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## CHAPTER I.

1. *The Main-e-acs choose different rulers. 4. King Gasslon and his council lay a plot to ensnare the Lord's anointed, and deprive him of the government. 6. Ebenezer, a Philistine of Kingfield, called into the council. 9. Phogg, the windbag, bloweth fog into the faces of the Konfushunists and blindeth them. 10. Certain Konfushunists, who had formerly been deacons, smash up their altars for kindling wood. 13. The Judges stand by the people. 14. The Fushunists swear that Joseph, the Smithite, shall be king. 16-20. The Fushunists fear to call on Kampmeet-injon to pray, but call on Elderwales. 22. The people hiss king Gasslon. 27. The Lord sendeth a great storm of Hale on the Fushunists. 29. Tomas of Lincoln, sweareth a very great oath. 33. King Gasslon dieth (politically.)*

**N**OW the time drew near when Gasslon should cease to rule in the land of the Main-e-acs.

2. And the people gathered themselves together in their several cities and voted.

3. And it came to pass that when the votes were counted in the ninth month, and, behold, it was discovered that the inhabitants had repudiated the government of the Konfushunists, the men of the council gathered themselves together for the purpose of bringing to naught the decision of the people.

4. Moreover king Gasslon, besides the knavish men of the council, gathered unto him other vain men and knaves, the children of Belial, and they took council together and laid a plot to ensnare the Lord's anointed and deprive him of the government to which he had been called; also to count out the true servants of the people, and count in the men of Belial, whom the people had spewed out of their mouths.

5. Now Gasslon, the king, had in his council a certain Phogg, and a Foster, and a physician of the tribe of Parker, and four others, children of Belial; also, McClellan and Gould, the law-twisters; and he, moreover, called unto him certain others known in former times as Rebels and Kopperheds, and they took counsel together and determined not to deliver the kingdom over unto them whom the people had chosen to rule it.

6. Now Ebenezer, of the tribe of Philsbury, a Philistine of Kingfield, was chief in the councils of king Gasslon.

7. And king Gasslon strengthened himself in Augusta and reigned; for Gasslon was three score and ten when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Augusta, the city which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of the Main-e-acs to put his name there. And his wife was far the better man of the twain. And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.

8. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the land.

9. Now loudest in the council of Gasslon was Phogg, the wind-bag, who blew fog before the faces of all the Konfushunists, and a thick fog settled down upon them, so that it might have been cut, as it were, with a cheese-knife; and behold, their minds were befogged so that white seemed black unto them, and black, white; and numbers were reversed in their minds, insomuch that sixteen appeared to them to count more than sixty, and an hundred even more than a thousand.

10. And certain of the Konfushunists who had formerly been deacons and servants of the Lord, forsook the law of the Lord, and upset their altars and split them up for kindling wood, and set up instead abominable idols in the groves and high places; moreover they consorted with divers lecherous and Blood-y followers of Victoria, the freeluster, long-haired men of Belial, who desired many brevet wives.

11. And it came to pass that the men who had formerly been deacons and servants of the Lord, together with the Dimmiehrats and all the Soreheads, shouted with a loud voice after the manner of Phogg, the wind-bag,—“What are you going to do about it?”

12. And the men of Daniel, the Lord's anointed, were sorely afflicted, and they sought counsel of the Lord before the altars in all the holy places of the land, and the Lord put it into the hearts of the hosts of Daniel, as he did in the days of Abraham, the martyr, to be willing instruments in the hand of the Lord to execute his wrath, if need be, against the hosts of Gasslon and the Konfushuists.

13. Moreover, the Judges of the land were just men, and would not decide that sixteen was more than sixty, or that an hundred was more than a thousand; and the Judges stood by the people in their affliction.



14. And it came to pass that the Konfushunists sware with a loud voice and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with foghorns, that Joseph, the Smithite, should be king.

15. And certain of their chosen ones, together with others whom nobody had elected, entered into the hall of the Great Assembly on the seventh day of the first month.

16. ¶ Now it was the custom, when the chosen ones of the Main-eacs met in the Great Assembly, for to open the session with prayer to the Lord.

17. And Kampmeetinjon, a servant and priest of the Lord, was there, and was prepared to offer prayer to the Lord, and to ask the Lord to bring order out of chaos.

18. But the Fushunists feared to call on Kampmeetinjon to pray, because they were afraid of Kampmeetinjon's influence with the Lord. Moreover they feared that if Kampmeetinjon prayed unto the Lord, the Lord would answer Kampmeetinjon's prayer then and there, and bring order out of chaos. So they called not on Kampmeetinjon.

19. ¶ Now Eldwerales had smashed up his altar for kindling-wood and joined himself unto the children of Belial, even the Konfushunists; so the Konfushunists called on Elderwales to offer prayer, because they knew the Lord would not heed Elderwales; for the Konfushunists were trying to steer clear of the Lord; albeit they made a pretense of observing the *forms* of worship, as well as of law.

20. So Elderwales offered prayer; and Elderwales' face looked exceedingly solemn, even as a graveyard, and he cast his face upward and hinted unto the Lord that it would be well if the men there assembled would circumscribe their desires, and keep their passions within due bonds; and then Elderwales said amen, and went and did even as the Konfushunists did, even to work confusion.

21. And king Gasslon, together with Phogg and five more of his council, (for Foster was absent in a far country,) the same being children of Belial, entered into the midst of the Assembly.

22. And the multitude of people who had gathered themselves together within the walls of the chamber to behold the proceedings, hissed at Gasslon, and bowed their heads and groaned great groans, because of the abominations he had wrought in the land.

23. But Gasslon sat down in the great chair of the speaker of the Assembly, and called upon certain men whom the people had not chosen, to stand up and be sworn; and upon certain men whom the people had chosen, called he not.

24. And it came to pass that king Gasslon counted again, and behold, he lied, and called seventy-four, seventy-six; and Effdoubleyouhill, whom the people had not chosen, sat in front of the great chair of the speaker, while his brother stood in the outer courts and bided his time.

25. And the nose of Effdoubleyouhill was an exceeding great nose; so great indeed that one might draw a bow at a venture and smite him through the nostrils.

26. Now all the work of the Konfushunists was prepared beforehand; and Gibbs, a certain calf-peddler, was their principal man of valor, and he stood before the great chair and bore the brunt of the battle, and sought to vanquish the men of Daniel.

27. But the men of Daniel besought the Lord to deliver them from the hands of their enemies, and the Lord heard their petition and sent a storm, even a very great storm of Hale, which smote the Konfushunists on the tops of their heads, as well as before and behind.

28. And the Philsburyites, and the Phoggites, and the Smithites, and all the Kopperheds were sorely vexed because of the great storm of Hale which smote them on the top of their heads, and before and behind.

29. And Tomas of Lincoln, the bloodspiller, sware a very great oath, and all the Konfushunists rejoiced at the oath.

30. And the oath that Tomas of Lincoln sware was that he would spill in the presence of his enemies, even the men of Daniel, all the blood in his veins rather than deliver the Fushunists into the hands of their enemies.

31. Nevertheless, as the time drew near for the sacrifice, Tomas of Lincoln retreated before the faces of the men of Daniel.

32. And behold, the acts of Tomas, first and last, lo, they are written in the Standard of Philsbury, the Kopperhed.

33. As for King Gasslon, as the end of his reign drew near, he was diseased in both his head and his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not the Lord, but to the physicians. And Gasslon died (politically) in the three score and eleventh year of his age.

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## CHAPTER II.

1—10. *Genealogies.* 15. *The Phireaters.* 16. *The Phireaters take Niggahesses for concubines.* 20. *The dukes of Countemout.* 21. *The dukes of Sthealseat.* 24. *The Kopperheds and Crawlbellies multiply and spread over the land of Unculpsalm like a great swarm of locusses.* 29. *The Dimmichrats deceive the people under divers names.* 30—34. *The Pahdees.* 35. *The Dimmichrats encourage the Pahdees in ways of evil, and tempt them with divers temptations.* 38. *The Pahdees better men than the native Dimmichrats.* 39—41. *The Pahdees do not as a class, assist king Gasslon and the Konfushunists.* 42—43. *But all of*

*them who were in the Militia stand by the men of Daniel in upholding the lawful government of the Main-e-acs. 44—45. The chronic Dimmichrats deceitfully profess love for the Pahdees, for the sake of their votes. 47. Duke Dickey.*

**T**HE generation of Stheal, the son of Konfushun, the son of Kommunism.

2. Greedybones begat Slaveree, and Slaveree begat Shivulree, and Shivulree begat Dimmokrasy and his brethren.

3. And Dimmokrasy begat Nullificashun, and Nullificashun begat Seseshun.

4. And Dimmokrasy also begat Locofoco, and Locofoco begat Crawlbelly, and Crawlbelly begat Kompromise, and Kompromise begat Damphool.

5. And Damphool begat Doughface and his brethren—and these were the sons of Dimmokrasy by his concubines.

6. And Seseshun begat Phireater, and Phireater begat Tarrum, and Tarrum begat Hangum, and Hangum begat Borderruffin.

7. And Borderruffin begat Hellbird, and Hellbird begat Slumite, and Slumite begat Repeater, and Repeater begat Voteoften, and Voteoften begat Bulldoze.

8. And Bulldoze begat Ku-klux, and Ku-klux begat Moonshiner, and Moonshiner begat Killnigger and his brethren—and these were all sons of Dimmokrasy in the direct line.

9. Now Doughface begat Meanchus, and Meanchus begat Cringeback, and Cringeback begat Kopperhed, and Kopperhed begat Evadedrapht, and Evadedrapht begat Skeedadlier.

10. Kopperhed also begat Grouler, and Grouler begat Discontent, and Discontent begat Striker, and Striker begat Tramp, and Tramp begat Kommunism, and Kommunism begat Fushun, and Fushun begat Konfushun, and Konfushun begat Stheal.

11. And many more sons descended from Dimmokrasy in the direct line and sideways.

12. And their possessions and habitations were in all the provinces and cities of Unculpsalm.

13. And they worked mischief continually.

14. And when, peradventure, they were unable to successfully work mischief, they took no peace neither day nor night, and they pined away and life was a burden unto them.

15. Now the Phireaters abode in the land of Dhixie, below Masundixun, and had for their bondmen Niggahs.

16. And the Phireaters took Niggahesses for concubines, and begat of them sons and daughters. And behold they bought and sold their sons and daughters, even the fruit of their loins, and beat them with stripes, and made them hewers of wood and drawers of water.



17. But the Crawlbellies and the Damphools and the Doughfaces and the Cringebacks and the Evadedraphts and the Skeedadliers and all the tribes of Kopperheds lived in the provinces of Unculpsalm north of Masundixun.

18. And these be the names of the dukes that dwelt in the province of the Main-e-acs in the land of Unculpsalm.

19. Duke Philsbury. This is the duke of Kingfield.

20. Duke Agasslon, duke Wind-bag, duke Double-ess-brown, duke Phoster, duke Chase, duke Doubleaitchmonroe, duke Moody, duke Effgeeparker. These are the dukes of Countemout.

21. Duke Thruë, duke Pheald, duke Gibbs, duke Hobson, duke Dennett, duke Tomson, duke Tallbut, duke Bheal, duke Brown, duke Kushman, duke White, duke Jonson, duke Fly, duke Klark, duke Bradbury, duke Allen, duke Jordan, duke Woodcock, duke Ellaitch-leighton, duke Jayemleighton, duke Effdoubleyouhill. These are the dukes of Sthealseat.

22. Duke Makklellan, duke Ghould, duke Mhase. These are the dukes of Lawtwist.

23. Duke Tomas the bloodspiller, duke Wind-bag, whose surname was Phogg, duke Kurnelblood, duke Blakk, duke Pholsom, duke Lank-kaster, duke Jaybensonjunior, duke Jailbhurd. These were choice and mighty men of valor ready to do battle.

24. Now the Kopperheds, and the Crawlbellies, and the Doughfaces, and the Damphools, and all the descendants of Dimmokrasy, multiplied in the land of Unculpsalm, and spread over the land like a great swarm of locusses that no man could number.

25. And they made rulers of their dukes both in the provinces and the great councils of the nation.

26. And the dukes and all their henchmen prided themselves on being Dimmichrats.

27. But when the people of Unculpsalm peradventure would get weary of the bondage which the Dimmichrats were wont to impose on them, and would rise up in their wrath and spew the Dimmichrats out of their mouths, the Dimmichrats would cast about for some new name whereby they might deceive the people. And they sought out many new names whereby to deceive the people.

28. And the people of Unculpsalm were deceived many times by the Dimmichrats.

29. And every time the Dimmichrats found a new name and deceived the people of Unculpsalm, their deception was worse than their former deceptions. And as soon as their deception was accomplished, they called themselves Dimmichrats again.

30. Now beyond the great sea was an island, which was a land of oppression and famine, and it was the land of the Pahdees.



31. And the Pahdees flocked to the land of Unculpsalm because they could get bread and wages there, and because, forsooth, they had more liberty there to break one another's heads.

32. For the Pahdees loved to smash one another's heads.

33. And the Pahdees love rum.

34. Now the Dimmichrats made friends of the Pahdees, and professed a very great friendship toward them; but the friendship of the Dimmichrats was an exceedingly great evil to the Pahdees; for the Dimmichrats took advantage of the Pahdees' ignorance, and deceived them, and defiled them, politically, with a very great defilement.

35. And the Dimmichrats encouraged the Pahdees in ways of evil, and they tempted the Pahdees to sell rum, and furnished them shops in which to sell rum, so that the Pahdees would remain in the slums of the great cities even forever, and raise up sons in ignorance.

36. For the Dimmichrats reasoned after this manner: If the sons of the Pahdees grow up ignorantly, they will surely be Dimmichrats.

37. And the Pahdees loved the Dimmichrats more sincerely than the Dimmichrats loved them, and they enrolled themselves amongst the Dimmichrats, and became Dimmichrats themselves. So the ranks of the Dimmichrats were constantly recruited by the Pahdees. And they voted early and often, which pleased the Dimmichrats mightly.

38. Nevertheless the Pahdees were better men than the native Dimmichrats; for they were Dimmichrats only through ignorance, while the natives were Dimmichrats because of chronic cussedness.

39. Moreover not many of the Pahdees joined themselves unto king Gasslon and the Konfushunists in their conspiracy to overthrow the government of the Main-e-acs.

40. And behold many of them belonged to the Militia of the Main-e-acs; for notwithstanding they loved to smash one another's heads, they were genuine men of valor, and they did not go into a far country, even *Canada*, as did many of the native Dimmichrats, when the armies of Unculpsalm were pursuing the hosts of Robutleah. But they even buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and fought against Robutleah with the Rhepublikuns.

41. So the Pahdees that belonged unto the Militia would not help king Gasslon and the Konfushunists; for they reasoned among themselves, and they said: Have we not left a land of oppression and famine beyond the great sea, and now shall we help to destroy the country wherein we have found bread and a dwelling place?

42. Now there was in one of the cities of the Main-e-acs a certain company of Militia, even the Montgomery Guards; and in another city of the Main-e-acs there was still another company, even Captain McGillicuddy's; and, lo, the men of those companies came from the island over the great sea, even the land of oppression and famine.

43. But the men of those companies stood by the men of Daniel, and helped the men of Daniel against king Gasslon and the Konfushunists; albeit they loved not the men of Daniel politically, but they were loyal unto the lawful government of the Main-e-acs.

44. Now in the land of the Main-e-acs, the native Dimmichrats, even those whose cussedness was chronic, did not want the Pahdees to have any of the offices, for, lo, the native Dimmichrats wanted the offices themselves, but they wanted the Pahdees to *vote* for *them* early and often.

45. So the Dimmichrats, whose cussedness was chronic, *pretended* to love the Pahdees for the sake of their votes.

46. Now in the northern part of the province of the Main-e-acs was the land of Maddiwuski.

47. And duke Dickey dwelt in the land of Maddiwuski, and was duke of that country.

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### CHAPTER III.

1-2. *The Radikuls and Konservatifs.* 3. *King Gasslon feareth the Radikuls.* 6. *The Radikuls buckle on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and it clanketh in the ears of king Gasslon.* 8. *The Konservatifs bake a barley cake wherewith to vanquish the Konfushunists.* 11. *King Gasslon gathereth together the Pluguglies and the Jail-birds.* 16. *King Gasslon armeth them with deadly weapons.* 17. *King Gasslon is smitten with a grievous pain.* 18. *He bethinketh himself of Joshua, the Bowdunite.* 20-21. *For he thinketh that Joshua is a barley cake man.* 22. *He sendeth for Joshua and committeth unto him the archives and public property of the Main-e-acs.* 23-25. *Joshua accepteth the charge and keepeth the peace.* 26. *Phogg, the wind-bag, and the Konfushunists, call king Gasslon a Damphool.* 28. *Joshua purgeth the State House of the Pluguglies and the Jail-birds.* 30-34. *Joshua keepeth the peace.* 35-37. *The Konfushunists center their hopes on Joseph, the Smithite.*

**N**OW the men of Daniel were called Rhepublikuns.

2. And lo, there were two kinds of Rhepublikuns, even the Radikuls and the Konservatifs.

3. And king Gasslon feared not the Konservatifs, but the Radikuls made his heart to quake and his knees to smite together with fear, and cold streaks scooted from the base even to the apex of his spinal column.

4. Now the reason that king Gasslon feared not the Konservatifs was that the Konservatifs were content to blow trumpets and break

pitchers, and cry: "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," and to say we will break down the walls of king Gasslon by tumbling a cake of barley bread into their midst.

5. So king Gasslon cared not for the Konservatifs, for king Gasslon said, things are changed under the new dispensation.

6. But the Radikuls brake no pitchers and blew no trumpets, but they buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and king Gasslon heard the clanking of the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and he trembled with a very great fear.

7. Now the Konservatifs dwelt westward from the river Kennebek, and the Radikuls from the Kennebek eastward, and especially on the shores of the great river Peknobskot and its tributary Phiscataquis, and in Deckstah, though there were Radikuls west of the Kennebek and Konservatifs east thereof.

8. And the Konservatifs blew the trumpets and brake the pitchers, and baked a barley-cake to throw into the midst of the host of king Gasslon, and the Radikuls buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon; and the sword of the Lord and of Gideon *clanked* in the ears of king Gasslon.

9. And king Gasslon said, surely the men of Daniel, even the Radikuls, will gather themselves together in the city of the Main-e-acs and take possession of the State House, and the archives, and the great seal, and take the government away from the Konfushunists.

10. Moreover they will examine the returns of the election, and learn peradventure our method of making sixteen to count more than sixty, and an hundred more than a thousand, and they will publish the abomination we have wrought in all the cities and towns of Unculpsalm.

11. So king Gasslon gathered together within the walls of the State House an host of Pluguglies and Jail-birds and divers denizens of the slums for to guard the archives, and the great seal, and the returns of the election.

12. And king Gasslon appointed over this host duke Pholsom, duke Blakk, and duke Lankkaster, who were also mighty men of valor.

13. And duke Jaybensonjunior was appointed as especial guardian of the tabulations, and to bear them away and hide them in case the men of Daniel prevailed.

14. So duke Jaybensonjunior took charge of the tabulations.

15. And the State House was filled from the basement even unto the dome with the children of Belial.

16. And they carried deadly weapons in their hands, that they might smite the men of Daniel. Moreover, they made for themselves slugs out of lead pipe to fire at the men of Daniel.



17. Nevertheless king Gasslon's heart failed him more and more; for the Lord smote him with a grievous pain, and king Gasslon shook because of the grievous pain wherewith the Lord smote him, and moreover when he lay upon his bed at night his sleep was troubled, for he heard in his dreams the clanking of the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, which the Radikuls had buckled on.

18. Now on the fifth day of the first month king Gasslon was in a very great strait, and as he pondered on the difficulties that encompassed him, he bethought him of Joshua the Bowdunite, who was skilled in warfare, and was withal both learned and wise.

19. Now Joshua was one of those, who, in the time of Abraham the martyr, buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and smote the Phireaters both behind and before.

20. But latterly Joshua had been numbered with the Konservatifs, even with those who thought a cake of barley-bread was sufficient to sling at the walls of the Konfushunists, and break them down.

21. So king Gasslon said, I will call unto me Joshua, because his reputation is mighty as a man of war; yet, inasmuch as he has joined himself unto the barley-cake men, he will not buckle on again the sword of the Lord and of Gideon and wield it against the Kopperheds and the Konfushunists, and peradventure if Joshua should buckle on again the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, he will clank it at the men of Daniel and scare them mightily, so that the government of the Konfushunists will be continued in the province of the Main-e-acs.

22. And Joshua was summoned into the presence of king Gasslon, and king Gasslon said unto Joshua, behold I and my council have bitten off a bigger hunk than we can masticate, and the Radikul men of Daniel are full of wrath and indignation, and they have buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and they are clanking it in my ears both day and night, and moreover they swear they will not be counted out, and I am sore afraid. And now, O, Joshua, receive from my hands the State House, and the archives, and all the private property of the Main-e-acs.

23. So Joshua took charge of all the things which king Gasslon committed into his hands; and king Gasslon also turned over unto Joshua's command the Militia, and he charged Joshua to keep the peace.

24. And the Militia received all their orders from Joshua, and when any orders came to the Militia signed by any other name than Joshua, the Militia paid no heed to those orders; for the Militia loved Joshua, and trusted in his wisdom; and they obeyed his orders.

25. So Joshua sat in the State House and kept the peace; but the Konfushunists gnashed their teeth because Joshua kept the peace; for



they reasoned among themselves and said: If Joshua keeps the *piece*, lo, we shall not get it.

26. And Phogg, the wind-bag, and Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Doubleyouwilderperry, and dukes Pholsom, Blakk, and Lankkaster, and all the Blood-y followers of Victoria, the freeluster, (the same being long-haired men of Belial, desiring many brevet wives,) and Jaybensonjunior, and all the Smithites said king Gasslon was a Damphool for calling Joshua to keep the peace.

27. But king Gasslon said, lo, we are all Damphools because we have bitten off a bigger hunk than we can masticate.

28. And Joshua purged the State House of the Pluguglies and the Jail-birds and the Slumites, and filled their places with the men of Mayornash; and the savor that went up from the men of Mayornash did not afflict the nostrils of the people so greatly as did the savor of the Pluguglies, and the Jail-birds and the Slumites.

29. But the Konfushunists gnashed their teeth, for they preferred the savor of the Jail-birds and the Slumites.

30. *But Joshua kept the piece.*

31. Then duke Pholsom was exceedingly wroth with Joshua, and he spake unto Philsbury the Philistine of Kingfield, and said unto him, verily, Joshua has got the sword of the Lord and of Gideon buckled on, and concealed under his garments, for, lo, I have seen the end of it sticking out below the skirts of his coat.

32. And Philsbury, the Philistine, published it to all the tribes of the Kopperheds, and to the Konfushunists, that Joshua had buckled on again the sword of the Lord and of Gideon. And the Kopperheds throughout all the province of the Main-e-acs smote their breasts and wailed, because they feared the sword of the Lord and of Gideon; and they loved Joshua only as long as they thought he was armed with a cake of barley bread; for they knew that Joshua would never wield the sword of the Lord and of Gideon against the men of Daniel.

33. But Joshua possessed his soul with patience, and said unto the Konfushunists and to the men of Daniel, that to whomsoever the Judges of the land declared the government belonged, to them would he deliver it.

34. Then did the Kopperheds and the Konfushunists wail again, for they longed not for justice, but for spoil. And they centered their hopes on Joseph, the Smithite.

35. And they told Joseph, the Smithite, that he must brace up and be king of the Main-e-acs.

36. And Kurnelblood, who loved Victoria the freeluster, and Phogg the wind-bag, and Philsbury the Philistine of Kingfield, and Elderseitz, and Elderwales, (who had previously smashed up their

altars for kindling wood,) and Effdoubleyouhill, and Doubleyouseehill, the mighty and self reliant bear hunter, and Doubleyouwilderperry, and Jaybensonjunior, and Gibbs, the calf-pedler, and duke Dickey of Maddiwuski, who was venerable and like unto Melchisedek, the king of Peace, because he stood ready to carry refreshments to Tomas, the blood-spiller, when he should return with the scalps of the slaughtered Radikuls in his belt,—all sware very great oaths that they would stand by Joseph if he would consent to be king.

37. So Joseph consented.

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## CHAPTER IV.

*1-7. Joshua, the Bowdunite, taketh care of the State House, and waiteth for the Judges to declare to whom the government belongeth. 8. The men of Daniel submit their case to the Judges. 9. But the Konfushunists want no part in the Judges. 11. The Konfushunists swear that Joseph, the Smithite, shall be king. 13. Joseph takes an oath as king. 14. And duke Gove proclaimeth Joseph king, and asketh the Lord to save the province of the Main-e-acs. 16. Joseph delivereth himself of an harangue. 19. Joseph commandeth the captains to obey him. 20. Duke Jaybensonjunior made a kurnel on the staff of king Joseph. 23. Jaybensonjunior writeth a letter to his father, and then falleth in battle. 24-30. Jaybensonemdee lamenteth a lamentation over his son Jaybensonjunior. 31. Jaybensonjunior riseth from the dead, for Tanglefut layeth him out. 33. The people of Daniel in great affliction. 36. But the Lord raiseth up righteous Judges to deliver them from the hands of the spoilers. 37. Then the men of Daniel meet and confirm the choice of the people by making Daniel ruler. 38. The people rejoice. 39. The Konfushunists continue to show themselves children of Belial. 41. Joseph, the Smithite, putteth his stomach against Mayornash. 42-50. The conclusion of Chapter IV.*

NOW Joshua, the Bowdunite, sat in the State House at Augusta, the city of the Main-e-acs, and kept the *piece*; for king Gasslon had given up the ghost (politically) because of his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Philsbury, the Philistine of Kingfield, and in his sin which he did to encourage the Kopperheds and Konfushunists to sin greater sins than any of their previous sins.

2. Now the rest of the acts of king Gasslon, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in all the papers which chronicle the doings of the rulers of the Main-e-acs?

3. And it came to pass that the Konfushunists met from day to day in the great hall of the Assembly, and in the chamber of the Senate.

4. And Effdoubleyouhill, and the other men of Belial whom the people had not chosen, met with them, and sat in the seats which they had stölen; and Effdoubleyouhill sat in the seat of his brother, facing the great chair of the speaker.

5. And behold, the men of Daniel held themselves aloof from the Konfushunists and the men of Belial, and for a season the men of Belial seemed to have their own way.

6. For Joshua, the Bowdunite said, the Konfushunists who claim to be members of the Assembly and of the Senate, and the men of Daniel who make like claims, may hold meetings within the halls of those bodies; only both parties must keep the peace, and one party must not drive out the other. And the men of Belial seemed to have their own way, for the men of Daniel held themselves aloof.

7. And moreover Joshua said, the Lord hath raised up righteous Judges who will judge aright in this matter between the Konfushunists and the men of Daniel, and to whom they say the government belongs to them will I deliver it.

8. And on the twelfth day of the first month, at the going down of the sun the men of Daniel met in the hall of the Assembly and in the chamber of the Senate, and chose officers to preside over them, and they took a vote to submit their case to the Judges of the land and to abide by the decision.

9. But the Konfushunists said, we want no part in the Judges; for it was not justice that the Konfushunists longed for, but *spoil*.

10. And in those days the Main-e-acs had no king, but every man did that which he pretended was right in his own eyes.

11. Moreover the Konfushunists swore that Joseph, the Smithite, should be king.

12. And they met in the hall of the Assembly and in the chamber of the Senate, and cast their ballots for Joseph.

13. And Joseph took an oath as king.

14. Then did duke Gove proclaim that Joseph was king of the Main-e-acs, and called on the Lord to save the province of the Main-e-acs.

15. But the Lord had already pledged himself to do that by bringing to naught the counsels of the Konfushunists.

16. And Joseph delivered himself of an harangue, and in it he *set fourth* his notions of government.

17. And the harangue that Joseph delivered himself of was not by any means bad as an harangue, but as a state paper it was no better than gibberish.



18. *Because, forsooth, the kingdom was not for Joseph.*

19. And Joseph wrote letters to the captains of hundreds, and to the captains of fifties, to obey him, and to pay no heed to the men of Daniel; but the captains of hundreds and the captains of fifties obeyed not Joseph, but received their orders from Joshua, the Bowdunite.

20. Now Jaybensonjunior was on the staff of Joseph, the Smithite, and was one of Joseph's mighty men of valor; and Jaybensonjunior was no longer called duke, but kurnul.

21. And in those times there was no peace in the camp of the Konfushunists, and Jaybensonjunior scented the battle, and it appeared unto him not afar off, but near at hand, even at the very doors.

22. And Jaybensonjunior wrote a letter unto the old duke, even unto his father, whose name was Jaybensonemdee.

23. Now this was the letter that Jaybensonjunior wrote: To my dear and affectionate father:—Behold the enemy approacheth clad in the panoply of war, and events, even startling events, will occupy the next forty and eight hours. But remember that thy son who came forth like a flower is to be cut down, for he will be at the front and among the fallen. Remember that he died for the left wing, even the Fushun wing of his country, and for the principles he has so long cherished.

24. Then the old duke, Jaybensonemdee lamented with this lamentation over Jaybensonjunior, his son:

25. The beauty of the Fushunists is slain upon the high places; how are the mighty fallen!

26. Tell it not in Auburn, publish it not in the streets of Plymouth; lest the daughters of the politicians rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumscribed triumph.

27. Ye mountains of Dixmont, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain upon you; for the shield of the mighty is prematurely cast away; the shield of Jaybensonjunior as though he had not been anointed with hair oil.

28. Ye daughters of sundry and divers places, weep over Jaybensonjunior, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

29. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O, Jaybensonjunior, thou wast slain in thine high places.

30. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

31. But the enemy that Jaybensonjunior met was an old one. Moreover he had been among the *fallen* before in the presence of this enemy, and, as aforetime; Jaybensonjunior *arose from the dead*; and the name of Jaybensonjunior's enemy was Tanglefut.



32. And, behold, Tanglefut was a mighty man of valor, and one of the chief generals in the army of the Konfushunists; so it came to pass that Jaybensonjunior was laid low by one of his own generals.

33. ¶ Now the people of Daniel, throughout the land of the Main-e-acs, were in great affliction, because they knew the government belonged to Daniel and to the servants they had chosen. But the Lord permitted the abominations of the Konfushunists to continue yet for a season, that through them he might prove the Main-e-acs, whether they would keep the way of the Lord to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

34. And many of the men of Daniel, even the Radikuls, were impatient, and they said, lo, we have buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and now must we stand still and see the enemies of the Lord prevail?

35. But when the Radikuls learned that their case had been submitted to the Judges, whom the Lord had raised up to deliver the people out of the hands of the spoilers, they were content; for the Radikuls thirsted for no man's blood; but as in the days of Abraham the martyr, they fought the Kopperheds and the Phireaters to preserve the government of Unculpsalm, so were they willing again, if need be, to wage war against Philsbury, the Philistine of Kingfield, and the Konfushunists who were seeking to destroy the government of the Main-e-acs.

36. And it came to pass that the Judges decreed righteously, and said the government belonged to the men of Daniel.

37. Then the men of Daniel whom the people elected, gathered themselves together in the great Hall of the Assembly and in the Chamber of the Senate, and there confirmed the choice of the people, and made Daniel ruler of the Main-e-acs.

38. And Daniel appeared and took the oath of his office, and the people throughout the length and breadth of the land rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

39. But the Konfushunists pretended not to hearken unto the judges; and those of them who were entitled to seats in the great Assembly and in the Senate would not come in with the men of Daniel, (for Joshua had delivered the State House over to the government of Daniel,) but remained by themselves and held sessions in divers places, in the highway and in garrets, and paid heed for a season longer unto the wicked counsels of Philsbury, the Philistine of Kingfield, and unto Fogg, the wind-bag, and unto Kurnelblood, and unto divers other children of Belial.

40. Moreover, the Konfushunists tried to get possession of the State House by strategem.

41. And behold, Joseph, the Smithite, pushed his stomach against Mayornash who guarded the gateway, and tried to make a breach in that manner and effect an entrance for himself and his followers.

42. But Mayornash braced up and would not let Joseph, the Smithite, enter the gateway.

43. And Joseph, the Smithite, shook his fist at Mayornash, and sware a very great oath.

44. Then did Mayornash smile at Joseph, the Smithite, for Mayornash had seen bigger men than Joseph, the Smithite, stone dead.

45. So Joseph and his followers entered not the gateway.

46. And it came to pass that Joseph, the Smithite, pondered on his ways and on his doings, and he said unto himself, verily I am a Damphool to heed the counsels of Philsbury, the Kopperhed, and of Phogg, the wind-bag, and of Kurnelblood, and of Tomas, the blood-spiller, and of Jaybensonjunior, and of Effdoupleyouhill, and the other men of Belial; I will arise and go to the wilderness of Loggswampe in the region of the Peknobskot.

47. Then Joseph rose up and gathered together his asses and his camels and his goods, and departed from the city of the Main-e-acs, and dwelt in the wilderness of Loggswampe.

48. And behold the Judges had to speak a third time before the Konfushunists would submit to their decision, or would own that they had bitten off a bigger hunk than they could masticate.

49. And lo, Effdoupleyouhill and the other twenty-two dukes of Sthealseat, folded their tents, like the Arabs, and silently stole away; and most of the lawfully elected Konfushunists, including Tomas, the bloodspiller, and duke Dickey of Maddiwuski, who was venerable and like unto Melchisedek, took their seats in the State House with the men of Daniel. And Effdoupleyouhill dwelt in a place called Hexetah, *but his wife dwelt in a far country, even Canada.*

50. And there are also many other things which the dukes of Countemout and the dukes of Sthealseat and the Kurfushunists did, first and last, the which, if they should be written, every one, I suppose that even an hayrack itself could not contain the books that should be written.

51. Nevertheless, as we are moved upon from time to time by the spirit of inspiration and of truth, behold we shall add to these chapters of Chronicles. And if we are moved upon to back up and fid up the links more than seemeth necessary, be it known that the men of Belial whose acts we are principally recording, walk in devious and sinuous paths, and their outgoings and their incomings are uncertain and without *continuity* except in ways of evil.

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CHAPTER V.

1. *The Rheublikuns and Dimmichrats.* 2. *A great gulph fixed between them.* 3—4. *The Rheublikuns have stated and periodical spells of bowing before the God of Izril.* 5. *But Dimmichrats are stiff-necked.* 6—11. *The Dimmichrats acknowledge the Lord once when Bobingersul visiteth the Main-e-acs politically, but turn from him when Bobingersul departeth.* 12. *Some of the Rheublikuns walk slantindicularly in private.* 13—14. *And bring reproach on a good cause, and finally become Soreheds.* 20—51. *And endeavor in divers ways to effect a passage over the great gulph, and the fiat money men build a bridge.* 23. *Solunchase buildeth him an hay-rack as great as Noah's Ark, and hitcheth them steers unto it, and then crieth unto the Main-e-acs to mount it and be hauled over the bridge.* 24. *All the hosts of the Soreheds, and the Tramps, and the Strikers, and all the Sons of Discontent, with Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Jaybenjunior, mount the hay-rack for to ride over the bridge.* 25. *Hayseed rattleth out of Solunchase's hair. He weareth an pre-historic hat.* 28—41. *Solunchase entereth upon the bridge, which buckleth exceedingly—which frighteneth the children in the hay-rack, all save the four mighty men of valor, who swear great oaths. The bridge breaketh, and all are precipitated into the abyss below.*

NOW the Rheublikuns and the Dimmichrats dwelt in the same cities and villages throughout the land of Unculpsalm, and moreover they were frequently of the same household.

2. But there was a difference between the Rheublikuns and the Dimmichrats, even a great gulf which was fixed, as it were, so that there was no political passage-way from one to the other, except as hereinafter explained.



3. Now the Rhepublikuns bowed themselves before the Lord God of Izril, and called upon his name, and they were wont to forsake their sins and turn to the Lord, and they had stated and periodical times for the preparation of their hearts for to seek the Lord.

4. Furthermore they were not ashamed to ask counsel of the Lord in times of distress and in times of war; and at such times they bowed themselves before the altars of the Lord God, after which they buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon.

5. But the Dimmichrats were stiff-necked, (except those who came from the isle beyond the great sea,) and never humbled themselves in the presence of the Lord, or turned toward the Lord but once.

6. And the time that the Dimmichrats humbled themselves before the Lord and turned toward the Lord, was when Bobingersul came into the province of the Main-e-acs and spake for the Rhepublikuns.

7. ¶For Bobingersul would not bow down before the Lord God of Izril, or call upon his name; nevertheless he fought for the God of Izril.

8. Then did certain editahs among the Dimmichrats publish it to the Pluguglies and to the Rhummies and to all the Slumites, that Bobingersul was a ninferdul, and was hurting the cause of the Lord.

9. Then did all the Pluguglies and the Rhummies and the Slumites and all the Dimmichrats wail because Bobingersul was an enemy of the Lord.

10. And the Bahngor Kommershul and the Standard of Philsbury, the Philistine of Kingfield, wailed because Bobingersul was making an assault on the Kingdom of the Lord's anointed.

11. Nevertheless, when Bobingersul ceased to lecture for the Rhepublikuns, and departed out of the land of the Main-e-acs, the Dimmichrats turned their faces from toward the Lord, and the name of the Lord has not been in their mouths, (except profanely,) from that time even unto this.

12. Now the Rhepublikuns were not all saints, and let him that saith they were be *anathema*; for some of the Rhepublikuns walked in the ways of the Lord with an imperfect heart, and they were perpendicular before the world *only*, but privately their walk was slantindicular.

13. And these would fain bring reproach on a righteous cause, because they were at heart children of Belial.

14. And they hankered mightily for the loaves and fishes and for the flesh pots of Egypt, and when, peradventure, they were unable to secure any of the loaves and fishes, or could not appease their hungerings out of the flesh pots of Egypt, because the people preferred them not, they became Soreheds, and straightway they sought out a passage whereby they might span the great gulf which was fixed, as it were, between the Rhepublikuns and the Dimmichrats.



15. And the Soreheds sought out many inventions whereby they might span the great gulf.

16. And some made for themselves flying machines, and flopped over and landed into the abyss below.

17. And it came to pass that others tried to go over in balloons, or wind-bags, and they were lost in a thick fog; neither could they land anywhere, but floated in the circumambient fog and filled their bellies with wind. And these were the Phoggites.

18. And behold still others built a bridge, and the timbers thereof were unsound, and the planks thereof were shaky; moreover there was no foundation for the abutments, and the winds of heaven shook that bridge so that it swayed to and fro, and none but the Soreheds and the reckless children of Belial essayed to pass over it.

19. Now the men who built this bridge paid the workmen in fiat money, and each master workman received an hundred dollars a day.

20. And each stone mason seventy-five dollars a day, and each carpenter seventy-five dollars a day, and each common laborer, or bearer of burdens, fifty dollars a day.

21. And whiskey was five dollars a drink, and flour fifteen hundred dollars a barrel.

22. But business was lively!

22½. And times were flush!

23. And lo, Solunchase builded him a hayrack as great as Noah's ark, and unto the pole thereof he yoked his steers, and the color of them steers was black even as night; and after them steers were yoked, Solunchase went into all the cities of the Main-e-acs, and he cried with a loud voice and said:

24. WHOA HISHE! YE MAIN-E-ACS.

25. Yet forty days, and ye shall financially perish! Awake and howl, for the bonded bleatholder hath come upon our land, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek-teeth of a great lion! Separate yourselves from them who have cut off the drink offering, even the Rhepublikuns! Mount ye the hayrack, and them steers will take you over the abyss!

26. Then did all the hosts of the Soreheds and the Tramps and the Strikers and all the sons of Discontent, mount Solunchase's hayrack, by twos and by sevens, and Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Jaybensonjunior, sat on the top rails thereof, and they lifted up their voices and sang odes of a boisterous character, containing many tumultuous strains, and Phogg, the wind-bag's voice was high above the voices of all the other children of Belial in the hayrack; for Phogg, the wind-bag, had a great and terrible voice, even like unto that of a full grown Jackass! And Solunchase drove them toward the bridge which the fiat money men had builded, and which spanned the abyss between the Rhepublikuns and the Dimmichrats.

27. And it came to pass that Solunchase shook the locks of his hair, and hayseed rattled out of Solunchase's hair and rested on his coat collar.

28. And moreover Solunchase wore an prehistoric hat, and the locks of his hair were tangled; for that was the manner with certain ones in those days of expressing honesty, and of showing sympathy for the people, namely, for a man to wear an old hat and tangled hair with hayseed therein.

29. Likewise it was a custom with certain ones, when they desired to confirm all things, to shake the hayseed out of their hair; and this was a testimony among the Greenbackers.

30. Now when Solunchase entered upon the bridge he walked beside his steers, on the outside stringer, on the nigh side of the bridge going over, abreast of the faces of his steers, for the bridge swayed mightily, and buckled exceedingly under the great weight of the hayrack full of the discontented children of Belial.

31. And Solunchase waved his goad stick and said gee buck! and he walked in advance of his steers, for the bridge buckled more and more.

32. And behold, the buckling of the bridge was so great that the children of Belial in the hayrack would fain have turned back, all save Tomas, the blood-spiller, and Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Jaybensonjunior, who swore very great oaths to the other children of Belial.

33. But there was no way to turn about, for the bridge was exceedingly narrow, and there was no tongue in the hinder end of the hayrack for to hitch to and haul it the other way, neither was there room for them steers to be unhitched and driven to the other end of the hayrack.

34. Then did the children of Belial, in the hayrack, wail exceedingly, all save Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Jaybensonjunior.

35. And Phogg, the wind-bag, swore an exceeding great oath to the wailing children of Belial, and called them Cowards and Damphools.

36. And Tomas, the bloodspiller, said, let 'er buckle! we are severing our connection with the mob, even the Rhepublikun mob.

37. And Kurnelblood said, behold we are going to our affinity.

38. But the sad-eyed Jaybensonjunior looked fixedly at the Dimichratic side of the abyss, for an immense throng stood there, even as a great swarm of locusses for multitude; and Jaybensonjunior's eyes were fixed upon one, even one whose corpulence was visible, and who stood with his head tipped back, and holding something to his mouth, and he appeared to be gazing toward heaven and looking through a glass darkly.

39. And Jaybensonjunior gazed toward the man with an eye of faith, but the bridge swayed vehemently.



40. And the children of Belial, in the hayrack, save the four mighty men of valor, wailed more and more, and they said, O, that we had taken our passage in the balloons! But Phogg said they were Cowards and Dampfools.

41. But Solunchase bade them be of good cheer; for, said he, the balloon men wish now they had gone in the hayrack.

42. And lo, said Solunchase, I behold even now the Dimmichrats on the shore in multitude like unto the sands of the seashore that no man can number, and they are swinging their hats and motioning to us to come on.

43. And behold at that moment the bridge fell with a great crash, and the hayrack and the children of Belial contained therein sank, and a mighty wail ascended upward from the mouths of the children of Belial as they descended with very great velocity into the abyss below. But Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Jaybensonjunior, landed on a rock that shelved from the side toward the middle of the abyss, and very sanguinary imprecations ascended from their lips; also, sulphureous imprecations, which made the air blue and lurid as it were.

44. And the imprecations that ascended from Phogg, the wind-bag, were more sanguinary and sulphureous than any other oaths that ascended.

45. And Kurnelblood likewise cried with a loud voice so that his affinities on the ground above might hear: I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, ye may be also.

46. ¶And, behold, Leomiller, the Kommunist, who did not take passage in Solunchase's hayrack, stood on the shore above and looked down on Jaybensonjunior, and on Kurnelblood, and on Tomas, the bloodspiller, and on Phogg, the wind-bag; and Leomiller spake unto them and said: Verily you have went and gone and done it, haven't you? Technically you may be right, but of a truth I like not the position of the rock you are standing on; it looketh ticklish, and it will bother you with an exceeding great botheration to get off of it. Verily, I say unto you, it is better to be an outspoken Kommunist like unto me than to be cast into the pit you are now in. Suppose you curse the god of the Konfushunists and die; for truly it is better to die than to be plotters of unsuccessful mischief. As for me, lo, I preach the gospel of Kommunism for five dollars a lecture, and the children of Belial, even the Hooshers, hear me gladly.

47. ¶Nevertheless Solunchase and them steers were saved, which was a miracle, for that portion of the bridge whereon they stood remained for a space of time, and moreover Solunchase had taken the precaution to fix the pole of the hayrack with wooden pins. So Solunchase and them steers and the pole were saved.

48. And the Dimmichrats were mighty glad to get Solunchase and them steers and the pole.



49. But, lo, the fragment of the bridge, whereon Solunchase and them steers escaped, fell into the gulf as soon as he and they stepped on to the Dimmichratic shore, and behold Solunchase and them steers have been numbered with the Dimmichrats from that time.

50. Nevertheless Solunchase swears he is not a Dimmichrat. But do not birds of a feather flock together? Yea, verily they do! and Solunchase has been in the same nest with the vultures of Dimmok-rasy. And did he not liken Agasslon unto Ajaxon? Verily the ways of Solunchase are not equal.

## CHAPTER VI.

*1—5. The children of Belial long for their summer clothes as they descend into the abyss. 6. They find king Gasslon at a very great depth. 9—13. Who perspireth exceedingly. 14—19. The children of Belial ask king Gasslon to extricate them from the abyss. 20. And he damnth them. 21—32. Thomas, the bloodspiller, deviseth a way of escape for the four children of Belial who stood on the rock that shelved midway in the abyss, by converting Phogg, the wind-bag, into a balloon. 34—43. Jaybensojunior persecuteth certain of the Rheapublikuns, and instituteth a suit of Libel against them, which greatly afflicteth them. 38. The righteous Judge. 44. The poor men vindicate their friend.*

**N**OW the abyss, which the children of Belial fell into who essayed to pass over it in Solunchase's hayrack, was an exceeding deep abyss, even bottomless, as it were.

2. And a sinking sensation came over the children of Belial who went down.

3. And the climate grew more and more tropical as they descended.

4. And they longed for their summer clothes.

5. For the probabilities were that the heat would increase.

6. And behold they arrived to a region where it was exceedingly torrid, and there they found king Gasslon, which astonished them mightly.

7. But they afterwards remembered that king Gasslon said at a public meeting in one of the cities of the Main-e-acs, that he preferred to go where the heat was continuous and very great, even to Tophet, if the ministers were going to the Islands of the Blessed.

8. So the Lord permitted king Gasslon to have his choice of an abode.

9. And the perspiration descended upon king Gasslon and ran even into his boots; for king Gasslon had no summer clothes.

10. Now it came to pass that the children of Belial who went down when the bridge brake, gathered around king Gasslon.

11. And they asked king Gasslon if the climate agreed with him.

12. And king Gasslon said unto them that the climate was more tropical than he anticipated.

13. And king Gasslon wiped his face and also the hairs of his head with a red bandana.

14. Then said the children of Belial unto king Gasslon, canst thou not get us out of this abyss? for verily we can do no mischief here, and besides the climate is uncomfortably hot!

15. And king Gasslon said, wherewith canst I get thee out?

16. And one of the children of Belial said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

17. And there came forth a child of Belial, and stood before king Gasslon, and said, I will tell thee how.

18. And king Gasslon said unto him, How? And the child of Belial answered and said:

19. **COUNT US OUT!**

20. Then was king Gasslon very wroth, and he said: Thou Damphool, that's played out!

21. ¶Now Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Jaybensonjunior, did not descend into the abyss, for they landed on a rock that shelved from the side toward the middle of the abyss.

22. And straightway they began to devise ways and means whereby they might ascend to the upper regions; all save Kurnelblood, who was at a loss whether to try to ascend, or jump off of the rock, and descend; for Kurnelblood cared not for locality if he could be with his affinities.

23. Now Phogg was surnamed wind-bag, on account of his enormous capacity for absorbing wind and all sorts gaseous substances, and he could at will become mightily inflated.

24. And he could at any time, peradventure, have taken the winds of the morning and sailed off into the uttermost parts of space, had it not been for one difficulty.

25. And, behold, that difficulty was his *mouth!* which permitted great quantities of gas to constantly escape.

26. ¶Now Tomas, the bloodspiller, had some knowledge of pneumatics, and he was ingenious withal, and he conceived the notion of utilizing Phogg, the wind-bag, by closing up his mouth, thereby making a balloon of Phogg, the wind-bag.

27. For Tomas, the bloodspiller, reasoned in this wise: If we can close up Phogg, the wind-bag's mouth, peradventure we may all reach *terra firma*, and make war upon the Rhepublicuns again.

28. So Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Jaybensonjunior, seized Kurnelblood and tore from his left side a poorman's plaster, and they heated the poorman's plaster and stuck it firmly over Phogg, the wind-bag's mouth.

29. Then did Tomas, the bloodspiller, sit himself astride of Phogg,

the wind-bag's right foot and grasp his right knee; and Jaybenson-junior did sit himself astride of Phogg, the wind-bag's left foot and grasp his left knee.

30. And Kurnelblood sat himself on Phogg, the wind-bag's shoulders, astride his neck, and grasped firmly the flowing locks of his hair.

31. And lo! Phogg, the wind-bag, swelled exceedingly; for his mouth was closed with Kurnelblood's poorman's plaster, and he floated on the circumambient air.

32. And he sailed upward out of the abyss, bearing Kurnelblood, and Tomas, the bloodspiller, and Jaybensonjunior. And Phogg, the wind-bag, floated with his cargo upward and over onto the Dimmichratic shore.

33. And behold the Lord said: Because Tomas, the bloodspiller, hath displayed very great ingenuity, and hath wrought a miracle, as it were, in utilizing Phogg, the wind-bag, (for hitherto Phogg, the wind-bag, in all his doings has continually brought wreck and dire confusion upon his friends, even like unto a bull in a chinashop,) therefore let Tomas, the bloodspiller, rest for a season in the camp of the Dimmichrats.

34. And behold they all rejoiced at their miraculous deliverance save Jaybensonjunior.

35. But Jaybensonjunior was exceeding wroth.

36. And he sware a very great oath that he would afflict with a mighty persecution certain of the Republikuns who *laffed* at him and the other children of Belial, even the Konfushunists, when they fell through the bridge which the fiat money men had builded.

37. So Jaybensonjunior prosecuted certain of the Rherepublikuns because they *laffed* at his calamity.

38. And Jaybensonjunior delivered certain of the Rherepublikuns to the Judge.

39. And behold the Judge had an *idee* that he was not perfectly *adverse in the Statues*; for lo, the Judge was aforetime an yarb doctor.

40. ¶ Now the prosecution wherewith Jaybensonjunior prosecuted certain of the Rherepublikuns for *laffing* at him and the other children of Belial:

41. Was a prosecution for LIBEL!

42. And behold certain of the Rherepublikuns whom Jaybensonjunior prosecuted for Libel were bound over, as it were, in exceeding great bonds.

43. And Jaybensonjunior afflicted them with a mighty affliction; so that they clothed themselves, as it were, in sack-cloth and ashes.

44. And wept.

45. ¶ Now Honorableeffdoubleyouhill was vindicated in Hexetah with a very great vindication, and was made Firstseleckman thereof.



## CHAPTER VII.

1—2. *The Investigating Committee of the Great Assembly of the Main-e-acs seek testimony relative to the political kussedness of the Konfushunists.* 3. *George, the Bisbeeite.* 4. *He drawleth.* 5. *But is valiant in battle.* 17. *George sendeth for one who hath a familiar spirit.* 19. *And dispatcheth him to the entrance of the abyss to call up king Gasslon.* 21. *Certain ones who stand about the entrance feel goose-flesh creeping over them, and their hair standing on end, for a ghost cometh.* 23. *Gasslon approacheth at the call of Summons, and holdeth in his hand an scalpel, which drippeth with blood.* 25. *Summons taketh Gasslon before the Committee, and he proveth himself a Know Knothing.* 40. *The men of Deckstah scare king Gasslon. Phogg, the wind-bag, revileth him.* 41. *A certain man standeth before king Gasslon (figuratively) and propoundeth unto him a question, which he answereth.* 46. *King Gasslon returneth to the abyss, with his summer clothes.* 47. *The spring elections in the land of the Main-e-acs.* 49. *The friend of Lazarus.*

AND it came to pass in those days, that the Investigating Committee of the Great Assembly of the Main-e-acs, even the Hale Investigating Committee, gathered themselves together for to hear testimony.

2. And the testimony they sought to hear was relative to the political kussedness of the Konfushunists; even the kussedness of king Gasslon and his Council, (of which Phogg, the wind-bag, was the loudest and most profane,) and the kussedness of the dukes of Countemout, and also of the dukes of Sthealseat.

3. And behold, George, the Bisbeeite, was Clerk of the Committee; and he was well-beloved, for he was perpendicular in his walk, and the meditations of his heart were acceptable unto the Lord; but the words of his mouth lingered on his tongue and on his lips.

4. For George, the Bisbeeite, gave each letter of the alphabet a prolonged sound, as it were.

5. And his pronunciation revealed his puritan origin, for behold, George was an unadulterated Yankee.

6. But George was valiant in battle, and was one of those who buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and helped to smite Robutleah and the Phireaters in Pharjinny.

7. ¶ Now king Gasslon was dead (politically) and all the tribes of Konfushunists had lamented him with exceeding great lamentations. And he had descended into the abyss according to his desire.

8. For king Gasslon preferred not to go to the Islands of the Blessed with the ministers; because the ministers afflicted king Gasslon with the words of their mouths.

9. For the ministers prayed that the Konfushunists might be caught in their own net; because the Konfushunists spake not peace;

but they devised deceitful matters against them that were quiet in the land.

10. Yea they opened their mouths wide against us and said: Aha, aha! what are you going to do about it?

11. Then did the ministers say: Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at our hurt: Yea, verily, let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against the Right.

12. Let them stumble because of their own *gins* which they have set.

13. Let their sword enter their own heart, and their bows be broken.

14. And after that manner did the ministers pray—all save Elderseitz and Elderwales—and so king Gasslon would not go to the Islands of the Blessed with the ministers, but preferred to descend into the abyss.

15. ¶ Now in those days there were, in the land of the Main-e-acs, those that had familiar spirits, and wizards, and they could call up the ghosts of the departed and make them to talk.

16. And George, the Bisbeeite, said, lo, we must call up king Gasslon from the abyss, and make him to testify before the Investigation Committee relative to his treason that he wrought in the land of the Main-e-acs.

17. And George called unto him one that had a familiar spirit, and ordered him to call up king Gasslon from the abyss.

18. And the name of the one that had the familiar spirit whom George called unto was Summons.

19. And behold, Summons went to the entrance of the abyss, and he called unto king Gasslon to come forth.

20. And king Gasslon feigned not to hear until Summons called again with a very loud voice.

21. Then he came forth from the depths; and even before he came in sight of those who stood about the entrance of the abyss, (for lo! a very great multitude stood there) their flesh became as goose-flesh, (or swan-flesh,) and a creeping sensation went over them, and each particular hair began to stand on end, as it were, indicating that a ghost was near at hand.

22. And they said unto Summons, what sawest thou? And Summons said unto them, I saw Agasslon ascending out of the abyss.

23. And they said unto Summons, what form is he of? And he said: An old man cometh up covered with an overcoat, and he holdeth in his hand a scalpel which drippeth with blood.

24. Then they that stood around the entrance of the abyss, said unto Summons: Ask Agasslon whence came the blood that drippeth from the scalpel which he holdeth in his hand. And Summons asked Agasslon whence came the blood.

25. And Agasslon answered and said unto Summons: The blood that drippeth from mine scalpel came from the body politic; for verily did I not attempt to cut off sundry and divers parts of the body politic?

26. ¶Then did Summons take king Gasslon before the Investigating Committee of the Great Assembly of the Main-e-acs, and the Committee propounded unto him certain questions which astonished him mightily.

27. And king Gasslon affected great surprise when the men of the Committee confronted him with his unequal rules as applied to the orthography of names when the tabulations were compiled; and he said, lo, the children of Belial, even the vain men and knaves of the Council, wrought this abomination; for I, Gasslon, did it not.

28. And, behold, when the Committee inquired of king Gasslon how he made sixteen to count more than sixty, and an hundred even more than a thousand, he said, lo, the children of Belial, even the vain men and knaves of the Council wrought this abomination, not I.

29. For verily, said king Gasslon, I supposed the men of the Council were honest and honorable men, and I knew of no abomination, save such as I read of in the newspapers.

30. And the men of the Committee said unto king Gasslon: O, Agasslon, were not thy ways unequal inasmuch as thou didst apply thine rules differently, even to count out the Rheublikuns and to count in the Fushunists; for verily we find that what would count out a Rheublikun would count in a Fushunist.

31. Then Agasslon answered and said: As to these matters, *I know nothing*; ask the dukes of Countemout, even the vain men and knaves of my Council to explain to you these matters. Ask Phogg, the wind-bag, ask duke Phoster, ask duke Chase, ask duke Doubleessbrown; ask anybody but me, for

32. *I know nothing!*

33. And behold, Agasslon said he would sooner jump into the river Kennebeck (if the water was warm) than to do anything wrong.

34. And Agasslon said, lo, I was moving mine house and mine office, and I knew nothing concerning the doing of the children of Belial, even the dukes of Countemout.

35. Yea, verily, I was moving mine house and mine office, and I saw no newspaper then, and I knew nothing concerning the wicked works of the dukes of Countemout. I heard rumors, as it were, but I heeded them not, and let them pass like the idle winds.

36. Verily, verily, I say unto you, that I, Agasslon, *knew nothing!*

37. So Agasslon was a *know nothing!*

38. Then said the Committee unto Agasslon: Tell us, O, Agasslon, why drewest thou certain moneys from the treasury and didst not file any vouchers for the same?

39. And Agasslon answered and said that he drew the money for to pay the Pluguglies and the Slumites and the Jailbirds employed



for the defence of the State House and for the protection of the archives and the great s(t)eal of the State.

40. For, said Agasslon, did I not hear that a company of an hundred was coming to the city of the Main-e-acs, even from Deckstah, and that the men of Deckstah had buckled on the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and were clanking the sword of the Lord and of Gideon? Did not an ante-diluvian Kopperhed of Deckstah tell me so? Yea, verily, the men of Deckstah caused the cold streaks to scoot even from the base to the apex of my spinal column! and caused me to fill the State House with the Pluguglies, and the Slumites, and the Jailbirds, from the basement even unto the dome. And in mine haste to repel the men of Deckstah, I forgot to file mine vouchers; for verily the excitement was exceeding great.

41. ¶And behold Phogg, the wind-bag, reviled king Gasslon, and also spake contemptuous words concerning the duke of York whose surname was Moodie.

42. ¶And a certain man stood before king Gasslon, (figuratively,) and propounded unto him a question.

43. And the question the man propounded, who stood (figuratively) before king Gasslon, was like unto this: What is the greatest abomination capable of being wrought by man?

44. And king Gasslon was exceeding glad when this question was propounded unto him (figuratively) for he had in his mind a very great evil, even a mighty abomination which was wrought daily by great multitudes throughout the land of the Main-e-acs, both by men and women.

45. So king Gasslon answered the man who stood before him (figuratively) and asked the question; and this was king Gasslon's answer:

46. Behold the greatest abomination that can be wrought by man, woman, or child,

47. *Is the chewing of spruce gum!*

48. Then did king Gasslon put his summer clothes into his carpet bag and return to the abyss; for king Gasslon preferred to be where it was exceeding hot rather than to abide with the ministers.

49. ¶Now when the spring elections were held in the third month of the new year in the cities and towns of the Main-e-acs, there was an exceeding great diminishment of the Konfushun vote; for the people were very wroth on account of the abominations wrought by the dukes of Countemout and the dukes of Sthealseat and king Gasslon.

50. Yet nevertheless Wilderdoubleyouperry, K—K—K, which being interpreted means the kronik kroker of Kamden, and Thomas B. Minus of Swan-ot, and Effdoubleyouhill, the friend of Lazarus, were vindicated in their several places of abode with a very great vindication.

51. And lo, the poor men of Hexetah stood by Effdoubleyouhill; for he sware unto them a very great friendship, and they voted for him voluntarily and spontaneously, as it were, without even any asking or urging; for lo, the poor men of Hexetah loved Effdoubleyouhill, and he loved the poor men, even as a lion loveth a lamb.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

*1. The word cometh to the Chronicler and commandeth him to write still more. 7. What composeth the Konfushunists. 10. The Kopperheds rejoice when the sons of Discontent stir up mischief. 12. The Kopperheds given no political preferment by the Main-e-acs because of their transgressions. 16. The Soreheds swell the ranks of the sons of Discontent. 20. The Kopperheds and Soreheds profess friendship for the Tramps and Strikers. 23. The rich Kopperheds' dogs lick poor Lazarus' wounds. 26. The Soreheds forsake the Rheublikuns, because the Rheublikuns prefer them not. 30. The persistent family. 36. The Soreheds and Konfushunists make a very great noise with their mouths preaching reform. 37. And the Kopperheds applaud. 40. The Kopperheds consort with all sorts of political humbugs. 43. And encourage the Konfushunists in their schemes to plunder the Main-e-acs.*

**A**ND the Word came unto the Chronicler, saying: Write ye again.

2. And the Chronicler answered and said: What more shall I write?

3. Is not the kussedness of the dukes of Countemout, and of the dukes of Sthealseat, and of king Gasslon, and of the Konfushunists, well known to all the people in the province of the Main-e-acs, and even throughout the length and breadth of the land of Unculpsalm?

4. And the Word said: Yea, verily; but rehearse, and call to the minds of them that are prone to forget, the lies and deceptions of the children of Belial, even the Kopperheds and Konfushunists.

5. Then answered the Chronicler and said: It would take myriads of scribes and a reservoir of ink as large as lake Superior, to write down *all* the lies and deceptions of the Kopperheds and Konfushunists.

6. Then said the Word unto the Chronicler: Write another chapter, even chapter the eighth.

7. ¶ Now the Konfushunists were composed of all the sons of Discontent in the land of Unculpsalm.

8. And the Kopperheds in the province of the Main-e-acs joined themselves unto the Konfushunists for the sake of the loaves and fishes; for the Kopperheds hankered for the loaves and fishes mightily, because the people in the province of the Main-e-acs had spewed

the Kopperheds out of their mouths, even before the days of Abraham the martyr.

9. And from the days of John, the Fremonter, until the Konfushunists appeared in the province of the Main-e-acs, the Kopperheds had received no political preferment at the hands of the Main-e-acs.

10. So the Kopperheds rejoiced when they saw the sons of Discontent stirring up certain of the Main-e-acs with idle tales of oppression and distress, which the sons of Discontent said were brought upon the people by the Rhepublikuns, which was a lie; for the sons of Discontent fattened on lies, and the ways of peace they knew not.

11. And the Kopperheds said, yea, verily, now is our opportunity, and we will take hold and help the sons of Discontent to lie concerning the Rhepublikuns, and peradventure we shall get possession of the government of the Main-e-acs.

12. ¶Now the reason that the Main-e-acs had given the Kopperheds no political preferment for more than a score of years, was on account of the kronick kussedness of the Kopperheds which caused them to revile Abraham, the martyr, and to sympathize with JephDavis and Robutleah and the Phireaters in their efforts to overturn the government of Unculpsalm.

13. And only a minority, even a small minority, of the Main-e-acs, voted with the Kopperheds, and their principal men said to one another: Our transgressions are multiplied before the people, and our political sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them.

14. In transgressing and lying against the Right, and departing away from peace, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

15. So, *as Kopperheds*, they had no hope of political preferment at the hands of the Main-e-acs.

16. ¶And it came to pass that the ranks of the sons of Discontent were swelled by all the tribes of the Soreheds, and by all the Tramps and the Strikers.

17. And, behold, the followers of Victoria, the freeluster, (the same being long-haired men and children of Belial, desiring many brevet wives,) joined themselves unto the sons of Discontent.

18. And Leomiller, and Moseshull, and Kurnelblood, were numbered with the principal spokesmen amongst the sons of Discontent.

19. And they went about the province of the Main-e-acs haranguing the people and breeding discontent in the minds of the simple; and the Kopperheds and the Soreheds applauded them with much applause.

20. And, behold, the Kopperheds and the Soreheds professed a very great friendship for the Tramps and the Strikers and for all the sons of Discontent; for the Kopperheds and Soreheds longed to sit in



high places and to feed out of the governmental crib and to handle the moneys of the treasury.

21. So they professed a friendship for the Tramps and Strikers and all the sons of Discontent, for the sake of their votes.

22. And certain of the rich Kopperheds fed poor Lazarus with crumbs that dropped from their tables.

23. Moreover the rich Kopperheds' dogs licked poor Lazarus' wounds.

24. For the rich Kopperheds kept dogs of the lickspittle breed, which they trained to lick the wounds of poor Lazarus just before elections.

25. So Lazarus voted for the rich Kopperhed.

26. Now the Soreheds formerly went with the Rheublikuns, but were very wroth with the Rheublikuns because the Rheublikuns would not give them all the loaves and fishes, or because they were not preferred at all by the Rheublikuns; for the Soreheds imagined that all the offices belonged to them by virtue of their superior gifts, and by virtue of their extensive *cheek*.

27. But the Rheublikuns did not see it in that light; so the Soreheds forsook the Rheublikuns.

28. And behold, the Soreheds howled the loudest for reform, and spake all manner of evil against the Rheublikuns falsely, hoping thereby to gain the favor of the Konfushunists and so get into office.

29. For verily the Soreheds hankered with an everlasting hankering for official loaves and fishes, which could not be appeased.

30. ¶Now there was in the province of the Main-e-acs an whole family of Soreheds of the same kindred and name, and they fastened themselves onto the body politic even as barnacles onto a ship.

31. And behold, their merits were small, but their persistency was great.

32. And they made much noise in the conventions of the Rheublikuns, and pressed their family claims beyond all endurance, so that the Rheublikuns said: Nay, rest awhile, *and give us a rest*, for, verily, the requital we have already given thee far exceedeth thy merits.

33. Then was this family very wroth, and it was straightway numbered with the Soreheds.

34. And a certain member of this family went about the province of the Main-e-acs reviling the Rheublikuns, and howling reform and making an exceeding great noise with his mouth.

35. But there was one of the Konfushunists that could make a far greater noise with his mouth than he could; even Phogg, the wind-bag.

36. ¶So the Soreheds, and the Kommunists, and the long haired followers of Victoria, the freeluster, and the Strikers, and the Tramps, and all the sons of Discontent, made a very great noise with their mouths preaching reform.

37. And the Kopperheds clapped their hands and stamped their feet and said, go in, boys, and win, but remember us when you make up your jewels.

38. ¶But secretly the Kopperheds despised the Konfushunists and derided their doctrines; for a Kopperhed could no more change his politics than an Ethiopian could change his skin or a leopard his spots.

39. Nevertheless the Kopperheds were willing to sail under any flag, even the black flag of pirates, for the sake of overwhelming their old-time enemies, the Rhepublikuns.

40. Moreover they had slept with many and divers kinds of political bedfellows, and had consorted with all nations and tribes of political humbugs, and had committed all sorts of political whoredoms, that they might slay their old enemies, even the Rhepublikuns.

41. And, lo, they at one time went to battle under the leadership of him whom they hated with a deadly hatred, even Horrisgreely, that they might slay their old enemies, even the Rhepublikuns.

42. Yet, inwardly, they never changed because they could not; for it was foreordained, even from the foundation of the world, that they should be Kopperheds forever.

43. So when Phogg, the wind-bag, and Kurnelblood, and Leomiller, and Moseshull, and all the sons of Discontent, that went to make up the party of Konfushunists, made a very great noise with their mouths, and howled reform *when they meant plunder*, the Kopperheds clapped their hands and stamped their feet, and encouraged the Konfushunists to go on with their political kussedness and bring ruin and anarchy onto the country of the Main-e-aes.

44. And this they did that they might be remembered when the Konfushunists made up (stole) their jewels.

45. ¶And behold it came to pass that an host of the Konfushunists gathered themselves together on the twenty-second day of the third month for to vanquish the Radikul men of Deckstah, and duke Hodgkins, who was also venerable and like unto Melchisedek, was High Priest and Prophet for the multitude.

46. But lo! the Radikuls of Deckstah fell upon the Konfushunists and smote them, as it were, hip and thigh, and put them to flight, whereat the captains and chief men of valor waxed exceeding wroth and sware very great oaths.

