MESSENGER AND VISITOR

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"What's your baby's name ?" asked a visitor who had called to secure Mrs. Johnson's services as washerwoman.

"I'm 'most 'shamed to tell you dat chile's name," said Mrs. Johnson, "'case de folks round bere say it soun' like he was an Injun. But his name, dat his paw 'sisted on gibing him-his name am Hoscar, missy.

"Horse-car ?" feebly repeated the visitor. "Yas'm-Hoscar," said the mother sorrow-Dere was an Englishman dat was fully pow'ful good to Mr. Johnsing when he took pow tai good to Mr. Jonnsing waan he too dat foolish trip out Wes' four years ago, an' put him on de cyars to tome home again ; and when my husban' ax him his name he amile an say, 'D-y call me Hoscar when I'm to home.' he say. So when dis baby was born, nuffin would do but we mus' call him Hoscar, after dat Englishman."

"A MAN WENT OVER HERE."

I was on a train from Albany, N. Y., when four travelling n.en came aboard. They turned a seat so that they could face each other in conversation. Three of them conversed freely about the business they re presented ; the fourth, a quiet listener ; and finally one said to this silent partner :

"And what house do you travel for ?"

Well, gentlemen," he realied, "I represent a wholesale liquor store in New York City. Some people do not like my business There's lots of money in it, and -lots of Twenty years ago there were ninedanger. teen of us started out for the firm I represent well and hearty. We arranged to put into New York every Saturday night, and after reporting, went out on a lark together. am the only one of the nineteen left ; the others, every one of them, were killed by the liquor we sold. I tell you, gentlemen, there's lots of money in it, but lots of danger."-Lutheran Crusader.

THE BAR-ROOM OSTRACIZED.

The saloon has lost moral standing every-It has no place in the church. Fraternities have put a ban on the saloon and its keeper. Insurance companies disciminate agianst the seller and the drinker, well as the drunkard. Railroads manufacturers and leading commercial in-stitutions have no place for the tippler or The public-schools are teaching the sot. the children the truth about alcohol-that it is an irritant poison to the human body and the saloon a curse to society. Science, with its hard, cold facts and its thousand tests has demonstrated that alcohol can add no vitality to, nor increase the strength of the human system. It lowers the mental, physical and moral powers of man.

It remains for this great free county to go. out of partnership with the saloon business. -The Chicago Daily News.

NOT AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

The lesson in newspaper work is constant-ly, "Be brief !" If that order can be given picturesquely, so much the better. It will not be forgotten. The Saturday Evening Post says that a certain beginner in journalism picked up in a Southern town what seemed to him a "big story."

He hurried to the telegraph office and 'queried" the editor of a New York daily.

"Column story on —, Shall 1 send ?" The answer arrived promptly : "Send six hundred words."

This, to the enthusiastic cogrespondent,

was depressing. "Can't be told in less than twelve hun-dred," he wired back. Then came this reply : "Story of creation

of the world told in six hundred. Try it."

DRINKING AND APOPLEXY.

It is an established fact that all wines and liquors send an increased amount of blood to the brain. The first effect noticed after mking a glass of wine is to send the blood faster than usual, hence the reason for the red face. The brain's activity is increased d it works faster, and so does tho tongue. But as the blood goes faster to the brain i

also returns faster. . . . The blood is sent to the brain in such large quantities so also returns faster. . fast that the arteries must charge themselves to make room for it. They increase in size, and in so doing, press against the more flaccid veins, which carry the blood out of the brain, and diminish the size of the pores, the result being that the blood is not only carried to the arteries of the brain faster than is natural or healthful, but is prevented from leaving it as fast as usual. Hence a double set of causes of death are in rience a double set of causes of death are in operation. Hence, a man may drink enough brandy or ether spirits in a few hours, or even a few minutes, to bring on a fatal attack of apoplexy. This is being literally dead drunk.—The Sanitarian.

GET YOUR OWN LICENSE. Uncle Joe is an old negro on a "farm

near Chesapeake City, a farm owned by the family whose slave he years ago. He is a widower, and lately has spruced up to a degree. Not long since one of the young men of the place started for the city, when he was hailed by Uncle Joe.

'Mistah George, he said, sheepishly, "you done goin' to town ? You might do a favor foh me."

"Certainly, Uncle," was the response. "What is it ?"

"Well, you might-you might get a marriage license for me."

The white man was amused ; but seeing that the cld negro was offended, he said, "I'll get the license sure, Uncle, I'll get it," and rode off. After attending to his own affairs in town,

he suddenly remembered the marriage license, but was nonplussed, for he had not asked the name of Uncle Joe's fiancee. He happened to recollect that he had noticed Uncle Joe around the kitchen a good deal of late, and that Amanda, dusky, fat and 40, and the best cook in the country, always had a delectable morsel reserved for the old man; so of course, it must be for Amanda. Armed with the happy credentials, Mr. George galloped home and handed the paper to the old man, who took it and look-ed at it. The license was read to him. " 'Mandy Jones!' he cried, when the bride's name was pronounced. 'Wu,y, it ain' ther--it's Liza Allen, down by de crick.'' Here was a dilemma. ''Well,' said the white man, ''there's only one thing to do : You must get another license. It is just \$3 thrown away.'' Uncle Joe took the paper, folded it and put in his pocket. "I'll done ask 'Mandy to have me,'' he said : "for I don't think dar's \$3 diffrunce 'tween dem ladies.'' and the best cook in the country, always

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