

### A GOOD BUSINESS DODGE.

Rumor says that a certain chemist, who deals in lantern and photographic goods, lately hit upon a novel dodge for increasing his business. A well-known lady in the village was about to be married, so he circularized the place to the effect that he would give three guineas to the person who would take the best photograph of the bride as she was leaving the church door. Also that he was prepared to hire out hand cameras ready charged for use, and would at a moderate figure develop the films or plates and make lantern slides from the same. Needless to say he did a roaring trade. In a few days he announced that these slides would be projected by the lantern at the — Hall, admission 1s., at which the public should decide which picture was worthy of the prize. The net profits, after giving the prize, amounted to

£83 5s. 4d.—Optical Magic Lantern Journal.

Talk about Yankee tricks.—St. Louis and Canadian Photographer.

### Test for Hypo (Walpole).

One of the simplest tests for the presence of hyposulphite of sodium is the permanganate one. In a pint of distilled water one grain of permanganate of potash and ten grains of potassium carbonate are dissolved. This will give a pink solution. A little of the water in which the prints have been last soaking is poured into a clean white glass bottle, and to it is added four or five drops of the permanganate solution. If the slightest trace of hypo be present the solution will assume a light green tint; otherwise it will be of a faint pinkish tinge. The bottle should be shaken and allowed to stand ten minutes or so before examination.

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