery, and he grew pale, and said if he would not say anything about it, he would go away and never return. Mrs. Raack had him at once arrested, and he was held in \$3,000 bail, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

We had a case of accidental poisoning, which was the result of gross carelessness. A lady visiting a friend, purchased some powders at a drug store, to administer to her infant. The powders were placed on a shelf, with some poisonous bath powders, and the wrong powder was given the child, which soon died.

AUGUST PAHUKE and Edward Snyder, partners in the sewing machine business, quarreled at their place of business, No. 207 Race street, and Snyder, fearing that Pahuke would do him bodily harm, drew a revolver and shot him a number of times—killing the unfortunate man. Snyder was arrested and committed to prison. Truly true, BROADBENT.

JOURNALISM.—Haddonfield now boasts of a local newspaper—the *Haddonfield Herald*. It is a small quarto, neatly printed, and as it is the only paper between Atlantic City and Camden it has a very large field of usefulness before it. It is temperate in tone, modest in pretensions, and deserves success.—*Evening Star*.

The *Star* is not well posted, for in Hammonton there are two papers, the *Item*, and *South Jersey Republican*, and in Egg Harbor City there are three, two in German, and one in English.

At Trenton, N. J., on Monday afternoon, the main reservoir which supplies the city with water gave way. About thirty millions of gallons of water were poured upon the city and rushed down Union avenue to a huge volume. No damage was done, however, beyond the filling of cellars, sweeping away of fences and drowning of chickens. It is estimated that one thousand dollars will pay for the damage done exclusive of the flooding of cellars. The disaster was caused by lack of an old pipe, which had been let embedded in the soil since the erection of the new reservoir. The broken part of the reservoir is a chain measuring 25 feet across at the top.

THE rumor of Secretary Bristow's resignation was floating about a few days, but we think it was without foundation.

A magazine brooch-loading rifle has been invented by a Maine man, which is capable of firing 34 shots in 19 seconds, weighs 88 pounds, has a barrel 26 in. long, and a bore .44 of an inch diameter. The municipal election at Vicksburg, Miss., took place on Tuesday, resulting in electing the entire "white," or old ticket, by 350 majority, and nobody here and Vicksburg not burst by the negro. This is a wonder, when we consider the abuse made beforehand.

The mystery enshrouding the Rosenduction case is as deep and unfavorable as ever. No clue has yet been obtained of the child or the abductors, though the detectives claim that they have a clue that will lead to the detection of the perpetrators of the crime.

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substantial dinner, and the way clam chowder disappeared, along with oysters, was a caution to the waiter's understanding. There are two large hotels and a few houses on this island. The hotel appear to be doing a good business.

We amused ourselves to the best of our ability, and when we were re-embarked for Tuckerton. On landing we found eight abreast and marched through the principal street, then counter-marched back to the Garden House, where we stood up during our stay.

At 4 P. M. we started for the depot, on route for Barnegat, to attend a grand picnic, given for the benefit of the Tuckerton Band. The performance commenced with a force entitled "53," which was well rendered, considering circumstances. Then came the grand old time piece—three pieces, each playing several places alone; to see who could do the best playing. As to which band came out ahead, I should not like to say, for the crowd was so large that it was difficult to see. We concluded it was not worth the trouble, so we "chose" another, "come about," and started for Bond's Beach. The other two boats followed suit, and soon it was evident to all that each one was doing her level best to reach port first. It was a magnificent sight to watch the boats maneuver, as they shot by each other, one on each side, and the other on another. We arrived at our port of entry in the same order in which we started. Our call on the Atlantic City will leave to alter pens than mine to describe. "Brassy" had all the symptoms of sea-sickness, but it proved a delusion. Coming back across the bay we had a reminder of "Life on the ocean wave," the boat chugging through the waves, and "hugging the shore" from here to there. We all had the pleasure of wearing wet clothing, especially Leghorns hat. When we arrived at the mouth of the creek we struck a school of muskrats, fully one half a mile long, and so thick were they that it was no work to get our hands over the side of the boat and catch as many as we wanted, some jumping on the shore. We out on a fine figure, as we marched from the landing to the water, each carrying our fish, some having small and some large poles to bring them on. Ours was as jolly a crew as ever shipped behind the mast, and if we had had the Professor aboard we would have been complete. We hope, and have reason to think, that our other excursion, to Atlantic City, may not be so hard of us if they found no cigars in that boat, for the contents were taken out in anticipation. The crew's thanks are due to "Sal" and "Horace" for the manner in which they treated us.

Friday evening we had a moonlight excursion on the bay, and a dinner at the Bay View Hotel, at Beach Haven. The fair was very plenty, and the steamer one numerous, but they did not seem to know how to tip the light fantastic, and a good portion of it was done by the "d. boys," especially the *Lancers*.

We started on our return trip at 12 o'clock, and the moonlight ride over the bay was grand. From our position on the hurricane deck we could see Barnegat, Little Egg Harbor and Atlantic City lights. We arrived at the hotel at 2.30, and crawled into bed to enjoy a short nap of three hours. Most of the excursionists were up in time for breakfast, but many of us had had looking eyes, and felt fearfully sleepy. Your correspondent was attired by G. A. M., and, with "Brassy" and "Jack Tar," took an early start to see if we could retrieve our look as fishermen, but it was no go, and we returned disappointed. At 11 o'clock we took our farewell leave of Tuckerton, and all the good fellows in it.

All the members of the W. O. B., and H. L. O. B. tender their sincere thanks to the members of the Tuckerton Band for the manner in which they entertained "us" during our short visit, and hope the friendship thus commenced may never be broken.

Our journey home is not worthy of note. Arrived at Whiting's at 12.40, and had an hour to wait. While there the two bands had a death-waltz on the pier and parapetilla contained in the Railroad restaurant. At 3 o'clock we sat foot at Winslow Junction, and at 4 o'clock arrived home.

We felt tired and dusty, but observing persons said we looked in first-rate health, and they were about right. As far as I can learn the members of all the bands conducted themselves as gentlemen should, and as fit subjects for our party, and we were not water and newspaper, although drink was plenty. I have taken too much space already in your excellent paper, so I will stop, waiting patiently for next summer, when we hope to make another journey in the same direction.

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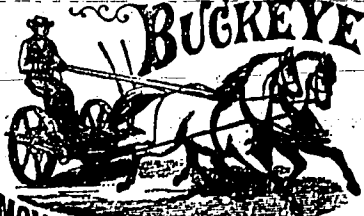
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