Uncle Sam's Lodging House political cartoon, 1882

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IMAGE DESCRIPTION:
The image depicts a lodging-house filled with sleeping immigrant laborers. The Irishman disturbs everyone in lodge who is trying to sleep. The Irishman throws bricks and shouts at Uncle Sam who covers his ears. In the background, Columbia also covers her ears to protect herself from the noise.
In the editorial which accompanies the cartoon, the editors claim that every immigrant group except the Irish has successfully integrated itself into American society. According to the editors, immigrants "should not come here to trouble himself and others with the dissensions and grievances of his native land." This viewpoint is represented in the political cartoon by the bricks labeled with Irish causes such as "Irish Independence." There are several other stereotypical representations of ethnic groups in the cartoon. For example, the Irishman holds a bottle of "Rye" while the Chinese man holds an opium pipe.

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