



Any Thing but a 'Pacific Mail', from "Harper's Weekly"

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Primary Maker
Thomas Nast

Medium
Wood engraving on newsprint

Description
Woman in dress with a key hanging off her belt patting the head of a child crying. The crying boy wears a belt reading "Pacific / Mail." and in front of him a piece of wood that reads "Subsidies." is on fire. Behind him a child sits and other children stand in front of a booth with sign reading "U.S. / Treasury." A clothes line with two articles of clothing hangs at the top of the booth, and below it other planks of wood labeled "Subsidies" burn. To the left of the woman a boy stands with his arm in a sling, wearing a belt that reads "Credit Mobilier". Behind him a man stands in a doorway with a sign above it reading "U.S. Alms House." Captioned "MATRON COLUMBIA. 'Children, you must stop putting those dangerous irons in the fire; somebody is sure to have his fingers burned.'" typeset beneath title in black ink.

Dimensions
Composition: 10 1/8 in. x 9 in. (25.7 x 22.9 cm) Sheet: 15 13/16 x 10 7/8 in. (40.2 x 27.6 cm)