Brother Gardner Reads a Deserved Lecture to Judge Perfection Smith. From the Detroit Free Press.

"Am Judge Perfection Smith in de hall dis eavenin'?" asked the President as he laid aside his gravel and looked around him.

"Yes, sah," answered a voice full of fish-bones and shingle-nails shaken up together.

"Please ambulate dis way."

The Judge ambulated. He came up confident and smiling, expecting to receive a gold medal for inventing a mosquito-bar, which also catches rats.

"Judge Smith," said the President in a solemn voice, "dar are few little things I desiah to spoke to you about. You war at de pos'offis de odder day to rent a box at \$2.50 per quarter. All de mail dat you receive in six months wouldn't light a kerosene lamp. Den why dis attempt to frow on style an heap on agony?"

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"I—I didn't rent one, sah," replied the culprit in a weak voice.

"A few days ago," continued the president, "I oberheard you trottin' out a presidential candidate for 1884. You had your biggest voice, an' you was flingin' your arms about, an' one would have thought you knowed all about it. Judge Smith, vou will have no mo' to do wid de makin' of de nex' president of de United States dan one grain of sand will have in makin' up de great Sahary desert."

ert."
No, sah—dot's so, sah." "Let dis be a warnin' to you, sah. From dis time on you have no candidate, From dis time on you have no candidate, doan want one, an' take no interes' in polyticks beyond what can be 'spected of ebery citizen. If any man axes you to tell him who am to be de nex' president doan' you do it. Keep dat information locked tight in your bussum: An' a day or two ago you denounced yourself as an advocate of a tariff. Judge Smith, do you know what a tariff is?"

"N-not zactly, sah, but I was gwine to read up on it."

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"Exactly; an' perhaps you'd better read up on how to keep your mouf shet on what you doan' know and what doan' affeck you! You am a purty lookin' advocate, you am! While your wife needs shoes an' de chil'en want clothes you walk aroun' de market wid yer old white obercoat on to tell de world dat you doan' 'blieve in dis or dat, or dat you am wedded to dis theory or opposed to dat one! to dat one!

"Ize sorry, sah. I'll drap de hull bus-ness right off."

"See dat you do. Theories am all right onless a man am two months behind on his rent. Doctrines am all right when a family aint shiverin' wid the cold. Individual opinions count fur nuffin when de individual can't raise cash 'nuff to get a patch on his boot. Go and sot down, Judge Smith, an' doan loose a minit in startin on de road to reform."

### Collins Tells About Himself and His Fameus Contemporary.

Wilkie Collins in a recent private letter to William Winter of New York, refers as follows to his lately deceased literary comrade, Anthony Trollope: "The gout (to answer your friendly inquiries about my health) keeps away wonderfully so far, and this in spite of having been severely tasked by my last story. When a man is "old enough to know better" he generally commits some of his most flagrant indiscretions. This new book, "Heart and Science," so mercilessly excited me that I went on writcilessly excited me that I went on writ-I made a desperate effort; rushed to the sea; went sailing and fishing; and was writing my book all the time in my head," as the children say. The one wise course to take was to go back to my desk and empty my head and then rest. My nerves are too much shaken for traveling. An arm chair and a cigar and a hundred and fiftieth reading of the glorious Walter Scott (King, Emperor, President and God Almighty of Novelists) there is the regimen that is doing the good. All the other novel my terms of the said that all the other novel my terms of the said that all this ground belonged to the temperors, when, glancing about, I saw a washout in the earth. Looking down into the hole, sure enough, there, through a tangle of roots from the trees the regimen that is doing the good. or, President and God Almighty of Novelists) there is the regimen that is doing me good. All the other novel writers I can read, while I am at work myself. If I only look ut 'The Antiquary,' or 'Old Mortality,' I am crushed by the sense of my own littlenees, and there is no work possible for me on that day \*\* \* You knew Anthony Trollope, of course. His immeasurable energies had a bewildering effect on my invalid constitution. To me he was an incarnated gale wind. He blew off my hat; he turned my umbrella inside out, Joking apart, as good and staunch a friend as ever lived, and, to my mind, a great loss to novel readers. my mind, a great loss to novel readers. Call his standard as a workman what you will, he was always equal to it. Never in any marked degree, either above or below his own level. In that respect alone a remarkable writer, surely. If he had lived five years longer he would have written fifteen more thoroughly readable works of fiction. A loss—a serious loss, I say again"

## McCauley's Pen.

It seems no doubt to many a reader of Macauley's History as if he wrote without effort, and as if the charms of his style were the gift of nature rather than the product of art, so spontaneously do they appear to flow from his pen. It was the general opinion of his literary friends that he wrote with great rapidity and made few corrections in his manuscripts. On the contrary, we are told by his nephew and biographer, that he never allowed a sentence to pass until it was as good as he could make it, and would often rewrite paragraphs and whole chapters, that he might gain even a slight improvement in arrangement or expression. After writing thus carefully he corrected again, and his manscripts were covered with erasures. He paid equal attention to proof-sheets. He could not rest until the lines were level to a hair's breadth, and the punctuation correct to a comma; until every paragraph concluded with a telling sentence and every sentence flowed like running

A Georgia Witness Who Gave Proof Positive That He Was a Son of Freedom.

From the Elbert South. The present Judge Hutchins, of the Superior Court of the northeastern judicial circuit of this state, is the son of Nathaniel Hutchins, so well known by many of the older citizens of Elbert as one of the cleverest men and ablest jurists in Georgia. He was the predecessor of this son on the same bench now occupied by Colonel Hutchins, of Gwinnett. and was popularly known all through the upper portion of the state. During the progress of the superior court at the progress of the superior court at Carnesville last week this amusing incident occurred, which was related to a New South scribe by Senator Phil. Davis: Colonel Thurmond, of Athens, an attorney, had an instrument of writing in court, the validity of which needed to be proven and which could only be done by the owner of the signature found thereon swearing to the same. The witness was called and an old gray-haired ness was called and an old gray-haired man, who had lived over his three score and ten, took the stand and Colonel Thurmond handed him the paper and

"Is that your signature, sir?" The old gentleman looked at the paper closely, and said:

"Wa'al I'll tell yer, Ize gitting old, and my eye-sight are not so good as it wunst was, but if somebody will loan me a par

of specks, praps I kin cipher it out."

A pair of glasses were furnished him, and he scrutinizingly gazed at the document again.
"Well? said the lawyer.

The witness continued to peer at the

paper.
"Very well," Colonel Thurmond said
again, waiting for the witness to decide.
"Wa'al," said the old man, "that ar is my fist."
"You can come down, sir," said the

lawyer. But instead of "coming down," the old man turned his eyes on the Court, and after gazing at him for some time,

he said:
"Jedge, is you old man Nath Hutchin's

boy? "He was my father," answered the

Court. "Wa'al, give me yer hand, Jedge, kaze and I is awful glad I loved ver daday, and I is awful glad to see his boy followin' in his foot marks."

The court gave the old man his hand. and after shaking it heartily, the witness stepped from the stand and started out of the court room. When he had gotten out of the bar, and was about midway the hall, he turned abruptly about, and said in rather a loud tone of voice. "Here—here's them ar specks, if any of youns wants 'em."

The court room was in an uproar of laughter, but the old man never smiled, as he returned the glasses and left the

### Underground Treasures in Turkey.

General Lew Wallace, in a recent letter from Constantinople to the editor of the Crawfordsville (Ind.) Review says:

"Speaking of books, or rather of writing, good Heavens! what an amazing wealth of material is lying here just waiting to be picked up, begging to be used; and to think nobody has ever touched it except poor old Sir Walter, and he only wonderfully so far, and this in spite of in his last days of glory, 'Count Robert my 'vital power," as the doctor calls it, of Paris,' strange to say, is his poorest ing with the throes of neuralgic paralying week after week without a day's interval of rest. Rest was impossible. I made a desperate effort; rushed to the two, sometimes three deep. It is useless, however, to ask a teskerot for such a purpose. What you found would belong to the owner of the property dug up. Not long ago, a Turk was scratching the surface of his yard to lay the foundations of a new wall. He exhumed three statues of exquisite Greek, humed three statues of exquisite Greek, perfect, except dis coloration. They were greatly admired. One gentieman is said to have offered \$5,000 for them. 'Come back next week,' said the lucky finder. The party went back, 'Here, vou can have them for nothing,' and with the words the proprietor showed a jile of powdered marble. He had employed the week in reducing the statues to dust." week in reducing the statues to dust."

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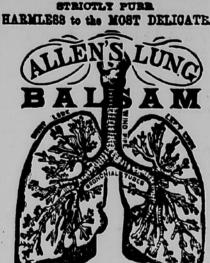
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