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UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN. {319}

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BROTHER JONATHAN—Don't you think it's a case of "the devil holding a candle to the saints," when Depew, Croker, Roosevelt and other capitalist hirelings prate about the spirit of '76? The "spirit of '76," forsooth, in such rake-hell money bags!

UNCLE SAM—That's all right.

B.J.—The devil you say!

U.S.—"76" Had two spirits.

B.J.—"76" had but one!

U.S.—There was the spirit of freedom that you and I battled for; and there was the spirit of tyranny that opposed us.

B.J.—Even so; but these hirelings mean to display the spirit of the "Fathers."

U.S.—Probably they are—of their "Fathers" or ancestors of revolutionary days.

B.J.—I don't believe it!

U.S.—Well I can. The trouble with you seems to be that you forget that there were traitor Tories in this country.

B.J.—By Jericho, there were!

U.S.—Those American Tories, you recollect, prayed during the war of the Revolution, not for George Washington, but for George III. They hovered about the flanks and on the rear of our patriot army; they weakened by their acts every victory we won.

B.J.—Yes, indeed, and they aggravated every reverse we suffered.

U.S.—George Washington had the necks of many of them wrung.



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B.J.—Yes, indeed, and I remember to have seen quite a number of them gracing, in a pendant attitude, many a sour apple in Jersey.

U.S.—Ten to one, if you trace these Depews and Roosevelts back, you will run against one of those apple trees.

B.J.—Guess that's so; like fathers like sons.

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