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## RERBEN DOOLITLLE'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEA NS, ORLEANS

Written for the yanker blade by pres.
It will be recollected by many, that several
years aro, the merchants of New Oileans had years ago, the merchants of New Oileans had
great dititulty ingetting and retaining, for any
desired length of time, suit:ble salesmen and book keepers, on account of the unhealthy na-
ture of the climate in general, and the prevalence of the yellow fever in particular. As th northern cities, the merchants held out great in ducements, and offered large salaries to temp
ooung men to leave their homes in New Eng land, and enhance their fortanes by a sojour at the South.
Among those who ran wild' with the idea
hat they could obtain a competency in a few ears, in New Orleans, was one Reuben Doo-
little, who, after getting his courage up to the sticking point, notwithstanding his great fear o
the yellow fever. left his father's farm in Ver. the yellow fever, left his father's farm in Ver-
mont, and set sail from Bostor. As our story junp, and land at once with our hero in the On arriving at New Orleans, Renben took
odgings at a hotel, where, as he had been in lodgings at a hotel, where, as he had been in
formued, men of mercantile parsuits were in the habit of meeting, from time to time for the artradesmen, and where not a few of them boarddourth story, Aing comfortably roomed in the fourth story, his first movements were, to put
himself into the 'purties'' trim his wardrobe a:id taste would pernitit ${ }^{\text {. The painful operation of }}$
shaving, and skinning with cold water, and Pe-er-Pinder razor, being gone through with, and the after infliction of a soap-suds ablution of
the neck and face, completed, (during which last performance, the principle part of the wa
ter weat running down his back, and the whole of the soap was deposited in his eyes, causing pants, aad swallow-tailed, brass-buttoned, blue miratina of the village beanx, when he wore them for the first time, the Sunday prior to his
departure for the South, and which had caused the tailor, or rather the artiste. who had fashioned then, to be over-whelmed and bewnered
with business for the ensuing three months.-
With exceeding care and delicacy did he draw

| on, over his thin extremities, those delectable drabs; and when his toilette was completed, with great pride did he crown the whole with the incomparable blue coat. <br> Now, by gracious!' exclaimed Reuben, exultingly, 'my market is just as good as made. If any body wants to get a feller as will be an where I board. If they want a smarter or genteeler looking chap than I am, they'll probably have to hunt around in some other distriet than Ncou Orleans. Folks say that situatious is Neau Orleans. Folks say that situatious is as plenty as moskeeters, 'specially for brijht, intelectooal young men like me. I 'spose the trouble will be to make a choice-there's so many chances, that one is sure to get faggled to decide what sort of one to tike. Now I ain't a going to be so derned nice about it--if a man offers me a situation in a Bank or Insurance office, at a salary of, say abeout two thousand dollars, or a leetle over, I shall take it, and make no more fuss about it, anyhow. But I should prefer a clerkship in a Life Insurance office, to do their writin' and cipherin' in a leetle taller shape than they ever went anywhere, for I think I should be safer there when the yaller fever comies along. Any way, I'm in the market, and I'm bound to make these Louisiany folks know that if they want real cute, wide. awake chaps, Vermont's the place to find 'em.' <br> The above soliloquy was muttered, at short intervals, by Reuben, during the time occupied in dressing. This operation being finished just as the dinner gong sounded, he descended to the diniug hall, and took lis seat at the table. Never having before sat at a dinner in a first class hotel, every thing he saw was a matter of wonder and curiosity to him. The modus ope. randi of the head waiter and his subordinates -the number of courses and frequent changes -the variety of dishes, and the unpronounceable names given to then, threw him into a state of astonichment, which nearly deprived him of appetite. <br> Atter recovering from his bewilderment, he applied himself maufully to the viands present. them that bid fair to amply make up for lost time. His peculiarity of manner attracted the his questions many and the ridiculous nature of fun-loving wags, who never lost an opportunity of enjoying themselves at others' expense. In | me to be a right smart sort of a chap, that can turu my hand to anything. But, how about the price? <br> 'Oh, we have a number of prices, according, to the circumstances, or tastes of our friends.' <br> The questioner now spoke to his man with the staff, and said :-Measure him.' <br> 'Measure me!' exclaimed Reuhen, 'why, darn it all, I don't want any more clothes. Don't you see that this is a bran new coat, that I have got on now? <br> Yes, but this is to be a different sort of gar-ment-one peculiarly adapted to this climate.' ing of this last picce of information, but quietly allowed himself to be 'measured,' which was done by the attendant, holding the staff upright agaiust Reuben's back, and after a monent's pause, sarost the shoulders.' <br> This statement was noted down by the man with the memorandum, who then looked Reuben calmly in the face, and asked- <br> 'How do you prefer to have it? A common, pine one, or mahogany with a silves plate?' <br> Mahogany!-plate!-what?-gasped poor <br> Reuben. <br> 'Your Cafin, sir.' <br> 'Coffin!-oh Lord:-almost shrieked Reuben, as he sunk, limp like a wet towel into a chair. <br> 'I beg your pardon, Mr. Doolittle,' said the tormentor-T fear lhave been too abrupt. in business matters, we should never stand too much on ceremonies. In my capacity as head supervisor of funerals, it is necessary that I should attend to these little matters somewhat in advance, and by so doing, save a great deal of confusion and hurry. Now, at the end of about three weeks, we shall c:ll for you, and - <br> Reuben beard no more, but made a rush towards the landlord, and frantically begged to know 'what time the next boat left for up-river.' On being inforned, he hurried to his room to pack his baggage, muttering to himself as he went-'That I should ever have been such a darned, eternal, everlasting fool, as to come to Nean Orleans to be measured for a coffin. <br> Several persons who had been present in the bar-room, during the scene described, were taken to bed in convulsions-and a small boy was busy, with a basket, the next morning, picking up buttons from off the floor. |
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 not many hours should pass away bef circu-became the victim of the largest sort of
lar.'
Half an hour after dinuer found our hero in
the bar-rooun, doing the agreeable with the 'mad ones.' After asking them to take drinks and
cigars 'all reound.' he hall no hesitation in tell. ing them the olject of his visit to New Orleans,
and his hope of gettiug immediate employment;
not torycting to speak of his fear of the yaller

They gravely assured him that, as to the
matter of obtaiuing business, there was not the shadow of a doubt. All he had to do, was to
stick for a good price, and leave the employers
to draw lots to decide who should have him at to draw lots to decide who should have him at
any rate. But when they spoke of the yellow
fever, hever, they stook the
nous. strangers, they said, had a mighty poor
show, and aunong Vermonters it had been fata
ii almost every case. The lattery part of these remarks frightened
Reuben almost out of his wits, which being served by the wags, who had, long before dis-
covered his bug-bear, they went to work to pile on the horrible as fast as possible. One de-
clared, that never during the anails of New
Orleans, had the fever prevailed to such Orleans, had the iever prevailed to such, wh
alarming and fatal extent, as at the then present
time ; while another very seriously asserted
that there was no particular cause for alarm, as that were was no particular cnaried the day be-
oaly two thousand had been buarion
fore. Every one of the initiated had his story
to tell to tell, in which he painted the horrors of the
fearfal malady in the most vivid colors. And
every narration was made in such a callous, off. While matters were at this point, a man en-
tered the bar-room, with a quick, business-like step, and proceeded at once to examine the
names in the hotel register. He was accom-
panied ty an attendant, holding in his hand a ng sharply at these two men would have recog. disguised. Having completed his examination I Seeper and said:
I see you have but one arrival from the
North to-day-a Mr. Doolittle. Is he here?? Reuben, on hharing his name spoken, sus-
pected at once that the inquirer was some mer chant in search ot a clerk. He forgot the fears stepping briskly forward, announced himself as
Mr. Doolitle.
The following dialogue then ensued between
the two ; the answers being noted down on a memorandum book, by the stranger.
'Mr. Doolittle, are you a native of the North?' 'Ys. Dir. I was born in the purtiest part of
Vernont.
'How old are you?'



any'. Well, sir, I think you are a pretty sure case.
Young, healthy, rolust fellows like you, who
'Yes, I knew I should suit you.' You'll find
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