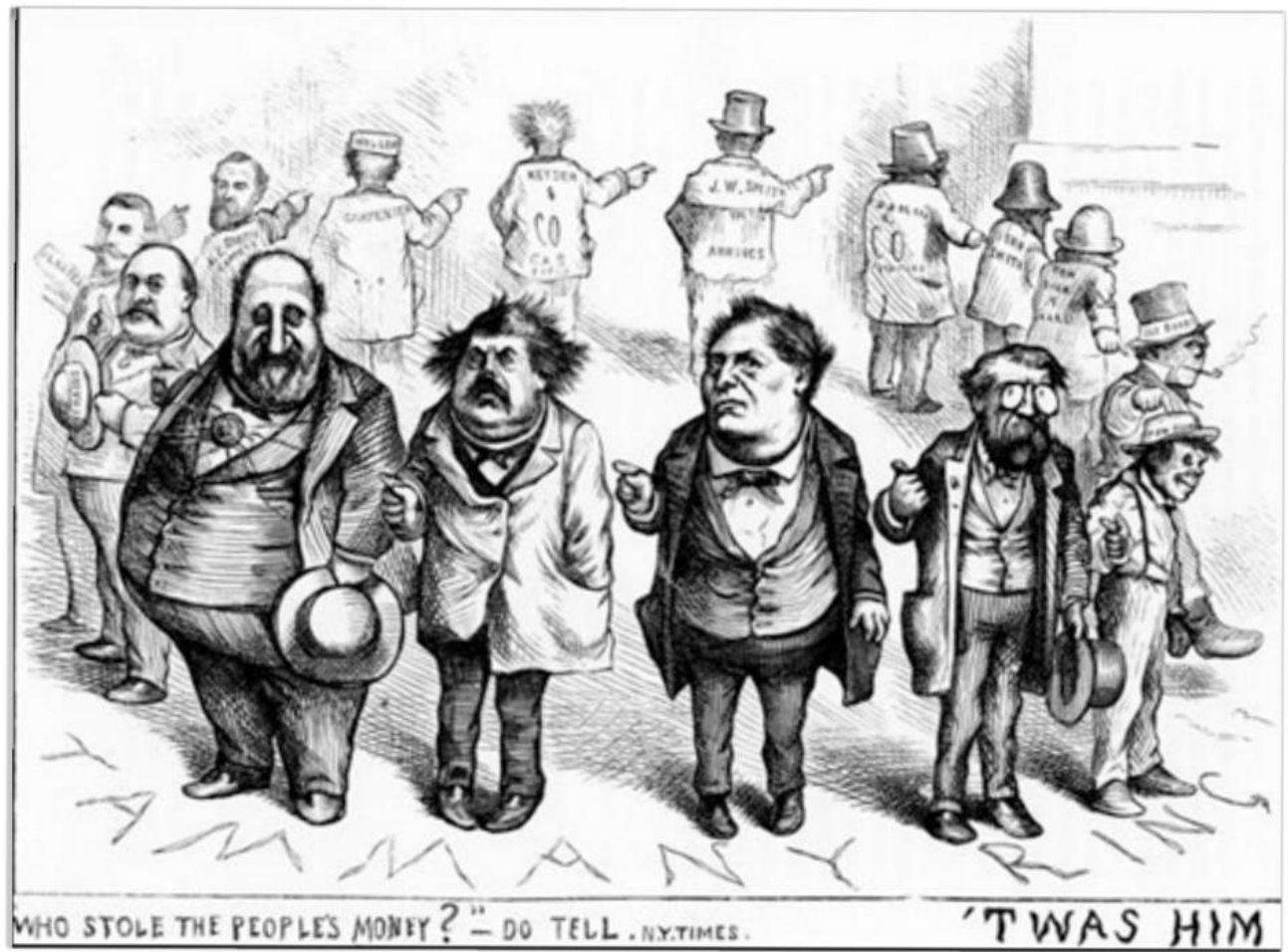


POLITICAL CARTOON
'T WAS HIM

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Thomas Nast, 'Twas Him,' Harper's Weekly, (August 19, 1871)

The caption reads "Who stole the peoples' money?" The large man at the left of the image represents Boss Tweed. He is joined by two members of Tammany Hall, the mayor, and various city contractors that the city did business with such as carpenters.

EXCERPT FROM
WHY THE WARD BOSS RULES

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The Alderman (city council member), therefore, bails out his constituents (residents of a district) when they are arrested, or says a good word to the police justice when they appear before him for trial; uses his "pull" with the [judge] when they are likely to be fined for a civil misdemeanor (small crime), or sees what he can do to "fix up matters" with the State's attorney when the charge is really a serious one.

Because of simple friendliness, the Alderman is expected to pay rent for the hard-pressed tenant when no rent is forthcoming, to find jobs when work is hard to get, to procure (get) and divide among his constituents all the places he can seize from the City Hall. The Alderman of the Nineteenth Ward (district) at one time made the proud boast that he had two thousand six hundred people in his ward upon the public pay-roll. This, of course, included day-laborers, but each one felt under distinct obligations to him for getting the job.

Jane Addams, "Why the Ward Boss Rules" *Outlook*, Volume 57 (April 2, 1898)

EXCERPT FROM
**MR. RICHARD CROKER AND
GREATER NEW YORK**

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We were silent for a time. Mr. Croker took a turn or two, and then resumed:

"People [blame] Tammany (Hall) for this and for that. But they forget what they owe to Tammany. There is no denying the service which Tammany has rendered (provided) to the Republic. There is no such organization for taking hold of the untrained friendless man and converting him into a citizen. Who else would do it if we did not? Think of the hundreds of thousands of foreigners dumped into our city. They are too old to go to school. There is not a [reformer] in the city who would shake hands with them...Except to their employer they have no value to anyone until they get a vote." "And then they are of value to Tammany?" I said, laughing. "Yes," said Mr. Croker, imperturbably (calmly); "and then they are of value to Tammany. And Tammany looks after them for the sake of their vote, grafts (joins) them upon the Republic, makes citizens of them in short; and although you may not like our motives or our methods, what other agency is there by which so long a row could have been hoed so quickly or so well? If we go down into the gutter it is because there are men in the gutter, and you have got to go down where they are if you are to do anything with them."

William T. Stead, "Mr. Richard Croker and Greater New York," *Review of Reviews*, XVI (October, 1897)