

The Bunker Hill casket

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"At the conclusion of K's speech at the Brooklyn church, the following incident occurred: when Gen Jackson visited Bunker Hill in 1833 he was addressed in behalf of Charlestown by Hon Edw. Everett, who presented him, in behalf of its citizens, with a casket containing a grape shot found on the Bunker Hill battleground and a cannon ball from the New Orleans battleground, which the veterans received with great marks of pleasure.

This casket was bequeathed by the poss'or to N. P. Trist, Esq. At the close of the speech above referred to, Rev. H. W. Beecher produced this very casket and handing the contents to K, asked him whether he cared for such things, to which K replied: "Yes, these are just the kind of things I would like to possess."

The Rev. Gentleman who is a peace man, shall tell the rest: -

The question, however, was of what practical value would they be to this cause? - what 'material aid' could they afford? Let us see. The iron has been converted into gold.

I will read (holding up a paper) the chemical process by which the iron has been changed into gold; and I can only say that we have any quantity of pig-iron ~~in our mines~~ in our mines that can be turned into gold by the same process. Bowen & McNamee have purchased the ^{and its contents} box, which for \$1000 they have presented together with the box, to K. P. Thoms, these memorials which were once employed in the good cause of Liberty, are again made subservient to it. We love them because they once achieved liberty for us. The day is coming when you will want to use such arguments as these. But another day is to come after that, when your cannon, and your bullets and your swords shall be dug up from the plains of H and will be come the memorials of peace rather than the messengers of war.

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