

HUMOROUS.

The way that a London woman lately identified her stolen parrot was by bringing her husband into court and scolding him. The bird soon called out "Oh I wish you were dead, old woman."

Toddlekins is a very small man indeed, but he said he never minded it at all until his three boys grew up to be tall strapping young fellows, and his wife began to cut down their old clothes to fit him. And then he did get mad.

A shrewd little fellow lived with an uncle who barely afforded him the necessities of life. One day the two were out together and saw a very thin greyhound, and the man asked his nephew what made the dog so poor. "I expect," replied the boy, "he lives with his uncle."

"The next morning the judge of the police court sent for me. I went down and he received me cordially. He said: 'I have heard of the wonderful things you have accomplished by knocking down five persons and assaulting six others, and I am proud of you.' Then he offered a toast, 'guilty or not guilty?' to which I responded in a brief but elegant speech setting forth the importance of the occasion that the usual ceremonies I was requested to lend the city ten dollars."

The man who treats a crowd and tries to swindle the saloon keeper turned up in Baltimore the other day, but didn't succeed. He waited about paying until the saloon keeper began to look nervous, and then laid down a \$20 bill. The saloon keeper said, "I have no change." "Neither have we," answered the customer, reaching for the money. "No you don't," said the saloon keeper, tearing the greenback in two, "you take one half and I the other, and you come around and pay me in the morning, and I will return it, and you can easily paste it to the other piece again."

The other fellow came around the next morning and put up like a little man. "The reporters' gallery of the House of Commons is famous for its 'originals', and, having been both reporter and newspaper editor in his time, Mr. Jordan had made himself familiar with the humors of the place and the class of men generally found there. His brief note on one of these eccentricities—namely, Mark Supple—we transfer to our columns:

"Among my other conductors were Mr. Robinson, also educated for the kirk, and a quiet man; Mr. Cooper, the author of a volume of poetry which procured for him the countenance of the beautiful Duchess of Devonshire; and Mark Supple, an Irish eccentric of the first water. He it was who, waking out of an intoxicating doze and seeing Mr. Abbott on the treasury bench (the House being in committee), called out: 'Maister Spaker, as you seem to have nothing to do, I call upon you for a song, if you please.' The fierce indignation of the chair rose to the height of alarm as he saw the offender in custody; but Supple adroitly escaped by pointing out a peaceful Quaker, sitting two or three seats below him, as the culprit, and the affair assumed no ludicrous aspect that it ended in the worthy broadminded being turned out, in spite of his protestations of innocence and without having fees to pay."—Jordan's Autobiography.

He was just from New York, where he had been on the police, but he had left that city for some reason and went to Galveston. The first thing he did was to apply for a position on the Galveston police. He was a determined-looking man with a bad eye, a nose like a hawk's beak, and he was built all the way up from the ground like a tank. "Do you think you can make arrests and guard prisoners?" asked the Galveston Chief of Police. The applicant smiled a smile that made every body in the office feel positively uncomfortable. It was a kind of a smile that John McCullough, as Othello, smiles when, towards the last, he begins to see through "honest Iago." "Result, you had six prisoners, and one of them was to run off, would you leave the five and follow up the fugitive?" asked the Chief of Police. "Why, no," responded the applicant, "I'd shoot the five who didn't try to escape, so I would know were to look for them when I got back with the body of the other one." "That's all right in New York, but it is too rough for Texas," replied the Chief of Police.

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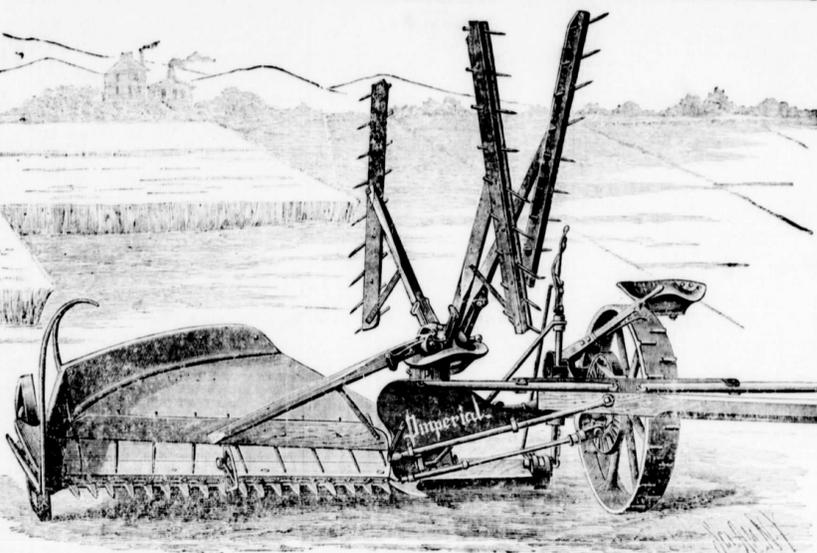
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