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AN UNKNOWN WHITMAN PARODY

Under the heading "Rhymes of the Day," *Puck* published the following piece of atrocious verse in Vol. 8, No. 280, p. 434, 2 March 1881, signed "Walt Whitman":

LEFT.

Mrs. Garfield.
The wife of the President of the United States!
Think of that, you women!
I am going to celebrate her entrance into the
White House; over the sacred sill of the
nation's tenement.
I am going to tell you what she found there, in
the cellar, by a tallow candle illumin'd,
things left there by the Hayeses, departed,
retir'd, into oblivion fir'd out:
Two pickle-jars, empty, of one of them the
bottom crack'd.
Four clothes-pins.
One chest-protector, red flannel, R. B. H.
thereon embroider'd.
Of insect-powder one pound, the strength of it
evaporated.

One odd ear-muff, a card inside, "Rogers"
mark'd on the card.
One demijohn, label'd "Mineral Water, Bour-
bon Co., Ky."
You hear my horn!
Yawp!

Walt Whitman.

Obviously a parody of Whitman, it does not appear in Henry S. Saunders's *Parodies on Whitman* (New York: American Library Service, 1923), nor is it listed in Scott Giantvalley, *Walt Whitman, 1838-1939: A Reference Guide* (Boston: G. K. Hall & Co., 1981).

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