

BRIEFS FROM EXCHANGES.

WHERE HE MISSED IT.—“And papa, what did grandfather do for his country?”

“Nothing whatever, my son. He was a member of the senate.”

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WEBSTER'S BOY, DANIEL.—“Fame!” echoed Mr. Waterson, “I never hear the word that I do not think of Daniel Webster's story of the time he met an old gentleman in a railway car, and, learning that he was from New Hampshire, thought he would draw him out a little about the old home state. A little more conversation showed that the stranger came from Mr. Webster's native town. Here was an opportunity not to be lost.

“Did you ever hear of the Webster family there?” asked the statesman.

“Oh, yes; I knew them very well. the old man and I were great friends.”

“Ah! then you can probably tell me what became of the boys?”

“Well, Ezekiel became a big lawyer—the biggest lawper, I guess, in all New Hampshire. The girls, too, turned out well.”

“You don't say so: and wasn't there a boy named Daniel?”

“The old man pondered a minute before he answered.

“Now, I come to think, there was a boy named Dan'l, but he went down to Boston years ago, and no one ain't heard of him since.”

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THE LOWER FOUR HUNDRED.—Little Miss Backcourt—Don't you dare speak to me. Youse don't belong in our set any more. Youse is just no-

bodies. Your dad has been sent up for larceny.

Little Miss Alliway—Huh! Your dad is there, too.

Little Miss Backcourt, haughtily—The charge agin my dad was grand larceny.

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EX-JUDGE PREFERRED.—The following advertisement appeared in a recent issue of the *Law Bulletin*:

Wanted Partners.—An Attorney with a law business susceptible of great development, desires two associates; one to be a good practitioner, the other a good poser and advertiser with a limited knowledge of the law. An ex-judge preferred for the latter position. Answers treated as confidential.

What does it mean? Wanted a 'good poser and advertiser with a limited knowledge of the law; an ex-judge preferred'—is this a springe to catch woodcocks? Is it a satire upon existing methods in the legal profession in the United States? Or is it, can it be, possible that the law there has become a mere trade whose followers are willing to sacrifice dignity to dollars and pride to pelf?

We confess we do not understand it at all. Our respect for the lawyers has been great. We have supposed that they look upon fees as rewards for duty rather than as the price of work. We have thought they were animated by a desire, lofty, severe and all-powerful, to promote justice rather than by an itch for money. We have believed that they considered the law