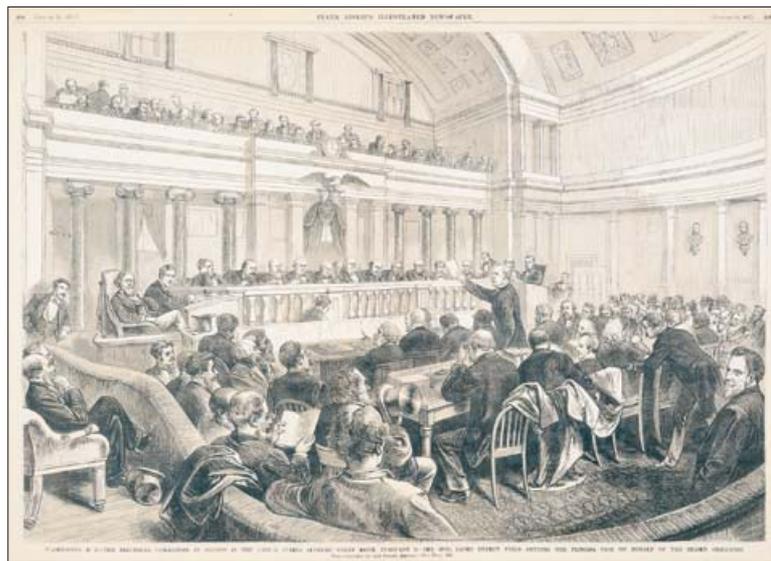


The country faced a major electoral challenge with the disputed Hayes-Tilden presidential election of 1876. While Democratic candidate Samuel J. Tilden won the popular vote by a margin of 250,000, the Electoral College ballots of four states were called into question. To resolve the dispute, Congress created a special electoral commission to review the ballots and determine the outcome of the election. The 15-member commission held its first public hearing on February 1, 1877, in the Capitol's Old Senate Chamber (then serving as the Supreme Court's meeting place). Throughout the month-long hearings, the room was packed with spectators expecting high drama and great oratory. The press followed the proceedings closely, providing up-to-the-minute coverage for the anxious nation. *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* and *Harper's Weekly* both covered the event in depth and included numerous engravings in their publications, such as the one shown here. According to the findings of the commission, Rutherford B. Hayes received all of the disputed electoral votes, and Congress declared him the victor on March 2, 1877, just two days before his term began. 🌀



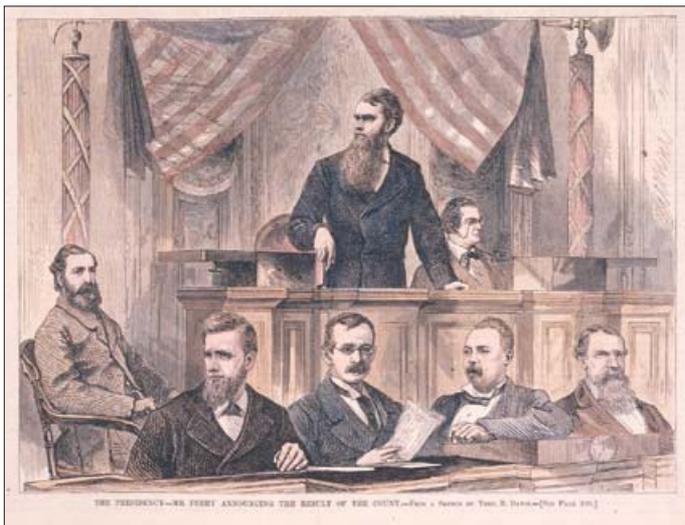
Washington, D.C.—The Electoral Commission in Session in the United States Supreme Court Room, February 2d—The Hon. David Dudley Field Opening the Florida Case on Behalf of the Tilden Objectors.

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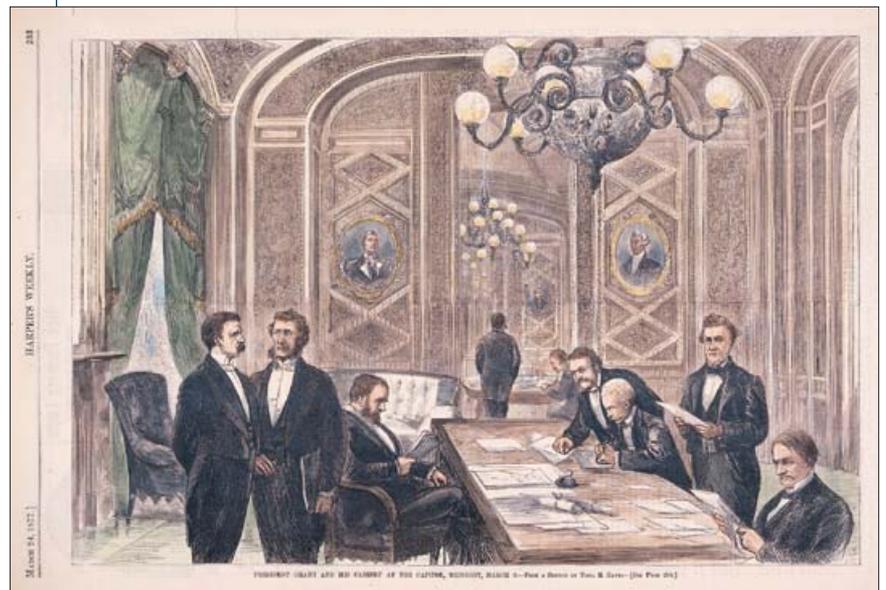
Washington, D.C.—The Electoral Commission Holding a Secret Session by Candlelight, on the Louisiana Question, February 16th.

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The Presidency—Mr. Ferry Announcing the Result of the Count.

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Harper's Weekly, 03/17/1877
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President Grant and His Cabinet at the Capitol, Midnight, March 3.

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Washington, D.C.—The Inauguration of President Hayes—Scenes and Incidents of the Ceremonies of March 5th.

Unidentified after Albert Berghaus and Harry Ogden
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 03/24/1877
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Washington, D.C.—The Potter Investigation Committee in Session in the Basement of the Old Capitol—The Cross-Examination, on June 4th, of the Witness Anderson by Congressman Reed.

Unidentified after Harry Ogden
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 06/22/1878
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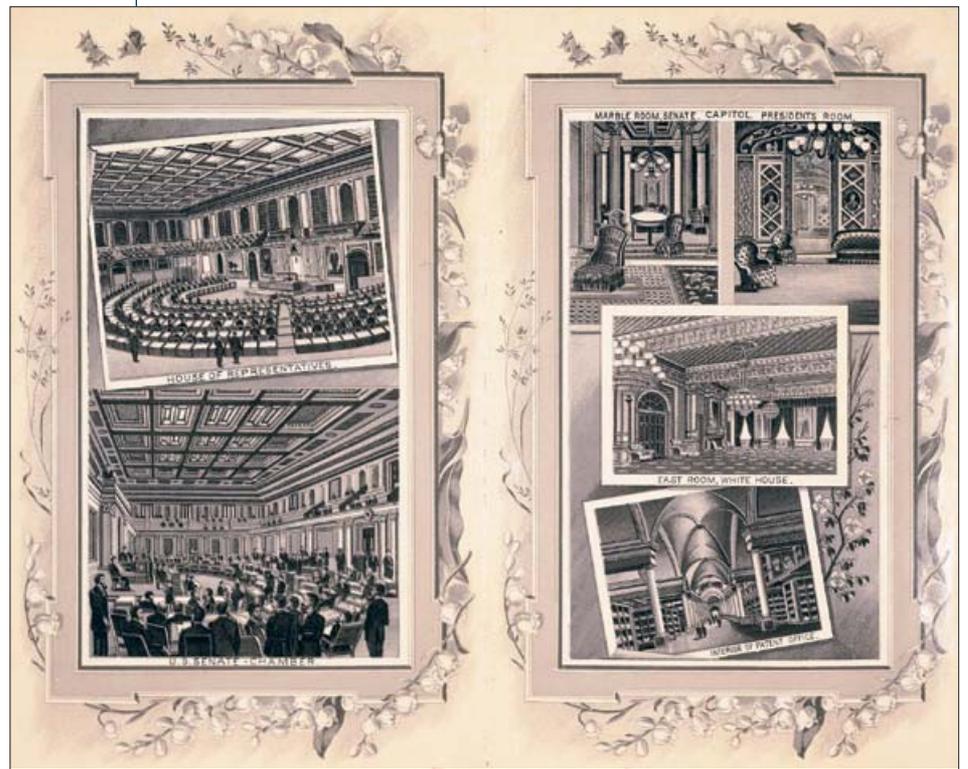
Washington, D.C.—Sitzung des Kongress-Komite's zur untersuchung der bei der letzten Präsidentenwahl verübten Betrügereien im Erdgeschoss des alten Kapitols, Juni 1878.

Unidentified [after Harry Ogden]
Frank Leslie's Illustrierte Zeitung, 07/01/1878
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Scenes in the National Capitol.

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Harper's Weekly, 07/26/1879
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[U.S. Capitol and Other Government Building Interiors]

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 Unidentified, ca. 1880
 Lithograph, black and white
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 Cat. no. 38.00694.001



Reception Room [House], Capitol, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

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 John F. Jarvis, ca. 1880
 Photograph, black and white
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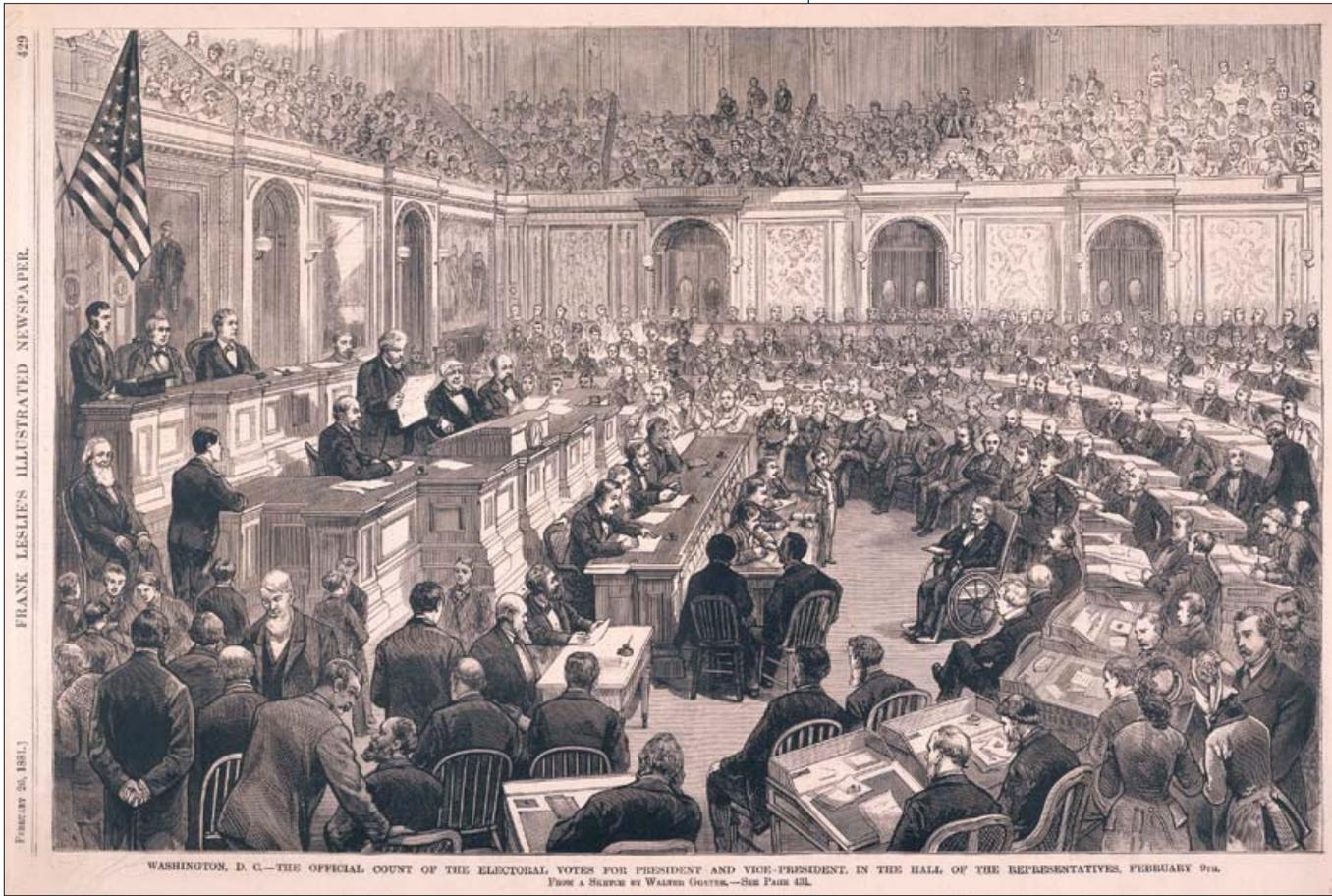
A Pictorial History of the Geneva Award.

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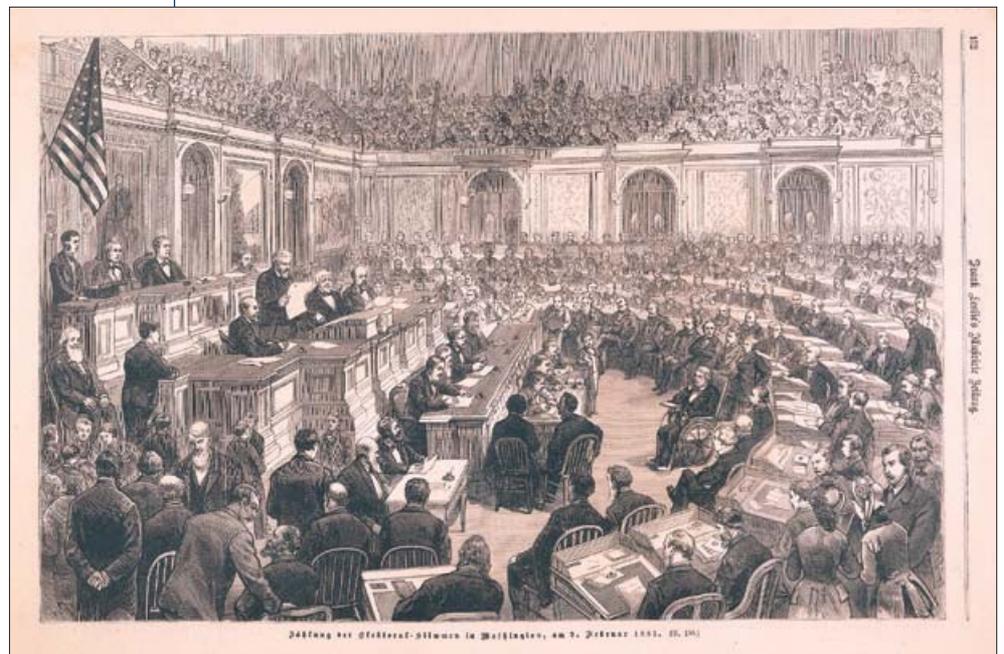
Washington, D.C.—Character Sketches at the National Capital during the Session of Congress.

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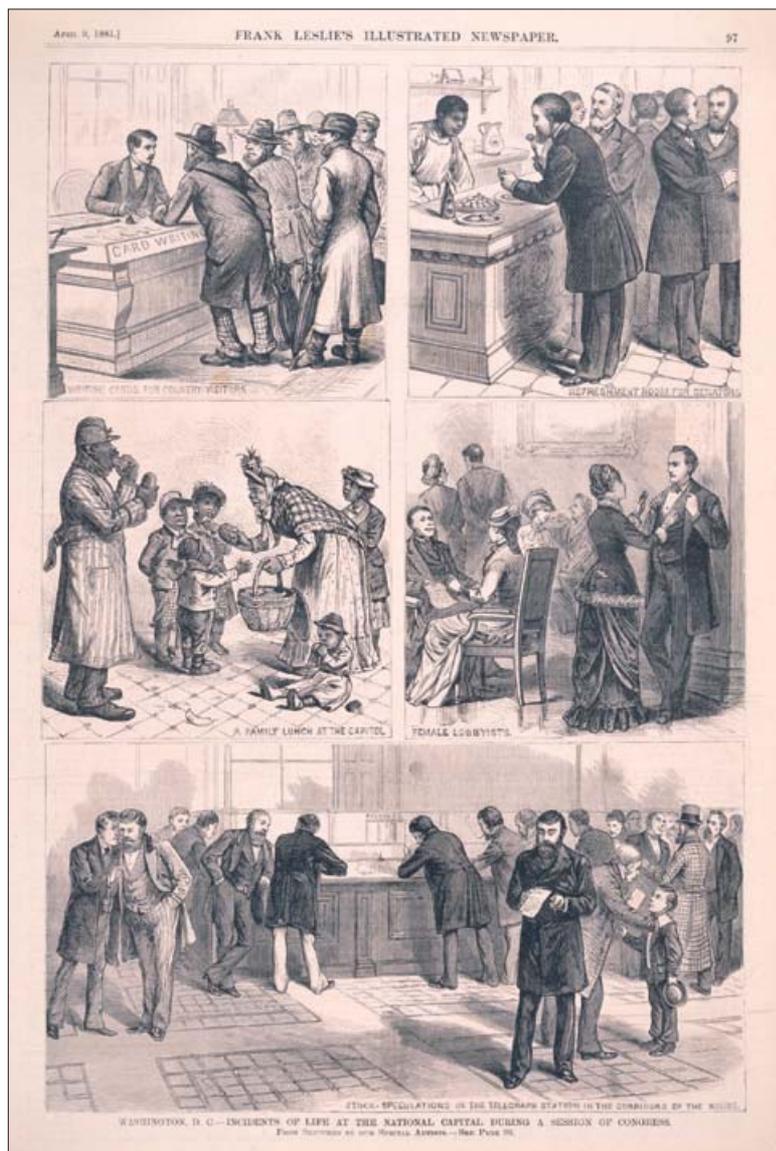
Washington, D.C.—The Official Count of the Electoral Votes for President and Vice-President, in the Hall of the Representatives, February 9th.

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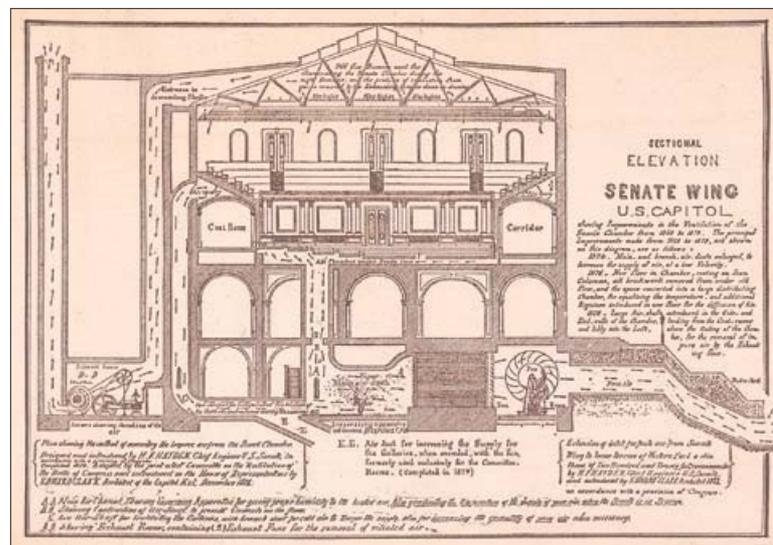
Bählung der Elektoral-Stimmen in Washington, am 9. Februar 1881.

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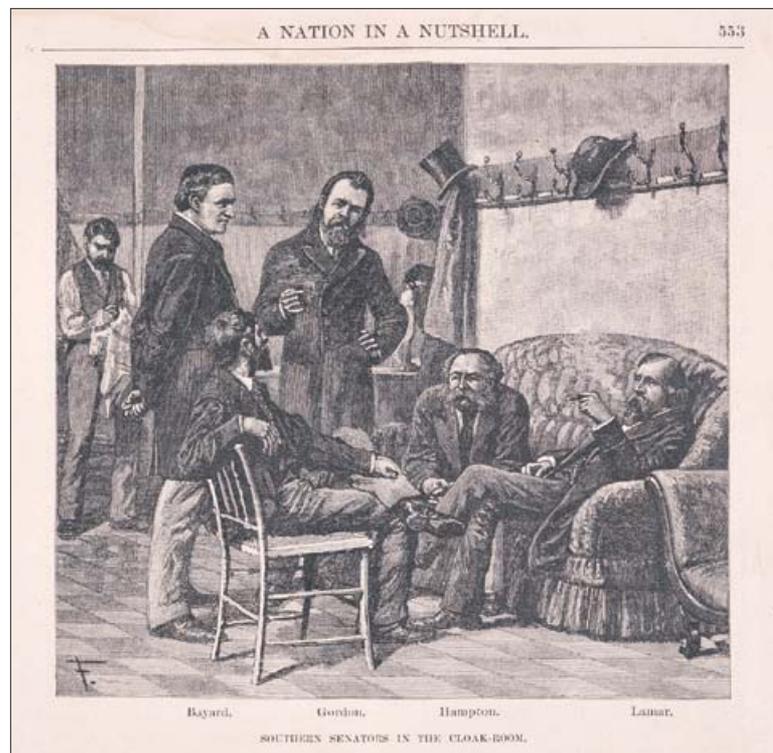
Washington, D.C.—Incidents of Life at the National Capital during a Session of Congress.

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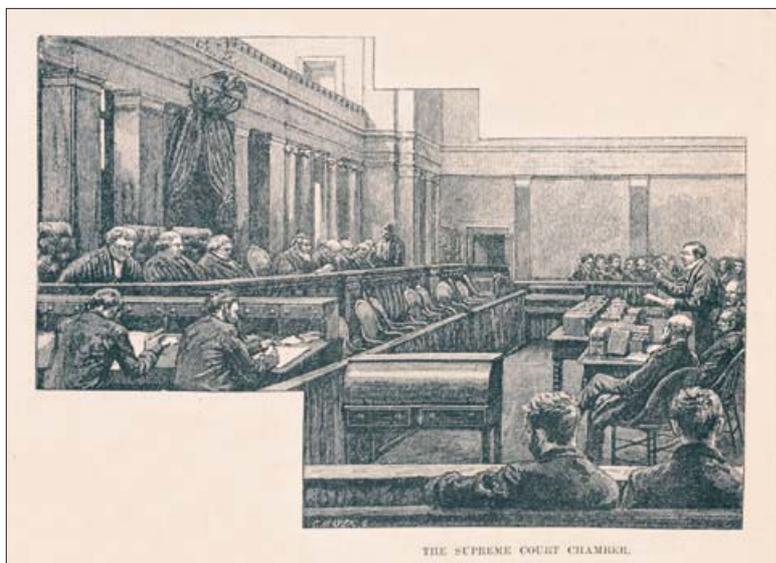
Sectional Elevation Senate Wing U.S. Capitol.

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Southern Senators in the Cloak-Room.

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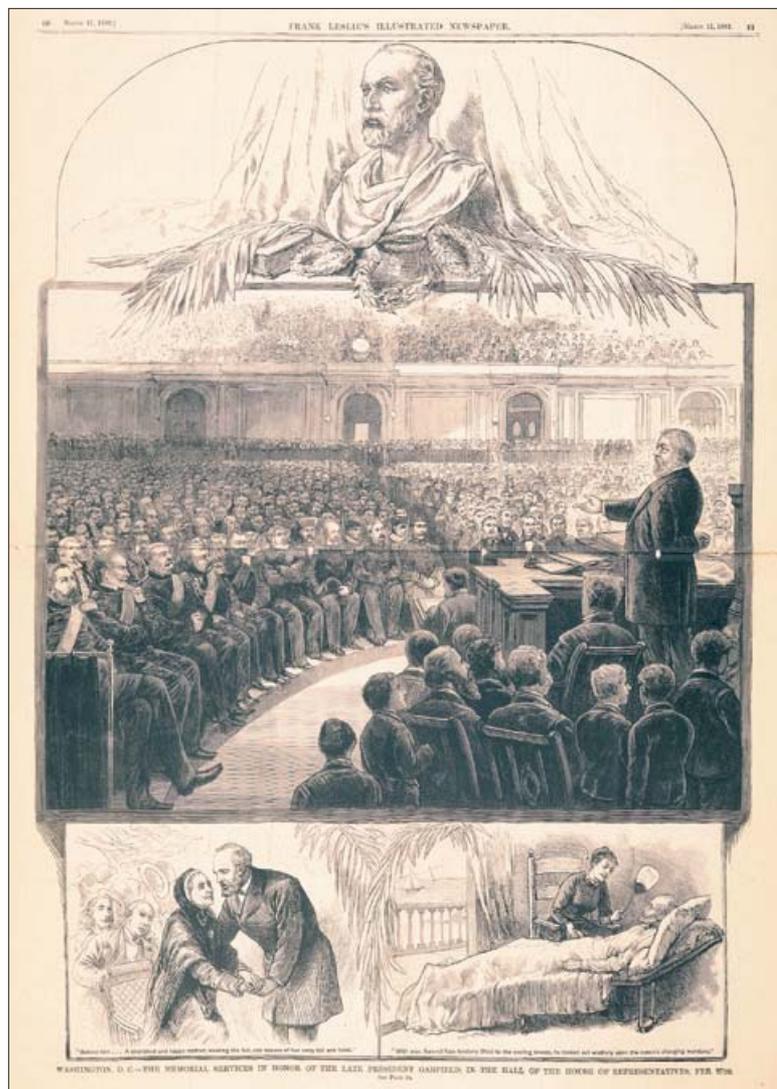
The Supreme Court Chamber.

H. Y. Mayer
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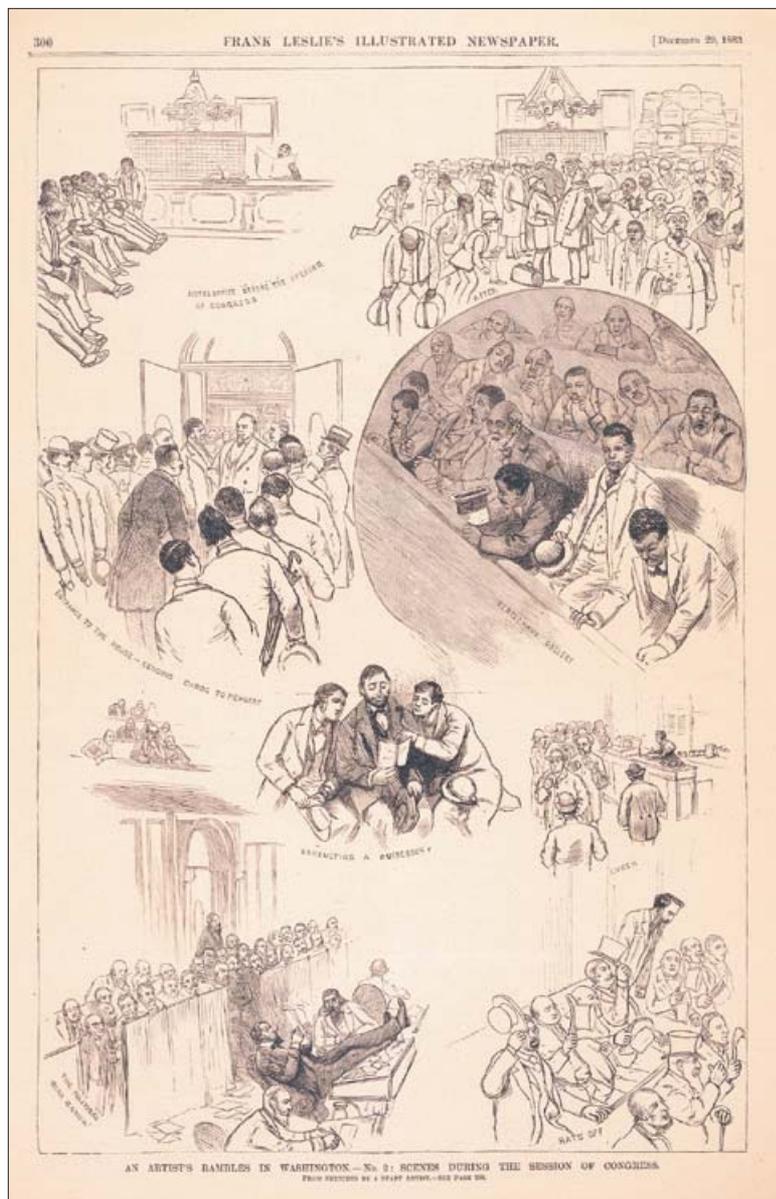
The Garfield Monument Fair, Washington, D.C.—In the Rotunda.

Unidentified after photograph by Charles M. Bell
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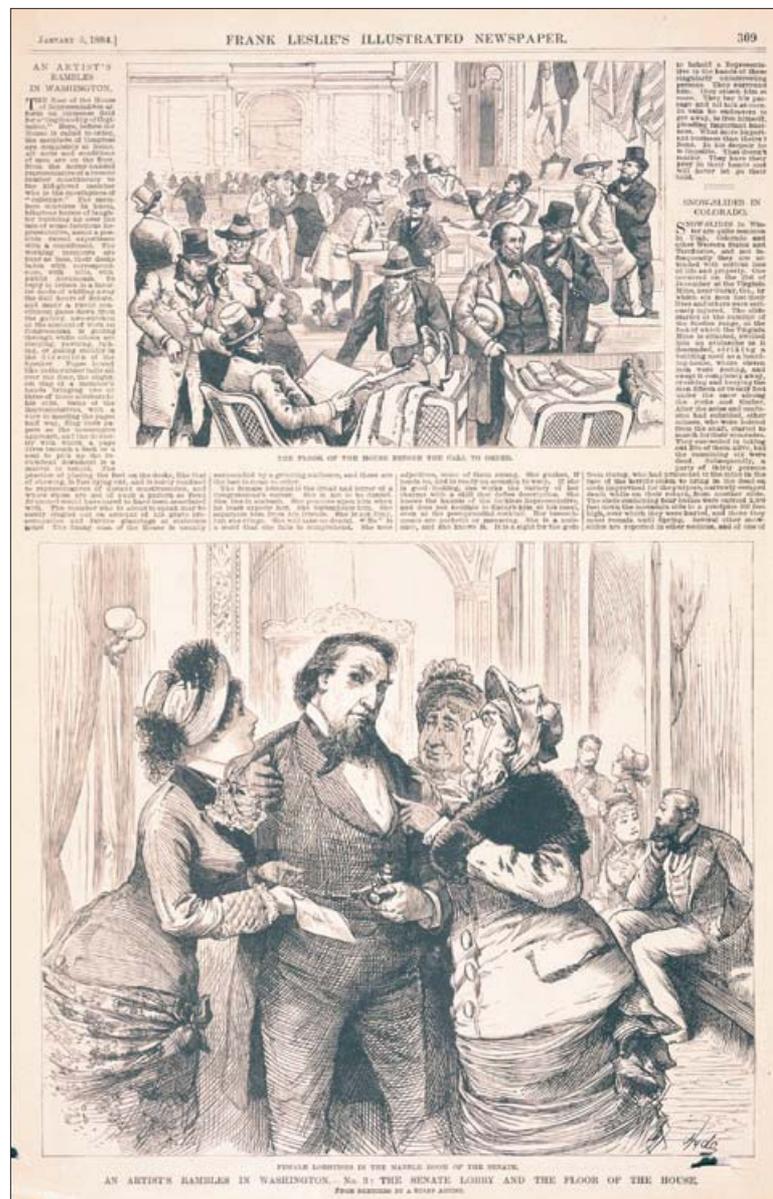
Washington, D.C.—The Memorial Services in Honor of the Late President Garfield, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Feb. 27th.

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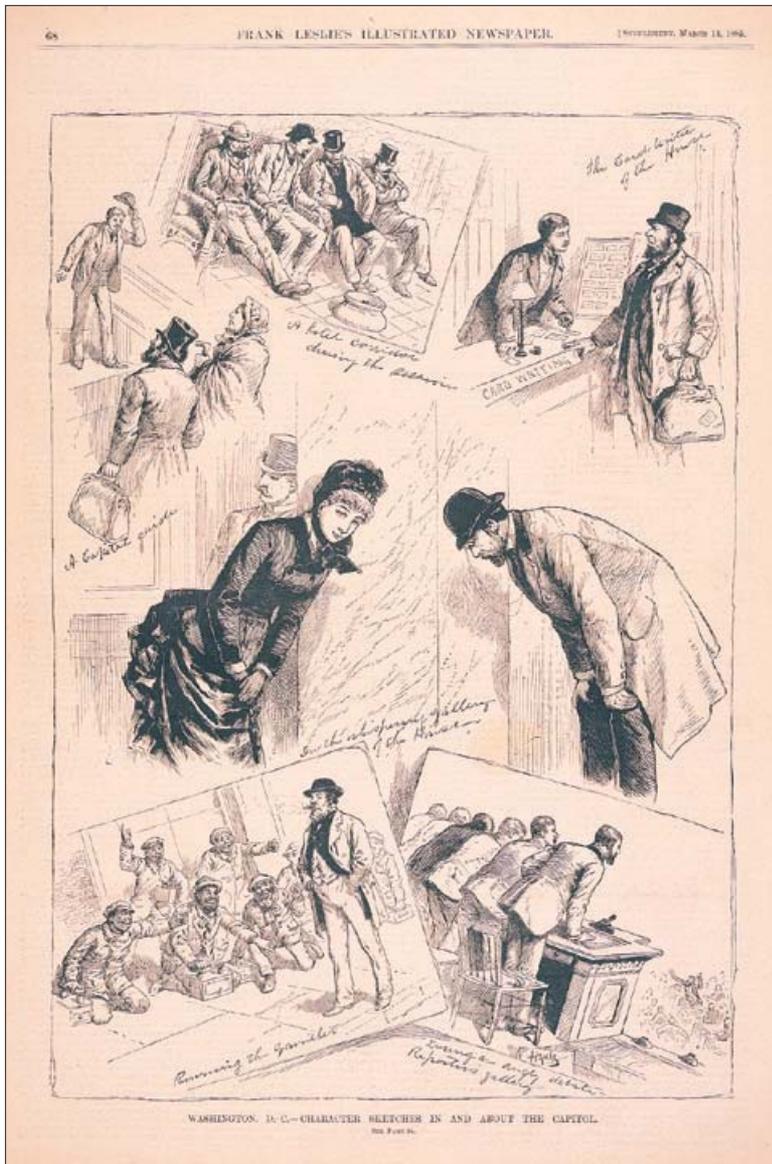
**An Artist's Rambles in Washington.—No. 2:
Scenes during the Session of Congress.**

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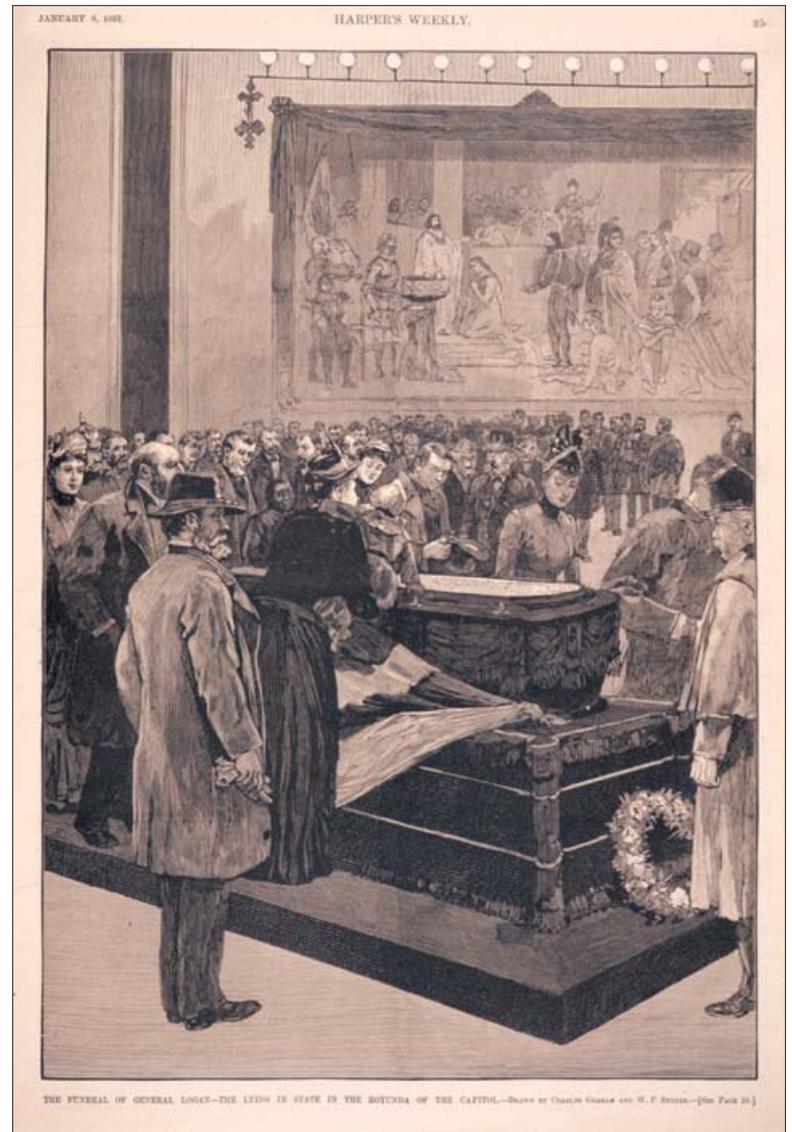
**An Artist's Rambles in Washington.—No. 3:
The Senate Lobby and the Floor of the House.**

Unidentified after J. N. Hyde
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 01/05/1884
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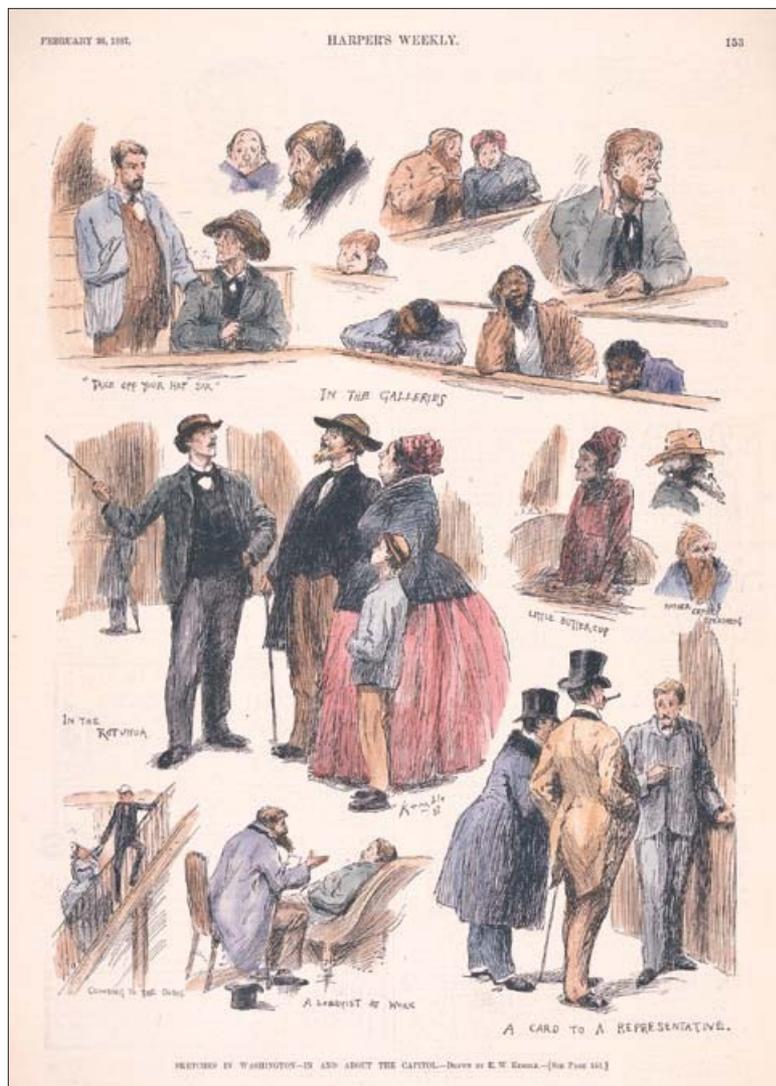
Washington, D.C.—Character Sketches in and about the Capitol.

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Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 03/14/1885
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The Funeral of General Logan—Lying in State in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

Unidentified after Charles Graham and William P. Snyder
Harper's Weekly, 01/08/1887
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Sketches in Washington—In and about the Capitol.

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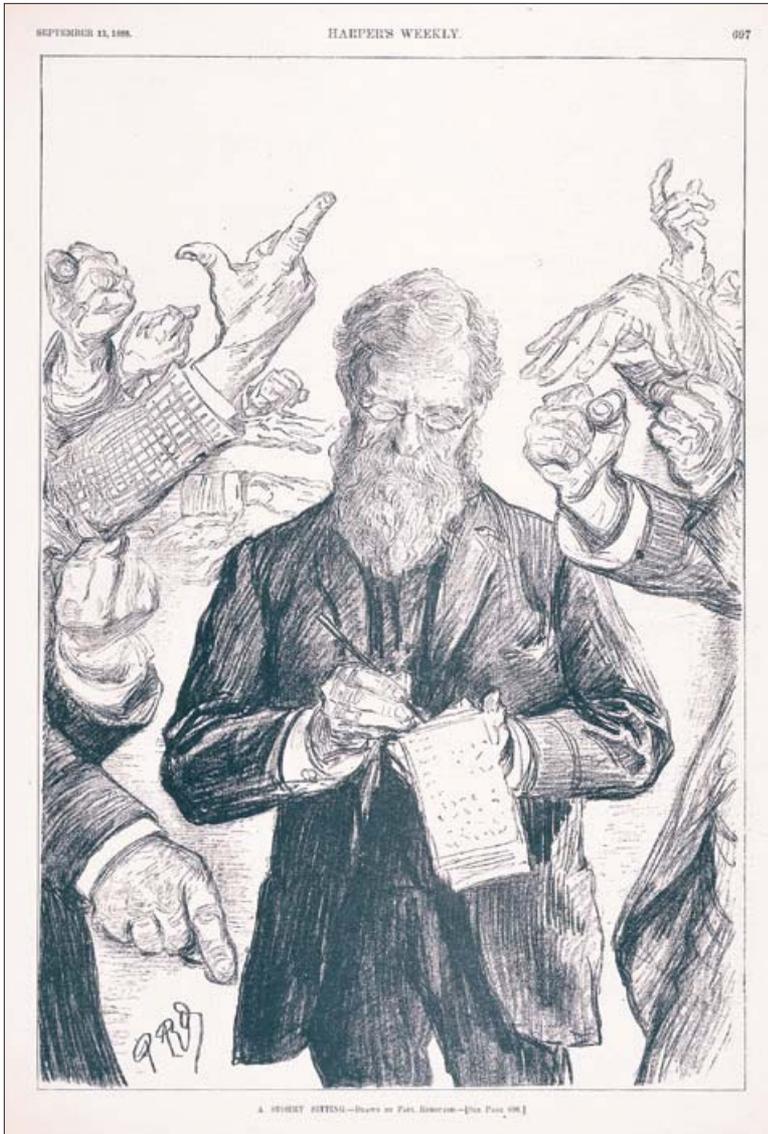
Sketches in the United States Senate.

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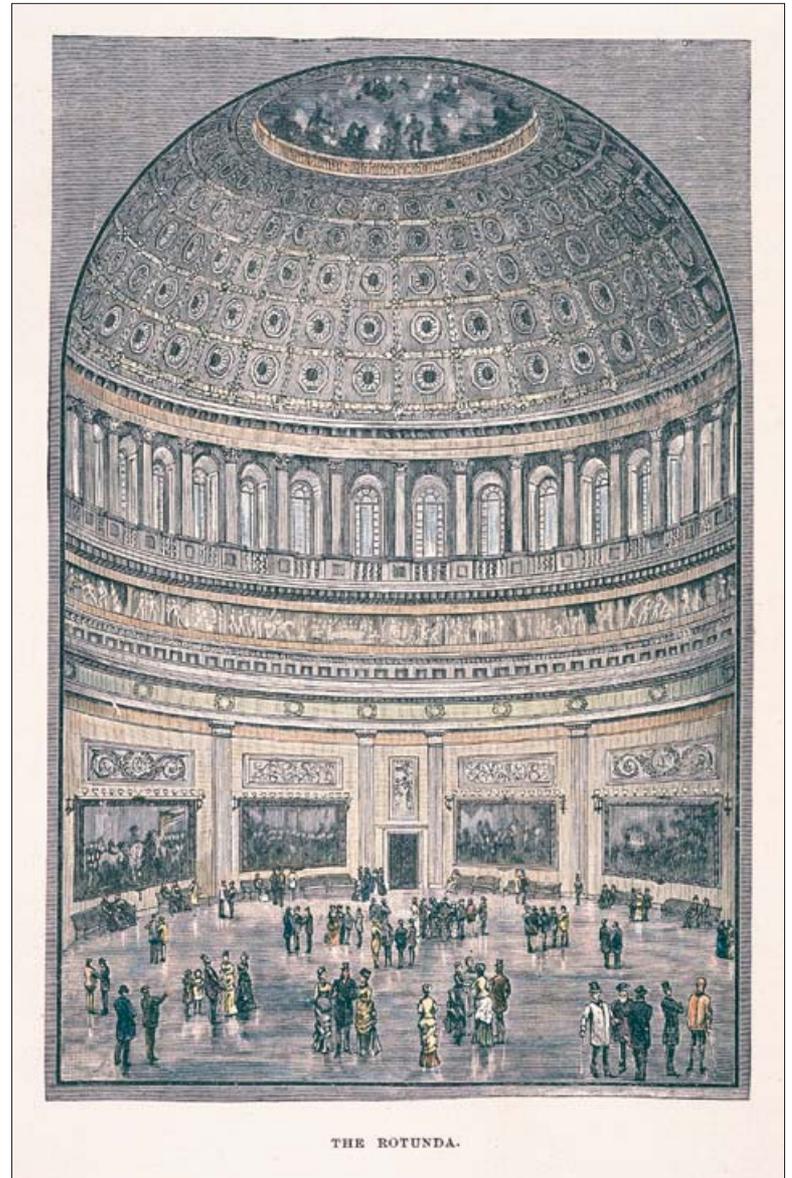
The Supreme Court of the United States.

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A Stormy Sitting. [Official Reporter of the House of Representatives]

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The Rotunda.

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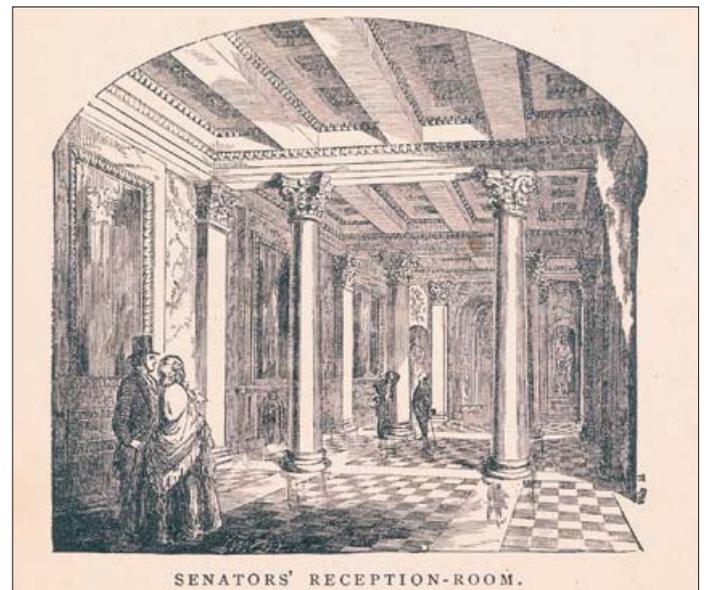
Female Lobbyists at Washington, D.C.—A Scene in the Marble Room of the Capitol.

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Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 03/09/1889
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Senators and Lobbyists in the "Marble Room," Adjoining the Senate Chamber.

Unidentified
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, 04/1890
 Wood engraving, black and white
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Senators' Reception-Room. [Marble Room]

Unidentified after J. W. Orr
 Unidentified, 1889
 Wood engraving, black and white
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