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M. QUAD'S HUMOR.

The Kicker's Sweet Causes a Panic—A Lesson in Etiquette For Col. Tompkins.

Mr. Bowser Finds His Health Demands a Course of Gymnastics—A Solemn Warning.

STOPPING A PANIC.—On Thursday last the horse editor of a California paper was our guest for half a day. He didn't look a bit like a sheriff or a detective, but it was whispered around town that he was an officer in search of a man who broke jail in Indiana two years ago, and for an hour or two Apache avenue was almost deserted. Some of our most eminent citizens mounted the first cask they found hitched to a post and took a run out into the country. As soon as we got onto the racket we sent out men in every direction to explain who our guest was, and that there was not the slightest occasion for a panic, and after a while some-



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thing like public confidence was restored. As editor, mayor, state senator and prospective postmaster of this town we shall have many visitors in the future. We have had a card printed to hang on the door of the city hall. On the one side it reads:

CAN'T EXACTLY SAY WHO HE IS AFTER THIS TIME BUT IT WOULD BE WELL TO GO ON A HUCKLEBERRY PONI!

Those who do not get away after reading the above, which is printed in clear, bold type, must not blame us if anything happens. On the other side it reads:

FALSE ALARM! HE IS ONLY A TENDERFOOT, AND BUSINESS CAN GO ON AS USUAL!

We do not positively guarantee that we shall be dead right on all occasions, but shall do our best. Watch the front door of the city hall!

WANTED.—We have a Fourth of July variation, a speech on the discovery of America, an address to farmers, a beautiful thing on the rights of liberty, a happy hit on the degeneration of man, and a tender and touching eulogy on the death of Julius Caesar, which we are anxious to exchange with some eastern editor for speeches on protection, free trade, reciprocity, the negro problem, etc. We want to be heeled as a state senator. We don't propose to sit like a bump on a log while some critter gets up and captures the senate with a whirlwind of oratory. We are going to mix right in and splash water with the biggest of them, and if the citizens of this town want to meet us with a brass band every Saturday evening as we come home we shall make no kick about it. For several years past this state senatorial district has been represented by men who couldn't get up in the senate and repeat one of the Ten Commandments without getting shaky in the knees and being subject to riding on the ground. We are going to make a change. We don't want to say too much at this time, but any man who bets that we don't strike the country like a blizzard coming down on a cucumber patch in August is going to go dead broke.

THE INEVITABLE.—Monday evening last Mrs. Colonel Tompkins gave a german at her residence on Acton hill and neglected to send us an invitation. She told some of her friends that she gave us the out because we were too fresh. The result was what might have been expected and what will happen in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred when we are socially snubbed. While the german was at its height we were telegraphing to St. Louis. Friday morning an officer arrived and invited Colonel Tompkins to make a little trip with him. The colonel didn't want to go, but he had to, and it may be several years before he returns. We may be fresh, or we may be the only man in this town who is thoroughly up on social etiquette and carries himself accordingly. In either case it won't do us much good. We are going to mix right in, and in every case the snubbers come to grief.

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.—"I think," said Mr. Bowser at breakfast the other morning, "that I will come this afternoon and clean out that big room in the attic."

"But what for?" asked Mrs. Bowser in surprise.

"For my health. It's no wonder, when I come to think about it, that I am round shouldered, my liver out of order and the slightest exertion makes me tremble and perspire. The real wonder is that I'm not in the beyond."

"Why, dear, you seem to be perfectly healthy and strong."

"Well, what I seem to be and really am are two different things. I have kept quiet because I didn't want to worry

you, but now the time has come when I must do something or go to the wall."

"What can you do—take liver pills and a tonic?"

"Liver pills be hanged!" he growled. "I've got to have exercise—make muscles get my blood circulating. I've got to rig up a gymnasium and practice an hour a day."

"Mr. Bowser, you—you don't mean that you are going to buy a lot more trunk to throw away?" she asked.

"Trunk! When did I ever buy any trunk? I mean that I am going to buy a rowing machine, some dumbbells, a few Indian clubs and perhaps a lifting machine. If I can save my life by expending a few dollars in that direction it might be a good investment."

"Are you in a hurry to get hold of your life insurance?" he sternly demanded as he held his fork poised in the air.

"Of course not."

"Then drop this subject. Some wives are the first to discover that their beloved husbands are swiftly passing to the graveyard, while others are as blind as bats. I propose to fit up a gymnasium. I propose to exercise. I propose to restore this shattered system to something like a fair state of health. Pass that sugar over!"

Mrs. Bowser said no more, and that afternoon Mr. Bowser's health officer came up and was put in place. He broke three pieces of glass, knocked off a square yard of plaster in the room below and let a trunk full of bedding roll down stairs, but Mrs. Bowser considered she was getting off easy compared to other occasions.

"I feel better already," he chuckled as his work was finished and he stood surveying it. "Mrs. Bowser, I predict that in a month you won't know I'm the same man."

"I hope it may improve you," she answered in a tone betraying doubt, "but if anything happens I want you to remember that I was opposed to all this."

"Anything happen! What can happen?"

"Nor anybody else, except that I will be a Hercules in about a month from now and feel like a boy again. You can go down stairs now, as I want all the room. I'm going to take my first lesson in rowing."

Mr. Bowser's face wore a broad grin of satisfaction as he sat down in the machine and grasped the handles of an imaginary pair of oars.

"An!" Doesn't that work upon those old cords and muscles in the shoulders, though!" he chuckled as he worked away. "Strengthens the back, expands the chest and—"

One of his hands slipped off, and Mr. Bowser will never be quite sure whether it was a cold blooded attempt to assassinate him or only a feigning conspiracy to cripple him for life. As soon as he could disentangle himself he rolled out the door and ran up to explain.

"Now by the great horsep—but if I had an ax up here I'd do murder! I've wrenched my back till I won't get over it!"

"Mr. Bowser, are you there?" asked Mrs. Bowser as she knocked at the door.

"Of course I am!" he growled.

"Was it you who yelled out when something jarred the house?"

"There has been no yelling and no jarring, and you go back down stairs and say to your work!"

"Guess I'll begin with the clubs," he said as the sounds of her footsteps died away. "I see I've got to go slow on this for a while. The negro problem, the one who invented any such machine as that ought to be kicked! We'll limber up our arms a little!"

He had once seen a professional swing the clubs, and he stood in the middle of the room and began to swing them around. All of a sudden something landed on his chin. His first thought was that a brick house had fallen loose and was flying around the country, but after a little reflection he decided that his chin had "met up" with one of the clubs. He dropped them with a great bang and hung on to the remainder of his chin to save it. He was executing a contortion act when Mrs. Bowser knocked on the door and inquired:

"Mr. Bowser, did you drop anything?"

"Not a blamed thing!" he shouted in reply.

"Oh, I thought I heard something fall, and I didn't know but that you had over-exerted yourself. Do you think you feel better?"

"Of course I do, and I'll thank you to leave me alone for about ten minutes!"

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Fugitive Ashton "In Extrema." NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Jack Ashton, the heavy-weight pugilist, is dying of erysipelas in a ward at the Bellevue hospital. The last sacraments of the Roman Catholic church were administered to him to-day. He was taken to the hospital with an advanced attack of delirium tremens. Ashton is about 30 years old, and in his time was a clever man with the gloves and quick on his feet.

A Man of Weight. OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 6.—The Police Judge, Charles Usenay, of Alameda, died this morning of fatty degeneration of the heart. He was 83 years old and weighed 480 pounds. A special coffin will be made for him, and the funeral takes place on Sunday.

Beak Island Rates Satisfactory. CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The committee of employers, representing the agents and operators of the entire system of the Rock Island road, who have been in conference with the management for the past two days, have adopted a schedule of rates, which is highly satisfactory to all concerned.

To do out the balance of our Xmas goods, we offer what remains at such low prices that it will tempt customers who desire to give New Year presents, to purchase from T. N. Hibbs & Co.

FANCIES FOR THE FAIR.

Theresa Raquin at Union Square Theatre—The Beautiful Mr. Bellow.

Unchaste and Gruesome, Still the Play is a Sort of Unacknowledged Success—Fashions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1892.—That gruesome and unvarying play, "Theresa Raquin," by that most gruesome and unvarying author, Zola, is by its most forbidding qualities, attracting and magnetizing quite enough people to support and encourage it. It is morbid, it is unchaste, it is full of uninitiated, middle-class dullness, and unhappy ill-health. But it is a challenge to conventional laws of propriety, which is only another way of saying, "It goes." But the fact that it is the play and not the acting that offends, is one reason why it still continues. Mr. Kyrle Bellow is a well known male beauty. Although not heroic in stature, he has a fine, interesting head and his voice is full of deep, musical vibrations. In his moments of passion, he is at his best. Mrs. Potter is almost



This is a black velvet gown, made after one of Beldora's most approved designs. The Zhukov jacket has shoulder trim, which falls over the shoulders and is fastened on to the longer jacket, which is set with a very full skirt and belted in with black satin. The skirt, very wide round the top, has four rows of felt trimming round it, which also ornaments the rest of the costume.

too cold in expression and too rigid in outline to impermeate the wild, wanton, strange character of Theresa. She has a delicately chiseled face, and shows in the bald scene that she is an artist. The fire light falls with good effect upon her orange and streaming hair. It is in this scene that the diabolical, and here, those who expect to have an opportunity of condemning the indecency of the performance will be disappointed and feel inclined to walk their money back. It was probably not this action that Bellow objected to—there is absolutely nothing in it. The tone of the play—ghastly, unhealthy and sensual, without one forcible, pure character to balance the guilty and inclined to go up to the top of the fact, a ferio moral to the Bostonians might object to.

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"What is still being done in and about Vernon—Placer Digging in White Valley. (From the News.) R. Goldie, who purchased Mr. J. T. Davies' ranch in Spallumcheun, removed his stock there last week. She has a temporarily at least, further addition to her stock of silver. On the last day of 1892, therefore, there is no question that more money is being put into the country than one will Congress be found willing to take care of the money? It is really the most important problem that we have to carry over into the New Year, and yet we may hope that our legislators will not fail to meet the explicit declared verdict of the late election on this issue. So far, therefore, as respects the money market, the omens indicate, however that the ominous silver-cloak danger may soon disappear from the horizon."

Some well-disposed church-goer has presented the congregation of the Presbyterian church with a large pulpit bible and an obsequious hymnal for the use of the minister. Mr. Jerry Bonneau, of Croydon valley, who met with his gunning accident a couple of weeks ago, and was brought into Vernon for surgical treatment, has since gone back home. Capt. Short has located a placer digging on the creek near his ranch in White valley. It is quite evident that the captain's ranching experience has tainted his mining vocabulary, for in conversation he made the observation that "silver had gone down so low in price that it had become necessary to turn our attention to gold." This is no doubt a very amusing fact, but it sounds so like the way in which an old Eastern farmer would deliver himself on wheat, barley, sheep or hog raising, that it struck us as being highly amusing to say the least. May the captain be able to wash out many a good pan of dust.

The Dominion Meteorological department is taking steps to obtain more accurate knowledge of the climate of the Okanagan, and for this purpose have placed at the government buildings here the necessary apparatus for making complete records. Four thermometers have been placed in position, for registering the temperature, and three times a day, at 7 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., the observations are taken. Reform is now giving the principal part of his attention to evening rows, which are all trimmed about the shoulders to an alarming extent. A wide berth of one material and color lined with another is exceedingly fashionable. These are terminated at the breast with a bow or ornament. Evening gowns are out after the manner of old pictures of the Royal set period, opening very widely on the

shoulders; indeed, some of the latest gowns give strong symptoms of slipping down the neck, and for this the richest laces are called into requisition. Elbow sleeves made with a puff, finished off with lace or silk, are the most popular. By another style that bids fair to be popular, is the shoulder frill which stands out horizontally from the shoulder, but does not hide that most beautiful portion of a woman's arm—the curve above the shoulder. All evening-bodices end with a hand, or series of hands, fastened either with bows or buckles. The trimming on skirts is ascending; it continues about half way up and consists of rows of trimming which widens when it ascends.

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