

erial Sir James Simpson, who for a time commanded in the Crimea, and who was, in his time, the tallest man in the British Army.

A GAME FOR TWO.

At this moment something came hurtling from the gallery and narrowly missed the gifted tragedian.

Instantly he advanced to the foot-lights.

"That is a game," he said, in a deep voice, "that two can play at!"

And he took an egg from his pocket and threw it with all his might.

It struck one of the pillars of the gallery and scattered itself impartially over fifteen or twenty of the "gods."

He took out another egg, but he did not have to throw it. The first one had done the business.

AN UNSAVOURY MEAL.

Two tramps who had seen better days, passing along a street in one of our provincial towns, when the shops were closing for the night, espied a ham hanging from a hook. One of them made a jump and caught the ham just as the local policeman rounded the corner. He rushed after them and the twain fled at top speed, distancing their pursuer. They stopped on a vacant piece of ground, built a fire, and proceeded to conjure up visions of a hearty meal.

Preparations all finished, one of them drew a clasp knife, and, with great deliberation, cut into the canvas cover of the ham. Alas! Instead of the brown rind they expected to see, a thin stream of sand trickled out. It was a chummy ham.



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A woman who has lived in the Transvaal says that "old maids" do not exist in South Africa. A school-teacher seldom remains a teacher for more than one term, for the admiration of the young Boer planters is so great for a woman gifted enough to read and spell, and thrifty enough to earn money with her brains, that some well-to-do bachelor soon persuades her to marry.

The demand for wives in South Africa is never equal to the supply. The Boer woman is not beautiful. Her one charm is a pink and white complexion, which she tries hard to preserve. Her fondness for sweet cakes, coffee, and armchairs causes her teeth to decay and her figure to lose its youthful slimness before she is in her prime, and many Boer women of forty are so fat and unwieldy that they can only waddle from one chair to another.

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