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Soy of the London cab-drivers are not above the playing of practical jokes. A few days since, some wealthy but parsimonious ladies in one of the suburbs attended a lecture.

When they came out the pavements were wet, and several persons stood about the door holding open umbrellas.

The ladies bailed cabs, and, after making a sharp bargain with the drivers, rode home, discovering infterward that there was not a drop of rain.

The cabbies had turned several pails of water upon the payement in Front of the lecture-hall, and had held |

umbrellas over their heads to give the ladies an adea that it was raining.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some become city clerks.

THE difference between repartee and impudence is the size of the man who says it.

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