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The subject of our frontispiece needs no introduction to our readers, as he is well and favorably known to every delegate who attended the conventions of the Western Federation of Miners in Denver and to our numerous readers under the nom de plume of the "Magazine's Devil."

Mr. Pettibone is the descendant of an old historic family of Connecticut, whose origin dates from 1664. They took an active part in the Revolutionary War, earning for themselves distinguished honors.

Jonathan Pettibone, colonel during and after the war, served in the Legislature of Connecticut for many years, and always as a champion and defender of the rights and liberties of the people.

Thus it is easily seen that the subject of our sketch inherits naturally the qualities that make for sterling manhood; added to these a genial disposition, with a quaint fund of humor.

Mr. Pettibone was born on a farm in New York in

1862. Being of an ambitious nature he cared little for farm life and went westward to the state of Montana when a very young man, where he engaged in mining. Leaving Montana, he went to Idaho during the Coeur d'Alene excitement, where he again engaged in mining and was elected the first president of Gem Miners' Union.

After the famous Coeur d'Alene labor troubles of 1892 Mr. Pettibone moved to Denver, where he has since become a successful business man.
