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Answers to Correspondents

[Anonymous]

Buckeye. Julius Dexter never had a wicked partner. He has always been as wicked from his youth up, that no one could enter into competition with him.

Henry B. Tom Curd does not spell his name with a K. We cannot learn that he ever at any time spelled his name with a K. Used to have his own way formerly more than he does now. The fault that his friends find with him now is, that he won't go away.

Curious reader. We do not know whether Julius Dexter was arrested on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of last week or not, as you state. He is usually arrested every day about three in the afternoon. He always stays an hour late for the purpose. For the information of people who do not live here, we would say that he is Cincinnati's wickedest man. How long he will maintain his position we do not know. His attempted resignation from the Literary Club shows him to be a very determined man.

Sam Jones. Baxter's call to the unconverted always comes after a United States Election, not a State Election. State Elections are entirely different affairs. A State election is always a Jack Pot arrangement no call about it. The Hush comes in after the deal; the everybody is flush, especially in the 19th and 4th wards. The word Straight is a technical term. We do not think it means crooked, as you suggest. It means Go Straight to the clerk's office, and get your certificate. When that is done, you have a full hand. As to what constitutes a bobtailed flush, we refer you to the 22nd Kentucky State Reports, vol 21, page 326, case of Tolliver vs. Spriggens were Break-em-up, CJ. gives all the points necessary to a full understanding of the matter. He says substantially that a Bob-tailed Flush is when a man has only money enough to treat himself and a regular flush is when he has enough money to treat the whole crowd.

Correyville. See Revised Statutes. Vol II, Title IV Section 785b where the killing of a book agent, while engaged in soliciting a subscription to a publication in more than thirty two parts, is made justifiable homicide under the laws of Ohio.

Ignoramus. We have examined the Registry Law and the General statutes regulating elections in this state, and we do not find any provision as to stopping the count if one of the clerks gets too drunk to mark tally. "De minimis non curat lex." If the count was stopped in Precinct 7, 19th Ward by reason of such a contingency, we suppose it must have been right or it would not have been done. In receiving your inquiry, we telephoned to Rev. Dr. Leonard. He said that he knew of the case in one of the townships of the Western Reserve where the judges stopped the count because one of the clerks hiccupped. He added that in the Western Reserve they have no Registry Law. He therefore unhesitatingly approved the action of the 19th Ward judges. What would be the

proper course to pursue if both the clerks of an election should become drunk to such an extent that they would be unable to mark tally. We do not know. We should think, however that the principle of similia similibus curantur should govern. That is to say the judges could go on without clerks as long as anyone of them was able to mark tally, but if the facts were otherwise we should decide otherwise, that is, if we understood our selves, and we think we do.

Andrew Jackson You inquire whether J Muggins who was a delegate from the Forty First Ward in the recent Democratic Convention is the same person as A. Tough who was one of the representatives of the same ward in the Republican convention of the week following. We have investigated the matter and find that he is. It is usual in such cases, for some reason we do not understand, for the delegate to take different names in the respective conventions. It is fair to state, however, that this practice exists only in the wards where the impression prevails that the delegate is called upon to represent entirely different political principles. Our investigations further enable us to say that neither of the names assumed is the real name of the party in question. We have also discovered that he does not live in the ward, and has never resided therein. Now, the voters at the primary election were either aware of these facts or not aware of them, as the case may be. If the voters knew the facts, the irregularities in the proceedings, if any, were undoubtedly condoned. If they had no knowledge of the facts, it probably makes little difference, as, had they known them, they, as sensible men would have voted for the gentleman under one name as readily as under another.