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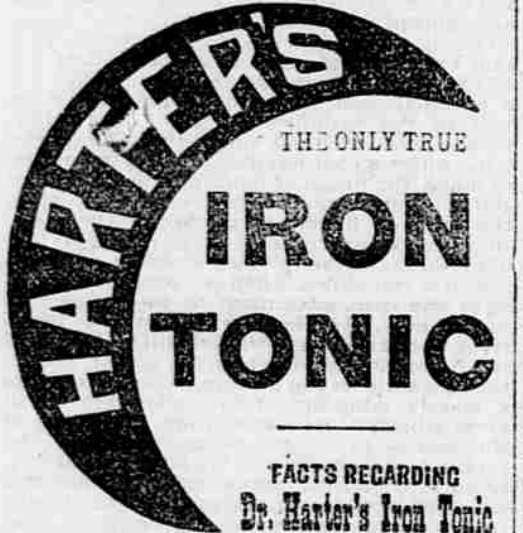
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 1st, '84.

The settlement of the social status of the colored race in the Capital cannot be much longer deferred. When white women are moved to commit grand larceny (as one of them did the other day) expressly to get into the penitentiary because she was "tired of living in Washington with the d— niggers," as she expressed it, something ought to be done toward inducing the white element to assert itself. The fact that a vast majority of the white voters are opposed to the adoption of a system of self-government at the Capital, might seem disappointing to you, but when you remember and realize that four out of seven votes cast in the District of Columbia would be black ones, and thrown for black candidates for office, the elective franchise hath no particular charms for us. As it is now, the colored people of Washington proper approach nearer to an equality in all social conditions with the whites than in any other city in the country, and the official influence of such men as Fred Douglass and Register Bruce, and other leaders of the race, has filled the minor positions in all of the departments with colored employes at the expense of our much-vaunted patriotic interest in the heroes of the war. In fact an empty sleeve as well as an empty trowsers-leg have ceased long since to be a recommendation for a place under the government.

The running down and sinking of the war vessel Tallapoosa by an ordinary freight vessel, was the hair that broke the back of our navy, and demonstrates with fearful certainty what would become of her and her crew in a contest with any third-rate vessel belonging to a fourth-rate power. Now Chili and Peru and Norway, and even New Jersey, can snap their fingers at us in diplomacy and challenge us to do our worst. By a merciful dispensation of politics, the gallant Secretary of the gallant Navy was not on board to witness the departure of the remnant of his war fleet, but he left twenty-eight cases of Washington Heidsick on board, which are now mingling with their native element in fifty-four fathoms.

I went down to Mount Vernon the other day to drop a tear to the memory of the great First in. Had I not gone upon a dead-head pass, the tear aforesaid would have cost me a dollar, plus the other petty plunderings that all have to experience who would evince patriotism enough to visit this sacred spot. The place has passed into the possession, as everybody knows, of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, over whose eyes the skipper of a Potomac steambot has pulled the wool beautifully. This captain has been accorded the monopoly—don't you see, everything runs to monopoly?—of being the sole proprietor of the wharf franchise, and no other boat has any right to land passengers upon the sacred soil. For this franchise the patriotic captain rakes in two-thirds of the dollar exacted from each passenger, and gallantly accords the remaining third to the Ladies' Association! But what I desire to call particular attention to, is the inexcusable delay that has characterized the management of this Ladies' Association in fulfilling the promises made by them to restore the Mount Vernon Mansion to the state in which but a few years ago, it was fraught with the freshest memories of its once great tenant. There are hundreds of relics scattered all about the country whose history is fully authenticated, and which may be had for the asking, but during the dozen years or more that these promises have been continued, no effort has been made to secure them. Even the few antique looking pieces of furniture now in the few rooms that are furnished at all, are invested with no particular interest, inasmuch as they are known to be the refuse of some second-hand auction-room. The library room, in

which Mr. Bancroft says that Washington spent the most of his last days, is absolutely without furniture, and the shelves in the book-case that occupies the whole eastern side of the room, is entirely bookless! The usher at Mount Vernon, who tells the visitors all sorts of improbable and impossible things, has been for fourteen years telling them what the Lady Regents of Mount Vernon were going to do. I hope the time may soon come when he will be able to tell them of something they have done.

DOM PEDRO.

A young lady writes to these Topics to inquire, "What is a bobtail flush that I see so many apparent jokes about in the papers?" Dear little girl, a bobtail flush, technically is a hand at poker where a player has four cards of one suit. Five of a suit make a flush, a hand upon which most any young man of your acquaintance would bet a dollar and thirty-five cents. But a bobtail is no good if the other man signifies his desire to see it. But men hold-bobtail flushes in many other things than poker. When a young fellow has a girl who eats his ice cream, goes to dances, opera and picnics with him, smiles on him, purrs at him and bleeds him of all his salary, only to tell him "No" at the important moment, that young fellow may be said to have held a bobtail flush. When a man concludes he will go into politics, and the ward managers tell him it's all right, and he sets up the pins and pours out his money and slops over the poor devils he wouldn't notice at any other period, and plots and plans and worries and spends more money, and lies and slanders the opposing fellow, and wallows in the dirt generally, and then gets left at the primaries—he has merely held a bobtail flush.

When a young woman thinks it is nice to gad about and flirt and be free with strangers and take no notice of the solid and industrious young man who is struck with her, and the years go by and the wrinkles begin to come and she has the heartache and becomes a hopeless old maid—she has simply held a bobtail flush.

When a man works like a slave, hoards his money, scorns the poor, worships God with lip service, is a pillar of society all his life, closes his heart against the true grace which make it soft and tender and loving, keeps the letter of the law and not the spirit, and dies and has to show his hand to St. Peter at the pearly gates—he has only a bobtail flush.—Topics.

"If you want to keep a town from thriving don't erect any more dwellings than you can conveniently occupy yourself. If you should accidentally have an empty building, and any one should want to rent it, ask three times the value of it. Demand a Shyllock price for every foot of ground that God has given you stewardship over. Turn a cold shoulder to every mechanic and business man who seeks to make a home with you. Look at every newcomer with a scowl. Run down the work of new workmen. Go abroad for wares rather than seek to do business in your midst. Fail to advertise, or in any way to support a newspaper, that people abroad may not know whether business is going on in your town or not. Wrap yourself with a coat of impervious selfishness. There is no more effectual way to retard the growth of a town than actions like those enumerated.—HORACE GREELY.

"TEACH the boys the same standard of purity as you do the girls. Make every man and boy know that not one woman could become a prostitute unless some man fell also. Teach them to reverence the procreative trust. Teach them to reverence the maternal in woman. Teach a girl that womanhood is above wifehood; teach her to expect of her husband the same purity he demands of her.—Mrs. Stockham before the Moral Education Society.

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