

brightly upon his errand but when he saw the brooms and realized the size of his load he hesitated. The broom maker told him his express team would take them over to his employer in an hour or two and the apprentice gladly availed himself of the kind offer. He returned to his employer, who was surprised and annoyed to observe his return empty-handed. On learning the particulars, the merchant put his hat on and told the young man to follow and watch. He did not say more. On reaching the broom emporium the employer put two dozen of the brooms—tied in one dozen packages — on each shoulder and again commanded the youth to "follow and watch." His commercial education as to "brooms in a hurry," was complete when his employer said in unloading the brooms from his shoulders: "Dat is de way we do when dere is hurry for brooms." Perhaps you have read the story of the rough country peasant boy—a stable boy—who was suddenly called upon to officiate as butler for a gentleman's dinner. A number of guests were present and the regular butler had unexpectedly absented himself. Champagne was to be one of the drinkables, and the master directed the boy to get a wash-tub into the adjacent room and partially fill it with ice. This was satisfactorily done. He was told where the wine was to be found and at a given signal he was to put it on the ice. A later signal was to be given which would indicate to him that the wine was sufficiently cold to be served. The signals were received and acted upon but the tub was brought into the dining room. It contained all the champagne but while he had put in 'on ice' he had considered it necessary to do away with the bot-