Appendix B: “The Mortar of Assimilation”

C.J. Taylor, "The Mortar of Assimilation--And the One Element that Won't Mix" The Puck (June 26, 1889), Michigan State University Museum.

The editorial that accompanies this image in Puck magazine asks "What is an American?" It argues that Americans are the product of diverse immigrants assimilating into the U.S. However, C.J. Taylor’s illustration suggests that there is “one element that [just] won’t mix:” the bloodthirsty Irish.

This cartoon is accessible at http://museum.msu.edu/Exhibitions/Virtual/ImmigrationandCaricature/7572-126.html