

# “That’s What’s the Matter”



**ABOUT THE SOURCE** This cartoon by Thomas Nast was published in *Harper’s Weekly* in 1871. The man in the cartoon represents William M. “Boss” Tweed, a corrupt politician who controlled the Democratic Party in New York.



*As you examine the cartoon, pay attention to how the drawing supports the text. What are both saying about politics in New York?*



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## WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

1. What is Nast accusing Boss Tweed’s organization of doing?

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2. What does Boss Tweed’s position next to the ballot container imply?

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