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An Englishman by the name of Jones, while passing along the main street in Bangor, stepped into a hole in the sidewalk, and fell, breaking his leg. He brought suit against the city for $10,000, and engaged Hamlin as counsel.

Hamlin won his case, but the city appealed to the Supreme Court. Here, also, the decision was for Hamlin's client.

After settling up the claim, Hamlin sent for his client and handed him a $1.

"What's this?" asked the Englishman.

"That's your damages, after taking out my fee, the cost of appeal, and several other expenses," said Hamlin.

The Englishman looked at the dollar, and then at Hamlin, "What the heck's the matter with this, sir," he said; "is it bad?"

Grant Had Faith in Sherman.—A graphic account of how he carried to Grant before Richmond the news of General Sherman's advance through North Carolina on his march to the sea 1865, is told in a recent issue of *Harper's Weekly* by Adjutant S. H. M. Byers, of the Fifth Iowa Infantry. After a perilous trip he finally reached Grant's headquarters at City Point.

"I ripped open my clothing, handed him my dispatches, and excitedly watched the pleased changes on his flushed face while he hurriedly read the great news I had brought from Sherman," says Mr. Byers. "General Ord happened in at the moment, and the good news was repeated to him. Ord clinked his spurs together, rubbed his hands, and manifested joy. 'I had no fear,' he cheerfully uttered. 'And I, not a bit,' said Grant, speaking for the first time by the window. 'I knew Sherman. I knew my man.'"

Rogers's Service to American Literature.—Henry H. Rogers, vice-president and acting executive of the Standard Oil, has other interests besides making money for himself. A story printed in *The World's Work* tells of his friendship and service for Mark Twain, and reveals a phase of his character that is little known. The story is told as follows:

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"Dr. Rice presented Mr. Clemens. Mr. Rogers knew of the Webster failure. He asked permission to be of service. In forty-eight hours he was managing the author's business affairs. He gave his time, with thousands of dollars a day, to rescue the fortunes of a broken literary man. Into it he put all his business acumen and energy. He found that Webster & Company owed Mrs. Clemens personally $65,000 cash lent from her own pocket, upon the first notes. He made her a preferred creditor and so secure the claim gave

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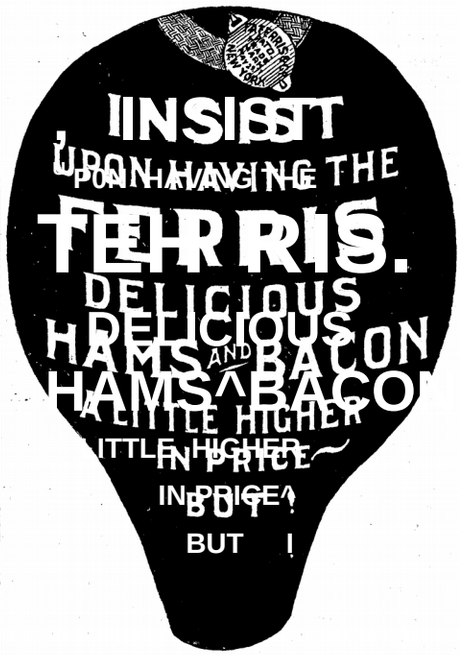

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