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**THE FIRE-TENDER.** Doubtless, to go back to what we were talking of, the world has a fondness for some authors and thinks of them with an affectionate and half-pitying familiarity; and it may be that this grows out of something in their lives quite as much as anything in their writings. There seems to be more disposition of personal liking to Thackeray than to Dickens now both are dead—a result that would hardly have been predicted when the world was crying over Little Nell, or agreeing to hate Becky Sharp.

**THE YOUNG LADY.** What was that you were telling about Charles Lamb, the other day, Mandeville? Is not the popular liking for him somewhat independent of his writings?

**MANDEVILLE.** He is a striking example of an author who is loved. Very likely the remembrance of his tribulations has still something to do with the tenderness felt for him. He supported no dignity, and permitted a familiarity which indicated no self-appreciation of his real rank in the world of letters. I have heard that his acquaintances familiarly called him "Charley."

**OUR NEXT DOOR.** It is a relief to know that! Do you happen to know what Secrests was called?

**MANDEVILLE.** I have seen people who know Lamb very well. One of them told me, as illustrating his want of dignity, that as he was going home late one night through the nearly empty streets, he was met by a roistering party who were making a night of it from tavern to tavern. They fell upon Lamb, attracted by his odd figure and hesitating manner, and hoisting him on their shoulders, carried him off, singing as they went. Lamb enjoyed the lark, and did not tell them who he was. When they were tired of jiggling him, they lifted him, with some effort and difficulty, to the top of a high wall, and left him there amid the broken bottles, utterly unable to get down. Lamb remained there philosophically in the enjoyment of his novel adventure, until a passing watchman rescued him from his ridiculous situation.

**THE FIRE-TENDER.** How did the story get out?

**MANDEVILLE.** Oh, Lamb told all about it next morning; and when asked afterwards why he did so, he replied that there was no fun in it unless he told it.

**REFORMERS AT DINNER.**  
This delightful bit of satire is from Warner's "Back-Log Studies," which will appear in Scribner's for April.—MANDEVILLE. I attended a protracted convention of reformers of a certain evil case, and had the pleasure of taking dinner with a talkative of them. It was one of those country dinners accompanied with green tea. Every one disagreed with every one else, and you wouldn't wonder at it if you had seen them. They were people with whom good food wouldn't agree. George Thompson was expected at the convention and I remember that there was almost a cordiality in the talk about him, until one sallow brother casually mentioned that George took snuff. When a chorus of deprecatory grunts went up from the table, one long-faced maiden in spectacles, with purple ribbons in her hair, who drank five cups of tea by my count, declared that she was perfectly disgusted, and didn't want to hear him speak. In the course of the meal the talk came upon the discipline of children, and how to administer punishment. I was quite taken by the remark of a thin, dyspeptic man, who summed up the matter by growling out in a harsh deep sea voice, "Punish 'em in love!" It sounded as if he had said, "Shoot 'em on the spot!"

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**Railroad Accident**  
CINCINNATI, March 21.—A special to the Times and Chronicle from Fort Wayne, Ind., says that the express train east due there at three o'clock this morning was thrown from the track by a broken rail, five miles west of Fort Wayne. Two baggage, one express, two coaches and a sleeping car was burned. The entire contents of the express car, nearly all the baggage and part of the through mail were destroyed. The messenger was seriously injured and several others were slightly scratched.

**Senator Wood.**  
What is to be done with Senator Wood? We have looked anxiously for his resignation, but all in vain.—The Senate fails to act in the matter. If Mr. Wood will not resign, then his constituency demand of that body, his immediate expulsion. Which shall we have? It may be that Mr. James Wood knows too much for some of those Senators, and hence he should be expelled, they have fears that he would turn states evidence on them. It certainly, begins to look smoky.

Cats are said to have nine lives, but their vital tenacity is fully equalled by a negro named William Rivers, at Charlottesville, Va. This man last Saturday morning went to the bottom of a well about fifty feet deep, to repair the wall. At 9 o'clock, soon after his descent, the wall, which was formed of large stones, fell in, covering him. Alarm being given, a large company began removing the mass of earth and stones beneath which it was expected to find his crushed and lifeless body, but when he was reached at 7 o'clock in the evening, he was found still alive, after a close imprisonment of ten hours, and but slightly injured.

The Philadelphia Press publishes a remarkable Washington despatch, to the effect that in the course of an interview on Thursday with a prominent Republican Senator, President Grant declared most emphatically, that with reference to the nomination of the Philadelphia Convention, he had declared his purpose to compel the placing of his name at the head of the ticket. He declared further that he had never yet stated to any person that he desired to be re-nominated at Philadelphia, nor has he asked the influence or efforts of any one for that end. He said that his position on that point is precisely the same as when, eight years ago, in front of Richmond, he received letters urging him to accept the nomination against President Lincoln. He regards the unity and success of the Republican party as greater and more essential than that of any man in it, and is ready to obey the dictates of its leaders and its necessities. "That's the right talk."

**Ohio Car Works Burned.**  
Louisville, March 29.—The Ohio Falls Car Works, at Jeffersonville, Ind., were destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire originated in a planing mill, and is supposed to have caught from a spark from the smoke stack. It spread to the remainder of the works and the lumber yard in the same inclosure, all of which were consumed.

The works were the most extensive and complete of the kind in the country. The buildings covered five acres of ground, besides a number of sheds and lumber yards. A large amount of machinery of the finest quality, with a large quantity of car material, were in the building.

The works employ about 700 men and did an immense business. The works had heavy orders at the time to supply. The works cleared a net profit last year of \$200,000. The loss will reach \$200,000 and the insurance is

about \$300,000; mostly in Northern companies.

Six hundred and sixty men were in the shop at the time, nearly all of whom lost their tools.

Several persons had narrow escapes from death during the fire. One man is missing, and it is feared was burned to death.

In the Assembly, on Tuesday, the bill to punish abolitionists, was sent to the committee.

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