

Butter by Absorption.

When Charles M. Taylor of Philadelphia spilled his cream pitcher on his lunch table, over two years ago, he muttered something under his breath, but the peculiar actions of that cream on his tablecloth aroused his curiosity and set him to making experiments.

The result is an invention for making butter by absorption without the aid of a churn or physical labor.

When he wants butter now he takes a tin pan, puts in some absorbent cloth and a piece of blotting paper, pours in a quart of cream and puts the whole in the refrigerator over night.

In the morning he opens the refrigerator and finds over a pound of pure, fresh butter ready for his breakfast table.

Over two years ago Mr. Taylor had his servant prepare him a luncheon in his studio in Walnut street.

In reaching for a biscuit he knocked the cream pitcher over with his sleeve. He simply set the pitcher right again and decided to leave the cleaning of the tablecloth to his servant.

He went on eating and thinking, and had almost finished his lunch, when he noticed that the cloth had absorbed most of the moisture from the cream and had left a thick, semi-solid white matter that looked like cheese.

When he saw what the cream had done, he took a little of the white matter on the end of his knife and examined it carefully.

"It looks like butter," he muttered to himself.

He tasted it. "I believe it is butter," he said.

Then he began to experiment. He tried several kinds of cloth and blotting paper, and had a partial success with each.

He has now completed his apparatus to his entire satisfaction. The pans are nine inches by fifteen inches, and are somewhat over an inch in depth.

The absorbent cloth is a specially made toweling; so woven that the folds are clearly marked. When this cloth is folded it makes four thicknesses in the bottom of the pan. Over that the blotting paper is placed. This is so folded that it makes a little pan of itself and holds the cream. It is about a half-inch deep.

When these two things are placed in the pan everything is ready for butter-making.

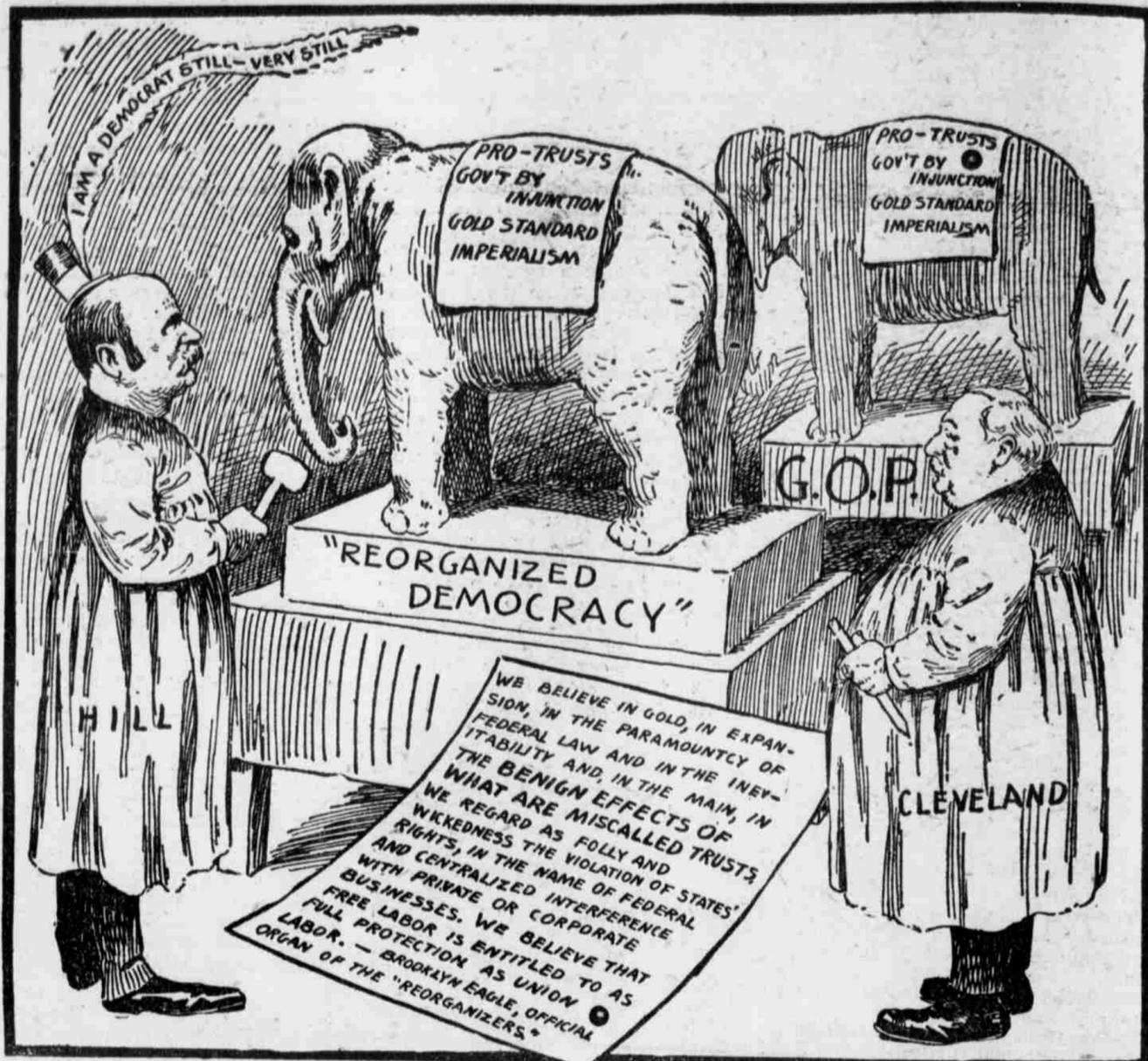
All that then remains to be done is to pour in as much cream as is wanted and set it in the refrigerator over night. In the morning it is taken out and, instead of the cream, there is a layer of pure, fresh butter about a half-inch thick. Then you simply take the blotting paper out of the pan and the butter rolls off ready for breakfast.

The advantages which Mr. Taylor claims for his invention are:

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As Jack Saw It.

Jack, who is five years old, came home one day last week crying that another boy had hit him.

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What Is It.

Porto Ricans may not vote in this country, it appears, because they are not citizens of the United States. On the other hand, they may not be naturalized because they are not citizens or subjects of any other nation. Probably the Porto Rican has a political status of some kind, but it will take all the acumen of the supreme court to say what it is.—Joplin Globe.

His Dilemma.

But here the novelist paused and nibbled his penholder.

"If I make the hero knock the ruffian out," he reflected, "it will be disgustingly conventional, and if I make the ruffian whip the hero I shall be overwhelmed with letters from impressionable young women, calling me a heartless wretch and a brute."

Whereupon he decided to call the fight off.—Chicago Tribune.

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