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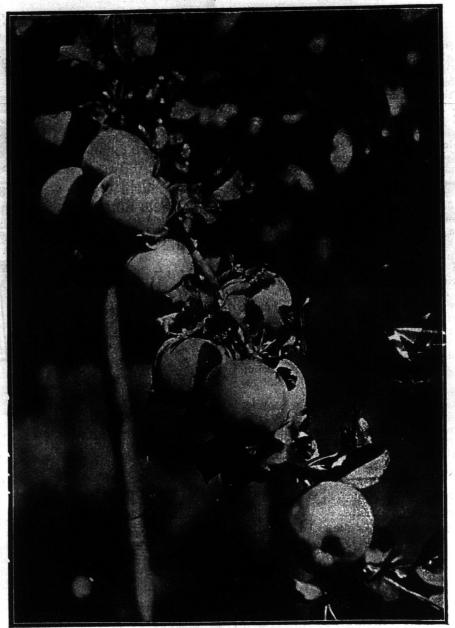
Congressman Eddy, of Minnesota, enjoys a joke, even though it is at his own expense. He relates this story of how one of his constituents got the best of him and curbed his youthful vanity: "In making the campaign in my district one year," said Mr. Eddy, "I took along as an attraction a veteran of the War of 1812 and of the Civil War, who was a famous hand at beating the drum. He was a drummer from away back, and could arouse a whole township. Drum music is an incendiary kind of thing any how, and the old captain's drumming was particularly stirring. Well, one night, after the captain's drum had given the usual overture, I commenced my speech to the populace which had been lured to the scene by his drum. I noticed at the foot of the rostrum, the same being "We didn't expect you."

"No, dear, I am glad you came down quietly. Now, don't let me ever have to tell you again not to come down noisily, for I see that you can come down quietly if you will. Now tell these ladies how you managed to come down like a lady the second time, while the first time you made so much noise." "The last time I slid down the banisters," explained Frances.

#### Not Expected.

A farmer entered a small restaurant where a girl is in attendance. The farmer announces that he would like some dinner. Many of the dishes he orders are not on the bill of fare. Finally he says he would like to have some hard boiled potatoes.

"We haven't any," replied the girl.



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big dry-goods box, a bright-eyed little fellow about twelve years old, who sat through the speech, following me with great attention. It pleased me very much. Any fool can interest an audience of adults, but it takes a genius to hold a child. So, after the speaking, I went down and spoke to the little fellow, and after shaking hands with him, asked him how he liked my speech. 'Oh, it will do,' he said, 'but if I was you I would keep the captain a-drummin' all the time."

#### Her Ladylike Descent.

"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came down stairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. You know how to do it better than that. Now go back and come down stairs like a lady."

Frances retired, and after the lapse of a few minutes, re-entered the par-

"Did you hear me come downstairs this time, mamma?"

"Well, then," says he, "give me a couple of loose eggs."
"Haven't any," is again the answer.

We didn't expect you."
"Well," asked the farmer, "didn't the hens expect me either?" and she

answers: "No; if they had they would have been laying for you.'

#### Cheerful View of It.

"Yes," said the Gentle Optimist, "I confess I am superstitious enough to wear a lucky stone."

"And do you really think it gives you luck?"

"Oh, I'm quite sure of it." "Did you have it with you yester-

"Certainly." "And in spite of it you lost a fivedollar gold piece out of your pocket, tore your coat by catching it on a nail, sprained your ankle and failed to close the business deal of which you expected

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