

AIM:—"RED, WHITE AND BLUE."

Reform's the cry of the nation. The thieves they're looking quite blue, Surprised at the grand nomination, Of Tilden and Hendricks so true.

Arise, ye oppressed with taxation, Deceived by the men you thought true, Vote at the nation's election, For Tilden and Hendricks the true.

Tilden's the man for the station, So fearless and bold we all know; This hero will shout reformation, With Hendricks to stand by his true.

Our Fillets are both on the dock, The old ship of state heaves in view, A warning to grabbers—a check, Reform's on the old flag so true.

Sectional strife and division, Engender'd by partizan crew, Must go to the shades of oblivion, While the Union advances true.

The east and the west never falter'd; The north and the south ever true, United their foes will be slaughter'd By Tilden and Hendricks the true.

A THRILLING ADVENTURE.

The 2d of August, 1865, had been a close sultry day on Pit Hole Creek. Brown (as I will call him) and I had a pine shanty on the Ball Farm, overlooking the whole scene of operations of the creek, and we had passed the most of this day there.

"A new well, just began flowing an hour ago," said a man in answer to a question. "Sucker-rad's in yet, and she flows beautiful. Look for yourselves."

Brown walked up to the derrick. I followed, stopping perhaps three rods from it, and in two glances took in every feature and figure of the scene. The well had been put down on the flat, in a nook which was inclosed by trees, except toward the creek.

There was a blinding flash like the broad-sheeted lightning of a summer storm, and an explosion like that of artillery. Great tongues of fire darted from the ground in every direction.

The creek was high-deep; it was filled now with the frantic fugitives, making for safety on the opposite bank. With a knee crippled by striking it against a stump, I waded across, and only ventured to look back when the other side was reached.

Nor was it entirely pent; the fire was communicated to the floating blotches of oil, and the surface of the creek itself was speedily dotted with flame.

Half stunned and bewildered by the suddenness of the catastrophe, I slowly gathered my senses together. Half a dozen figures crawled up the bank near me; the air was filled with screams and

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howls of agony, and three or four crazy mounds of figures danced and ran before me with tattered clothing and tossing arms.

The calamity had caught him with the two other men in the derrick, in the very center of a raging whirlpool of flame, through which he had rushed, falling once headlong, and reaching the water himself a mass of flame.

Poor Brown was shockingly burned; and though suffering the most excruciating pain, his vigorous vitality held the destroyer at bay for eight days before his tortured body released its spirit and found peace.

The cause of this terrible disaster, when discovered, appeared to be one of the veriest trifles that ever wrought out human misery. A little stream of oil, no larger than a finger, had wandered off from the stagnant pool, and falling into a crevice of the ground, had trickled over a hundred yards and communicated with the fire of the engine at the next well.

SCENES AT SARATOGA.

Who is There—The Polo Excitement. Special Correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer. SARATOGA, August 18, 1876.

After all there is nothing like it—Saratoga, I mean. What a fairy-land it appears when you arrive, hot and dusty, by the evening train!

Don't let him crowd you up on the top floor with a fellow who wanders in bed every few minutes with terrible groans. That's the way he served us once. Get a single room, by all means, if you are single.

omnipresent. Eli is married, and enjoys it. Mrs. K. is here making her debut again this summer for the sixth time, and looking out for something green.

They say the Commodore once had a claim against that other Commodore, who is now fighting so bravely with death, and that, in order to bring Mr. Vanderbilt to a sense of his responsibility, he quietly visited him and presented the point of a pistol to his face.

The races are now over and you must talk Polo if you wish to get on with the young ladies, and not appear what they abhor, "a stoo-pid young man."

We had a grand exhibition here to-day of horsemanship, and that after all is what makes Polo all the rage.

We pile into the stages and go out to Glen Mitchell this afternoon, and there is a great crowd to see the game—at least a thousand spectators.

Before the game we have some splendid displays of horsemanship, and the riders pick up haudkerchiefs from the ground while going at break-neck speed.

Captain Marray showed how to change horses without stopping. The Californians were applauded vociferously. They are going to Newport to give Jim Bennett and the rest of them, a lively time.

Polo is something like croquet, and may be called croquet on horseback. You have to sweep the balls with crooked sticks between the flags of your color, the field being divided by flags as in croquet it is by hoops.

Should England, Russia, Prussia, Austria, France and Turkey become involved in a general war, as the appearances at present strongly indicate, it will call from the field and workshops the unemployed reserves of each of those countries.

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Fighting Joe Hooker to Governor Tilden.

My DEAR GOVERNOR: I cannot refrain from offering you my sincere congratulations, on your nomination to the exalted office of the Presidency of the United States.

Sincerely yours, J. HOOKER, Major General.

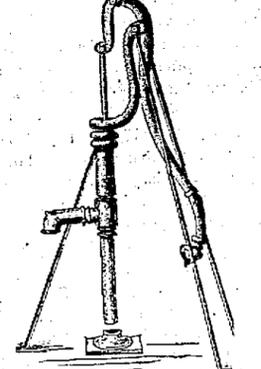
PREPARE FOR THE WORST.

We do not desire to needlessly alarm our business men, and shake confidence, but we feel it our duty to urge upon them the necessity of preparing for hard times.

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