

It has been intimated in a previous <sup>number</sup> ~~no.~~ that  
it is not the "Old Man's" notion that any of the  
"grave and revered seigniors" of the Conservative  
persuasion, will be likely to succeed in the  
Senatorial scramble which impends. There are  
two other classes, also descendants of "the daughters  
of the hard-leech", whose claims to this tempting  
Federal plum remain to be examined - these classes  
are

- 1<sup>st</sup> - The perennially youthful,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - The actually adolescent.

Considering the very important part which  
this latter class have played in the struggle which  
has resulted in conservative success, they have ex-  
hibited a commendable modesty in relation  
to the Senatorial ~~struggle~~ <sup>prize</sup>. It may be that the  
very unusual and unexpected speed which  
their seniors have manifested, and the <sup>all</sup> ~~un-~~ <sup>un-</sup>  
necessity, which their for patching, which their  
decaused and ragged fortunes as studious ~~as~~  
liberal ~~paraded~~, have displayed, that they  
have so overwhelmed the youngerlings with  
charm and pity for ~~their~~ "exalted merit  
so studiously unappreciated" that they have  
unanimously agreed to keep out of the  
race and give the old boy a clear track.  
Be this as it may, the considerations of the gov-  
ernment giving way to the blue-eyed plucker.

veterans - in their degenerate days when  
"Young America" is as wont to predominance,  
is worthy of all praise. How beautifully  
affecting it is to see the robust young heroes  
many of whom ~~have~~ served the conservative  
cause before the confederacy, ~~has~~ exemplified  
its ability to "die in the lush ditch" - others of whom  
stood faithfully by the same decrepit, but  
still rampant sires, ~~and~~ during those fearful  
days ~~which tried man's valour~~, beneath the  
kindly shadow of <sup>sheltering</sup> bomb-proofs ~~which~~  
~~protected their devoted heads~~, how beautifully  
affecting, to see them put aside ~~their old things~~  
the tempting prize, and ~~lifting~~ <sup>lifting</sup> to the place of honor  
some superannuated old driveller whose only  
merit is the ~~also~~ magic celerity with which he  
shuffled off his Federal allegiance and hustled  
on Confederate honors in 1861. How charming the  
conduct of these sturdy young leaders, whose  
~~heads~~ <sup>principles</sup> have ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~annihilated~~ <sup>annihilated</sup> and whose hands  
have executed the ~~butcher~~ <sup>nocturnal</sup> ~~exploits~~ <sup>exploits</sup>  
of the conservative party, who have  
braved storm and darkness, to lead the  
~~masked~~ ~~horde~~ ~~of~~ ~~conservatism~~ ~~upon~~  
their ~~audacious~~ ~~frays~~, to the homes of ~~un~~  
protected, peaceful republicans - whose hands  
are familiar with the rod and the dagger -  
whose skirts are stained with the blood of innocents.

whose ~~contaminated~~ <sup>acts of</sup> during lawlessness have spread a pall of terror over the state - who have filled the night with horrors and the day with alarms; who have shackled the will of the ~~fr~~ citizen with fear and thereby secured the triumph of conservatism - how noble in their blood-stained champions of the cause, to stand aside and give place to the non-combatant stout who are crowding to the front.

There are however certain of this class, - the actually adolescent - who, either by their own volition, or the officiousness of friends have been brought before the public as competitors in this race -

First among these, and having by far the best start in the race, is the chuckling young "Euphrosyne" from Orange. The chief merit of "our John" is derived from the fact that he is the son of his father. No ~~comparison~~ <sup>certainly can</sup> be instituted between ~~John~~ <sup>father and son</sup> and his paternal; though a ~~handful~~ <sup>handful</sup> grounds for ~~contrast~~ <sup>contrast</sup> certainly exist. There is no doubt that John can easily fill any place ~~occupied~~ <sup>which his father ever occupies</sup> by his father, but ~~the~~ <sup>what a difference in the quality of the</sup> stuffing -

Next to John stands the ~~Swamp~~ <sup>premium</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>candidate</sup> from Cleveland. Fresh from the green pastures and bearing fragrant of the wood

he was ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> the arena  
~~Plato~~ <sup>Plato</sup> ~~comes~~ <sup>trumps</sup> into the amphitheater with a  
 fish and a bellow which bespeaks a strength and  
~~capacity~~ <sup>capacity</sup> for a long heat. Plato is strong, stubborn,  
 broad between the eyes, and inclined to butt  
 blindly and ~~stubbornly~~ <sup>stubbornly</sup> furious at whatever is  
 before him - If Plato has set his hopes on the Senator  
 ship, it is the "old man's notion," that he will make a rat  
 thing among the dry bones of the seniors, and not  
 unlikely eatly butter in the "our John" in the  
 most prominent part of his very peculiar  
~~development~~ <sup>development</sup> ~~there is one thing against him~~ <sup>there is one thing against him</sup> ~~He has some~~ <sup>He has some</sup>  
~~development~~ <sup>development</sup> ~~there is also~~ <sup>there is also</sup> ~~XX~~ <sup>XX</sup> Robbins, son

the Jarvis and flat-head games, with other  
 equally amiable and attractive celeb-  
 rities who have simply been "mentioned"  
 with a column or two of calculation  
 in a style wonderfully resembling  
 that of the candidates themselves.

It is however unlikely that  
 any of the boys will succeed.

It is ~~known~~ <sup>known</sup> from the remaining days  
 the, comparatively youthful that the future  
 Senator, will probably come.

Fish in this class, its most perfect exponent  
 and exemplar is the immortal, friend  
 the irrepressible, the uncomparable, for  
 his chances are probably but a few.

are unquestionably greater - As to the  
fruition of the Spirit, tendency and character  
of conservatism, he stands like Dante  
in the parliament of Hell, in shape and  
gesture possibly eminent, without  
principle, without friends, without  
patriotism, without genius, without learn-  
ing he stands forth a conservator of the  
fesh water, annotated only by a ~~cur-~~  
scissoring hatred of all that does not  
exalt, or enrich, or powder to the vices  
of Joe Turner - The fitness of this remark-  
able man of destiny cannot but strike  
his appreciative pass and he will do  
without doubt be the unfortunate man  
who will be called upon to represent  
the Conservatives of North Carolina in  
the Senate of the United States - a duty  
which he will perform as faithfully  
as the serpent typifies sin -

At least that is my "impression"

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