

THE LAST STRAW.

OPPOSING THE EMPEROR.—The German bundesrath, which is the legislative house in which the component states of the empire are specially represented, has refused to commission the bill for the suppression of drunkenness. The measure emanated from the Emperor, but a majority of the plenipotentiaries to the bundesrath declared that their respective states could not accept the bill in its present shape. The measure provides severe punishments for drunkenness, and also a strict surveillance of drinking houses. The German publicans are so alarmed that they are about to combine for political protection.—*N. Y. Standard.*

He's a power among the nations,
He can fix the soldier's rations,
He can bluster, stamp and swagger until every thing is blue;
He felt safe from all attacking,
And could send old Brismarck packing,
But he won't be quite so bumptious now he's learned a thing or two.

He can raise a mighty army, —
And with oratory charm ye,
He wields a power despotic, under which his subjects groan;
He can sit on free discussion,
And no needle in the cushion,
In the shape of bomb or dagger, makes him squirm upon his throne.

So, by force of his position,
He bore down all opposition,
Untill, made bold by long success, he ventured just too far,
When a lively agitation,
Which pervaded all the nation,
Taught even this proud monarch that his power he might mar.

For when he got to thinking
About putting checks on drinking,
A roar of indignation soon uprose throughout the land;
"Potztansend! Donnervetter!
Took gare. Look oudt you'd better,
To took away our lager-bier ish vot ve vill not shtand!"

CHATTER.

TOM HAYSTACK—"In the times of the martyrs they used to break folks on the wheel."

JACK PEASTRAW—"They do it yet."

TOM HAYSTACK—"Go on!"

JACK PEASTRAW—"Yes they do. I was out to the fair last fall and got broke on the wheel of fortune."

SANSO—"This hotel advertises 'All the comforts of a home.' Does it give them?"

RODD—"It probably does. I know it gives all the discomforts, anyway."

SANSO—"The worm will turn."

RODD—"That is particularly true of the book-worm. He turns leaves."

ETHEL—"They say that wisdom comes only with age and experience."

MAUD—"How very wise you must be, dear."

MOTHER—"Did you give your husband a cold dinner when he came home?"

DAUGHTER—"Not exactly. We had hot words."

JASPAR—"I don't know why baseball enthusiasts should be called cranks."

JUMPUPPE—"Indeed?"

JASPAR—"No. They seldom do a turn all summer."

SCRIBELY—"This is my new book. It is bound to succeed."

PENNIBS—"Ah yes. Bound in half-calf, I see."



DEMAND AND SUPPLY.

MR. GOGGLES (*from Markham Township*)—"I heerd that there was a strong demand for calves for this new Highlan' regiment, an I've brung a good one in, if you want to buy him."

MAUD—"So Clara is engaged at last."

ETHEL—"How do you know?"

MAUD—"She has been flirting dreadfully all evening."

THE favorite instrument with the politician is the party organ; but the fireman prefers to play the hose.

WHETHER an instrument is a violin or merely a fiddle depends a good deal upon who plays it.

JUMPUPPE—"Bighead doesn't seem to think with the same facility that he used to."

BLAZER—"No. All his trains of thought have apparently been side-tracked."

SOME people look at their troubles with a telescope before they arrive, and with a microscope after they have come.

CHOLLY—"You look quite pwestwated."

CHAPPIE—"Ya-as. I'm down on my luck."

JOHNNY—"What is meant by responsibility?"

PAPA—"It means having to post a letter for your ma."

SANSO—"I never knew but one march that really came in like a lamb and went out like a lion."

RODD—"Indeed?"

SANSO—"Yes. It was a wedding march."

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