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THE BLACKSMITH MAN.
(From the San Francisco Bulletin.)
My mother puts an apron on to keep my coat-
less clean.
And washes on my little boots; and then I go
and lean
Against the blacksmith's doorway, to watch the
coal fire shine.

The bellows heave, the hammers swing—I wish
they all were mine;
The horses beat their legs and stand; I don't see
how they can;
But I would love to shoe their feet just like the
blacksmith man.

When I grow up an old big man, with whiskers
on my chin,
I will not have a grocery store, or dry goods
store, or tin;
I will not be a farmer, or lawyer, not a bit;
Or President—all the other boys are meaning to
be it—
Or a banker, with the money bills piled high
upon the stair!

I'd rather hold the red-hot iron and be a black-
smith man.
The blacksmith man has got such arms;
He gets as dirty as he likes, and no one cleans
his face!
And when the lightning's in the sky he makes
his bellows blow;
And all his fires blaze quickly up, like lightning
down below.
Oh, he must have the nicest time that any per-
son can.

I wish I could grow up to-day, and be a black-
smith man!
I mean to have a little house, with vines and
perches to it.
And an honest, good, hard-working, jolly, rosy
blacksmith man!
I mean to be as hearty and as happy as I can.
And an honest, good, hard-working, jolly, rosy
blacksmith man!
Dedicated to Mike Schneidbacher.

GRANT'S TONGUE LET LOOSE.
Talking on a Scotch Railway at the
Rate of Sixty Miles an Hour.

(From the Herald.)
I must tell you an incident about
Mr. Sumner. The first time I ever saw
George William Curtis he called upon
me to request on behalf of a number
of influential Republicans the rein-
statement of Mr. Sumner as Chairman
of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

I told him that, if I should go to the
Senate and debate the organization of
the committee, I would be apt to hear
something about the fellow who made
a fortune by maintaining his own business.
I said I certainly should suggest the
idea to any part of the legislative
branch that should undertake to con-
struct my cabinet. I gave him dis-
tinctly to understand that I did not
propose to interfere in the matter at
all, even by advice to personal friends
among the Senators, and that I thought
Mr. Sumner had not done his duty as
Chairman of the committee, because
he had hampered the business of the
State Department by pigeon-holing
treaties for months. Mr. Curtis said
that was impossible, for Mr. Sumner
had only a short time before told him
that his successor would find a clean
docket, and made special claims for the
execution of the work of the commit-
tee. Knowing as I did, the adroit ar-
guments used among Mr. Sumner's
friends, I determined to test the mat-
ter of a clean docket. I told Mr. Cur-
tis that I had proposed to prove to him
that his friend, Mr. Sumner, had not
told him the facts, and that he made
these statements knowing them to be
falsehoods. Mr. Curtis was amazed at
my offer, but I assured him that he had
been frequently caught in similar mis-
representations. I told Mr. Curtis that
there were nine or eleven treaties be-
fore the Senate from the State Depart-
ment that had been there several
months, and had never been laid before
the committee. I wrote from the spot,
Long Branch, to the State Department,
and to my own surprise there proved
to be more treaties than I had said
there had been in Mr. Sumner's own
hands for a longer time than I had ex-
pected. That was the "clean docket."
When I told Mr. Curtis about it and
gave him the record, he was rather dis-
appointed. He said it was remarkable.
I told him my object in having the re-
cord searched was to show him that
Mr. Sumner was not a truthful man,
as others had found out before me, and
as I had discovered on frequent occa-
sions. The work of that committee
when Mr. Cameron took charge was
in a most deplorable state, due entire-
ly to Mr. Sumner's persistent obstinacy
and dilatoriness.

I had nothing to do with his dismissal
from the chairmanship of the Foreign
Relations Committee, but I was glad
when I heard that he was put off,
because he stood in the way of every
routine business, like ordinary treaties
with small countries. I may be blam-
ed for my opposition to Mr. Sumner's
tactics, but I was not guided so much
by reason of his personal hatred of my-
self as I was by a desire to protect our
national interest in diplomatic affairs.
It was a sad sight to find a Senate with
the large majority of its members in
sympathy with the Administration, and
with its chairman of the Foreign
Committee in direct opposition to the
foreign policy of the Administration,
in theory and detail. So I was glad
when I heard of his successor's nomi-
nation as chairman of the committee.

"General, they are running civil ser-
vice reform very strong just now?"
"So I see; but it will not work, be-
cause the theorists have disagreed
among themselves as to its practical
application. I do not attach much im-
portance to that matter. I do not be-
lieve it will succeed, though I wish it
could, in some practical way. Take
Schurz for instance, he is making a
business of civil service reform. But he
is a humbug, and Hayes will find him
out before long. It is a good thing,
but hard to apply in our country. It
is all very well to say that the business
of office seeking shall be abolished, but
the office seeker cannot easily be abo-
lished, and the more the theorists quar-
rel among themselves the further practi-
cal civil service reform seems to re-
cede."

The thing that worries Schurz is that
he may find himself out before long—
Fremont Herald.

State Items.
The Omaha Indians will have 10,
000 lbs. of wheat this season.

In the baby show at the Otis
County Fair, Mrs. J. H. Burnett the
second, and Mrs. Hawkins the third.

Now why isn't this an item for
Fudge County to make a note of? Not
this year, of course, but offer liberal
inducements for the next fair. If such
a class be arranged, there will be plenty
of entries for the prize.—Fremont
Herald.

There they have gone and given Otis
credit with Cass County's pretty babies
and new features in the premium ex-
hibits both. Read your exchanges
more carefully Friend Herald.

A saloon keeper at the Omaha Bar-
racks went down into the cellar with
his gun and deliberately shot himself
in the head.

Mr. C. R. Dakin and W. E. Peebles
recently purchased for themselves a
safe which are expected on in a few
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"What do you think of the dissolu-
tion of Republican State organization in
the South?"
"That is one of the usual violent
effects in wise government after a
scene of turmoil like we had last fall.
For myself, I do not care for party.
You can always depend upon the good
sense of the people of the United
States. They believe in the Republic.
Their flag is to the fore, with strong
arms behind it always, and they are
sentimental, loyal and brave. They
will never elect a high official except
upon a common sense basis. For that
reason I believe—the Republican and
Democratic parties of late being so ev-
enly divided—that the people will be
compelled to vote in a large majority
for the Republican candidate, no mat-
ter who he may be, because the Demo-
crats will do some silly thing that will
drive the thinking people from their
ranks at the last moment. The mod-
ern Democracy always does it. It has
made me smile frequently as I have
thought of it; but there is some fatality
at work in the premises.

Speaking of the probability of a rise
in grain in this country, and the advan-
tage of farmers holding the same, an
exchange has this to say:
At the outset three facts stand prom-
inently forward: 1st, a famine in In-
dia; 2d, a deficiency in Europe; 3d, a
surplus in North America. Of the
first the London Times speaks as fol-
lows:
"Hopeless in Southern India, most
critical in Western, Central and North-
ern India, and fairly good in Eastern
India."

Of the second the English press uni-
formly acknowledges a shortage of
crops and are looking forward to an
American surplus: Under date of
September 4, the Mark Lane Express,
in its weekly review of the British
grain trade, says:
"Most of England's wheat crop is now
cut, but the carrying of the grain has
been greatly retarded by the persistent
rain fall which has been experienced
in many parts of the kingdom, espe-
cially in the northern counties. Fortu-
nately the temperature has not been
unseasonable, so damage from sprout-
ing has not been so great as would have
been the case had weather been nor-
mally warm. Disastrous reports reach
us from Scotland, where storms and
rainfall have wrought irreparable dam-
age both in cereals and hay, which has
fairly rotted on the ground under ex-
cessive moisture. The harvest in the
north would have been three weeks or
a month late under any circumstances,
but the recent storms render it almost
a failure."

This is General Grant's opinion of
civil service "reform" and other hum-
bugs brought out under Mr. Hayes' re-
markable administration, as obtained
in a recent interview:
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