

But came a voice that checked the
reveller's cry,
Mysteriously the phantom voices die,

Till suddenly I'm wakened by a knock,
My faithful scout—for it is eight o'clock.
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ON KREMASHUN. A POSTHUMOUS PAPER.

I hev jist Reternd 2 the Buzum of mi famerly after a suxessfool Toor with mi onparalleld Wax figgers & sagashus Bestes of Pray oing 2 a dispensin Provijinee & trooly apprechativ aujinces.

Mi Spekoolashuns howiver hev bin somewhat Mard by thos Axidents too which Flesh is air on2 them. (This Fraise is not erriginal with the undersined, But was borrod from A parsin who denounet mi Sho as unmorril becos I declind 2 let him lecter in my Tint & his wife tek the cenz. In the Cors of his remarx he sed, "Awl Flesh is grars & varis other non-sins, Yis I replid fixin mi Egle I on2 him, & it air a considerable lot of shoddy sumtimes, it air erkashunally a Lode of Donkymet. He qualed Bneeth mi bitin Sarkusms & Dparted with a grone, likewise with a cote Blongin too mi Wax figger of Presidunt Linkin. N.B. He furgot to pa fur admittuns.

The axident refurd 2, previs on2 these digresshun, were the Fact, thet mi sagashus Tiger Broke loos, & with karakteristik Pierty, commened ontoo Wurriyin mi Wax figger of Judis Iskariat, & was only Secoord arter makin Free with thet hily Interestin Individorul His hed.

The red hare of the A4sed not ergreeing

with the Sagashus Broot, I wos savd in Vittls fore (4) das, wich he etes 1 dollar a da.

Howiver I did a Strok of Bizniss bi substitooting in the place of the Mootilatid Feechers of J. I. a wax similitood of the Hed of Theodoor Tiltin, who were then Ingaged in sturrin up Filthy Warter & walloin in the same Luxoorously & makin an egrejis ass of Himself in variis intrestin Was. Wen I retoornd 2 Baldinsville, I diskiverd the Hole plase in Tremenjis Xcitement. I ses werun 2 these Xtasees? They replid 'Kremashun.' I ses xactly so, thinkin that thos Infooreated feemals hed Bust in 2 a noo faze of the Wisky War. They sez Wil yu B kremated? I sez Not Bing a candidate fur the Presijency of a Loonatik Asilim I ken safly sa Nary kremate. I remarkd Hev yu awl bin krematid becos It Apeers 2 ergre ontoo yu.

Thay Larfd and a suspichun krorst me thet sum 1 sed Ignerrunt Old Fule. But I restrand my feelins & tuk no Notis, as the Speker was an Individooal of Imposin Statoor. I fund Betsey Jane & mi famerly in the same Xcitment. They informd Me thet they wer goin 2 a Lektloor on Kremashun. I replied, "As dos the

undersind if ther is no kollecshun at the Dors."

On mi errival I found the Baldinsville Temperine Room ful onto xess.

The lektoorer enlitend me as 2 the Objekts of Kremashun & purseeded 2 sa thet he hed met with the most Trooly Serprizin suxess in thes Parts. He hed, he remark, reseeyed offurs of meny Thou-sind (1000) karkisses of Muthersinlor & Ajid Parients, & other Inkumbrinces, & he sed the Jenrus Bins who Offurd them Told him to kum & git them to onct & not wate fur there Diseas. I was abowt to sa "Heer Heer" 2 the Muthers-inlor, but refraned on Purseevin Betsy Jane who Sot Beside onto me, wettin her Nales, with a voo to mi hed. I thort praps she wood make me Vext. So I subsided.

The lektoorer then went on 2 Sa, thet Kremashun wad kost nuthin to signeify. Evry 1 cood B burnt 4 the triflin sum of too (2) dollers. (Yis, I sez 2 myself, I kalkerlate thur is Sum 1 waitin fur yu belo who will Do it fur yu gratis & serply yu with koles 4 nuthin.)

He torked a grate Deel more nonsince About Anshunt Grease, of which I thort he cood Projuce a considerabl amount on Bing kremated, & conclooded by saing that it was Xpected in kors of Time to serply lite from the gas givn off in the prössis of kremashun, wen it became moor jinral.

I thin Rose & sed, thur air Fules & Fules & yu air 1 of them, Beside the Fact thet sum of yu air a deel More likly to serply

Perpetooal Ilesprings then Gas, (Fixin a surkustic I upon the korpulint Figger of the Lectoorer,) I rekin thet there Air surtin Individooals who wood giv orf Gas of a hily dangrus karakter in Kombina-shun. Think, I sez, of the trooly orful consekences of a meetin of Muther-in-lor & sun-in-lor in a Gassy stait. Their wood B an Xploshun suffishunt 2 anniher-lait a Stait.

(Heer their purseedid sum Alarmin Simtims frum Betsey Jane, who was fornitly preventid from Hoomiliatin Hur Spouz B4 the augince.) I purseedid, "2 or 3 sich exploshuns wood Bring our Gloriis Egle in Sorrer 2 kremashun, & the oder of Bernt fethurs is Onplesint.

& who nose I konklooded, Thet when reternin "from the Festiv Bord" we reklin fur Support Agin the Lamp post, thet the Berning I of ovr Ansisters wood not B gazin down Onto us.

Take thet on 2 yurselves & Medditat on it. Adoo mi ga & festive Krematur. A. Ward hes sed his sa.

I konkloodid Amid uprooris Aplors. But mi durmestik peace is Brokn bi the erlushun to Muthers-in-lor, I shall not knead a Barbur fur Munths.

N.B. The follerin Airy epitarf is writ bi the undersind agin His kremashun.

Heer in these Urn
Lies awl thet won't Burn
Of the Corps of the Late
Mr. Artemus Ward,
2 oz. his wate
& Awates his reward.

A. WARD.