

**Pure Elections and Household Suffrage—
Ex-Senator Doolittle's Panacea for Bal-
lot-Box Stuffing.**

How shall we save the republic
angers of frauds at elections, as now con-
ducted, especially in the large cities? Fraudu-
lent voting, fraudulent counting and fraudu-
lent stuffing of ballot boxes in large cities, from
New Orleans to Chicago, have come to be prac-
ticed as one of the fine arts of legere demain.
How can we remedy this? There must be a
remedy for this growing evil, or our govern-
stitutions will prove to be a cheat and a sham.
The essence of republicanism is that govern-
ments derive their just powers from the con-
sent of the governed, and that rulers are
chosen by the people. That choice is expressed
through the ballot-box. If the votes are
dishonestly given by thousands of freemen,
nullified and beaten by a thousand false votes
the ballot-box is made to speak, not the truth,
but a lie. It no longer speaks the will of the
people, but the will of the few who usurp office
by fraud. It ceases to be republican. It be-
comes an aristocracy of the few, and the
aristocracy of swindlers, of cheats, of liars, of
traitors to republican ideas. Of two things,
one is certain. Either these frauds at the
ballot-box must come to an end, or the republic
will perish. If these frauds are successful in
large cities they will spread into all the larger
cities, and into the country. If there is no
there is; there must be a remedy. Take
large city—Chicago, for example. Let the city
be divided into precincts so small that all the
voters, not exceeding say 750 in a precinct,
can meet in one hall on election day. If
there is no hall large enough to be obtained,
then erect a temporary hall, or a large tent,
a tent. In addition to other provisions of law,
make election days legal holidays, and require
every voter, without valid excuse, to attend the
elections and do his duty as a citizen, and thus
aid in guarding the purity and sanctity of the
ballot-box. I think I have had copies of the
recorder of the meeting of the House of Repre-
sentatives in 1640, and of Reading in 1657. They
imposed a fine on every voter who did not at-
tend the town meeting by 9 o'clock in the
morning, or who absented himself without
leave until they adjourned. Do you think
there was any fraud in those days? No
counting. They made it their business to be
in person, and to discharge their whole duty.

When fully considered in all its bearing it will, I believe, command the assent of the great majority of all political parties. It will be the basis of a new and more intelligent government to our large cities, by placing it upon the true basis of human society. We have adopted in all the States universal manhood suffrage. The reform suggested accepts that, and does not propose to change it. It, however, recognizes the most essential element of the present system, and gives to families their rights, its duties and its powers. It proposes to give to householders and heads of families who, for such time as shall be fixed by law—say one or two years—have lived with and supported their families in the district where they reside, the chance to present to the Legislature a bill in common with all other men, and to elect one to represent the household, including women and children. The term householder, or head of a family, in the great majority of cases will, of course, mean married man; but not in all cases. As, for instance, a man may be the head of a family who has no wife, and a widowed mother or sister keeps house. The reasons why the head of a family should have a double vote when men without families have but one may be stated briefly as follows: 1. Because the man without family has no one to depend upon, while the head of a family represents as well himself as generally more. 2. Because a man without family has not more than one-half as much at stake in good government as the head of a family. 3. Because, other things equal, the head of a family is half as well educated in all that concerns the public as the head of a family, living with well and supporting them by his own exertions. 4. Because the man without family has had little if any experience in managing in human society; whereas the head of a family, by the laws of the family, has had training. In the family the man is king and the woman is queen. It is a little nation by itself. Within the government all human beings are reared, trained and governed for twenty-one years—half and more than half of the average years of human life. The young man, who is reared, is formed and children as models of men and women. Is there a single man without family who hears me who does not feel the truth of all this? Is there one who will not frankly say so? Some persons of property, qualifications and intelligence in cities, but who can be found neither practical nor possible; nor does it agree with our theory "that government derives its just powers [not from property but] from the consent of the governed"; whereas, the reform proposed agrees with that theory, and gives to every family who lives, the consent of one only—his own consent; whereas, the head of a family consents not only for himself, but for the household which he governs. Therefore, unless the head of the family have a greater voice than the man without family, there will be no householders, and the women and children of the country—goes for nothing at all in making up the consent of the governed. But the question arises, what effect would this reform have in great cities? Take Chicago for example. Suppose the provision for the poor were made as good as the provision to prevent fraud at the elections, how would this double vote by the heads of families operate in that great city? Can any man

Offensive People.

If to be a good man and a successful man is offensive to the world at large, to be praised is **exasperating**. No greater unkindness can be done to any man than to praise him much. People generally will stand a moderate compliment paid to a neighbor, while they are left to qualify it, or to admit it as a matter of generosity or courtesy; but praise persisted in will ruin the reputation of any body. There is nothing more offensive to the average human being than persistent laudation bestowed upon another. To hear a man warmly praised is sufficient usually to make us hate him; and it is only necessary to have the praise repeated often enough to make us desire to shoot him. Praise is one of the articles we would like to have distributed a little—not that we want it, but the object of it is not the best man—if we know ourselves. Virtue is a good thing, temperance is a good thing, genius is not a bad thing altogether; but no man is to be mentioned so many as ten times as having either of them in possession without making his name a stench and an offense to the nostrils of a sensitive world. The true way of getting along well in the world is not to make one's self offensive to one's friends by excellence of character and habits of life, by success, or by doing anything praiseworthy. Let us strike the average as nearly as possible. Let us be good fellows rather than good men, and choke the first man who dares to ascribe to us a single virtue. Let us all keep down and out of sight. All that we do for ourselves, and all that we do for mankind, only feeds hell with slanderers, and so betrays the baseness of human nature that we may well blush to think that we are members of the human race.—Dr. J. G. Holland, in *Scribner* for October.

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Mr. Randolph was a great Bible reader and was deeply concerned with religious subjects. He employed an excellent and eloquent man, Mr. Abner Clopton, to preach every Sunday to the negroes, in the large chapel he had erected on his plantation. When some he invariably attended these services, taking his seat by the preacher on the open platform, from which the preacher conducted the services. On many occasions, while kneeling beside the preacher, who was prone to be carried away by the fervor of prayer, Randolph would slap him on the back and call out loudly, "Clopton, that won't do; that's not sound doctrine. Clopton, wake that back," and if Clopton demonstrated, Randolph, though keeping himself on his knees, was ready at once for an argument to maintain his point. No one but Mr. Clopton, who knew the eccentricity and honest motives of the man, could have borne with these irreverent interruptions while in the midst of prayer; but Mr. Clopton, when he found Randolph determined to argue the point, either gracefully yielded or proposed to note the point and argue it at the dwelling-house. Visitors at the chapel, and these were many, these scenes were exceedingly curious and sometimes absurdly ludicrous. But that was Mr. Randolph's

The Epizooty.

A dispatch from New York says : The disease among horses so prevalent in this section, is not so severe as the late epizootic. The horses first begin to sneeze and cough. Every horse in the stable of one of the street railroad companies was more or less afflicted with a cough, which in some cases was very severe and frequent. Mustard poultices were immediately applied to their heads and chests. This treatment proved so effective that the horses were enabled to resume their work without any injury. The attack was attributed to the sudden change in the weather. The animals ate their food the same as ever, and the manager had no doubt would be perfectly recovered as soon as the weather moderates. The complaint was merely a combination of the cold and slight inflammation of the bronchial tubes. The proprietors of many of the private stables, who were called upon also, said that their horses have been more or less afflicted with cold and sore throat.

Tradition has it that years ago, when Benjamin Franklin was a lad, he began to study philosophy, and soon became fond of applying technical names to common objects. One evening when he mentioned to his father that he had swallowed some acephalous mollusks, the old man was much alarmed, and suddenly seizing him, called loudly for help.

Mr. Franklin came with warm water and the hired man rushed in with the garden pump. They forced half a gallon down Benjamin's throat, then held him by the heels over the edge of the porch and shook him, while the old man said: "If we don't get them things out of my sonny he will be pizened, sure." "When they were out, and Benjamin explained that the articles alluded to were oysters, his father fondled him for an hour with a trunk strap for scaring the family. Tradition adds that even afterward Frank's language was marvelously simple and explicit.

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