the most successful of American stump

promise of success, but they also served

In the course of joint debate he asked

Douglas what would become of popular

democrats of Illinois. It assured his re-

otherwise have had for the presidential

"But," pursued Mr. Sweet, "at the mo-

ment when Lincoln said he would 'make

Douglas beat himself for the presidency,

he had no more idea of being nominated

and elected to that office than he had of

Davis, Conkling, Garfield and Blaine,

After the civil war came a new genera-

tion of superb stump speakers, a generation

ing of his fame and influence, but he lived

long enough to make for himself an un

usual place in our political history. Those

yet friend and foe alike bore cheerful wit-

iess to the gifts of speech which enabled

him to sway with ease the most turbulent

times vindictive, he was for a dozen years

the most powerful orator south of Mason

Conkling brought to the stump the

methods of the partisan chief, and he was

never so much at home as when in the

thick of the fray. He was without creative

genius, but he was an irresistible cham-

pion, and in the ability to vigorously set

forth the ideals of his own party or to

in his time. He was master of what Cleere

called the apt classic and ornate style of

oratory, and his brilliant, melodramatic

career was due mainly to his use of it-

ability to enforce his immediate purpose

Had some of his traits of character been as

skilfully adjusted to his ambition as was

his gift of speech his political end would

Garfield, like Conkling, owed his politica

triumph to his gifts as an orator; and in

truth a collection of his speeches would

furnish a complete epitome of the history of the era of which he was a part. The

least of his speeches were marked by

thought and imagination, and they often

rose into splendid and stirring eloquence

A master of clear, condensed statement, "he gathered up at the climax of speech,

wrote an old associate, "all of the forces of

statement and logic he had been marshall-

ing, and hurled them upon his listeners

tures became so analytic and forcible that

opposition with sledge-hammer blows,

throwing his arguments forward like a

shot from a cannon." No stump speaker

Blaine had the equipment of a great

popular orator, and he early gained and

affections of the people surpassing that

enjoyed by any other American statesman

save Henry Clay. He was, Colonel Mc-

Clure tells us, "the most magnetic man I

tend upon long continued leadership cost

candidate in four national conventions, but

never the foremost place accorded to him

by the rank and file of his party, and the

memory of him that endures is that of

have ever met." The animosities which at-

maintained until the end a held upon the

from 1865 to 1880 was in greater demand !

all parts of the country than Garfield.

while "his get

tremendous force.

not have been in sorrow.

a use which made him supreme in his

Fierce, impassioned, and at

being crowned emperor of China."

Roscoe

assembly.

How They Swayed Audiences.

Style, Methods and Power of Clay, Webster, Conkling, Blaine, Seward, Douglas, Lincoln and Bryan.

No chapter in our political annals is of eloquence and persuading speech has been a deciding influence in more than one presidential canvass. The names of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster head the roster of the greater campaign orators of the

Clay, perhaps, was a more popu-'ar orator than Webster. His was a voice of great compass, power and meland enthusiasm. Clay's skill in electioneering, however, was due largely to his familiarity with the manners and Kentucky legislature, he gained the support of a company of riflemen by successfully shooting at a mark. On another pocasion, when a candidate for re-eletion to congress, he met an old hunter who had previously been one of his champions, but who now opposed him on account of his action on a certain bill. "Have you a good rifle, my friend" asked legged beast, but I yield to the elephant." "Does it ever flash in the "YOR." "What did you do "Once only." with it, throw it away?" "No, I picked the flint, tried again, and brought down the game." "Have I ever flashed except on that bill?" "No," quickly replied the hunter, nearly overpowered by his enthusinsm; "I will pick the flint and try Clay's opponents often ascertained to their cost that he could be ironical and sarcastic, but he usually resorted to satire in self-defense, and was seldom himself the aggressor.

Webster's Power as an Orator. Webster's triumphs on the stump were of a different but no less decisive order. hear him, and with his pre-eminent his singular charm of demeanor, he never failed to profoundly

move his auditors. but as a matter of fact, he always was a his neighbors. laborious student, and in the early part time in the preparation of his public admessage of William H. Seward, then governor of New York, was issued. Webster was appealed to for his opinion of the "Governor Seward." he replied. "is a very able man and a very able writer. The only thing he needs to learn is how to scratch out." A fellow senator expressed some surprise at this remark, and said that no one who read Webster's addresses or listened to his speeches could suppose that he ever had occasion to altar or amend

anything that came from his pen. "However that may be now," was Webster's answer. "a very large part of my life has been spent in 'scratching out.' When I was a young man, and for some degree of eminence in my profession, my style was bombastic and pompous in the extreme. Some kind friend was good not no small part of my life has been spent in the attempt.

Orator, Wit and Humorist.

Arter Clay and Webster the most popu lar stump orator of the first half of the A born humorist, Corwin, at every stage of his long career, made a business of searching out the jocularities of current issues and using them to lighten the seriousness of statesmanship. But humor was not his only gift. He possessed also a poetic sense, which he had cultivated by a diligent study of the best English poets, and he knew how to temper that sense so that is would appeal to the throng. Thus it was that his speeches, based on solid political truth, were also illustrated by wit, by ancedote and by imagery rich, yet simple, such as the layman could understand. Corwin was unexcelled as a stump orator while he lived and his superior had not appeared since his death, The people of Ohio were at his feet, and there was no office in their gift that they did not bestow upon him. His last years, however, were shadowed by the belief that his career had been handicapped by his reputation as a wit and humorist. "My dear Garfield," said he to the future president just before his death, "be solemn; solemn as an ass. All the monuments in the world are built to solemn

famous campaign orator of sixty years ago was Sergeant S. Prentiss,

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its

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a native of Maine, who, removing at an mer of 1858 he met Abraham Lincoln in early age to Mississippi, there rose, in a a series of joint debates, the prize co space of time extraordinarily brief, to a tested for being the seat in the federal master place at the bar. Prentiss as an senate, then held by Douglas. Lincoln's Famous American Campaigners and orator was inferior to Webster and Clay work in these debates gave him rank as in vigor and strength, but he was the equal of any man of his time in the ready speakers, for his arguments which captivates a popular and served to crystalline the struggling elesembly. He was never at a loss for an ments in the party which he represented. NOTED NAMES ON THE ROSTER epigram or a retort, and his impromptu so as to enable it three years later to speeches where his best efforts. Ben Per- enter upon a national canvass with east ley Poore somewhere relates a good story of one of Prentiss' campaigns in his to make him the candidate of his party adopted state. He had arrainged a route, The spirit in which Lincoln joined this and one of his friends had gone shead to fateful meeting with Douglas is best ilmake arrangements for a hall in each justrated by an anecdote related long successive town, and to advertise the afterward by Leonard Swett. meeting there. The proprietor of a travelricher in human interest than the one ing menagerie took advantage of these conwhich has to do with the men whose gift gregations and followed, exhibiting at each place on the day that Prentiss spoke. The your opportunity," said Swett to Lincoln first intimation that the orator had of the rivalry was at a small town in the morthern part of the state, near the Alabama line. senate, but I'll make After Prentiss had been speaking for an for the presidency!" hour, holding the attention of his audience, he observed some of the outsiders looking over their shoulders, and this movement sovereignly if the Dred Scott decision were was gradually followed by more of his accepted by law. Douglas replied that the audience. He began to think he was territorial legislature could hold slavery a hostile assemblage to smiles and tears growing dull and endeavored to rouse him- back, if not by prohibition, at least by reself up to more animation; but it was all striction and impediment. Douglas had to in vain. He at length looked in the pop- make that answer to placate the free soil ular direction, and there, to his horror customs of farmers, tenants and laborers. Just coming across the hill, was an ele- election to the senate. But it also allen-When he was first a candidate for the phant dressed in scarlet trappings and ated the slave-state democracy from him oriental splendor. A foolish feeling of and thereby precluded any chance he might vanity, not to be outdone by an elephant, came over him and he continued to talk on. He found it was no use. "Well, ladies and gentlemen," said he, "I am But I have the consolation of beaten. knowing that it was not by my competitor. I will not knock under to any two-

A Circus on the Side. Prentiss afterward made an arrangement with the proprietor of the menageric to divide time with the monkey and the clown, the first hour being given to politics. One of the cages was used as a rostrum. Soon James G. Blaine. Davis, who was for sevhe heard a low sound, which resembled eral terms a member of congress from a growl, and learned that the hyena was Maryland, died too soon for the full ripenhis nearest listener. There were large auger holes in the top of the box for the admission of air. Prentiss commenced speaking, and when he reached the blood and thunder portion of his speech he ran his cane into the case and called forth a most horrible yell from the enraged animal, at the same time gesticulating violently with the other hand. "Why, fellow citizens,," When he was to speak no hall was big he would exclaim, "the very wild beasts enough to contain those who desired to are shocked at the political baseness and corruption of the times. See how this worthy fellow just below me is scandalized. presence and his dignity of carriage and Hear his yell of patriotic shame and indig-The effect was electric; he called down the house in a perfect tempest of The impression has been current that enthusiasm. He hurled his anathemas at Webster's great speeches were unstudied. his foes and enforced them by the yells of

The campaign efforts of John Van Buren of his career he expended a great deal of and of James W. Nye belong to a somewhat later period in our political history. "Van dresses. On one occasion, when the first Buren," said General Thomas L. James not long ago, "was the finest stump speaker brought forward by the free soil movement. Unlike his father, Martin Van Buren, Prince John was of slendld proportions. Like Conkling, he was a man whom it did the eye good to look upon when he appeared in public; but unlike Conkling, he attracted by a delightful mannerism and gained extraordinary popularity, which is illustrated nowadays by the sobriquet of Prince, first applied to him by Thurlow Weed, by which he was always afterward known. He did not dislike to be called Prince John. He had achieved a fine reputation as a lawyer before he took a very active part in politics. and had he been possessed of that ambition years after I had acquired a respectable which mastered his father he might have gained as many successes as the father won. Prince John, however, was a hallfellow-well-met, yet always dignified, fond enough to point out that fact to me, and of the good things of life, possessed of conderful animal spirits, a keen sense of responsibilities and trials of office holding. The young men of the present generation can hardly realize the extent of his popularity nor how great was his fame. The older generation alone remembers him, and last century was Thomas Corwin of Ohio. It does seem strange that a man who had such extraordinary gifts and such widespread pepularity should now he almost

> Others who heard Van Buren bear witness to the fact that in wit and humor he was almost without a rival at the bar or on the stump. An example cited by one of his blographers illustrates the tendency of his mind in this direction. At an early period Blaine the presidency, for which he was a of his career at the bar of New York City, whence he had removed from Albany, he argued the weak side of a case before the had not proceeded far in the argument of one of the ablest, bravest, and most his first point when the presiding judge ardently beloved of our public men.-Rufus (Edmonds) said to him, "Mr, Van Buren, Rockwell Wilson in Brooklyn Eagle. we cannot see that there is anything in your first point." Van Buren answered, "Then I will go to the next point." He

Van Buren on the Stump.

forgotten.

argued but a short time when the presiding judge said, "Mr. Van Buren, if we understand you correctly, there don' appear to be anything to your second Van Buren, replied. "Then I will take up my next point." Judge Edmonds soon interrupted him with the same remark he had made in respect 'o the preceding points. Van Buren said: Then I will waste no further time on my third point, and will at once argue my fourth point." Thus he went through scriatim with his different points, the presiding judge saying in respect to each, There is nothing in it." When Van Buren finished the argument of his last point, Judge Edmonds (after a whispered consultation with his associate judges we all agree that we cannot perceive that there is anything in any of your points." Said Van Buren, throwing down his papers on the table. "I never could honors are so much better lawyers than I am, I did not know but you might." Nye was also a man of infinite jest, but his humor was seasoned with shrewd comnon sense, and his gift for telling illus-All of his tration never failed him. speeches were full of droll illustrations:

his wit was caustic yet delightful, and word that he was to speak always drew a crowd. His brilliant intellect was obscured, however, and he died utterly unconscious of what he was or what his Campaigners Before the War. The greatest campaign orators of the decade preceding the civil war were William H. Seward, Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. Seward never

was a popular stump speaker, but he always was an impressive one, especially effective in his appeal to intellectual audiences. Douglas, on the other hand, was at his best when delivering an impromptu speech before a mixed assemdage. He was a small man like Seward, and Benton once said of him that he could never be president because his too near the ground coat-tails came yet no orator of his time seemed of such mposing stature as Douglas did when in the fury and passion of one of his stump addresses. Blaine asserted that he was in some respects, perhaps in most, the ablest campaigner, the democratic party has produced. Certain it is that none surpassed this "little glant" in personal influence over the masses of the people, nor did any inspire more devoted friendship.

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