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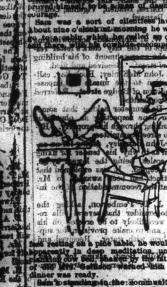








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HOW BILL LIT THE PIRE.

"Mebbe you've seen my boy Bill hanging around here?" queried a farmer of a policeman at the Central Market yesterday. "He's a common-looking chap, a little hew-backed, and has tea mittens, a blue comforter and a scared look."

"I saw such a chap about an hour ago, "I saw such a chap about an hour ago, but he's a man grown."
"So's Bill. He's as hig as anyhody, but he don't know nuthin."
"The other morning he got up to start the fire, and come to look around he couldn't find a match in the house.
"It's half a mile to the nearest naybur's, and what did that smart son of mine do?"
"He nut the kindling into the couldn't."

"It's half a mile to the nearest nay. but's, and what did that smart son of mine do?"

"He put the kindling into the cook stove, tucked some paper under it and then got down the shot-gun to try a brilliant experiment. He thought the fiame of the powder would set the kindlings going and save him a tramp."

"And didn't if!"

"Why, the long-legged ignoramus never stopped to see if the gun wan't already loaded, when, as a matter of fact, she had a big charge of powder and a handful of buck-shot already down.

"When that gun went off the report riz everybody out of bed in a twink-ling, and away went all the glass in the kitchen windows. We haven't got the house fairly clear of smoke and ashes yet, while the charge of shot blew the whole back of the stowe out."

"He was lying on his back on the floor when I got down. I got some water and put out the conflagration in his hair and eyebrows and goates, and then I led him to the back door and gave him a lint which lit him over a snow-drift six feet high.

"I guess I was a little too hasty. I heard he came to town, and I thought I'd hunt him up and sort o' apologize."

At that moment Bill eams around a corner of the butcher market, and the father held out his hand and stid:

"Bill, you are the biggest fool in the State of Michigan, but you can come home all the same!"

"Do you want me to?"

"Sartin. You don't know 'nuff to chaw gum, and it's a wonder you hain't bin bit by a cat since you lett home. Git in thar' and mind the team, while I go and price a new cook-stove."—[Delroit Free Press.

DID NOT BELIEVE HIM. A tramp, so fieshy that he could scarcely waddle, called at the house of a lean man and said." I wish you would give me a little assistance."

"I wish you would give me a little assistance."

"I haven't time to assist you."

"I mean give me something to eat."

"Oh, I thought you wanted me to help you walk. Want something to eat, eh? Why, my fleshy friend, you are in excellent condition. I have to work but you meed not. All you've got to do is to go off somewhere, sit down and live off your flesh. Oh, no, you don't need anything to eat."

"But, my dear sir, I am hungry."

"That's a mistake."

"I know I am."

"Oh; you may think so but you don't know it. Why, you are so fat you can hardly stand up. Hungry? why, man, you are razy."

"I tell you, sir, that I am nearly famished. I haven't had anything to eat for three days."

The lear man laughed. "What a

The lean man laughed. "What a curious fellow you are," said he. "Hungry! why you ought to be arrested for attempting to obtain food under false pretenses."—[Arkansaw Traveler.

Mrs. Gateswinger: Fup.

In traveling from Austin to Dallas Mrs. Gateswinger, the mother-in-law of Judge Peterby, was accompanied by a terrier pup, which the conductor insisted should ride in the baggage car if Mrs. Gateswinger paid a dollar. "What! you charge a dollar for my dog to ride on this train?"

"Yes, mum, that's the price."
"Jess so, mum."
"But he is a little bit of a dog. He is bot has grown."

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Before the adoption of the police act in Airdrie, a worthy named Geordie G—had to watch the town.

One night a drunken, obstreperous Irishman was lodged in the cells, and, this being rather against his inclination, he made a tremendous noise by kicking the cell door with his heavy boots. Geordie was equal to the occasion, for he went to the cell, and opening the door a little, said:

"Man, ye micht put off yer bufts, and I'll gie them a bif rub, so that ye'll be respectable like when ye gang before the taille in the morning."

The forsomer at once compiled with the request, and saw his mistake only when Geordie shut the door upon him, saying: saying.
"Ye can klok awa" noo as lang as ye like."—[English Newspaper.

Very Fortunate. A little girl was talking with a companion who was knitting a sock for her father.

You are very fortunate, she remarked naively, for your papa has only one leg." A Good Pun.

When our clever fellow-citizen, H. Adair, met Major Bacon Thesday he made this happy speech; "Major, I am a few, but I like Bacon"—[Milledgeville (Ga.) Chronicle. D. V. Or Otherwise.

Wife: "I think, mother, we had better be starting for our shopping. By the way, John, what are the weather probabilities?"

John (reading from the paper): "Heavy rains, followed by snow, hall, sleet, bitz-ards, syclones, tornadoes, atmoons, hurricanes and estributies?" rains, followed by snew, nati, area, simons, hurticanes and earthquakes. I wise, "H'm, how providing, Shall we venture out, mother?"

Mother: "Certainly, We are not made of sugar."—[Life.

A Singular Omission "Pawpaw," said a New Jersey young lady, "will you look into the dictionary for mosquito, and let me know how it is spelled?"
"Taint here," said the old man, after a search. Tann here saw a search.

"It must be pawpaw. Have you looked carefully?"

"I've been through the S's five times, an there ain's nothin' that even looks like 'skeeters."

and train the Post Pentists "My dear," said Mrs. Podsnap to her husband, "ween't the ice man here twice this morning?"

"Why did he come the second time?"

"I presume he wanted to give us double serve-toe to-day, calmly replied Mr. P.

The attending physician thinks that Mrs. P. will recover witheroper care and attention.

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Weekly Colon

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1887. From the Daily Colonist, April 1 LOCAL AND PROVINCIA

Parliament will be opened at day by the Marquis of Lansdov Ne Subsidy.

The imperial government have to grant a subsidy for a trans-Pacifi Water Pipes.

British bark Oban Bay has a pipes for the Esquimalt waterwork

Postponed. Mr. Byrne's auction sale of the

Japanese Camelias.

Capt. John Irving received from by the hark George a couple of loads of beautiful white camelias full bloom. 35 Das Prize Bull Sold. Tolmie's prize bull was sold y to Mr. W. J. Roper, of Cherry a good price, The animal is so the finest on the coast.

wholeting in Rich Rock. Mr. J. Byrnes received by last a sample of quartz from the Hixo Quartz Company for assay. It yie handsome result of \$585 per ton.

The Fortifications. At the recent colonial confer London the importance of fortify quimalt and Victoria was urged as necessity. The last span to be placed in the bridge over James Bay was placed in position yesterday, and in a few obridge will be open for passenger

The steamer Princess Louise arrive here until five o'clock this having been detained at Port M the train from the east which shours late.

A 600 yards race will be run Royal Oak to-day for \$20 aside Harny Heal and Patsy Nunder. A the stakes are small the betting considerable, and an exciting race

The agent of the new director the cities and counties of Puget reports very encouraging success canvass of Victoria for subscripti advertisements. The book will cofull business directory of Victoria. Messrs. M. R. Smith & Co. rec beautifully lithographed diploma bronze medal for the exhibit of a and hand made cakes and biscui the Victoria Steam Bakery at the and Indian Exhibition, London.

Can This Be True? Can This Be True?

London Advertiser: It is at exaggeration to say that \$5,000, nually will be required over an the present earnings of the Canacific road to pay expenses and to dividend upon the stock.

Another Unfortunate. A colored man was taken into last night and locked up for safe le He is quite insane and the au were unable to learn his name, thought to be the same man who rested a year ago on the same char

Deserted.

The ex-wife of J. J. Russell, divorced from her husband last gone entirely to the bad. She toria with a young man named Ti and \$500 in money. At San F Thompson deserted her, taking wher money.

Mr. Luttrell, a purser in the of the P. C. S. S. Co., came up City of Chester yesterday. It is year since Mr. Luttrell was on Francisco and Victoria route, many friends in this city welcon back yesterday with considerable The Family Quarrel.

In the provincial court yesterds Doretey was brought up on charged with assaulting A. Moris evidence of the latter's son, a bri as was also Mrs. Morisy's. The dant, who endeavored to make defense, was fined \$10, The case d considerable time.

The First Crushing. Telegrams were received yester Clinton stating that the Foster and Mining company's stamps conto crush ore that morning. The important one, and the first resultooked for with great interest looked for with great interest wash-up will have a great deal t restoring confidence in our miner and thus hastening their deve May good luck be with them is the wish of every citizen.

The Mexico's Insurance.
The Mexico was insured for a some \$67,500 of which is in Bri Eastern' companies. The losses companies having offices in San I are as follows: California, \$10,00 are as follows: California, \$10,000 are as follows: California, \$1,500 \$7,500; Firemen's Fund, \$7,500; Sp. Canton, \$7,500; Canton, New Zealand, \$2,500; Transatla 500; Merchants' Mutual, \$2,500. Hungarian, \$5,000; Magdeburg \$5,000; Boston Marine, \$15,00

The Hudson Bay fur sales The Hudson Bay fur sales I proceeding at the commercial sa Mincing Lane, London, and the the biddings are deemed to be fafactory, in view of the price preview then fur was very much d Mink skins held their price, and the parcels showed a decided improbut some of the poorer samples fe fast, and certain kinds, such as marten, were lower; but the ma whole was decidedly good, and a provement on the corresponding the last year or two.

W. Seitz was again before trate, charged by Mrs. M. Geis fusing to pay the rent of his rehonor dismissed the case.

Joseph Misello, a drummer, on a summons issued at the insta K. Bull, who charged him with without a license. His honor or defendant to pay the amount of and the costs of the court.

Horace Giltner, on remand 17th inst., charged by Sergt. with vagrancy, failed to appealled, and a fine of \$25 or one imprisonment was recorded against the service of the s Victoria Theatre.

The Portland papers are loud of the Adelaide Randall Bijou (which appears here to night. Thins says the company took the storm and played to crowded him their sagarant in Portland storm and played to crowded hring their season in Portland.
tina in the "Mascot," Miss R said to have no equal on the Colly good things come to us the exchanges of the entire company have scored successive triumphave scored successive triumphave she'p have appeared. The is said to be finely balanced bright particular star shines throughout the evening. Vice accord these artists a cordial grethe theatre should be crowded when the beautiful opera "Portlebizonde" is placed upon the Reserved seats may be had at W