

consented to this arrangement. The mediator returned after a brief interview, and said to the creditor:

"You did well not to tackle that fellow. I had a d—l of a time with him."

"What did he do?"

"Why, he cuffed my ears until I couldn't see, and kicked me out of the store."

"You cuffed him back, of course?"

"Cuffed him back?" replied the mediator, with an incredulous laugh; "what in the mischief do your quarrels concern me?"

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HALAF OF A TOLLAR.



Gilhooly went into Mose Schaumburg's store, on Austin Avenue, to buy an umbrella. Mose showed him two kinds of umbrellas, which looked very much alike, one of which was a dollar and the other a dollar and a half. Gilhooly examined them critically, and asked:

"What is the difference between them?"

"Halaf of a tollar," responded Mose.

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A WIFE'S DEVOTION.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a large crowd of men and boys, near the corner of Main Street and Austin Avenue, were treated to an exhibition of wifely devotion, which could not but affect the strongest heart. The woman had found her husband lying in a beastly state of intoxication in an alley. Instead of being ex-