Title: Acceptable Irishmen in the Bostonian Democratic Party of the Gilded Age

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Abstract:
Boston is a city long associated with Irishness, though this was not always the case. In fact, for some time, the native Bostonian population sought to suppress the Irish and their political influence. In this project, I recount how the Irish came to be the politically dominant population, particularly following the U.S. Civil War. I describe figures who sought to "prove" the Irish as being worthy of equality, and enabled the Irish to become a politically formidable group.