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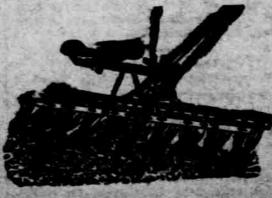
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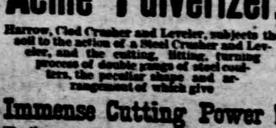
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AN ANECDOTE OF GRANT

The assertion that Gen. Grant has pever been a profane man, so many of our generals were, has recently been illustrated by anecdotes showing that he refrained from swearing under very trying circumstances. I never heard the general swear, says a writer in the Washington Camial, but I certainly saw him mad enough to make things blue if

be had broken out. In the spring of 1874 a delegation came here from a taxpayers' convention in South Carolina to expostulate against the intolerable extravagance, folly, and fraud of their state government. Frank Moses, "the young native governor," as he had been dubbed by those who thought carpet-baggers the sum of all evil, who had shown them that the fire ger of Moses was heavier than the loine of Scott, was nearing the close of his term. To prepare for a desperate ef-fort to redeem the state, a non-partisan taxpayers' convention was called, and

the result was "an appeal to Casar."

A delegation of twenty of the most distinguished men of the state came here; Gen. James Chestnut, who died recently, was at its head. I went with them, by appointment, to the white house to present the bill of grievances. As we were passing up the stairway to the president's reception room Senator John J. Patterson, the carpet-bag representative of the Palmetto state, passed down. He had a grin on his somewhat sardonic lace, which was

disaster to those he grinned at. Gen. M. C. Butler, now senator, certainly construed it as a danger signal. for he said to me: "Now, I wonder what Patterson has been up to?" The telegation was not long in finding out When they filed into the reception-room Grant was standing to receive them, one chinched hand resting on the table. an angry flush upon his face, and an expression of the eye fitter for the batde-field than for the reception-room. He went through the ceremony of introduction coldly, and then said: "What can I do for you?" W. D. Porter. Charleston's most famous lawyer, presented the resolutions of the convention and the protest of the taxpayers of South Carolina against the continued xistence of the state government. Mr. Lathers unrolled three long proof-sheets of an individual protest, which he would have proceeded to read had not Grant, with an impatient gesture, interrupted him. "Gentlemen," said be, "that all you have to say concerning the present government of South Carolina is true I do not admit or deny. The administra-tion of affairs in that state is in the hands of those who were elected by a large majority of the people to repre-sent them; you must find your remedy at the ballot-box; but even if I had it in at the ballot-box; but even if I had it in my power to prevent the evils of which you complain I do not think I am bound to do so. Why should I help those who shamefully abuse me? The convention which sent you here even dragged the name of my wife into its debates and made her the subject of false and seandalous accusations."

The delegation was dumblounded. The delegation was democrated any term members had not expected any very warm sympathy, but this turning of the tables was too sudden to find them prepared. Those who had noticed the exit of "Honest John Patterson" were, however, not so much surpris at Grant's familiarity with the proceed ings of the convention. The sly polition, and on the table close to Grant's hands was a newspaper clipping—the report of Gen. Mart Gary's speech for

the convention.

Gen. Gary, as chairman of the con mittee on federal relations, had opposed an appeal to Grant. He denounced him as a drunken tyrant, not a whit better than his fallow-radicals in South Conolina. "While Moses and his fellowthieves," said he, "are robbing the peo-ple of South Carolina, Grant and his fellow-thieves are robbing the whole people of the United States. While negro harlots are peddling legislative pay certificates in the streets of Column bia, the wife of Grant is selling the a Wall street."

So the taxpayers' delegation away sorrowful. If Grant has calm enough to listen to explanate would have learned that Gent report and spetch had been me reduked by the convention, while ferred the report back to his command adopted an address temperate and adopted an address temperate and adopted an address temperate

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