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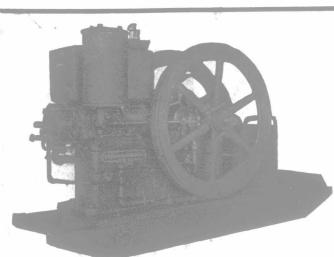
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She-I heard you singing in your room this morning.

He-Oh, I sing a little to kill time. She-You have a good weapon.-Boston Transcript.

A traveller passing through the Broad-Top-Mountain district in Northern Bedford County, Pennsylvania, last summer, came across a lad of sixteen cultivating a patch of miserable potatoes. He remarked upon their unpromising appearance, and expressed pity for anyone that had to dig a living out of such soil. "I don't need no pity," said the boy

resentfully. The traveller hastened to soothe his wounded pride. But in the offended tone of one who has been misjudged, the boy added: "I ain't as poor as you think.

I'm only working here. I don't own

An Irish lancer was ordered to administer a powder to an "invalided" horse. "Roll a sheet of paper into a tube," said the farrier-sergeant, "place this powder in it, put one end of the tube into the horse's mouth, and blow the powder down its throat." A few minutes afterwards the sergeant, hearing a commotion in the stable, went in, to find the private leaning against the wall, looking very ill. "Did you do as I told you with that powder?" "Sure I did, sarjint, but—the horse—" "Well, what about the horse?" "He blew first!"

Lucile, a carefully-brought-up little girl of five years, returned from her first party in great glee.

nounced, "and talked nice all the time. "Did you remember to say something pleasant to Mrs. Townsend just before eaving?" her mother asked.

"Oh, yes, I did," was the enthusiastic reply, "I smiled and said,, 'I enjoyed myself, Mrs. Townsend; I had a lots better dinner than I thought I'd have."

ANOTHER LANGUAGE.

"The late Bishop Potter, once, in his early days, had occasion to officiate at a christening in a small fishing village on the Massachusetts coast," says a writer in a recent issue of Harper's Weekly. "The proud father, a young fisherman, awkwardly holding his first - born daughter, was visibly embarassed under the scrutiny of the many eyes in the congregation, and his nervousness was not decreased by the sudden wailing of the infant as they stood at the font.

"When the time for the baptism of the babe arrived, the bishop noticed that the father was holding the child so that its fat little legs pointed toward the font.

"Turn her this way, he whispered, but the father was too disconcerted to

hear or understand.

"'Turn her feet around," the bishop whispered at ain; but still there was no response. The situation was fast becoming critical, when an ancient mariner in the back of the church came to the rescue. Putting his weather-beaten hand to his mouth, he roared across the room, 'Head her up to the wind, Jack "



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