

A young gentleman—with a medium size light brown mustache, and a suit of clothes such as fashionable tailors sometimes furnish to their customers "on accommodating terms," that is on the in- commodating credit system—came into the hotel one afternoon, and after calling for a glass of Madeira, turning to the company and offered to bet with any man present that Grant would not take Richmond. Nobody, however, wanting to bet, the exquisite glanced around contemptuously and remarked—

"I want to make a bet of some kind; I don't care a fig what it is. I'll bet any man from a shilling's worth of cigars to five hundred dollars. Now's your time, gentlemen; what do you propose?"

"Sipping a glass of beer in one corner of the bar-room, sat a plain old gentleman who looked as though he might be a farmer. He sat down his glass and addressed the exquisite.

"Well, mister, I am not in the habit of making bets; but seeing you are anxious about it, I don't care if I gratify you. So I'll bet you a very fine watch of sixes that I can pour a quart of molasses into your hat and turn it out a solid lump of molasses candy in two minutes by the watch."

"Dens!" said the exquisite, taking off his hat and handing it to the farmer.

It was a splendid article, that shone like black satin. The old gentleman took the hat and requested the bar-keeper to send for a quart of molasses—the cheap sort, at six cents a quart; that's the kind I use in this experiment," said he, handing six cents to the bar-keeper.

The molasses was brought, and the old farmer with a very grave and mysterious countenance, poured it into the dandy's hat, while the exquisite took out his watch to note time.

Giving the hat two or three shakes, with a Signor Bliz like adroitness, and started into it and watched the wonderful process of consolidation.

"Time up," said the dandy.

The old farmer moved the hat. "Well I do believe it ain't hardened," said he in a tone expressive of disappointment.

"I missed it somehow or other that time, and I suppose I've lost the bet. Bar-keeper, let the gentleman have the cigars—twelve sizes, mind and charge in the bill."

"Wat of the cigars!" roared the exquisite.

"You've spoiled my hat that cost me five dollars, and you must pay for it."

"That wasn't in the bargain," timidly answered the old gentleman; "but I'll let you keep the molasses—which is a little more than we agreed for."

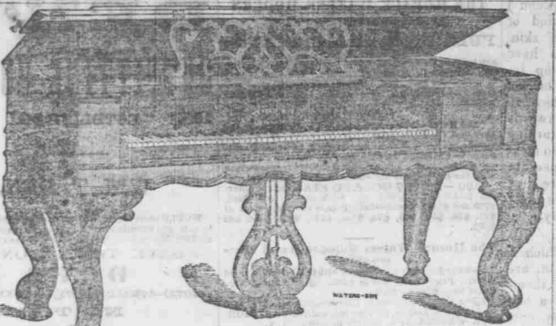
"Having drained the tenacious fluid from his beaver as best he could into a spit-box, the man of mustache rushed from the place—his fury abated by the ill-suppressed laughter which followed his exit. He made his complaint at the experiment was made with his own consent, no damage could be recovered.

The Springfield News is indebted to a correspondent for the following, which is too good to be lost, and for the accuracy of which he vouches.

A short time ago, in the loyal city of Philadelphia, a "largely" dressed female answering the description of an F. F. V., hailed a street car, and just as it stopped to take her aboard, a Union soldier stepped out of the car. On entering several seats were vacant, and this would-be lady quivered in a very sharp tone.

"Where did that soldier sit?" No answer.

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