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SMILES.

—Love never dies, but it sometimes gets bald-headed.

—Recipe for making your own eye-water—Stick your finger in it.—*Ottawa Republican.*

—It is patriotism that makes young ladies turn their parent's premises into court-houses!

"Dear Father: Have received the money. Thanks. More next time. Your son, Charles.

—When young men idolize young ladies they are very apt to tell a great many idle lies.—*Baltimore Every Saturday*

—A woman sneezed her jaw out of place lately, and the married men of that place have been buying snuff ever since.

—A young lady attending balls and parties should have a female *chaperone* until she is able to call some other chap her own.

—Some people will commit crime with one foot in the grave. A woman, one hundred years old, is reported as learning to play an accordeon in Vermont.

—There is one good thing about silver. Printers can jingle a bunch of keys and a rusty-bladed knife in their pockets, and nobody can tell but what it is all trade dollars.

—A good old negro was burned to a crisp recently somewhere down in Georgia. The text of the funeral address, oddly enough, was: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

—A man solemnly promised to smoke but one cigar a day, so he had 'em built accordingly, and said he'd keep his promise if he had to have them manufactured the size of a lamp post.

—A foolish young lady had her lover's initials tattooed on her arm. The engagement was broken. Oa! how hard those initials were on the next one! Moral: Put off the tattooing of initials till after the wedding.

—Alas! no more women over thirty will ever be married in Chicago! The law requires all marriage licenses, with the ages of the contracting parties, to be published in a daily paper—and of course no lady ever gets over thirty.

—An Indiana girl who sued for breach of promise found all her love letters confronting her in court, and rather than have the jury know that she spelled it "mairy" for marry, "harte" for heart, and "hapie" for happy, she withdrew the suit. Young men, save your love letters.

—"Why, Bridget," said her mistress, who wished to rally Bridget for the amusement of her company, upon the fantastic ornamenting of a huge pie: "Why, Bridget, did you do this, you're quite an artist; how did you do it?" "Indade, it was myself that did it," replied Bridget, "isn't it pritty, mum? I did it with your false teeth, mum."

—It is said by some one who is a careful observer of human nature that the difference between a man and a woman is to the last degree radical. It is shown in every experience of life. When, for instance, a man is driven to the verge of despair, his natural impulse is to shut himself up alone in his chamber and tear his hair. If, on the other hand, the same sad fortune overtakes a woman, she at once takes a firm hold on her

husband's hair. It is this fact which leads some one to say that the smoothness of the husband's crown is the sure criterion of the wife's misfortunes.

A Funny Blunder.

Even clergymen will sometimes make mistakes of the most ludicrous character. It is not a universally known fact, but it is nevertheless true, that a clergyman enjoys a bit of pure humor as well as most others. Though engaged on the most serious subjects, the clergy has given to the world its proper quota of funny blunders. As, for instance, the reverend gentleman who was discoursing on the subject of death in eloquent periods, and who delared in one of them that Providence had kindly placed death at the end of life, for the evident purpose of better enabling men to prepare for it. As though it were possible, even for Providence, to put death anywhere else than at the end.

Poverty.

There seems to be nothing in the world quite so bad as poverty. In order to escape the appearance of it men will live in fine houses, with a delightful forgetfulness that there is such a day in the calendar as rent day. Ladies will dress expensively in order to give the impression that they have one of the mines of Golconda in their back yard, when, if the truth were known, they have hardly spare change enough to pay a coachman to take them to the poorhouse. We heard of a gentleman who never had his stockings darned, but always preferred to wear them with their gaping holes, "because," he said, "a darned stocking is premeditated poverty. It is an advertisement of the fact that you are too poor to buy a new pair." When asked about the philosophy of a hole in the stocking he at once replied, "Why, don't you see the difference? Stewart, or Astor, or Rothschild may meet with an accident on his way down town and tear his stocking. That is nothing. I may do the same thing. But if a man appears on the street with a darn it shows that he saw the hole before he started from home, and had it sewed up because he hadn't another pair of stockings to put on. In the one case the world will look at the hole and say, 'It's a rip.' In the other case it will smile disdainfully and say, 'He's poor.' No, I prefer the holes and the good opinion of my fellow men to darns and their pity."

Health in Middle Age.

At the age of thirty-five, says a writer in the *Family Doctor*, mankind, according to some eminent authorities, is said to have reached the meridian of life, while others name forty as the number of years of our earthly existence. But be this as it may, no one who has taken the ordinary means to preserve his health in youth and early manhood should feel other than young at the age of forty-five, from which period until that of sixty, if life be spared to us, we shall do well to consider ourselves middle-aged, and to adopt greater precautions for the preservation of health and consequent happiness than might have been deemed necessary when youth was on our side. And if this is done, the period of middle age should be one of the greatest activity, of both body and mind. What though the hairs are turning gray?

That but shows one has suffered sorrow and survived it, or that, sorrow apart, he is a man who thinks. And what though the limbs be not quite so nimble? Calm enjoyments foster thought and generate habits of that true temperance which conduce to long life and contentment more than anything else in this world, and whatever some may say to the contrary, I maintain that the desire to live long is inherent in every healthy sane man or woman. To die of old age is the only natural death, and if death may ever be said to be pleasant, the only pleasant one. Though younger than some of my professional brethren still in harness, I have nevertheless seen death in very many shapes and forms, and in almost every case I have found the aged more resigned to the inevitable than those less advanced in years. For a well-spent life is like a well-spent day; at its close there is wish for a rest.

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—No CORRESPONDENCE will be published unless accompanied with the name of the writer. Not necessarily for publication, but as a matter of security to ourselves.

THE BATTLE RAGES.

The "Billingsgate" controversy at present in progress between Mayor Besson and the Corporation Attorney is becoming somewhat interesting if it is expensive. It is pretty generally conceded that His Honor has at last found a foeman worthy of his steel—pen, and one he certainly cannot afford to trifle with. The fact is Mr. Niven has ably defended his position, and clearly and honorably explained every insinuation made by our present would-be third term; and few will object to the cost of publishing such matter considering that it was made necessary for one high official to defend his good name and reputation from insinuations or charges made by another. This, of course, is due Mr. Niven, and he having succeeded is a great source of satisfaction to his friends and the public generally. He admits that he has used his time, money and influence, both before and since his appointment, to secure the election of his friends. Has not a deluded people done as much for Mr. Besson on more than one occasion? If the Mayor denies that he has done the same thing, then it is no credit to him. It is every man's privilege to help his friends, financially or otherwise, to success, and a return of such favor is the most reasonable thing in the world. Mr. Besson, by condemning Mr. Niven's course, admits that he is a stranger to such natural and generous impulses as helping a friend. The reverse, however, is a different matter, and it is safe to presume he never objected to assistance in any shape. Does our inconsistent Executive, like his more exalted counterpart, Hayes, mean to introduce local civil service reform on a small scale and have it apply only when and where it will not interfere with his own schemes. This dictating to officials how they shall use their money or influence is a thing of the past.

Notwithstanding that Mr. Niven was obliged to clear himself of the different insinuations made by his Honor, yet we adhere to our former opinion that the fight two weeks ago and the replies which followed were entirely uncalled for, and have been both costly and undignified. We are prepared to acknowledge that Mr. Niven has crowded considerable argument into a small space, and succeeded in clearing his skirts in a very few words, and without having to introduce "tail-wagging dogs," either.

THE PROPOSED LIBRARY.

In another column will be found the preamble and resolutions introduced at the last meeting of the public school teachers. The teachers want a library, and it is hoped, for the sake of this some-

what neglected class, as well as for the benefits that must indirectly accrue to the rising generation, that the matter will be promptly acted upon and the wishes of the school attaches realized. Principal Campbell is the promoter, and Principals Rue, Kelly and Trustee Munson spoke enthusiastically on the subject, but Principal Lycett, for some unexplained reason, was silent. Can it be possible that he opposes so beneficial a measure simply because it was introduced by Mr. Campbell? For his own sake, we trust he will enter into the scheme and, like the others, do all in his power to ensure its early success. It was also a very happy proposition on the part of Mr. Campbell to permit outsiders to take part, and there can be no doubt but that many will avail themselves of the opportunity. The intention is to secure the ablest works on educational matters first, and later good works on all subjects. All parents should be interested in the project, and support it as far as lies in their power. Any teacher declining to become a member would be claiming, by such an act that he or she already know so much about education as to be beyond improvement, or else was so indifferent that they did not care to know more. We have few of the former, and don't want any of the latter class in our schools, and consequently hope to hear a universal expression in favor of the Teachers' Library at the next meeting.

LACONICS.

—The Legislature adjourned *sine die* at 12 o'clock yesterday.

—Baptismal services will be held in the First Baptist Church to-morrow evening.

—Preaching to-morrow at the First M. E. Church, by Rev. D. R. Lowrie, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

—"The Young Men from Sligo" will give their first annual ball at Weber's Winter Garden on Wednesday evening.

—Fred. W. Moller, the popular auctioneer, and Justice Wm. F. Busch were on Thursday appointed Commissioners of Deeds by Governor McClellan.

—In the House of Assembly on Thursday the joint resolution for biennial sessions of the Legislature was passed by a vote of 48 to 3. It had already passed the Senate.

—It is rumored that a prominent butcher of this city has succeeded in curing a balky and vicious horse with the aid of a bale-stick. The animal is as quiet as a lamb, but is not expected to live.

—A young girl named Annie Colbert, without parents or friends, was found sick and starving on the streets Wednesday morning, and the City Physician had her sent to St. Mary's Hospital.

—At the third annual session of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor of New Jersey, held at Newark on Wednesday and Thursday, Wm. C. Morris, of this city, was elected Grand Dictator. Shake, William.

—Owing to the absence of a quorum, there was no meeting either of the Board of Education or the Police Commissioners on last Monday evening. A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday night.

—Miss Mamie Conron, of this city, is playing one of the leading characters in the "Pirates of Penzance," at Haverly's Chicago Theatre, and the papers of that city speak in a highly flattering manner both of her acting and singing.

—A pleasant surprise was given to Miss Juliet Jackson, of 52 Bloomfield street, on

Thursday evening. Singing, games and music were the features of the entertainment, together with a fine supper. The party dispersed after midnight.

—The body of Mrs. William M. Tweed, who recently died in Paris, arrived in this city on Sunday last on board the Hamburg steamer Silesia. The remains were taken to New York, and on Wednesday buried in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

—We are informed by Mr. Peter Shreve, manager of the New Jersey Athletic Club grounds, that the athletic entertainment announced to come off on Wednesday afternoon—St. Patrick's Day—for the benefit of the Irish Relief Fund, will not take place owing to the recent heavy snow storm.

—The following-named gentlemen of this city were drawn on Tuesday by Sheriff Toffey to serve as jurors for the April term of Court: First class—Edward W. Gritten and James Van Buskirk; second class—Theo. C. Dunn and Joseph Brandes. The service of the first class commences on April 7th, and of the second class on April 21st.

—Our readers should bear in mind that Chaplain C. C. McCabe will deliver his popular lecture, "The Bright Side of Libby Prison," at the First M. E. Church on Wednesday evening. The reverend gentleman is so well known in this city that the mere announcement of his lecture is sufficient to always ensure a crowded house.

—At a meeting of the John W. Barnitt Association, held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Morgan Ivory; Vice President, Frederick Kaufmann; Financial Secretary, Wm. Hearn; Recording Secretary, J. Canfield; Treasurer, August Degener; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Campbell.

—This afternoon and evening are the last opportunities of seeing Salsbury's Troubadours in their witty extravaganza, entitled "The Brook," at Haverly's Theatre, Fourteenth street, near Sixth avenue, New York. On Monday, Mr. Neil Burgess will make his first appearance in New York in Petroleum V. Nasby's farcical comedy "Widow Bedott."

—The Young Men's Democratic Club of the Third Ward held a meeting on Monday last and elected the following officers for the Spring campaign: President, Anthony McHale; Vice President, Geo. Simmermacher; Secretary, John Fitzpatrick; Treasurer, T. A. Kennedy. Meetings are held on every Thursday evening at Bowdin's, No. 133 Willow street.

—Officer Kaiser on Sunday last arrested Andreas Hansen, a sailor on board the Hamburg steamer Silesia, for knocking down the first officer and third engineer, while on the high seas, and calling on the men to assist him in his attack. The German Consul made out the requisite papers on Monday and ordered Hansen's return in irons to Hamburg, where he will be tried.

—Next week will close the engagement of Rice's Surprise Party at the Standard Theatre, Broadway and Thirty-third street, New York. "Robinson Crusoe, Esq., and his Man Friday," which has been drawing large audiences during the past week, will be continued during the week to come, and any one wishing to have a good laugh should not fail to see the above named fascinating burlesque. Matinee at half-past one o'clock this afternoon.

—The first annual ball of Hoboken Lodge, No. 103, Knights of Pythias, took place at Weber's Germania Hall, on Wednesday evening, and proved a very nice affair. William Chapman, assisted by Charles H. Muess, managed the floor, and were ably seconded by J. S. Weinthal, C. Brooks, C. Repp, H. Meyer, J. Kleeman, J. Sinclair, of the same committee; Reception matters were attended to by S. J. Weinthal, Aug. Smith, Alex. Thompson and Julius Gates.

Teachers' Meeting.

The only business of any moment transacted at the Teachers' meeting, Wednesday afternoon, was the introduction of the following preamble and resolutions which will be acted on at next meeting:

WHEREAS, The principles underlying teaching constitute a science, and in their application lay claim to be one of the noblest arts. As a science, or an art, or a profession, teaching is recognized as such only by the few. This is a matter of regret, of pecuniary loss, of social respectability in some localities, to those who devote their life's best time and energies to this calling. The wide versatility of knowledge, of culture and of talents demanded by the successful teacher is rarely equaled in any other position of life. We do not wonder that the real claims of education do elude the grasp and attention of the popular mind, when we remember that many of the most energetic, most devoted teachers have a very limited acquaintance with the pretensions and the literature of their profession. This narrowness on the part of teachers results, in a measure, from the smallness of their salaries. To the end that the teachers of the public schools of Hoboken may have the assistance of all works—scientific, historical and literary—pertaining to their profession, and that a knowledge and sentiment in favor of the public schools may be more widely diffused in the community; therefore, be it

Resolved, FIRST—That a library be founded which shall be known as the "Teachers' Library of Hoboken."

SECOND—That all teachers in the city and adults who are interested in educational matters may become members of the library by paying the annual fee of three dollars.

THIRD—That a life membership be issued to any person or persons paying the sum of fifty dollars.

FOURTH—That the Board of Education be requested to draw a warrant in favor of the librarian for all deductions for absence from the teachers' monthly meetings that have been made during the present fiscal year, or shall hereafter be made.

FIFTH—That all moneys and merchandise shall be received and disposed of according to the wish of the majority of the teachers present at a regular meeting.

SIXTH—That a course of public lectures be held during the coming year for the purpose of raising money wherewith to purchase books.

SEVENTH—That a librarian be elected by ballot, whose duty it shall be to take care of the books and the moneys, reporting from time to time, at the teachers' regular meeting, the number of books and the amount of money on hand.

EIGHTH—That at first the selection of books be limited to those upon pedagogics, on new methods of teaching, to criticisms upon educational subjects and to biographies of educators; afterwards, as means will allow, scientific, literary and historical works may be added.

Militia Marksmen.

The following are the names and scores of the members of the Ninth Regiment, who participated in all shooting tournaments during the past year:

	SCORE.
Capt. T. W. Griffith, Co. F.....	22 25-47
Lieut. Lewis H. Greve, Co. F.....	21 25-46
Capt. Wm. P. Wood, Staff.....	21 24-45
Col. B. Franklin Hart.....	19 24-43
Corp. Calvin Peck, Co. F.....	19 19-38
Private C. Milton Stimis, Co. F.....	17 20-37
Lieut. Bartholomew Devany, Co. A.....	17 19-36
Lieut. James H. Symes, Staff.....	19 16-35
Sergt. Fred. Raab, Co. D.....	20 15-35
Corp. Deidrich Gilfert, Co. D.....	16 18-34
Capt. Chas. Erlenkoetter, Co. D.....	17 16-33
Corp. J. Bollinger, Co. B.....	17 16-33
Corp. Henry Spohn, Co. D.....	19 14-33
Corp. August L. Hoffman, Co. F.....	13 19-32
Lieut. Richard Curry, Co. B.....	15 17-32
Private Frank G. Boye, Co. F.....	18 14-32
Private Louis Goll, Co. C.....	15 16-31
Sergt. H. A. Correa, Co. F.....	15 16-31
Private E. Haddenhorst, Co. C.....	20 11-31
Corp. J. R. Washington, Co. D.....	17 13-30
Capt. I. Krobach, Co. B.....	17 12-29
Capt. Chas. Eicke.....	13 15-28
Capt. Geo. W. Lamb, Co. E.....	14 14-28
Lieut. L. R. McCulloch, Co. C.....	15 13-28
Private A. J. Fisher, Co. F.....	15 13-28
Private T. Schwartz, Co. F.....	17 11-28
Private Chas. Luckhardt, Co. D.....	15 12-27
Private Arthur Rath, Co. D.....	16 11-27
Corp. Chas. Palka, Co. D.....	20 7-27
Private Chas. Gentner, Co. B.....	13 12-25
Sergt. Maj. F. P. Clifford, N. C. S.....	14 11-25
Q. M. Sergt. E. W. Danforth, N. C. S.....	15 10-25
Private D. J. Winkelmann, Co. C.....	16 9-25

An elegant flag, several badges and other trophies won during the year were presented by Wm. T. Hoffman, Esq., to the various teams at Odd Fellows' Hall last evening. The ceremonies are in progress as we go to press, and hence our inability to give as detailed an account of a very pleasant affair as we would wish.

COUNCILMANIC NOTES.

The Poor Claims Again Vetoed—Plain Language from the Corporation Attorney—Councilman Mehan Goes for Editor Hoffman.

The claims of Lewis and Leonard, for services at the relief stores during the winter of 1878, were again brought to the notice of the Councilmen, Tuesday evening, by a veto from the Mayor, which opposes even the opinion of the Corporation Attorney as to the legality of paying said claims. The veto was referred to the Committee on Alms. The Mayor argues that the amount should be taken from the Poor Fund, and as said fund for that year was exhausted before services were performed, it would be illegal to pay the claims.

The Corporation Attorney notified the Council that judgment had been rendered against the city in favor of Charles Spielman, Jr., for the sum of \$331.36. He directed that the warrant be drawn in favor of Messrs. Collins and Corbin, attorneys for the plaintiff.

The following communication from Corporation Attorney Niven, in reply to Mayor Besson's criticisms of last week, was read and ordered spread in full on the minutes:

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL:

Again I am obliged to notice a communication of the Mayor. I refer to the veto of the salary ordinance. I confess I am at a loss where to begin in treating of this extraordinary production, for in it His Honor certainly has not failed to indulge in the caprices of genius to his own sweet will. Although the quality of His Honor's wit does not indicate that he was in one of his happiest moods of inspiration when framing this oracular production, I dare not attempt anything so excruciatingly funny as His Honor's little joke about the dog and his tail. Nor can I cope with that terrible pun about curtailing that dog and his tail. I am not competent to measure the breadth or depth of His Honor's humor. It's something so rare, so dignified, so befitting the Chief Magistrate of this city when treating on official matters. I recommend that you refer the Mayor's veto to Mark Twain for an oracular opinion as to its quality, since we have in New Jersey no talent competent to gauge our brilliant Chief Magistrate when he is in one of his "moods of inspiration." The Mayor speaks of young gentlemen and their guardians. To this slur I make no reply. I am content to leave my record as Corporation Attorney to the inspection of the citizens and taxpayers of this city, and to you, who know personally how I have discharged my duty. The Mayor in his eleventh paragraph of his communication refers to a Corporation Attorney who took an active part in securing the election of Councilmen. By this I presume the Mayor means myself. I do not deny that I have contributed to the election of my friends as Councilmen, and to other positions in and out of the city. Before ever I contemplated office-holding I gave my time and my money to aid the candidates of the Democratic party, and I have continued to do so as far as it lay in my power, and I hope to have that privilege long after I have ceased to hold office. But if the Mayor means to insinuate that I have used any improper influence with any member of the Council, he should be man enough to say it plainly and squarely, and not shrink behind a cowardly innuendo in order to escape personal responsibility. If the Mayor has any charges to make, let him make them, so that they may be inquired into and their complete falsity shown, for I distinctly and emphatically brand such statements as false. When the Mayor avails himself of "common report" in order to traduce and slander public officials under the form of a public and official message, he ceases to respect his high office, and stoops to use it as an engine to gratify his personal malice.

Very respectfully,
M. W. NIVEN.

The reading of the foregoing created a sensation, and broad smiles illumined the countenances of nearly all present.

It was followed up by a set of preambles and resolution offered by Councilman Mehan, and intended, if possible, to censure the course of Editor Hoffman, of the Hudson

County Democrat (?), who habitually abuses certain members of the Board. The document, which reads as follows, was lost on being put to a vote:

WHEREAS, The official paper of this city, by innuendo and intimidation, has used from time to time scurrilous and libelous language in reference to members of this Board; and

WHEREAS, The editor of the said newspaper, A. Hoffman, is an employee of our Courts of Justice; and

WHEREAS, It ought to be the duty of all officials connected with the Courts to maintain respect for our laws, and to see that no employee of any of the said Courts shall insult the people with impunity, thereby causing the laws of our State and County to be disregarded; and

WHEREAS, The said editor has, from time to time, in his individual capacity caused to be written libelous matter against members of this Board; and

WHEREAS, Deeming himself secure in his office attached to the said Courts, he has with impunity assailed public officials and threatened them with the law, when they do not carry out his behests; now, be it

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of the said preambles and resolution to the Honorable Judge of the said Court.

Owing to the poor appropriation being exhausted, and also on account of many widows applying for aid who claim to have lost their husbands on the different railroads having a terminus in this city, it was resolved that said companies be requested to contribute towards the support of the poor.

The meeting then adjourned.

Meadow Drainage

A number of influential citizens of this county met at Mayor Hopper's office, in Jersey City, on Monday last, and expressed their opposition to the scheme of pumping the meadows in this city. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be the sentiment of this meeting that any plan for pumping to abate the nuisance now existence on the Hoboken meadows be deemed inexpedient and not calculated to abate permanently the nuisance now complained of.

The bill at present before the House provides as amended for the abatement of the nuisance by filling only.

The Funeral of Father Ceci.

The funeral of the Rev. A. H. Ceci, at the Church of Our Lady of Grace, on Monday last, was of the most imposing and solemn character. Father De Concillo, of St. Michael's Church, Jersey City, preached the funeral oration, and Father Whelan, of New Brunswick, celebrated "The Mass for the Dead," assisted by Father Shephard, of the Cathedral, Newark, and Father Henry, of Elizabeth. Father Burke, of this city, as master of ceremonies, had his hands full, and ably conducted matters both in and outside the church. The last four gentlemen were classmates of the deceased, and entered on their professional labors about the same time. The remains were interred in the new North Bergen Cemetery.

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How Two Old Pioneers Fell Out.

An old pioneer sat in a Michigan avenue grocery yesterday, stroking his white beard and telling the group around the stove that he had seen a dozen just such winters as this, when in came a second old pioneer who had seen just as many wolves and bears in olden days, and who felt his importance just as much. The two eyed each other askance, and directly the first observed:

"Seems to me you are looking poorly for a man only seventy-two years old."

"Poorly!" snapped the other; "why, I sawed a quarter of a cord of wood this morning and went to market twice! I never felt better in my life, but it seems to me that you have weak eyes."

"Weak eyes! Why, I can read my print without glasses; my eyes were never keener than now."

"Let's see which has the best eyes," remarked the grocer's clerk as he took a card from his pocket, and the two old pioneers cheerfully agreed.

The card was red on one side and blue on the other, and the clerk held it so that only one could see at a time. The first pioneer took a squint and called out:

"Blue as a whetstone! Can't see my eyes on that."

The red side was turned, and the other looked and called out:

"Guess this is your blue day! If that card isn't red then I'll never pitch any more hay."

The other looked again, saw the blue side, and sneeringly remarked:

"I'd hate to have your eyes! That card is no more red than a blue bird."

"Do you mean to insult me?" demanded the other. "I won't stand no such talk from any man. I say it's red!"

"And I say it is blue! Don't try to bull-doze me, sir!"

"Who's bulldozing you?"

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While one sat down in a basket of clothespins, the other burned his elbow on the stove. Both made a rush for the door, to seek a Justice and a warrant, and there they collided, and sat down on the floor. The one who got up first hurried up the street, and the other down, and each was saying to himself:

"I'll see whether a man who fit Injuns on the site of Detroit can be insulted and battered in this way."—*Detroit Free Press.*

The Lost Pocket-book.

It is what the painters call "an interior." Calling the other day on a little business with a gentleman at his house, in the course of which the gentleman needed some change for a note, he cried out to his wife up stairs:

"Have you any change?"

The answer came from above:

"Yes; in the purse."

Then a silence of some length.

"Where's your purse?" said the patient gentleman, at last.

"On the mantel-piece."

After rumaging among the old letters, then in a jar containing a corn-cob pipe, a card of buttons, sticks of broken sealing-wax and two or three vials of homeopathic medicine, the husband gently remarked:

"It isn't here."

"It must be. If it isn't there, I don't know where it is."

"Perhaps it's on the bath-tub or in the attic," said he, by way of assisting her memory.

"O, I know," said she, triumphantly.

"It's in my work-basket."

"Where's the work-basket?"

"I don't know; ask Sarah."

Sarah, the house-maid, on being cross-examined, answered that it was up-stairs in the sewing-machine cover. The sewing-machine cover was found to be full of cotton, silk scraps, buttons, and other paraphernalia

for the construction of a dress. Finally the work-basket was discovered on the ottoman, but no pocket-book.

"O, I know," remarked the persevering dame; "it's in the pocket of that dress I took off last night."

But the pocket-book was not there. Then followed a long consultation with the servants.

"You had it yesterday afternoon when you paid Sarah that quarter."

"Let's see, where was that?" said the anxious wife. "I went into the hall after my hat. No, my hat wasn't there, it was up in the bedroom. Yes! O, I guess I put it into my white dress pocket. Yes, yes; here it is."

On being opened, the pocket book was found to contain two car tickets and a postage stamp, and the visitor came away with his affairs still unsettled.

Preparing for Summer.

The New York correspondent of the Buffalo Courier says: "As we are not yet quite out of winter, it may seem rather early to be preparing for summer, but it is always best to take hold in time, so at all events think the enterprising capitalists who expect to make money in July and August by the rush to the seaside. When the season opens at Coney Island, for instance, visitors will see many improvements there. They will find a magnificent new hotel on the point north west from Manhattan Beach, and another near the great Iron Pier that has stood the winter storms much better than it was expected to do. The race course at Brighton Beach will no longer offer unexploited opportunities for horses to break their own necks and those of their riders, as it did last summer, but will be as safe as the course at Long Branch or Jerome Park. Down at Rockaway, which has long boasted the shabbiest accommodations to be found at any summer resort on the American continent, there will be at least one hotel to stop at, in the style of the splendid building at Manhattan Beach, and perhaps two. At Red Bank, on the way to Long Branch by rail, some handsome houses, private and otherwise, are already planned and will be completed before the season opens. From present indications next summer will surpass any previous one in out-of-town attractions, and if the business boom keeps on, the hotel men at the watering places cannot fail to make very substantial additions to their bank accounts."

She Would Not Sign.

The car was entered by a man with a book and pencil in his hand, who began taking a vote of the passengers. Some of them answered, and some didn't, and some did not exactly understand what he wanted. When he came to a little old woman with her lap full of parcels and bundles, she called out:

"There is four in our family, and we are all grown up. Our Christian names are John Henry, Betsy Ann, Melinda and Aaron, and that's all the census you'll get out of me."

"I'm not taking the census madam," he explained. "I'm simply—"

"You raise on our water tax if you dare!" she interrupted. "We'll dig a well before we'll pay another cent."

"I am not the water-tax man; I am canvassing this car—"

"Well, you can't canvass me!" she snapped. "I am bothered to death with canvassers at the house, and I don't care what new-fangled clothes-wringer you've got—I won't subscribe!"

The passengers were all laughing, and he didn't want to give up his purpose.

"Madam," he began, "have you any objection to—"

"I won't sign any petition, if I die for it!" she shouted; "and if you don't stop pestering me, I'll open this package of pepper and fill your eyes for you, and my husband will thrash you, to boot."

The man with the book gave it up, and left the car.

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