

that on a certain occasion you came home and found a young man sitting up with her and booted him out doors?"

"Ah! I do remember."

"Well, I am the booted young man of the dim past. Come down to the bank and identify me as Dobbs."

"With the greatest of pleasure."

"Gentlemen," continued the drummer, as he heaved a sigh. "It is needless to add that I got my money and that the old man had a cocktail with me."

"But it was funny that you should admit that he booted you out of his house," protested one of the audience.

"How, funny? I was there and I was booted. Why conceal the fact? He was the girl's father. He had a right to boot me."

"Gentlemen, I don't belong to any church, but I do seek to be a good man, and I ask you if the hand of Providence was not in it? I spark a girl. Her father comes home and boots me. Years elapse, and just when I want \$250 on a cheque to get out of St. Louis I run across the booter and he helps me out. If not Providence, what is it?"

"It's a blamed old drummer's yarn," growled two or three men in chorus, and then all rose up to drink another lemonade. — Detroit Free Press.

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The above named company advertise on another page that they are now making a specialty for the coming season of "Summer" or light weight quilts.

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The firm formerly dealt extensively in the wholesale trade. Their warehouse in Colborne street was destroyed by fire five or six years ago. There was considerable salvage, and the firm decided to dispose of it at retail. They secured immense premises at 14 King street east, and subsequently decided to continue the retail business in connection with the wholesale department. The firm was pushing and energetic, but the loss occasioned by the fire, together with the large expense they were put to in fitting up their new warerooms, the immense stock they had to carry to meet the competition in their line, and the slowness of collections, crippled them. A member of the firm visited England and secured an extension, and an effort was recently made to secure a further extension, but this failed, and the assignment followed.

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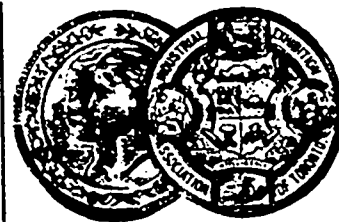
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