

### A SUFFICIENT DEFENCE.

It was a case of breach of promise. The defendant was allowed to say a word in his own behalf. "Yes," he said, "I kissed her almost continually every evening I called at her house."

*Lawyer for Plaintiff.* Then you confess it?

*Defendant.*—Yes, I do confess it; but I had to do it.

*Lawyer.*—You had to do it? What do you mean?

*Defendant.* That was the only way I could keep her from singing.

The jury gave a verdict for the defendant without leaving their seats. —*Indianapolis Sentinel.*

### THE DOMESTIC COMPROMISE.

"Bromley, I'm having a wretched time with my wife. We wrangle fearfully, and she's so wordy that she overwhelms me every time."

"Well, Darringer, these little pleasantries are not to be avoided, it seems. My wife and I have reduced them to a science. She demands but two words, and I good-naturedly let her have them. It's a small concession, you see."

"I should think it was. I envy you, Bromley, 'pon my soul I do. Oh, by the way, what are the two words?"

"The first and the last." —*Pittsburg Tri-graph.*

### AN EXPERIENCED HAND.

Macbeth Simmons, an Onion Creek farmer, has started a hog ranch. He hired Si Jackson, a coloured man, to assist him.

"I hope we will get along well together, Si."

"I knows we will get along all right, boss. I've had a heap ob sperience dealin' wid hogs."

### ONE WAY TO DO IT.

A certain divine, who had wandered in the course of his travels beyond the conveniences of the railroad, was obliged to take to a horse. Being accustomed to riding, he said to his host: "I hope you are not so unregenerate in these parts that you would give me a horse who would throw a good Presbyterian minister!" "Well, I duanno," was the reply, "we believe in spreadin' the gospel!"

The new reporter headed an account of a railroad accident, in which the president and directors of the road were killed, "Ten Souls Lost." The city editor substituted "persons" for "souls," telling the reporter he should be careful in making statements he couldn't prove.

An anxious inquirer says: "I have a fine pear tree that always blossoms full, but bears only a few specimens. Can anything be done to make it bear?" Yes, sir. Load your shot-gun right up to the muzzle, and "lay for" the son of the farmer who lives next door.

A MONUMENT is to be erected in Rome to Bruno, who was burned two hundred and eighty-five years ago for heresy. The inscription will, of course, be "Well done, good and faithful servant," and this is no "chestnut" either, for Bruno was more than roasted.

A MAN in New York has invented a waterproof cap for the small boy to draw over his head while in swimming, and expects to be as rich as Vanderbilt within a few years. When a boy can go home from a swimming picnic with dry hair, he will think the day of jubilee has come; but if the New Yorker can attach a contrivance to his cap that will prevent the youthful bather from getting his shirt turned inside out while climbing over a fence, his sales will increase one hundred per cent.

"Max never wins a greater victory than when he conquers his own besetting sin." —*Whitchall Times.* When he puts down whiskey, for instance?



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