

Stroller's Column.

The Stroller's new department, "Heart to Heart Talks With Mother," is filling a long-felt want in this locality and many of the young mothers who are profiting by the suggestions left at her house. These talks flourished best during the late campaign for then the hard-hearted husbands were mostly "whoopin' 'em down town and the little domestic talks were not interrupted by the husband and his campaign breath blowing in when Willie's croup was the theme of conversation.

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acid in it, and see if the old man can't become himself again.

"Thar! That makes me feel so good I'll saunter out to Limpin' Grouse's grave, I giv it a heavy coat o' paint in the fall an' even if the snow is blowed often it, I'll have the satisfaction of knowin' my promise to her to keep it green is still sacredly kept."

With the exception of Weston Coyney, Col. Macgregor and Casey Moran, the Stroller has probably had more years of newspaper experience than other young men in Dawson and yet he has ever and even yet been very careful in using the editorial "we." Outside the editorial columns of a newspaper the word "we" should not be found unless used in reporting

an interview and then it should only be used in repeating what the person interviewed had to say regarding himself in connection with other parties. "We" and "our" are two words which belong solely to the editor and even by him should not be too frequently used. It was an Arkansas editor who said:

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nent New York corporation attorney, was right when he said:

"Only editors of newspapers and men with tape worms have any right to say 'we.'"

Tom Chisholm tells a good after-election story on himself. He was out doing his best to make votes for Macaulay and dropped into the New Savoy to compare notes with W. R. Jackson, who was working on the same line. While talking with Jackson a member of the "Kid" push dropped in and Tom, thinking of course that the "Kid" had no money, essayed to run a bluff on him, and said:

"All these fellows sitting around are thirsty, and in order to show you that I am all right I will agree to buy two bottles of wine for every one you buy."

"Done," said the "Kid." "Here, Jackson, give us 20 bottles of Mumm's."

The 20 bottles were put out, the "Kid" delved into the interior of his pants and paid for it, \$200 in cash.

"It was up to me," says Big Tom, "and all I could do was keep my word and buy \$400 worth of wine right there and then. It was one on me, but maybe you think it wasn't like falling into cold turkey for the chair-warmers around the stove. They helped drink \$600 worth of wine in less than 30 minutes. Next time—but next time there won't be any 'Kid' campaigners to try a bluff on."

A week ago the Stroller attended a "hurrah, boys," meeting at the Standard, where he heard a number of candidates and others essay to speak to whom such is a laborious, not to say practically impossible, task. It revived recollections of a convention held many years ago in the land where the sweet magnolia blooms and where alligators grow fat on razor-backed shoats and nigger children. It was a Republican convention and, as is usual with Republican conventions in that country, its color was similar to that of a total eclipse.

A committee on credentials and platform had been appointed and had retired to consider as to who was eligible to seats and also to draft a document condemning everything Democratic from Grover Cleveland down to moonshine whisky. During the absence of the committee various members of the convention were called upon to address it, among them an African Methodist Episcopal presiding elder who came forward and in a deep, rich and mellow voice said:

"I hab done been axed to talk, but what shall I talk about?"

And the late L. G. Dennis, the "Little Giant of Alachua," who stuffed 87 ballots in Archer box, No. 2, swore to the returns which threw Florida's electoral vote to Rutherford B. Hayes and made him president instead of Samuel J. Tilden, said:

"Talk about a minute and a half, you black devil."

If, instead of endeavoring to talk

about needed legislation some of Dawson's embryonic statesmen would talk about a minute and a half their standing in the political world would be enhanced.

Very few Jews take to newspaper work as a means of earning a liveli-

hood, although when one does he usually makes a good reporter, his racial nerve and persistency going a long way towards enabling him to obtain difficult interviews, the most difficult work in the reportorial line. Old "Doc" Cohen, for many years a well-known New York reporter, is now one of Hearst's star men on the Journal, but in his earlier life he was not so successful although he was always renowned for his story-getting ability.

It was some years ago when John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, had just taken charge of the old Morning Journal, of New York. He wanted to make the Journal hot, so he started in to get as many of the good men in town as he could. Cohen was then on the New York World. McLean made him an offer of an advanced salary. Cohen accepted it. The first day that "Doc" went over to the Journal, McLean called him to his private office. The old man wanted to startle the town, and he thought he had the man to do it.

"Mr. Cohen," said McLean, "I want you to stop traffic of all kinds on Broadway for one hour, and tomorrow tell how the Journal did it. Here is an order on the business office for \$800 for expenses. If you need more, call on me."

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Just then another newspaper man dropped in. Then two more came. The drinks were going all the time and Cohen was paying for them out of John R. McLean's expense roll. It soon was noised about Park Row that "Doc" Cohen was buying drinks as fast as the "barkeeps" could mix them. The saloon was soon filled with reporters, editors, artists, make-up men, printers, office boys, devils, and "ad." men.

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Another thought a big stick of dynamite judiciously placed would do the business. Another was for a blockade. "Get the street-car conductors all drunk and wreck a dozen cars," said one. "Bribe the Broadway squad and start a riot," said a sporting editor. And so they went. But "Doc" Cohen was not stopping traffic on the big street. In the meantime more newspaper men were coming in.

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At last "Doc" got up, fished out \$1.85—all that was left of McLean's expense money. Then he wrote a note to McLean saying:

"Dear Mr. McLean,—Inclosed find balance \$1.85. Accept my resignation. Can't stop traffic on Broadway, but came damned near tying up all the newspapers on Park Row."

The next day he was over on the World at his old job.

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The trouble was this:

It is only lately that George Noble has consented to oblige the people of Dawson by occasionally bursting into song and since he has done so some one of his numerous friends started the report that he has found the lost chord. D. W. McRae, Crown land and timber inspector, heard the report of Noble's being in possession of the lost chord and not stopping to think it had an "h" in it, and being a good and faithful officer, hunted up Noble and dunned him for the stumpage on a cord of wood. George got hot at once and put for the Stroller, who chanced to be present and who understood about the finding of the lost chord and who interposed by asking what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina, there might have been serious trouble. Noble still has the lost chord, but he says he will go to jail before he will pay stumpage on it.

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