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WE WILL BET a Canajoharie pippin against a Skaneateles nutmeg that neither the right honorable Thomas.C. Platt nor the "left" honorable Warner Miller will hold a cabinet position this coming year.

A PPARENTLY the fiend known as Jack-the-ripper has sewn himself up.
WE KNOW NOT what others may do, but Colonel Shepard proposes to take Canada within the next three months or place himself in history on the same page with General Wolf. Francis is in our opinion the better man.

THE BEST campaign liar is Osman Digna, but he confines his efforts to the campaign military.

JUST NOW when a man is inebriated he manages to explain by calling it " an alcoholic trance." So we make progress hand over hand.
A MAN from Japan claims that he can stay under water four minutes. There have been quite a number who haven't come up in four years.

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$A^{\text {DMIRAL LUCE, who wants } 82,-}$ 500,000 from Hayti, had better annex the island and pay the million still necessary out of his own pocket.
President cleveland says he looks forward with eagerness to the day that will rid him of official responsibility. So do the people, Grover -so say we, all of us.

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M. S. QUAY, according to the Voice. was refused a life insurance because of his bibulous habits. What's the matter with the company that did the refusing? Does it still exist?

$\mathrm{C}^{\circ}$COLONEL SHEPARD is advised by somebody to shoulder his gun anc' go hunting for White Caps. Good idea. We know of no man who shows more dexterity in-shouldering his gun.

$\mathrm{N}^{\circ}$OW THAT Murat Halstead has gone to work to make up the Harrison cabinet, the president-elect had better bestir himself or he will find the business done before he has had a chance to get a whack at it.

$\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{E}}$ENRY GEORGE rebukes the president for having made \$100,000 in the purchase of Red Top. This is not fair. Henry ought to remember that the president honestly intended to occupy Red Top four years longer.

MMDAME BOULANGER says the general thinks himself a second Napoleon, and wants to put her aside as the little corporal put aside Josephine. Yes, indeed; and several times he has come mighty near going to St. Helena.

M R. "DICK" THOMPSON loses $\$ 25,000$ a year by the collapse of the Panama canal. Why! this disaster is worse than we had at first supposed.
$\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{R}}$ RS. HARRISON answers all the general's letters of congratulation, and does it so well that we begin to think she will be a power in the next administration.

IF UNCLE SAM had been half as generous as the average taxpayer during the holidays he would have spent the surplus and put a mortgage on his entire farm.
GOVERNOR HILL has apparently done his utmost to bring the boodlers to trial ; and the record of the last boodler trial shows that they will soon be happily relieved of their mild suspense.

THE HARBORS of other nations will please go right to work to dredge themselves out. It is possible that our cruisers will want to go inside of them some day, and then they will want to know how to get themselves out

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THE ATTEMPT to belittle Mr. Blaine by saying he is as ardent for office as a boy shows a great deal of infantile idiocy on the part of its inventors. Mr. Blaine is apparently attending to his own business, and his industry in that line furnishes an excellent example.

THE OPPOSITION of the mugwump papers did much to help the election of Harrison; and the only wonder is that their editors do not claim every one of the cabinet positions.

## BE GOOD AND BE HAPPY.

NATALIE has been very warmly welcomed by the czar, who is a very sympathetic man; and now Milan, her ex-husband, is extremely anxious to work himself into Russian official favor, not exactly in behalf of a desire to clasp hands across the bloody matrimonial chasm, but to save himself from being kicked off his throne. Natalie is a beautiful women, and her diplomacy equals her good looks; and really it ought to be demonstrated by this time that the marriage contract can be strained by no small king, that privilege being reserved for only the larger ones.

## THE OPENING OUTBURST.

 THE BOOM for David B. Hill on the first day of the year was a great boom, and not the less so because much of it was made by Albany and some other Republicans out of respect for the office the governor holds. Men and associations from every part of the state took a lively part in that boom ; and it has been remarked that the regents' punch for the occasion was more than usually strong. But it was a boom for '92, and no Democratic beverage at this period can be too emphatic for that. It has been semi-officially promulgated that David is to lead the Democratic column in 1892 ; and the boom was that of the opening gun and will send its echoes around the Union even as the first gun on Sumter sent its smoke around the world. And this is why, regardless of his cabinet selections, we present our profoundest congratulations to President-elect Harrison.
## NOVELS AND THE CHURCH.

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ME CLERGYMEN have determined to notice "Robert Elsmere no more. That is well enough ; but when one looks back thirty years or so how odd it seems that these gentlemen should have noticed the novel at all. Within that limited period the work of fiction had no place in the libraries of the more orthodox of the creeds; and such novels as were read had to be given a very sober dress or be read surreptitiously by the older members of the family. Here is a great change, and a first-rate one; and it is as complimentary to the church as it is to the hundreds of men and women who are writing very much of our best literature from day to day.


## AS HIS GRACE CAME IN.

Miss Hurlingham- "I'm all in a flutter, mamma! I'm sure he's coming this way."
Mrs. Hurlingham- " Remember your great grandfather's mistake at Yorktown, Blethen, and if you get the least chance atone for it promptly by a full surrender.

FUN IN LEGGINGS AND FURS.

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 AE WINTER IS ON. Like the new newspaper, it has come to stay. In Albany, in various other places here, in Canada, in the northern woods, the steel of the skate and runner is the main means of pleasurable locomotion, and the toboggan comes in as a part of our civilization as naturally as if it had always been here. It is well. If future punishment, as Laplanders are said to believe, consists in extreme cold, the American sufferers will turn it to some extent into a pleasureground and have their fun no matter what name it goes by. Yet there is regret. There is a large interrogation hovering about us, accompanied by some tears. Why, oh why, couldn't we have had this snow and this ice through the holiday season that is now so far behind?"HE DIED GAME." PRADO, the French assassin, who had killed several women, was guillotined a few days ago, and went to the ax with a smile on his countenance and the most cheering good-bye courtesies to all who witnessed his departure. Perhaps this "showed his bringing up"; and it may even be that he "died," as he said he would, " as he had lived - a gentleman." And the criminal records show that there have been quite a number of gentlemen of that kind.


## SUCH IS FAME

Mrs. Taussig-" Have you ever heard Patti ?"
Mrs. Lakeson (of Saint Joe)-" No ; but I've seen her picture hundreds of times. She's the one who writes those charming little testimonials for the face-powders and things, isn't she ?"

## THE NEXT CABINET.

JOHN SHERMAN is saying nothing. Mr. Blaine is equally reticent. Warner Miller has gone home to devote himself to wood pulp; and your uncle T. C. Platt is devoting himself to the express business with assiduity and care. What this forebodes the Judge doesn't pretend to say, particularly as Chauncey M. Depew says he wants nothing here below and intimates that he cares for no promotion which hasn't wings attached to it, and a few harps. It would be easy to draw conclusions. All the other papers do. But there is a man in Indianapolis who is attending to his own business with such entire success that it would be the very impudence of assumption to try to attend to it for him, and we guess it will be wise to let that man alone.

A BARREL of whisky was recently sold at auction for one dollar. Funeral announcement next week.

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A NEW PULVERIZER was shown to Mr. Cleveland the other day. "I do not need it," he said sadly. " The voters of this country have 'tended to me."

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We believe that Abram S. Hewitt will soon be the most amiable of men, perhaps because there will be no general apprehension with respect to his sadeyed gloom.

OLD FRIENDS.


S MOTHER called him Jeremi, his father called An' everyboryy fur an' nigh knew Jeremiah He hooked my apples w'en a lad, wuz sly ez twenty weasels,
An' yit I wuz almighty glad w'en he got well o' He wuz the smartest boy in town at readin' an' at writin',
An' sumun else wuz allus down w'enever he wuz fightin!
W'en he grew up he never made mistakes. I hev tew snicker
A-thinkin' how he could hoss-trade an' manage any dicker.

Well, I went west an lost all track o' Jerry an home nacher.
An' heard las' week, w'en I come back, he's in the legislacher
An' so to-day I come tew town, an' feelin' solitary,
1 thought I'd kinder ramble 'round in hopes o' meetin' Jerry.
He'd know me 'mong a thousan' men ; an' I'd know him, 1 reckon,
Though fifteen year 'twixt now an' then needs suthin' more'n a beckon.
'Ve I found him? No, I haint! What now? Mister, you're makin' merry. By gosh! Well, well! You him? I swow! How are yew, Jerry Cherry?
J. a. waldron.

## HUM OF THE COURT.

R HARRISON is mentioned by the Sun as an inoffensive young man, One who knew him on the plains says he is known out there as a Russeller.
THERE IS a discussion as to the greatest highwayman, and one enthusiastic historian gives the credit to Mr. Bill Brazellion of Arizona, who is now dead, or who, in other words, has been held up himself. How sad it is that Bill should not have lived to enjoy his distinction ; but death loves a shining mark.
THE Norristown Herald hopes that President Harrison will not be ruled by the Democratic idea. Good gracious ! there isn't any.
TWO south-
erners fought a duel with bowieknives in a dark room and killed each other. When they got through they must have felt very much relieved.
$A^{\text {MAN is going }}$ to marry a woman with $83.000,000$, and to do so, an exchange says, he will
change his religion. Indeed! It strikes us that is his religion.
IT IS A frequent remark in France that the empire is peace, but every progressive man thinks it is sheol.
" PPAPA, the wood's slipping down over the lead," remarked little Jamie, noticing his father's pencil becoming dull.
THE PICTURES of Russell Harrison in the papers rather flatter the young man ; but as for Elijah Halford he wants a chariot of fire.
A BUFFALO clergyman wants prayer and psalm between the acts at the theatres ; but most theatre-goers say cloves are good enough for them.
A CHICAGO DINNER included thirty-four kinds of game. The guests are so covered with fur and feather that they are afraid to go out, for fear they will be shot.


TOO TRUE.
Mrs. De Nison-" I know he's an actor, dear, because he wears his hair long." Bl.kTh (a moment later)-" He doesn't wear it very long, does he, mamma?"

WE STILL THINK that Cleveland and Hill will embrace each other when they next meet, but they are not going to meet.
THEY SAY the new emperor of Germany is likely to die of hereditary disease during the next year ; and better him than a hundred thousand German and French soldiers.


A POORLY PREPARED SPECIMEN.
Applicant (taking off his cout) - "I wants d' situation ob tattooed man." Manager- - I don't see any tattoo marks on you."
Applicant-"' Dar! I knowed dey 'd be trouble when dat iggerant coon went en pricked me all full 'r brack ink."


THAT NEW PROFESSION.
Miss Lonsom (zriting)-" Dear sir: In your advertisement you say, 'A refined gentleman will escort ladies to balls, receptions, theatres, etc., for a nominal consideration.' Will you please call for me at $\$$ to-morrow P.M., for an evening at Daly's?"

## A WORSE FATE.

C., whose terrible struggles with adversity are well known, was one day relating his experiences to an intimate friend.
" Well," he added, as he concluded his narrative, "what would you have done in my place had you been reduced to such penury ?"
"I ?" replied his friend. "I should have killed myself."
" No doubt; but I did more than that -I lived."

## A CLEAR FIELD.

"How are you getting on in your lovemaking ?" inquired Merritt.
" Very nicely indeed," replied Bjones.
"Do you think her parents favor your suit?
" I am sure of it. Her mother now never stays in the room with us more than ten minutes."


HE WAS VERY NEAR-SIGHTED.
Mr. Collingwood (telling about it afterwards)-"I had just got to the interesting point when her dog came in

THE GIRL OF IT.
" I understand that you are taking banjo lessons," remarked Guiloys in an unguarded moment to Miss Livingston-Read.
"Oh, yes," she exclaimed enthusiastically; " do let me get the banjo and show you. Four of the strings are broken now, but I guess that I can play well enough on the one string to show you how much I know. The only trouble is, you see, in tuning. I have to get this string an octave lower than this other one, and as this other one is broken I'll have to give it up after all. You don't mind, do you?"

## " Oh, no," said Guiloys fervently.

## SNOW-FLAKES.

A banana-skin takes the place of ice in summer.

A pretty girl spends her time during July and August in slaying and spends January and February in sleighing.

" I rushed from the house in an agony of rage, saw that dog in the path, prepared to kick him into the next county, and let her go for all I was worth, when-

## A BETTER WAY.

The proprietor of a cheap eating saloon was chatting with one of his neighbors about his business.
"At what hour do you dine, then ?" asked the latter.
"About three oclock, after everybody has got through."
' You don't mean to say you eat what's left ?"

I should say not ! you must take me for one of the customers. No, I have my dinner sent in from a high-toned restaurant on the next block."

NO FLATTERY THERE.
Boston girl-"Uncle Gawge, do you think my photographs do me justice?"

Uncle Gawge (critically)-"Yes, Emeline ; justice without mercy."

"She stuck her head out of the window and asked me not to kick all the paint off the monument to her present dog's brother "'

## $\square T_{\text {ried }}:$ Out $\because$ By $\because$ Fire: -

or,

WHAT SHALL A FAT MAN RENDER WHEN HE SHALL BE TRIED?
By the author of "The Horse and His Diseases," which the same is Bill Nye.

## CHAPTER IV.



T IS TIME for the Christmas-tree exercises. The organ swells slightly on one side as the young organist fills it full of wind and begins that grand old nocturne, "Shall we gather at the river?" The choir accompany him, at times getting a neck or two ahead and then falling behind again.

Then the pastor opens the tree with prayer. He gives the Lord a brief but succinct account of what the church has accomplished, number of souls lost and saved during the past year, number of damaged souls taken on probation and repaired, amount of indebtednéss of church and prospects for the future, with a resolution at the close indorsing the general wisdom and good judgment of the Lord in many instances during the past, and expressing a hope that the same kindly and conservative policy may characterize the future.

And now the gifts are being distributed by a number of light-footed young men, among whom we see Kyrle Ellsmere, who leaves a present and an air of bergamot wherever he alights. Here are a few of the gifts :

Handsome camp-chair, with red and blue stair-carpet seat, for Mrs. Earl, from her loving daughter who is married and lives in Montana.

Beautiful pair of decorated salt-and-pepper bottles, holding one squirt each, for Mrs. Saxe-Horn, from her husband.

Heavily chased napkin-ring, made from the olive-tree under which the sermon on the mount was preached, from the bible-class as a token of kind regard to the wife of the pastor.
$\$ 100$ bill from Judge Parkersburg, "our leading capitalist," to his wife. According to common report, he will choke her on the way home till he gets it away from her again. He can then use it for next year,

Pair Bohemian glass vases for the pastor from the infant-class.
Plush floral album for the wife of the pastor from the president of the first national bank.
 Little Hustler band.

Seven-foot hand-sled for Johnnie Butts (Pearl's brother) from Henry Hornblower.

Handsomely bound volume of the report of the national bureau for the prevention of cholera among swine, from the member of congress for this district to the pastor.

And so it went on for nearly an hour, when just as Kyrle Ellsmere was about to reach down a rare pair of pictures called " Wide Awake" and "Fast Asleep," for Miss Butts, his foot slipped, he caught wildly at the top of the Christ-mas-tree and pulled it over on him like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

In less time than one could ejaculate "scat!" the little tapers had set fire to the tree, popcorn, cornucopias of candy, large, thick yarn wistlets, woolen socks and other bijotterie, so that that end of the church was a mass of flames in an instant.

As the audience discovered that the church was already on fire and remembering that the fire department was giving a ball at Early's Mills, a shrill, piercing shriek might have been heard, after which most everybody took his presents and went away. Those who had received no presents so far took their presence of mind under one arm and left the burning building.
" Stand back and give her air."

The awed multitude stood outside then, watching the fire-fiend, with its hungry jaws and tape-worms of flame, as it rapidly devoured the fruits of so much toil, so many sociables, prayers and entreaties.

All at once someone asked, "Where's Pearl?" It was Henry. He could not find her. Neither could her parents. He did not shriek or moan. He took off his overcoat and hung it up where it would be safe. Then he borrowed a bed-quilt from a neighbor's sleigh and dashed into the church as the fire-fiend licked up the blinds and burst from the roof above.

It seemed like a year that he was gone. Surely he could not live so long in that-living hell, I was about to say.

And now even the spire is wrapped in flames, the belfry has begun to totter and a warning note from the old, moaning tongue of the bell, the bell that cost wagon-loads of marble cake and colic and tears, breaks the starry stillness of the night.

Then Henry bursts forth with something done up in the bed-quilt which he carries in his arms. His whiskers are gone, but what of that ? One side of them is left untouched and almost unscorched. They will grow out again and all will be well.

Gently he put his burden down on the green grass, or rather, on the deep, soft snow I should say, and then he-undid the quilt and kissed the quiet face.

The multitude crowded about him, but he yelled at them, "Stand 1 ack and give her air!" and most everybody decided that it would be better under the circumstances to do so.

Every time people came inside the fence he would pick up a sledstake an I beg them to stand back and give her air. Then he would smother her with kisses. After two or three hours the pastor came in-

"And reading something."
side the inclosure with his only surviving Christmas present, consisting of a perforated cardboard matchsafe, on which was the statement, "Scratch my back." He held this in one hand and his life in the other. Gradually he approached Henry. Pearl was sitting up and he was fanning her with the blue tail-board of her father's sled.

The audience could see that the pastor was kindly received and that he was conversing with both of the young people and reading something by the light of the burning church.

That is about all. As the years went by Mr. and Mrs. Hornblower got more and more happy, and now he is at the head of every great enterprise, making money hand over fist, as one would say.

And what became of Kyrle Ellsmere? you ask. And I make answer that I do not know. As he did not come out of the church at all, and as nothing remained of the building after it was consumed, there is a tradition at Muzzy's Forks to the effect that death was his portion.

And now can anyone read this simple little story and not be better for it ?

I hope so.
thr end.

## ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT

Old Baboony-"Algernon, these extravagant habits of yours will ruin us all sooner or later. I think it's time for you to settle down and take a wife."

Algy-" Why, fawther, are you crazy? If your means are not enough faw one family, how cculd you pawssibly suppawt two ?"

A boy may like sweetmeats, but he draws the line at worm candy.


A SURPRISE AT THE PLAY.
Usher-" Take dat hat off or out yer goes!"
Party with the monumental head-" Voung feller, I never took this off yet, and I ain't going to begin now."


OFF WITH THE OLD
Grover-" There goes that Fickle Party off with a Dude! I redc

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HER GOWND.
COURSE I know the crown o' silver thet they say the angels w'ar,
An' l've heerd considible about the harps they play;
But a crown don't 'pear fumiliar on my Sally's old gray ha'r,
An' I know a harp ud fuze her pussels more 'an washin' day.
No, I never think o' Sally ez a pusson hevin' wings, Er ez one with long white fixin's trailin' fur below her feet,
Fer she never hed no sort-uh use fer any sech-like things;
Jest wuz plain an' common-folksy ez you would wish to meet.
Not the stuff thet saints are made of ; nothin curyus in her style ; Hed no wish to soar beyant her fambly an' the farm ;
Made the best light-bread in Breathitt, ' $n$ ' hed the kind o' smile
Thet's why, erthough it's strangely fer a ghos' heart feel warm.
Faded cotton goods with patches yer an' thar,
W'en I'm studyin' on Sally, my natehel feelin' leans
To see her in the gownd she uster w'ar.
It's hangin' 'ginst the chimley-thet old blue frock $o$ ' hern;
An' w'en I smoke of evenin's, a loungin' in the door
The wind creeps in an' stirs it, ontel I start an' turn
An' think she's comin' back agin, jest like she wuz afore.
Then night crawls down an' kivers up a somethin' salt an' wet
Terbaccer gits no purchase on my feelin's w'en I set
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An' watch the empty breeze strike through the gownd she uster w'ar
The on'y thort thet does me good is, mebby 'way up yan
Tharli be a spechal kind $o$ ' place fer common folks like me,
Thet's got no turn fer music an' ain't a singin' man
An' wouldn't feel at home with wings-that is, not pufeckly.
Thar's heaps o' things thet stall my mind an' make my th'oat git dry ; But 'bout what-all ud make me glad, my notion's mighty cl'ar ;
I on'y ask a cabin, with some blue grass growin' nigh, An' my Sally in the gownd she uster w'ar. eva wilder me glasson.

SENTENCES PASSED BY THE JUDGE.
Marriage may not be a failure, but the question is
There is an object which is never found by seeking, and which never stays for pleading. That is love.

There is no court of appeals for the cause of a woman who has been adjudged guilty of an unrequited affection.

The function of many people in the world seems to be merely that of a fulcrum, by which others are hoisted into prominence.

Morally, some persons are all angles, and not pleasant to come in contact with; others have so many curves that one is never sure of a


A MIDNIGHT SOLILOQUY.
Mr. Hollerson (straining hard)-"Dey's one ob two things. Eider Mistah Wallypole's tuckeys hez been bettah nourished den usyal, 'r else dat onery Sam Flatterson is inside $d$ ' coop en got ' $m$ by d' laigs.
place to grasp firmly. The latter may be least disagreeable, but the former is safest.

Those who are disposed to make marriage a success have neither time nor inclination to discuss the question "Is marriage a failure ?"

The only way to make life a success is to have an object. It is better to be enthusiastic in a mistaken cause than apathetic in everything.

The wild, fleet horse of the prairies is noosed and thrown by the movement of a man's arm ; the humming-bird is snared, and even love sometimes becomes tangled in a single hair.

If the average married person had any idea of what marriage is expected or intended to accomplish there might be a chance of arriving at some conclusion as to its success or failure.

When you have convinced the small boy that school is not an institution for the express purpose of promoting fun, then you may consistently cherish a hope of persuading the materialist that life may have some legitimate object other than enjoyment.
kathrine grosjean.


## OUTSIDE THE BATH-HOUSE GRATING.

Gamin-" Say, Julie! dey ain't no flies on us fer gittin' good 'n warm,

JUle (as the steam is turned off and the cold weather gets in its work)" Kin youse walk, Jamesey ?" Gamin-" Nope. JULIE-" Neider kin I !"

HIS AFFLICTЮN.

" YOU ain't lookin' quite 's well as usual," remarked the village doctor as he met Uncle Bill Merritt coming down the village street.
" No, doc; I'm feelin' kinder pindlin' like sence I met with thet thar accident," was the reply. "Ain't heered on it? Waal, I swow ! it takes things a pow'ful long time ter git circ'lated round this town. Ain't heard on it? Why, doc, I'm nigh 'bout dead. Yer see it wuz this way. My woman, she says ter me las' Sabbath evenin', ' William,' she says, 'you've got ter git up peart an' early, an' peel some runt pertaters fer the hogs. ' F you want roast-pork an' apple-sass fer New-year's you've got ter keep them animiles fed,' she says.
" Waal, I hopped out 'r bed Monday mornin', 'bout four o'clock-darker ' n Tophet, doc-went down in th' livin'-room, felt 'round fer a match an' not findin' one went down cellar, trusting ter luck."
" Fell down stairs?" asked the doctor.
"No; I got th' pertaters all right an' come up safe. Mary, she allus gits mad 'f I muss things up, so I onlocked th' back door an' steppin' out took a seat on th' milk-bench on th' porch. As I set down I took notice that th' seat wuz kinder damp like, an' all of a suddent it flashed acrost me that Mary 'd been a-paintin' things th' Saterday afore, an' prob'ly th' milk-bench wuz one o' th' things she'd teched up. Thinks I ter m'self, says I, ' Bill, you might's well die fer a goose ez a goslin', an' as long as you're in the stew you might jest ez well stay thar,' an', doc, I did stay thar till daylight, a-settin' on that air bench a-peelin' pertaters. When daylight come along, what d' yer s'pose ?"
"You probably got off the bench and went into the house."
"Got off'n the bench? You jest bet your suspenders I did, an' blamed lively too! Why, doc, what I'd been a-settin' on, in room of bein' paint, wuz hoar frost, an' it struck in, an' 'f you know anybody who wants a yard ' r two of fust-class rheummytism send ' m t' me an' I'll measure it off fer 'm free-gratis-fer nothin an' an ile-paintin' thrown in."

POINTS ABOUT PROMINENT PERSONS.
$E^{\text {DISON never used the vulgar "hello." }}$
Nelson's first words were "Boo-oo-oo."
Daniel Webster never swore unless he was mad.
Noah Webster never learned how to spell blizzard.
Napoleon had a corn on the third toe of his left foot.
Boss Tweed was quite retiring toward the close of his life.
Frederick the Grate was not a member of a coal syndicate.
Major Andre's last words were, " Die with your boots on."
Aaron Burr was never known to ride a horse when he walked.
Abraham Lincoln always chewed his meat with his own teeth.
Grover Cleveland never spelled Destiny with a capital $d$ after 1888 .
Shakespeare was not a vegetarian, for he says emphatically, "Ea* two brute."

Macaulay wrote his "Lays of Ancient Rome" with his pen held in hic right hand.

Bill Nye always wore his raven tresses in luxuriant ringlets over his coat-sleeves.

Wm. M. Evarts never wore the same hat but once-yesterday, today and forever.

Benjamin Franklin didn't know enough to go in when it rained, but staid out to fly his kite.

The duke of Wellington was so fond of Waterloo that whenever the cats sang at night he'd water 'low them all.

Alexander Selkirk never disputed with his mother-in-law during his entire stay on the "Monarch of all I survey."

Christopher Columbus was an economical market gardener, for when he saw the greens floating toward them from the land he told his mutinous crew he'd take no more sass that trip, for the Indians were exporting theirs.

## AT A WESTERN PARTY.

## He-" Have you been dancing much, Miss Porcine?"

She (from Cincinnati) - " Yes, indeed! I think if there is one thing I dote on more than all else it is shaking my hoof."

## NOT ONE OF HER HABITS.

Sunday-school teacher-" Jennie, I hope you don't hang over the gate with any young man."

Jennie-"Oh, no, ma'am."
Sunday-school teacher-" I'm very glad to hear you say so."
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