

## Clay's Farewell to the Senate.

Henry Clay's farewell to the Senate, on the 31st of March, 1842, attracted a large crowd, and every available place was occupied, the ladies having not only filled their gallery, but invaded the floor. When Mr. Clay rose between 1 and 2 o'clock, to make his farewell speech in the chamber which he had entered nearly thirty-six years before, all eyes were upon him. Senators of all parties took their seats and gave the most respectful attention. Members from the House flocked in and occupied the privileged seats round about the chamber. Then came the address, for it was more of an address than a speech, the report of which was only the body of a beautiful oration without the soul. The picture presented in such a congregation of people was not only fair enough and perfect enough in all its proportions to charm the eye, but it was a scene which might have given, either in the sympathy created or in the pride excited, a feeling but little less than one inspired.

The ladies, who were all hope and buoyancy a moment before, were now "like Niobe, all tears." Mr. Clay, in speaking of himself, of his friends, and of the noble State of Kentucky, where he had been received as a son forty-five years before, was himself quite unmoved. Others were much more affected, and many of the oldest Senators were in tears many times while Mr. Clay was speaking. He retired from the storm and turmoil of public life to the bosom of his family, in the State which he loved, and which had honored him for nearly forty years. To leave the councils of the nation for one's own altar and home, was next to leaving this world itself, in the hope of enjoying another brighter and better, a consummation which almost every public man might covet. The wildest ambition of Mr. Clay's case must have been fully satisfied. He had been at the head of a great and triumphant party. He had shared its confidence in prosperity and adversity.

He had admiration such as has rarely been given to any man in any age. His friends were legion, and they clung to him to the last with all the tenacity of holy affection. He left the Senate with a reputation for statesmanship, for patriotism and for eloquence which any man might covet. He left public life, too, at peace with all mankind, and with a conscience void of offense. In his retirement he carried with him the best wishes of all men. There he could have no foes, and those who had been foremost to denounce were among the first to speak his praises. The last act of Mr. Clay was to present the credentials of Mr. Crittenden, whom he spoke of in the most exalted terms, and to whose hands he expressed a willingness to yield the interests of his State and country. The Senate adjourned as soon as Mr. Crittenden had taken his seat, though the hour was early. The crowd scattered, and the late Senator from Kentucky was surrounded by hosts of friends.—Ben. Perley Poore, in Boston Budget.

## London's "Private Hotels."

A few London hotels are very dear, such, for instance, as the elite of the "private hotels" about Piccadilly. In these, which are all small, everything is scrupulously neat and intensely English. There are no public drawing-rooms or parlors, but all guests are expected to take private ones or whole suites. The attendance is of the best—that is to say, the waiters and maids are more like perfect automata than anything which discipline has ever produced in humanity. The landlord or landlady is the invisible mainspring of the whole. One may live for months in the house and not be aware of their existence.

These places are, in fact, a sublimed form of the lodging-house—there is almost nothing about them which suggests to an American his idea of an hotel. There is often no billiard or even a smoking-room, no table d'hôte. In these during the season the aristocracy, pur sang, can conceal themselves in perfect seclusion from all save those whom they wish to see. Many or most of these are kept by ex-butlers who have been for years in the service of the nobility, and have, while there, married ladies' maids. Thus they are perfectly qualified for their clientele. Life in these places is perfectly comfortable, in absolutely good form, but, unless one has many friends, intolerably dull.—Cor. Chicago Tribune.

## A Northern.

An old Texan being asked by a stranger to describe a northern said: "I'll tell you what it is, stranger, a northern puts in the quickest work of anything you ever saw. You see that lake down there (pointing to a beautiful lake about a mile distant). Last spring, in the latter part of March, I was fishing in the afternoon; the sun was shining, and it was warm almost as the middle of summer. The fish were jumping up all over the lake, and they were biting splendidly. A shadow came suddenly over the lake, and I thought I smelt a strange smell that often precedes a northern. I immediately turned away from the lake and looked toward the northwest, and I saw a small dark cloud passing like lightning and knew I must hurry home. After looking a short time at the cloud I turned and looked at the lake, when to my astonishment, the lake was frozen over, and many fish were lying on top of the ice. The fish had jumped up, and the lake had frozen over so quickly they could not get back. Stranger, maybe you think that is stretching things a little, but I'll tell you a northern can beat anything but lightning, and it can hurry that up mightily."—Marshall Messenger.

## Vinegar Sauce.

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Second Belle—"Well, yes, I admit it."

"I thought so. And it is just twenty years since he bid you good-by and left this country 'never to return,' as he said, and—"

"There, there, no need to go into particulars, especially dates."

"Oh, of course not. I only wished to prove that I never fail to recognize faces."

"There are certain things you have failed to recognize, however, for a long time, many years, in fact."

"Indeed, what?"

"Your birthdays."—Philadelphia Call.

## Chinese Indecision.

Arminius Vamberry, the Hungarian traveler and Orientalist, has explained the queer irresolution of the Chinese Government, which will probably enable the French adventurers to play a Billy Walker game. Like the image of Nebuchadnezzar, the Chinese colossus has an iron head, which, in case of a general commotion, threatens to dissolve the coherence of the compound. In the highlands of Yunnan, at the southwestern extremity of the Chinese empire, there are millions of headstrong Mohammedans, who have more than once expelled the representatives of the General Government, and who for a couple of years have only awaited a favorable opportunity to rise in a general rebellion. They not only defy the Emperor's envoys, but deny his competence in toto, and question the legality of all feudal statutes.

In 1863 these Nihilists flayed the Stadtholder of Tungan, and impaled some 60,000 of his subjects before their progress was stopped by the fortified towns of Kertschan, garrisoned by feudal chiefs and their Mongol retainers. After a few indecisive skirmishes the General Government, as usual, tried to temporize. They opened negotiations in the name of a provincial government. They made several attempts to get up a counter revolution. They tried to bribe the rebel chieftains, and at last purchased a temporary peace by the most humiliating concessions—anything rather than to risk a direct encounter with the forces of a superior race.

A thousand years ago the same policy prompted them to build their "Northern Bulwark," equivalent to a continuous stone wall from Cincinnati to Salt Lake City. Their Know-Nothing methods, too, were inspired by the instinct of self-preservation, and hope to conceal the fatal secret of their national impotence.—Prof. Felix L. Oswald.

## Fully Prepared.

At a meeting of the operatives of a neighboring city, the chairman gave his hearers a little sound advice on the need of saving money against the time of old age and sickness.

"In spite of the good pay you have received," said he, "I'll venture to say that half the men present have not saved anything this summer."

To test the correctness of his statement he asked several, from whom he got more or less satisfactory answers. Finally he looked over to where a well-to-do Irishman was sitting, and said:

"Well, Patrick, how much have you got laid up against a rainy day?"

"An owl umbrilly in the attic, begorra, and that's enough for a workin' man."—Boston Globe.

## Didn't Keep It.

"Well, Mr. Slickers," said the doctor to a patient he had not seen the day before, "how are you getting along?"

"Nearly starved to death."

"Why, didn't you have oysters?"

"No, I couldn't get them the way you said, and I was afraid it would be dangerous to eat them any other way."

"Why, that's odd. Couldn't get stewed oysters? I told you you could eat stewed oysters with impunity."

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## Interior Castle Soap.

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