STARTLING COINCIDENCES.

Dumb and a Scoffer a Cripple.

The Record Herald of Sunday contained a singular story. As related, with every appearance of accuracy, on the first page of that journal, Julian Renfro, aged 21 years, and living at that time at tion and that of Hossman, but 203 Wells street, this city, suddenly they can never convince the multibecame deaf and dumb Tuesday tude of Christians that such occurevening of last week, after professing disbelief in the existence of God dences. Renfro would not credit and challenging Him, if He existed, the theory that his sudden afflicto demonstrate His power.

young Renfro and three companions that his case was merely an acciwere playing whilst in his room at dent, like the breaking of an arm or Mrs. Gillen's, and while they played a leg. A young Irishman of our the conversation turned to the sub-acquaintance some years ago had a ject of religion. Three of the youths paralyzed arm suddenly restored expressed a belief in God, but while at the shrine of St. Anne de young Renfro declared himself an Beaupre. "It was merely an acciagnostic. "I would believe in God dent that it got well then and if I could," he said, "but I have there," said a freethinking physiread a good many of Ingersoll's cian to him after examination. "Its works and am unable to have time to get well had come, and it faith.''

all about you," one of his com- think it was a miracle it didn't get AGENTS panions observed. "There may be, well before, or wait till later on?" but I don't understand them," The remark is one susceptible of WANTED Renfro answered. "Fellows, if God would demonstrate Himself to me in some way-for instance, if He should strike me deaf and dumb or blind-I might admit His exist-

hands as if to ward off a blow and day evening by the sudden stoppage suddenly fell to the floor. Since then of the electric light in his south end he has been a deaf mute and is circuit, a stoppage that lasted obliged to converse in writing, more than half an hour, got off the Faith has come to him, however; following odious comparisons: he now declares that he is firmly convinced there is a God. To a inches from your book than a 16minister who was brought on the candle electric bulb ten feet off. scene at once, together with a doctor, young Renfro said, in writing, donkey on a Red River cart than a that no sooner were the words ut- 30-mile an hour automobile strandtered than he had what appeared ed 15 miles from the nearest house to be "a look from His eye, which at 10 p. m. was as a flash of lightning." The Better is next day he left, deaf and dumb, muddy road than a punctured for his home in Shreveport, Louis- bicycle thereon. iana. Dr. Draper could cast no light on the occurrence.

One hears of such cases occasionally, but this appears the best Better is, a two cent pencil than a authenticated of any of recent gold fountain pen that leaks. years. Something of the same order happened in southwestern Kentucky many years ago. In 1830, when Sacred Heart Church in Union county was first erected, anti-Catholic feeling was very strong. The afterward famous missionary pastor, Father Elisha J. Durbin, was often insulted while on his lonely rides over a territory that cessful surgical operation. then covered thousands of miles. Sacred Heart Church itself was the first structure of the kind erected west of Louisville and east of the Mississippi river—a little oasis of descendants of the Maryland En- honest genius chuck full of learnglish Catholics being located in that section.

Hossman, Joseph, we believe, his ing ink into your inkstand on a name was. After the cross was table draped with costly silk. placed on the spire (about 1833) the Baptists round about were angrier than ever. Late one afternoon Hossman and several companions were passing the church when they happened to notice the large cross of wood poised aloft. Hossman, who was more daring than the rest, proposed knocking its arms off with rocks, of which there were a good many scattered about. They thought he was too cowardly to do this, and told him so. "Who's afraid of a - Romish cross?" he cried, and straightway stooped and hurled a stone up at it with all his might. Another and another followed, until at last the cross was struck.

That instant Hossman felt a ter rible pain in his right shoulder and neck, and from that hour until the day he died his body retained exactly the posture of a man throwing upward, his right arm slightly ing upward, his right arm siightly tablet after meals, easy to take and extended, his head almost on his pleasant. Try Ferrozone. Price 50c. right shoulder, his face turned up, at Druggists. his body curved slightly backward. Soon after this experience Hossman became a Catholic, and was a very pious one, attending Sacred Heart Church regularly. When the editor of the New World was a boy he attended the same church, and often saw Hossman and heard old men relate how he became a cripple and a Catholic. Hossman himself was then an old man and had the nickname of "Old Hoochem"-"hooched," meaning humped or crooked, in

the usage of those descendants of the Maryland English, although How an Agnostic Became Deaf and the word is in none of our dictionaries. He lived to be at least seventy, and his descendants are all Catholics, or were fifteen years ago.

No doubt modern men of science would undertake to explain away both young Renfro's sudden visitarences are merely striking coincition was due to a severe nervous According to the Record Herald, attack. Hossman never believed got well." "Maybe so," replied the "There are demonstrations of God other, dubiously, "but don't you wide application.-From the New World, Chicago.

A FEW BETTERMENTS.

One of our contributors, after The next instant he put up his being greatly annoyed last Satur-

Better is a tallow candle six

Better is a two-mile an hour

Better is shanks' mare on a

Better is an old-fashioned box stove than a brand new indirect system furnace out of order.

Better is the slow hand of a living compositor than the fast work of a type-setting machine that drops below the line.

Better is a cold dry winter than a warm bright summer monopolized by mosquitoes.

Better to die a quiet unscientific death than to be killed by a suc-

bushels an acre than 60-cent wheat and thirty bushels an acre.

Better is an honest man that can neither read nor write than a dis-

Better to do than to talk right Among others who often spoke Better is a coal oil lamp than disrespectfully of the up-going half a dozen incandescents that all go out suddenly while you are pour-

TIT FOR TAT.

A.-Pardon me, sir, but where do you come from?

B.-From County Cork. A.—Then that accounts for your

B.-May I ask where you come

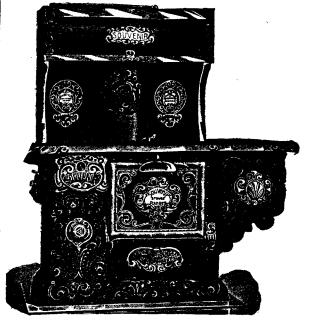
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B.—Then that accounts for your sauce, was the reply.

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