

A POLE & DALLAS

Advance and give the counter-sign.

See how agreeable and how you see that I fulfill and climb the tree most cheerfully.

But this is hard, too very hard, much like the pound of flesh - Well, take the pound but nothing more.

Ho! Ho! Ho! most cheerfully. I agree most cheerfully.

It seems good, and we are glad that you to know that we will not deny it.

It is our friend, Blind-Man.

You climb there.

It will be some time, before Climb-Man, but an interview with his friend and companion.

How can I come my Dignity.

Oh dear, how foolish, so no sign, climb-man.

I would not have broken through for half a dollar.

And one who left their, with lovely eyes to climb the pole.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY BANK

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**PAYING THE FORFEIT ON
OUR WORTHY NEIGHBOR AND THE BLACKSMITH.**

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Basic Detail Report

1844. A flag at the top of a tall pole reads "Polk & Dallas"; a fat raccoon is at the top, holding on to a few small branches. The raccoon says: "Advance and give / the Countersign." Men and women stand watching a man climb the pole. He says: "But, this is hard, 'tis very hard, much like / the pound of flesh, - Well, take the pound / but nothing more." and "Yes, twas agreed, and here you see / that I fulfill, and climb the tree, / most cheerfully." A man on the ground says: "Ha! Ha! Ha!! most cheerfully. / I guess it is most cheerfully." A man with a boy holding a hoop stands in front of a building with a sign that reads: "Middlesex County Bank". He says: "It does us good - and we are / glad dear Sir, to know that / ye're not so very sad." A third man, who wears an apron and may be the Blacksmith referred to in the title says: "I would not have / Brother Chip fall / for half a dollar!!" A woman in a bonnet says: "Oh! dear, law-ful-suz / do see Squire / Climb-Max!!!" A man with an umbrella at the door of a building with a sign that reads: "Sublime / Tabernacle" says: "Who climbs there?" A man smoking a cigar replies: "It is our Friend / Climb-Max." A woman [?] says: "It will be some time. before / Climb-Max has an interview / with his friend and companion." A man at the far right thumbs his nose in an obscene gesture and says: "You can't come it / my Cooney." A notice on the ground near a man holding a cane and two sticks reads: "The one who loses / the bet, doth hereby / agree to climb the Hickory." Three dogs run in the street. The sun and moon, both with smiling faces, are in the sky, near sketches of two buildings, one of which has a sign that reads: "5 Miles / to / Coonsbury".

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