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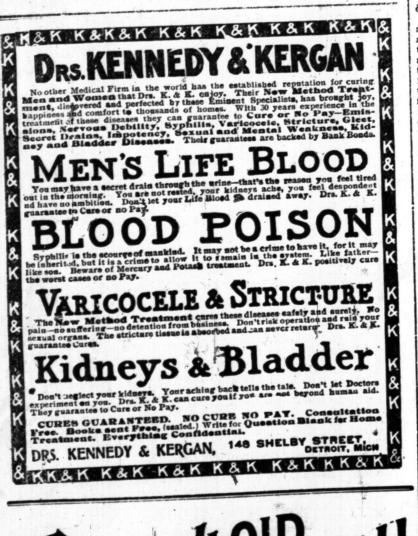
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A VARIETY SHOW.

he Young Darky Who Comes Around

"I wonder if you know George Wash ington?" said the young doctor, medi-tatively, to the druggist.
"I've heard of him," said the drug-

gist, sarcastically.
"Oh, I don't mean the father of his country, but the little 'Bluescure Doc-I know of nothing or no one better for smoothing out marks of nerve weariness than George Washing-

"Another one of your proteges,

suppose," sneered the druggist.
"No, on the whole, I think George considers me one of his," said the physician, good humoredly. "He is about four feet high and has big white ivory teeth gleaming from a frontispiece a black and as shiny as a coal seam He has a mother, a bedridden cripple and a little brother and sister, four year-old twins, to take care of. He does not look as if he had a spark of humor in his entire make-up and yet he can make me laugh until the world looks quite fresh and enjoyable once

"It must be four months now since George first called on me. it was during my regular office hours, I remem ber, when I was sitting with my feet on the desk wondering if there were any sick people anywhere, and if there how they were to begin to find out about me. A young doctor has to do a good deal of patient waiting.

The druggist laughed. "Oh, I was too serious to notice the smiled the other as he contin-"It's so hard not to wish for ac-

idents and calamities to others when life's success, if not your bread and butter, seems to depend on just such happenings. Well, that was the was in, as blue as indigo pag and the Danube combined, when the oor was pushed gently open and h only head appeared around the post

'lialio!' I answered. Doctor, ain't yer?" "I nodded.

'Out of a job?" "Again I nodded.

Want 'er be 'tained.'
What?' I asked.

Want 'er be 'tained? 'Cause I kin lo it, yo' bet,' and the woolly head followed into the room by a small dy neatly but poorly clad.

I looked at the solemn face of the little fellow for a minute before I said, 'How much?' and began feeling trouser pocket for a stray coin. only a nickel fust time, then two Cive yo' whul 'tainment, orikisy, bally, v'riety-best yo' ever heard, ill for nickel; diffunt ev'ry time. Is

Sure,' said I putting the nickel on Then George started in. 'Orkistry. said he and played a waltz on a jews

harp; played it well, too. "Bally, boss, and he danced a regular plantation double shuffle. 'Lead in' v'riety feetyur,' and he began to mitate a horse walking, trotting, cantering, golloping, and through it all, whether he was announcing a change of bill or was performing the 'diffunt feetyurs. I never once saw the ghost of a smile on his dusky face. And by the time he had finished, made a low bow and gravely asked, 'Wuth the price boss?' I was laughing so hard I

could not stop. "'Cum agin, to-morrow, or nex day?' asked George tentatively.

Then I questioned the little fellow and found out all about the moth and the twins and how George was taking care of his 'fambly' by going about to store and offices doing his turn, asking a nickel for the first performance and coming twice a week thereafter for a nickel in advance from 'reg'lar cust'mers.' He will come five times a week for teh cents, and everybody makes dates with him as regularly and in as business-like a fashion as if he were the manager of a big theatrical show and we the proprietors of theatres. Nights he goes o dime museums and 'ten-twenty thirts' to see new things, his version of which we get next day.

"Altogether," added the doctor, consider George one of .my greatest finds and a real benefactor. It is a comfort to have a good laugh all to yourself and in spite of yourself once in a while. You can laugh so much more enjoyably than when your laugh is more or less hemmed in and cut down by your neighbors."

Not Ordinary Truckmen.

The truck driver is proverbially profane and when one is discovered who doesn't swear between syllables when his vehicle is jammed in a bunch of other trucks and blocked by trolley cars, you feel like taking off your hat

Down at Second and Chestnut streets yesterday afternoon, when traffic was at ist thickest and trucks and cars were lined along both thoroughfares, two truckmen had equal chances of making the crossing. One was coming down Chestnut the other along Second street. Had they been ordinary truckmen each would have whipped up, and the chances are that a collision would have resulted. But these two were not ordinary truckmen. With Chesterfeldian grass one waved his arm to the other, inviting him to take precedence.
"You first," shouted the driver, whereupon a messenger boy who had witnessed the remarkable scene gasped and nearly swallowed his cigarette

"After you," was the next contribution to this remarkable dialogue. "Wouldn't that jar you?" muttered a motorman, who was standing clang-ing his bell for all he was worth. The two truckmen continued to motion to

each other to go ahead.
"I insist," shouted one.
"Oh, no! I insist!" shouted the oth-

Finally a policeman interfered. "Say, one o' youse ducks get a move on," he commanded. "This ain't no pink tea." The truckman coming down Chestnut street consented to cross the street and traffic was gradually resumed — Philadelphia Record.

The young man tried to kiss the girl, And she, fearing he might fail, Did just what he intended to-She gently drew the yell.

FEMININE OBSERVER

To follow the crowd is a confession of weakness.

The capable woman always shows to advantage when she pares apples. The best part of one's life is the per-

formance of daily duties. Hear one man before you answer hear several before you decide.

The letter in which there is a trace rarely has a check, also enci-The man who distrusts his fellow men will always bear watching.

No amount of advertising will re store a lost reputation. Choose always the way that seem the best, however rough it may be.

Close the lids for a few minutes nany times a day, that the eyes may be given a rest.

If you tell a secret to a married woman it is equivalent to telling it to her

husband. It requires pluck to be patient. Magnetism is better than money

ometimes, but not often. When a boy is 10 years old he can't decide whether he would rather keep a candy shop, be a cowboy or preach. Cultivate every little knack you have

for the beguilement of the moment and give your friends the benefit. It's queer that the man who knows it all so seldom turns, his knowledge to

good account. A good resolution is one of the few things that is stronger at its birth than at any other time.

To be witty at the expense of somebody else is positive cruelty many times. If persons would only look before

they leap, and then jump in the other direction, there would be fewer financial disasters. The man who is continually saying

that he can never find anything about the house he wants forgets that he can always find fault. A woman's real devotion to a man is

shown by her ability to let him alone when she sees he doesn't want her, and to show no resentment when he is at last ready to notice her. Single figures, Busts and groups of

delicate white French bisque are again prominent in fashion's favor as ornaments, after lying in obscurity for some time past.

The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on two roads—industry and frugality that is, waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both.

Theories about the nobility of mangood are all very beautiful, but a man finds it pretty hard to practice them with a fringe on the bottom of his rousers.

HERE AND THERE

There are only 11 bald-headed men in the British House of Commons. One-third of the recruits of the English army enlist in London and

The army death rate is lower in Great Britain than in any other coun-In France it is nearly six times as high A volunteer in a Colorado regiment

in the Philippine war was cured of stuttering by being shot through the throat by a Mauser bullet. The University of Santiago,

head of the educational system of Chile, has from 1,200 to 1,500 students, kept up and well attended. The year 47 B. C., was the longest

By order of Julius year on record. Caesar it contained 445 days. The additional days were put in to make the seasons conform as nearly, as possible with the solar year. A new method of preserving telegraph poles is to surround the portion

in the ground with an earthenware pipe like a drain-pipe. Into the space between the pole and the pipe is poured a mixture of sand and rosin. Of all the curious kinds of lace, es

pecially old lace, the most curious is that which is called point tresse. is very rare and was made of human French collectors say it exists in the present day only in their cabinets. It was confined to the early part of the sixteenth century. The first Chinese electric railway has

been opened, and connects the Pekin railway station and the south gate of the capital! The Chinese have not any very serious objections to electricity, as it does not profane the air as does the locomotive, which igritates the spirits of the water and air.

Ostriches have only recently domesticated in South Africa. Only 80 were in captivity in 1865; ten years later there were 21,751 being cared for in Cape Colony, and in 1897, 237,960. The true wild bird still exists north of the Vaal and Orange river, but is eagerly hunted for its feathers, which command a higher price than those of the domesticated brethren.

The garrison at Fort Screven is painting the barbette guns gray. A short while since orders were received o make that the color for everything showing above the parparet. Dark green has been the color for coast deense guns, though it might have been thought to be black, for that was the hue they assumed after a few cleanings with the oil that is used for the purpose. The gray is regarded by the war department as least conspicuous and as offering the poorest target for an enemies fleet.—Saveanah News

MEN

We may think people who always agree with us are mushy, but somehow we keep on liking them.

A man always feels foolish when he first takes off his hat to the girl he has known from childhood.

Men who let the gas burn just a little in order to save matches, have een known to succeed as financiers. The man who will do anything for his friends or anything to his enemie frequently becomes known outside of his own township.

A man who wies to win success in to be worthy of it at hurry generally forgets the latter

Are apt to overdo their strength. The rivalries of the road, the cheerful companionship, the exhilaration of the swift movement on the machine, all tend to make a woman unconsciously overtax herself. The results are often serious, and may affect the whole future of wife-

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"START AND STOP"

Little Boy Was First Consin to "Wait-a-Minute." ID you ever hear of any little boy named Start-and-Stop? I

think he must have been first cousin to that little boy who always said: "In a minute," says a writer in the Youth's Com-This boy would start well enough

when called or told to do'a thing, but he was sure to step again until some one would say: "Hurry up!" Then he would go on until he stopped, and must be started afresh. So everybody has got to calling his Start-and Stop. Of course, he doesn't like it at all. He would much rather be called his own name, which is a very pretty one, but I'd rather not tell it to you until he gets over this and habit; and he will cure it, I know, if he cuce realizes what a very disagre table habit it is. The other day, his mamma went to visit his school, and almost the arst words his teacher said to her were: "Can you tell me how to make your little boy hurry up? He is a very good nice-mannered little boy, and he Larns easily and does his work very nicely, only he does not go on with it. He stops every little while; and if I don't speak to him he won't get done in time. I thought perhaps you had found some way to deal with this fault of his. 'It is really the on'y one I find

"I know," sighed the mamma, "and I hoped you might find a cure for it. We have tried everything wercan think

of at home, to no purpose The other morning his uncle saw him sitting over his clothes all in a huddle, dreaming of something, instead of putting them on. "Ill give you a dime," he said, "if you are dressed in

fifteen minutes." The time was just up when he presented himself, not only all dressed, but washed, combed and teeth and

shoes brushed. "Now, that shows," his uncle said, as he handed him the money, "that you can do things in the proper length of time. Don't you think you ought to do it every time, to please your good,

kind papa and mamma?" Start-and-Stop said he knew he should, and he would try, and I do hope he will succeed, and will never give any occasion to be called by that name again. But for this bad fault, I hope they will send it to be published in the paper for the benefit of all the Starts-and-Stops in the country.

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