FOR CHEAP LUMBER, SHINGLES, ETC.,

AN EDITOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH A FEMALE BOOK AGENT.

The editor of the Santa Clara (Cal.) Echo is happily deaf, and thus tells of his adventure with a female book agent—(the book was not a female, of

We thought everybody in the State knew we were deaf, but once in a while we find one that is not aware of the fact. A female book-peddler came to the office the other day; she wished to dispose of a book. She was alone in the world and had no one to whom she could turn for sympathy or assistance, hence we should buy her book. She was unmarried and had no manly heart into which she could pour her sufferings, therefore we ought to invest in a book. She had received a liberal education, and could not in consequence, receive less than \$2 for a book. We had listened attentively, and here broke

with:

"What did you say? We're deaf."

She started in a loud voice and went through her rigmarole. When she had finished we went and got a roll of paper, and making it into a speaking trumpet, placed one end to our ear and told her to proceed. The nearly broke a blood-vessel in her efforts to make herself heard. She commenced:

"It am alone in the world...."

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"It doesn't make the slightest difference to us.
We are a husband and father. Bigamy is not allowed in this State. We are not eligible to proposals."

als."

"Oh, what a fool the man is!" she said in a low tone; then at the top of her voice, "I don't want to marry you; I wan't to sell a b-o-o-k!"

This last sentence was howled.

"We don't want a cook," we remarked, blandly; "our wife does the cooking, and she wouldn't allow as good-looking a woman as you to stay in the house five minutes. She is very jealous."

She looked at us in despair. Gathering her robes about her, giving us a glance of contempt, she exclaimed:

claimed:

"I do believe if a three-hundred pounder was let off along side that deaf fool's head he'd think that somebody was knocking at the door."

You should have heard her slam the door when she went out. We heard that.

AN EIGHT YEAR OLD MAN.

From the Philadelphia Times.

"Mister, where do you live, please, sir?"

This question was addressed to a gentleman connected with a Market Street mercantile firm as he emerged from the post office the other evening. struck with the oddity of the question, the young man stopped and looked at the questioner—a boy of seven or eight years of age, well dressed and dignified, with none of the "gamin" about him.

"Why do you ask, my friend?"

"Because I thought you might be able to tell me where the Union Street station house is if you lived on Union street."

"I know where that is," said the young man.

"What do you wan't there?"

"I want a might's lodging," said the boy. "At the Central station they told me to go to the Union Street station for it."

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The young man was going that way and said he would take the boy to it, as they walked along he

would take the boy to it, as they walked along he asked the latter who he was.

"I live in Buffalo, New York," said the little fellow, "and sell pictures upon the steam cars. Mostly small chromos. I get ten cents a piece for them. I pay five cents for them in Buffalo, but heard that I could get them for two cents in Philadelphia. The conductors know me, and let me ride free. Do you know Mr.—— superintendant of free. Do you know Mr.—, superintendant of the — railroad? I do; he is a nice man."

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"Did you bring any money with you?" asked the young man, smiling at the boy's business air.

"I have two dollars made that way," answered the boy, "but people pay me more in food than in money, so I get more food sometimes than I can manage. I don't like them to pay me in thet way; and you can't blame a man for supporting his and you can't blame a man for supporting his mother, 'can you?' I would rather be paid in

Money."

Struck with the resolute independence of the curious little boy, the young man resolved to take him home with him if he could not be accommodated at the station house, and offered to take care of his money till next day, but with a keen, widenwake look in his eye and a polite "thank you" on his lips, the boy declined the offer. When they arrived at the station house the turnkey said they would take care of the boy and give him a breakfast in the morning.

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"What is that?" asked the boy, as he heard some oaths and other not strictly lady-like remarks by a female voice proceeding from a cell.

"A drunken woman we have arrested."

"Will I have to stay in one of those cells down there?" continued the boy.

"That's where all our voluntary lodgers sleep; we have no where else to put them," answered the officer.

"I can't do it," said the boy, firmly; can I sleep

on the bench over there in the corner?" Certainly," said the officer. And on the slate that night was written: "Wm. Green, age 8, Buffalo, New York."

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