

A REALIZED AMBITION.

His name was James O'Connell Thomas
 Jefferson O'Roke;
 He was the high school orator, and
 every time he "spoke"
 The school was crowded, high and low
 and to the doors, with those
 Who longed to hear the gifted boy and
 see him when he rose
 To imitate great Spartacus and bid his
 listeners dare
 To beard the lazy Roman hosts, the
 while he sawed the air.
 As Brutus he was wont to stand in
 classic pose and prate
 About imperial Cesar and his sad, as-
 sisted fate.
 As Antony he stooped to dip in Cesar's
 sacred blood
 His home-made cotton handkerchief,
 and thus unchain the flood
 Of Roman rage; then he would smile
 complaisantly and pause,
 And stand unmoved amid the mighty
 thunders of applause.

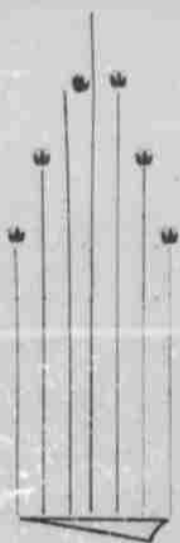
Ye gods! He was a hero in those old
 forensic days,
 And all the town spread his renown
 and boasted in his praise.
 His neighbors bolstered up his fame,
 and each did prophesy
 That all the world should crown his
 name with honor ere he'd die.
 They swore his magic voice should
 plead successfully and strong
 For justice to the poor and lead in
 righting freemen's wrong.
 They noted how his youthful brow al-
 ready showed the weight
 Of heavy thought and trials wrought
 by cares exceeding great.

At last he left his native place and to
 the city went;
 The townsfolk wept, but on his face
 there shone a sage content.
 "I shall be truly great some day," he
 said within his heart;
 "My voice shall never, never play a
 measly second part!"
 See how the kindly fates advance a
 man of pluck and brains—
 He has a railway station job as "caller"
 of the trains!—Ex.



Mr. Ugglimogge—What do you mean
 by laughing at me when I've fallen
 down?
 Chimmie (apologetically)—Dat's all
 right, boss. I'd have laughed anyhow.
 —New York Journal.

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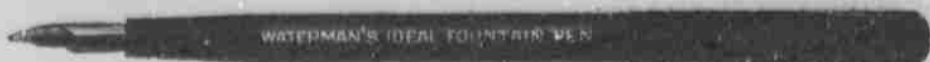
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