A young man in a Southern town applied to the keeper of a livery stable for a horse

and buggy.
"Who is going along with you?" asked

"I am going to take my wife's mother out for a ride. She is not well, and I want her to have some fresh air. I wish you would put a spade and a hatchet in the bottom of the

"What do you want them for?"
"I want to dig up some young cedar trees to plant in the cemetery."
"I don't think I can let you have a bug-

gy." Why not?"

"Why not?"

"Because I don't want to be hauled up as a witness every time court meets. I have got my business to attend to."

"I don't understand you."

Maybe you don't but I understand you. You have been macried some years, and when a married man in this town wants to take his mother-in-law out for a ride for her health, and wants a spade and a hatchet, and talks about planting things in the cemetery, that's all I want to know."

"But my dear sir"—

"I may be all right, but I don't propose to take any risks. When your trial comes off you will swear there is a prejudice against you in this town, and you can't get a fair trial, and get a change of venue to some country away off, and I'll have to go there as a witness every time the case is continued, or be fined forty dollars. If you want to get rid of your wife's mother go to a drug store and get some 'Rough on Rats,' and it will be a case of suicide or accident, but I am not going to be mixed up in it by supplying you with spades and hatchets, and a horse and a case of suicide or accident, but I am not going to be mixed up in it by supplying you with spades and hatchets, and a horse and buggy to carry off the cropse to hide. No, sir-ree! Why don't you ask me to put a coffin in the buggy besides. No sir, I am not that kind of a livery stable man. I'm not in that line of business. I sympathize with you but for the mere hire of a horse and buggy I can't afford to take any such risk."

What he Reminded Her of.

He-I must be going, so I will bid you good-night.
She—Oh, your sall makes me think of one
member of a base-ball nine.
The Wast member, pray? He—What member, pray? She—Why, the short-stop.

In Russia.

Official-You cannot stay in this country,

Traveller-Then I'll leave it. Official—Have you a permit to leave?
Traveller—No, sir.
Official—Then you cannot go. I leave you twenty-four hours to make up your mind as to what you shall do.

Three Ways of Describing It.

Two men, A. and B., met a third C., on the street one day recently and halted him, telling him they wished him to decide a question under discussion. "I say," said A., "that D.'s house burn-

ed down."
"And I say,' said B., "that D.'s house "You are wrong, both of you," said C., "for I have it on good authority that D. was burned out."

Mrs. Magoogin Has a Few Things to Say About Christmas.

About Christmas.

"Fwhat for kiond av a Christmas did ye have, Mrs. McGlaggerty?"

"Very noice an' quoiet, Mrs. Magoogin."

"Oi had a noice an' quoiet Christmas mesel', Mrs. McGlaggerty," said the widow.

"Oi had a prisint av a no shouldher shawl fram Toozy, an' a half dozen hankerchers fram Mrs. McGowin, an' a mannishkewer set to clane th' teeth an' nails wid from medaughter's husban', Hinnery, an, a box av canned paiches from th' Ditch groceryman an th' corner belyow, bad look to him fur his mainness, an'—an' Oi guess that's all, Mrs. McGlaggerty. Its th' fusht toime in me loife Oi uver got a manniskewer set, on' upon me canned patches from th' Difch grocoryman at the corner belyow, bad look to him find him mainness, an'—an' Oi gress that's all, Mrs. Moll agency, It shi finds it to line in he loif of the warrend of don't know very well fall the warrend of the state of of the s

and altogether manifesting great sorrow, "What's the matter, Geordie?" sympathetically inquired his mother, "has anybody been bittin' ye?" "N-n-n-o," answerted the boy, between his sobs. "Then what are you crying about?" she went on. "Boo! hoo! wee Sammy Sloan's faither an' mither hae flitted to Coatbrig!" "Tuts, laddie, dinna greet about that," she exclaimed reassuringly, "there's plenty mair laddies bidin' in the streets besides Sammy Sloan that ye can play wi'." "I ken that," said Geordie, with another sob, "but he was the only yin I could lick."

Couldn't Help Himself. The two men had talked for a time on the

The two men nec train.

"Are you going to hear Barkins lecture to-night?" said one.

"Yes," returned the other.

"Take my advice and don't. I hear it's an awful bore."

"I must go," said the other. "I'm Barkins."

Limited Power of Attorney.

"John," said the Rev. Mr. Goodman to

"John," said the Rev. Mr. Goodman to his hired man, "are you a Christian?"
"Why—er—no, sir," replied John.
"Do you ever swear?"
"I—I'm sometimes a little keerless like in my talk."
"I am sorry, John," rejoined Mr. Goodman. "But we will converse about this some other time. I wish you would take this money and settle this bill of \$4 for thawing out a water pipe, and talk to the man in a careless kind of way as if it were your own bill."

A Victim of Another Man's Dissipation. "And now, my poor man," said the minister to the convict, who was busying himself about the prison corrider, "what brought you to this?"
"Drink," responded the convict, with a look of disgust.

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"Ah, indeed!" exclaimed the minister;

"Ah, indeed!" exclaimed the minister; tell me about it."
"Well, you see I broke into a house one night and was just gettin' away with the swag nicely when the man of the house came home drunk and raised a rumpus and got the neighbors out and I got caught. I had a reputation in s'ciety till that man's dissipation ruined me. Curse the demon, rum!"

A Palpable Swindle.

Mr. Thrifty—"Doctor, I don't think much of that cough medicine of yours."
Dr. Curem—"I am very sorry to hear that. What is the reason?"

Thrifty—"Why, there is so much of it lead waste."

Curem—"Dead waste?" Thrifty—"Yes; I hadn't taken more than a quarter of the bottle when I was all over my cough, and there is the other three-quarters just thrown away."

Post-Cranberry Thoughts.

When I have had my turkey fat, My cranberries and pie; When from the overflowing vat I drink the cider dry;

When chestnuts, apples, roasted pig
Go down with celery—
It seems to me most infra dig.
To discontented be.

not see how any man Of ordinary sense,
Who's eaten every bit he can,
Can help but feel immense.

I deem that one a sorry scold Who, holding all that his Capacity is made to hold, Yet discontented is.

So I advise those weary weights
Who cultivate the sad,
Who much dislike the gleesome flights
Of those who're always glad:
If they strong discontent would meet
With solid sense in touch,
They must on glad joyous Christmas eat
Too little or too much.

Geordie's Grievance.

Little Geordie Neilson came home from phoof the other afternoon crying bitterly, will convince you of its merits.

Little Geordie Reilson came home from blood the other afternoon crying bitterly, will convince you of its merits.

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Withstand all quack's, and mixture's racks and drink St. Leon so pure, and drink St. Leon so pure, will gender health and lead to weelth. Expel disease—that's sure. Remember Nature's cure.

The Good Old Times

"Then times were good, Merchants cared not a rush For any other fare, Than Johnny cake and mush."

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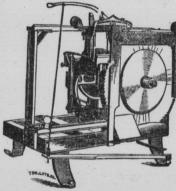
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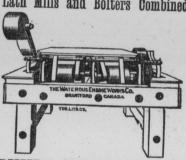
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