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A young lady pupil of a high school put on a mass of false hair, penciled her eye-brows, rouged her cheeks, etc., and then went to the commencement and read her essay, entitled "Deception a prevailing folly."

A young man dressed in the height of fashion and with a poetic turn of mind was driving along a country road, and, upon gazing upon the pond which skirted the highway, said, "Oh how I would like to lave my heated head in those cooling waters!" An Irishman, overhearing the exclamation, immediately replied, "Bedad, you might lave it there and it wouldn't sink."

Prompt Information. - Sheridan wa Prompt Information. — Sheridan wa much annoyed in the House of Commons by a member who kept constantly saying, "Hear, hear!" The witty orator described a fellow who wanted to play rogue, but had only sense enough to play fool, and exclaimed with great emphasis: "Where shall we find a more foolish knave or a more knavish fool than he?" "Hear, hear!" shouted the troublesome member. hear!" shouted the troublesome member. Sheridan turned round, and thanking him for the prompt information, sat down amid a general roar of laughter.

Matters of Conscience.

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The Rev. Dr. Macleod, father of Dr. Norman Macleod, passing through the crowd gathered before the doors of a new church he was about to open, was stopped by an elderly man with, "Doctor, if you please, I want to speak to you." Asked if he could not wait until after worship, he replied that it was a matter upon his conscience. "Oh, since it is a matter of conscience, Duncan," said the good-natured minister, "I will hear what it is." "Well, Doctor," said Duncan, "the matter is this. Ye see the clock yonder on the ter is this. Ye see the clock vonder on the new church. Now, there is really no clock there, only the face of one; there is clock there, only the face of one; there is no truth there, only once in twelve hours; and in my mind that is wrong, very wrong, and quite against the conscience that there should be a lie on the face of the house of the Lord." The doctor promised to consider the matter. "But," said he, "I'm glad to see ye looking so well, man. Ye're not young. I remember you for many years; but you have a fine head of hair still." "Eh Doctor," exclaimed the unsuspecting Duncan, "now ye're joking: it's pecting Duncan, "now ye're joking; it's long since I had my hair." Dr. Macleod looked shocked and answered in a tone of reproach: "Oh, Duncan, Duncan! are you going into the house of the Lord with a lie on your head!" He heard no more of the on the face of the church.—Chamber's

The Aged Tramp.

The lady of a Cottage Hill house, the nurse-girl and cook, held a brief consultation, and concluded that an old man whose toes stuck a rod out of his boots, and the crown of whose summer hat was held by a a hinge of straw, and flapped up and down in the wind, disclosing the fact that the aged wearer was bald, very bald, must be really worthy, and they invited him to a seat in the kitchen while his breakfast was being prepared. The fragrance of the frying-pan revived the drooping spirits of the aged tramp, and unlocked the streams of conversation which the cold charities of the world had frozen up. Tilting his chair back, he said: "The people of the oil regions appear to get along rather slick. Everywhere I have been things look com-fortable and home-like, and business seems to be crowding right ahead."

With that as a starter, the old man carwith that as a starter, the old man carried the conversation through State and national politics, religion, literature, etc.
"I like my meet well done," he suggested to the cook, who he observed was preparing to lift his steak from the stove; "and that reminds me," he went on, "that the Russians are pursuing an underdone, wishy-washy course on the banks of the Danube."

He tightened the cord that held his cost

He tightened the cord that held his coat togother in lieu of buttons, flapped an ear to unseat a troublesome fly, and continued:

"Dog my cats, if it doesn't make me half mad at the Czar. If I had command of that army do you know what I would do?" and he shut one eye and glared at the lady of the house as inquir-ingly as a catechism.

one seemed to know. No one seemed to know.
"I would push right across!" exclaimed
the old man, striking the sink with his
fist, "and if I wouldn't make them greasy
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and a little get-up-and-go-'long, Mary
Jane!"

His breakfast was ready, and thrusting his legs under the table with the air of a man who had just bought the house and lot, and paid the money down, he harpooned a roasted potato and continued:

"Old Hopandgofetchit, who has command of the Russian Zouaves, is in Factorry: KING ST., W. of Market.

the best position in the world to skip right along into Constantinople, and take possession of the Court-house. I would do it.—I swear to gracious I would do it.—I would egg. "I would do it so quick it would make their heads swim. Then I would make their heads swim. Then across to the gulf of Mexico. I would fly as the hurricane, leaving death and destruction in my—See, here, Susan," he said, breaking short and addressing the nurse-girl, "for the love of heaven, don't hold the baby with his head down."

down."

The old gent continued to draw in the victuals like a man who hasn't tasted a bite for six months, and talking in a way to turn a book agent green with envy.

He told the women what Congress ought to do when it meets, and finally shoved away from the table, wiped his lips on the cloth, and asked if they had a pair of old pants that wasn't bagged at the knees.

knees.

The pants were hunted up and handed to him by the lady of the house, who in turn asked if he would go out into the garden-patch, and kill a few Colorado beetles for her.

"Colorada beetles," he said, as he gather-

"Colorada beetles," ne said, some door—ed up his hat and passed to the door—"Colorado beetles are something with think I have had no experience. I don't which I have had no experience. I don't know one from a canary. But afriend of mine will be along here about noon who can kill more Colorado beetles in a minute than you can shake a stick at. I'll leave a chalk-mark on the gate-post and he will call. Ta-ta!" and the aged tramp tipped his hat gaily, and was off, his stomach sticking out in front of him like a bay-window.

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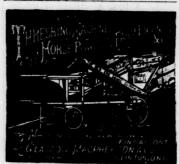
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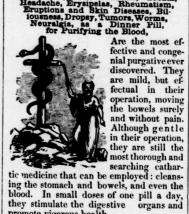
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