



'The Indifference' of Uncle Sam, from "Harper's Weekly"

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Primary Maker

Thomas Nast

Medium

Wood engraving on newsprint

Description

Figure standing center left with three heads. Left head has collar reading "Henry / the son / of / water / K. / Tilden / extracts", center head has collar reading "Senatorial / jersey / lightening. / T.F.R. / God / of / battles." Right head has helmet with bird on it covering head, collar reads "New-Yorker / gas / zeitung". Figure wears toga that has skull and crossbones on chest with belt below it reading "The 'Solid' Wind Bac [blocked by man's hand]". Large club leaning against man reading "Tremble / this / [clover illustration] / is / Morrissey's / club." Pile of papers on ground in front of man. Lower right composition tiny man wearing top hat sits on boxy object with dog laying on ground to left of him. Boat on water in background reads "Don't touch / me again-- / short work / next time. / U.S." Captioned "GIANT BLUSTER. 'Fe! Fi!! Fo!!! Fum!!!! I smell--' / UNCLE SAM. 'Oh, give us a rest!'" typeset beneath title in black ink.

Dimensions

Composition: 13 3/8 in. × 9 in. (34 × 22.9 cm) Sheet: 16 5/8 × 11 7/16 in. (42.2 × 29.1 cm)