

BEN BUTLER'S NEW OPTIC.

You Can Hardly Distinguish It From the Old One.

HE GETS A DOLLAR PER WORD.

The Great Lawyer's Immense Income From His Practice—A Pen Picture of General Banks—Sage as a Lobbyist.

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Fingers on the Key-Board to which are attached the political wires of the United States. General Banks is the elder of the two and he was a national name when Butler was still practicing law at Lowell...

Senator Bates of Tennessee gives me some interesting matter about Mark Twain's father. Everybody knows Colonel Sellers and most people are aware that the plot is dramatization of Mark Twain's book, "The Gilded Age"...

A Dollar a Word. He is one of the hardest workers of the lawyers who practice before the supreme court, and he scruples not to turn the midnight oil upon occasion.

Two curious things about Butler are his cigars and his button-hole bouquet. The button-hole bouquet he wears summer and winter, year in and year out.

Friendly Blue Eyes. His head is covered with a thick thatch of silver hair and this is bound up in a topknot. He is one of the most observant men of the house and he always has a crowd of callers about his desk.

Speaking of Henry Clay, General Banks attended his funeral in the capitol at Washington, and he tells me it was the most impressive scene he ever witnessed.

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