

HOW MANY IT TAKES.

ALDERMAN BROMWICH—It takes two to steal.

ALDERMAN CARROLL—I am surprised at the innocence of the gentleman who has just taken his seat, and I think that every member of the board, and the gentleman himself also, will agree that when he says it takes two men to steal, he is going insane. Dotage begins first to approach now, and old age is making its inroads, and he wants to be careful about making statements of that kind. For instance, if I steal his watch, I steal it without his consent, and if he will show me where he is a party to my stealing his watch, I would like to have him do so. I say that it doesn't take two to do so.

ALDERMAN BROMWICH—I will give in. Perhaps the gentleman is better posted than I am, and I might have made a mistake.

[This is copied from the official report of a recent session of the Boston board of aldermen.]—*Boston Beacon*.

ARAB MAXIMS.

NEVER tell all you may know, for he who tells everything he knows often tells more than he knows.

Never attempt all you can do, for he who attempts everything he can do often attempts more than he can do.

Never believe all you may hear, for he who believes everything he hears often believes more than he hears.

Never lay out all you can afford, for he who lays out everything he can afford often lays out more than he can afford.

A SCHEME TO GET IN FREE.

"WHERE are your tickets, gents?" asked the doorkeeper of a St. Louis theatre to a line of men who confronted him in "Indian file." "It's all right," shouted a man at the tail end of the line, "I've got the tickets. There's twelve of us with me. Count 'em as they go in." "In you go, gents," said the doorkeeper, and he tallied off eleven, who immediately mixed with the crowd within. The doorkeeper turned to look for the holder of the tickets, but he had disappeared, and eleven men saw the performance safe from identification in the tremendous throng of people.—*Chicago Herald*.

A FILE WITH HIS TURK.

"WE have roast turkey and roast beef," said our boarding-house waiter girl to the new boarder on Thanksgiving Day.

"I'll try a little turk, if you please, with a file on the side."

"A what?"

"A file for a side dish. You see I dulled my teeth so badly on that piece of steak I had for breakfast that I shall be obliged to file them down to a point before I tackle the turk."—*Hotel World*.

It is said that the dogwood receives its name on account of its bark. The individual who discovered this was a funny dog himself, with waggish propensities.—*Toledo American*.

WHEN a lawyer dies it is absurd to put over his grave, "Here lies So-and-so." He doesn't because he is dead.—*Philadelphia Call*.

A SAN FRANCISCO fellow was too bashful to let his girl sit in his lap, and now the girl says the shy-knees must go.—*Saturday Gossip*.

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