An officer belonging to the troops be-sieged by Indians on Milk river, Col., for six days before they were relieved by General Merritt's force gives this vivid account of the attack on Major Thornburgh, and the subsequent thrill-ing events in the beleagured intrench-ments: The field of battle was admir-ably chosen for defence by the Indians. ably chosen for defence by the Indians, and had it not been for Major Thornburgh's advance guard, commanded by Lieut. Cherry, discovering the ambus-cade, the entire command would have been annihilated. He saw a small party Indians disappear over a hill half a

in front, and at once divided his party to reconnoiter, and only discovered them when he had flanked their position by about 100 yards. Lieut. Cherry rode back at full speed with one or two men who were with him, and notified Major Thornburgh, who had already begun the descent into the deep ravine which was intended to engulf the com-mand. The Indians were dismounted, and lying down along the crest of the high, steep ridge for a hundred yards from the point where the deadly assault would have commenced. The troops were withdrawn a short distance, dismounted, and deployed in line of battle, with orders to await the attack of the Indians. Lieut. Cherry was here ordered by Thornburgh to take a detachment of fitteen picked men and make a reconnoisance and communicate if possible with the Indians, as it was thought that they only desired to oppose his approach to their agency, and would parley or have a big talk if they could be communi-cated with. Charm could be cated with. Cherry moved out at a gal-lop with his men from the right flank, and noticed a like movement of about twenty Indians from the left of the Indian position. He approached to within a couple of hundred yards of the Indi-ans and took off his hat and waved it, but the response was a shot fired at him, wounding a man of his party, and willing his horse. This was the fire killing his horse. This was the first shot, and was instantly followed by a

volley from the Indians.

The work had now begun in real earnest, and seeing the advantage of the position he held, Lieut. Cherry dismounted his detachment and deployed along the crest of the hills to prevent the Indians flanking his position, or to cover the retreat, if it was found neces-sary to retire upon the wagon train, which was then coming up slowly, guarded by Lieut. Paddock, Company D, Fifth Cavalry. Orders were sent to park the wagons and cover them with the company guarding them. The two companies in the advance were Capt. Payne's Company F, Fifth Cavalry, and Capt. Lawson's, Company E, Third Cavalry, which were dismounted and deployed as skirmishers, Capt. Payne on the left and Capt. Lawson as the left and Capt. the left and Capt. Lawson on the right. From Lieut, Cherry's position he could see that the Indians were trying to cut him off from the wagons, and at once sent word to Major Thornburgh, who then withdrew the line slowly, keeping the Indians in check until opposite the point which his men held, when, seeing that the Indians were concentrating to cut off his retreat, Capt. Payne, with Company F, Fifth Cavalry, was ordered to charge the hill, which he did in gal-lant style, his horse being shot under him and several of his men wounded. The Indians having been driven from this point, the company was rallied on the wagon train. Major Thornburgh then gave orders to Lieut. Cherry to hold his position and cover Capt. Lawson's retreat, who was ordered to fall back slowly with the horses of his company. Cherry called for volunteers of twenty men, who responded promptly and fought with desperation. There names will be given in a later dispatch, as nearly every man was wounded before he reached the camp. Two men were killed. Cherry brought every wounded man in with him. Capt. Lawson, the brave old veteran, displayed the greatest coolness and courage during this retreat, sending up ammunition to Cherry's men wagon train after giving his final orders to Capt. Payne to charge the hill and to Capt. Lawson and Lieut. Cherry to cover the retreat. He must have been shot dead when barely half way there, as his

Captain Payne, then in command, at once set about having the wounded horses shot, to be used for breastworks, dismantling the wagons of boxes and bundles of bedding, corn and flour sacks. which were quickly piled up for fortifi-cations. Picks and shovels were used vigorously for digging intrenchments. Meantime, a galling fire was concen-trated upon the command from all the surrounding bluffs which commanded the position. Not an Indian could be seen, but the incessant cracks of their Sharps and Winchester rifles dealt fearful destruction among the horses and men. The groans of the dying and the agonizing cries of the wounded told what fearful havee was being made among the determined and desperate command. Every man was bound to sell his life as dearly as possible. About this time a great danger was approach. this time a great danger was approaching at a frightfully rapid pace. The red fiends, at the beginning of the fight, had set fire to the dry grass and to the sage-brush to the windward of our position, and it now came sweeping down toward us, the flakes leaping high into the air, and immense volumes of smoke rolling on to inguif us. It was a sight to make the stoutest heart quake, and the fiends were waiting, ready to give us a volley as soon as we were driven from our shelter. Now it reaches the flank, and blankets, blouses and empty sacks were freely used to extinguish the flames. Some of the wagons were set on fire, which required all the force possible to smother it. No water can be obtained, and the smoke is suffocating; but the fire passes, and we still hold our position. In the meantime a constant volley is poured upon us. Captain Payne being wounded for the second time, and Sergeant Dolan, of Company F, killed instantly. McKinstry and McKee are killed and many others wounded. Our greatest danger now is past. The men ave now mostly covered themselves, but the poor horses and mules are con-stantly falling about us.

body was seen by one of Capt. Lawson's men, life extinct, lying on his face.

Just about sundown a charge was at-tempted, but was repulsed, the Indians trying to drive off some of our horses which had broken loose. The attack ceased at dark, and soon every man was at work enlarging the trenches, hauling out the dead horses, caring for the wounded and burying the dead. At daylight the attack was resumed, and the firing of the sharpshooters was kept up every day and occasionally at night,

sending us to our pits in a scramble.

A very fortunate thing for us was that the Indians left us unmolested at night, with the exception of an occa-sional shot to make us scatter to our We were able at great risk to haul off our dead animals every night, otherwise the stench would have been intolerable. A sally was made every night for water a distance of 200 yards from our intrenchments. Private Esser, of company F, was shot in the face while out with a party after water. The Indians were only a few yards away, and were driven off by a volley from the guard in the trenches. Our position. which was chosen hastily on the first day of the fight, was under a cross-fire, All our horses and mules, except twelve of the latter, were killed. We sheltered

them as best we could with wagons, but

 no purpose.
 Capt. Dodge and Lieut. Hughes, with Company D, Ninth Cavalry, came to our rescue on the fifth day at daybreak, after a forced night's march of thirty-five miles, from Bear river. Cheer upon cheer rent the air when it was ascertained who were coming. A lull in the firing enabled them to come in and shelter their horses as well as possible. They took to the fortifications quickly, when the attack redoubled its fury. Had the heights been accessible, Capt. Dodge would have charged them with his company, while we covered them with our rifle-pits, but this was utterly impossible, the ascent being nearly per-pendicular. All we could do during the day was to keep a good lookout from the loop-holes, and return the fire when any Indian showed his head. This, however, was a very rare occurrence, as the Indians have rifle-pits and loopholes. Before dark every horse but three of Capt. Dodge's command had been shot down. General Merritt arrived with his column of relief the next day. The loss to the whites was eleven killed and forty-three wounded.

Jokes from Harper's "Drawer." This shocking specimen of discour-tesy occurred recently in North Adams, one of the leading manufacturing towns in Massachusetts. A colporteur entered one of the manufactories, and asked the gentleman who seemed to be the head man of the concern, "May I leave some tracts?

"Certainly," replied the old gentle-man; "but please to leave them with the heels toward the door."

The Drawer has the honor to present to the lovers of excessive humor the following, which is the twenty-first anecdote in Taylor's Wit and Mirth, edited by Mr. W. Carew Hazlitt:

A country fellow, who had not walked much in streets that were paved,

came to London, where a dog came suddenly out of a house, and furiously ran out at him. The fellow stooped to take up a stone to east at the dog, and finding them all fast rammed or paved in the ground, quoth he: "What a strange country am I in, where the people tie up the stones and let the dog loose!"

This comes to us as a fresh anecdote of Father Taylor, the famous sailor-preacher of Boston. At one of his prayer-meetings an opulent merchant came in to honor the meeting. He spoke a few words extolling the kindness of the Boston people in aiding Mr. Taylor to build his chapel, and their consideration of poor sailors. As soon as the great man had finished, Mr. Taylor quietly asked: "Is there any other old sinner from up town who would like to say a word before we go on with the meeting?" No other old sinner responded.

The following pleasant thing in the way of definition occurred a few days since in one of the public schools of a city in Massachusetts. A member of the committee, Captain —, was visiting the school, and the class having read from Webster's address at Plymouth, the captain asked the class, "Who was Webster?"

One boy said "a statesman," another

"But what is a statesman?" asked the

captain. "A man who goes around making speeches," answered a boy.
"That is not quite right," replied the captain; "I go around sometimes making speeches, but I am not a statesman." A bright little fellow spoke up: "I mow. It is a man who goes around know. making good speeches."

Managing Cattle on the Plains. The management of a vast herd of catle upon the open plain is a difficult and hazardous feat. It requires both nerve and an intimate knowledge of cattle nature to ride into the midst of the thronging, pushing beasts, and single when, once, they were nearly without out those destined for the corral. Should it. Major Thornburgh started back to the a panic ensue, both horse and rider will be borne along before the resistless tide to certain destruction. A herd writ of replevin to recover possession of has been stampeded at the sight of a horse which a stranger was taking out man dismounted from his horse. They regard the man and beast as a single

creature, whose will dominates, and to see this being take himself apart is a little more than bovine nature can stand. As a general thing, the animals are quite docile, and ready for the "rounding up." Possibly they may look forward to it with some instinctive pleasure at the grand sight of their own nuure nuure at the grand sight of their own nuure n merical strength. Stand here with me upon this grassy knoll. Beneath us, at yon three scrub oaks, is the station agreed upon. From three directions we may see long dotted skirmish lines growing from the little black bead-like spots in a row into moving beasts. The growing from the little black bead-like spots in a row into moving beasts. The lines rapidly become more dense, gathering up the individuals which stop grazing, look with wondering eyes a moment, and then, evidently having reflected, "Let's see, this is June, isn't it? ther's a variable up as "chedienth icircular by the remaining up as "chedienth" and the remaining up the remaining up the individuals which stop grazing up the individuals up the individuals which stop grazing up the individuals up th they're rounding us up," obediently join the grand advance. Those knowing ones who have been under the brand may have some vague remembrance of its torture. The "Mavericks." as un-claimed cattle have been called, and the

as it burns it way through the quivering It is an old Texan story, the origin of the name "Mayerick," but perhaps it will bear transplanting to the East. A certain well-known "colonel" of the name bought an island in one of the rivers, and stocked it with a few cat-tle, proposing to keep his animals where he could find them when he wanted beef or hides. Business entanglements laimed the worthy colonel's attention and in course of time he well-nigh for-got his island colony. Rounders began to find among their herds ancient bulls and cows, all guiltless of owner's mark. They came to be counted by thousands, and it was finally discovered that they were runaways from Colonel Maverick's island. The old colonel was informed by the herders of his good luck, and told, among other things, that some two thousand bulls were subject to his orders. The last thing recorded in consequence of the nection with this legend is the colonel's excited speech upon this occasion: "For Heaven's sake, poys, go and help yourselves!" Thereafter any animal found without a brand was called a "Mayerick," and duly stamped with

calves have yet to feel the terrible iron

the finder's mark.—Harper's Monthly.

The Dashing Lulu. Mrs. Leonard Rice, of Davenport, Ia., has gone to London to meet the son who was kidnapped from her thirteen years ago in Boston. Mrs. Rice was a widow then, and she heard nothing of her boy till last year, when she found him out through a personal in the New York Herald. Two circusmen stole the boy, then nine years old, and, taking him to England, made an aerobat and rider of him, and then dressed him out as a great female equestrienne. The youngster went into business on his own account as soon as he became twenty-one as the "dashing and beautiful Lulu." and has now sent for his mother to come and see Mrs. Leonard Rice, of Davenport, Ia., now sent for his mother to come and see his London home, which is shared by a irritation of the lungs or some chronic throat

A WONDERFUL CLOCK.

The Curious Machine that an Altoon Man has been Working on for Seven-

teen Years. For the past seventeen years a gentle-man of this city has been engaged in the construction of a curious clock which he expects to have completed. expects to have completed by the first of January next. A representative of the Call accidentally came across it the other day and was kindly given the following description of it by the inventor who exacted a promise that his name should not be given to the public at the present

It consists of sixty-five automatic figures and workmen. The base represents a hill of stone upon which is a large structure. To the left is a beer garden with beer on draught which one figure occasionally draws and passes to another

Two more figures, a lady and a gentle-man, are scated beneath a tree in the at-titude of lovers. The lady is reading and at intervals turns her head toward her

companion as if for his approval.

The next representation is of an old fashioned linseed-oil mill. Here are workmen engaged in the various parts of workmen engaged in the various parts of the business One carries a large vessel and empties it into the hoppers to be pressed by the stampers On the outside is a carpenter, hatchet in hand, who as-cends a ladder in a perfectly natural manner, stopping when half way up, as if to look over the mill to see that all is

right.

Adjoining this is a blacksmith shop, in the background of which are workmen heating iron, who change the piece after allowing it to heat. A man is also engaged in shoeing a horse and strikes his first blows gently; he gradually in-creases them until the last is a strong one, calculated to drive the nail home. Another is at the anvil and occasionally rests when his wife brings him some re-

reshments. A fountain plays near by and in a small summer house where a professor is reading and when he becomes excited over some passage, raises his hand and rings it down upon the page in an excited and emphatic nanner. Below is a workman engaged in splitting stone. He strikes repeated blows upon a wedge until the stone cracks, falls away, and then replaces itself. Above the black-smith shop is a saw mill where a log is being sawed. When the end is reached the boards are taken away and the flume

Still above this is a shoe factory where half dozen men and women are engaged in the different duties requisite for the manufacture of shoes. One is waxing, another cutting out, another pegging, another sewing and still another bevel-

Over the linseed mill is the gristmill In front is a miller dressing a stone; another comes out of the room and empties a large vessel into the hopper. As the flour is ground and the bags accumulate a man carries them away. A large ele-vator bucket carries up the wheat and dumps it into a bin, making but one ascent to the before mentioned man's two To the left is a dwelling house, in the kitchen a servant is at work, who passes about inside and out to attend to her du-ties. Upon the top is the residence of the owner of the respective mills. Here visitors occasionally call, with whom the mistress shakes hands and talks about her neighbors. The clock proper crowns the structure. It is in all about five feet in length and four feet high. Each figure has a different motion, and some have two motions, requiring very complex machinery to run the whole. Two buckets of water furnish an unending supply of power, as it is used over and over again. The saw and grist mill are run by this water falling on an over-shot wheel. Thence the water falls on another wheel which runs the linseed mill. The water and all is kept in motion by an eighty-nine and one-half pound weight. It is truly a work of art, and over seventeen years were occupied in its construction.—Alloona (Pa.) Call.

How Buffalo Bill Served a Writ. Buffalo Bill in his autobiography tells the following story of his official career in the far West:

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"I saddled my horse, and then taking up my old reliable rifle, Lucretia, I said

was driving a herd of horses, and as we came up to him I said:
"' Hallo, sir, I am an officer, and have an attachment for that horse,' and at the same time I pointed out the animal.

"Well, sir, what are you going to do about it?' he inquired. "I propose to take you and the hors back to the post,' said I. "'You can take the horse, but I haven't the time to return with you.' "You'll have to take the time, or pay the costs here and now,' said I. "How much are the costs?"

"Twenty dollars."
"Here's the money,' said he, as he handed me the greenbacks. I then gave him a little friendly advice, and told him that he was released from custody. He went on his way a wiser and poorer man, while the owner of the horse and myself returned to the fort. I pocketed the twenty dollars, of course. Some people might think it was not a square way of doing business, but I didn't know any better just then. I had several little cases of this kind, and I became better posted on law in the course of

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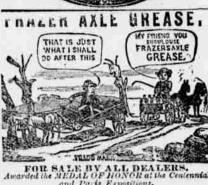
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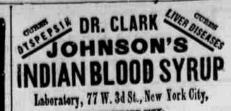
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