

Johnson's Witness.

A farmer named Johnson was on trial before a Detroit Justice the other day for assault and battery, and when the prosecution had finished he put a little old man of about 65 on the stand as a witness. The lawyer began:

'What is your name?' 'If you'll tell me your name I'll tell you mine' was the prompt answer. 'Where do you reside?' 'I won't answer no such foolish question! I've paid taxes in this county for fifty years, and I won't be talked to as if I was a child.'

'Well, Mr. Blank, you saw this difficulty, did you?' 'If I hadn't seen it would I be here? Do you 'spose I want to be arrested for forgery?'

'How did it begin?' 'How does anything begin?' snapped the old man. 'Well, now, will you tell the jury all about it?' 'No, sir, I won't! If the jury want to know anything about it they must ask me.'

'You must answer the questions,' remarked his Honor. 'I will if I want to, but they haven't asked any questions yet.'

'Did the plaintiff and defendant have any hard words?' asked the lawyer. 'I 'spose they did, but I wouldn't swear to it.'

'Did either one call the other a liar?' 'I 'spose they did, and that's what brings on the fuss. I'm over sixty, but if any man calls me a liar I'm going to knock his durned head off!'

'Well, when the plaintiff called the defendant a liar, what was the result?' 'Why, how do I know?' 'Didn't you see a blow struck?'

'Not there, but next day after this fuss I saw the purest fight in the world! One of the Jones boys was—'

'Did you see any part of this fuss?' 'No! How could I when I was three miles away; you ought to know better than to ask such foolish questions.'

'How did you hear of this difficulty?' 'Mr. Johnson told me.'

ness the experiment. The old man arrived on time, having some sort of a bundle under his arm, and he collected his dollar of the saloonist and secured several 'treats' from the crowd. When everything was finally ready he stood on the walk clear of the spectators and said:

'Gentlemen, I warrant this thing to fly. I didn't invent it myself, but I am now acting as State agent to dispose of county rights. Hundreds of men have spent years of anxious thought and thousands of dollars in seeking to invent flying machines, but this one leads them all. She will now fly. Please stand back and give her a chance to rise.'

The crowd fell back, and the man let fall the cover hiding his bundle, and gave an old speckled hen a toss in the air. She uttered a dismal squeak, sailed this way and that, and finally bumped against a telegraph post, and settled down on the roof of a low shed, cackling in an indignant manner at being turned loose in a strange neighborhood. It was fully a minute before the crowd was sure that it was a hen, and during that minute the old man is supposed to have run a distance of seven blocks. A few tried to overhaul him, but it was no use.—M. Quad.

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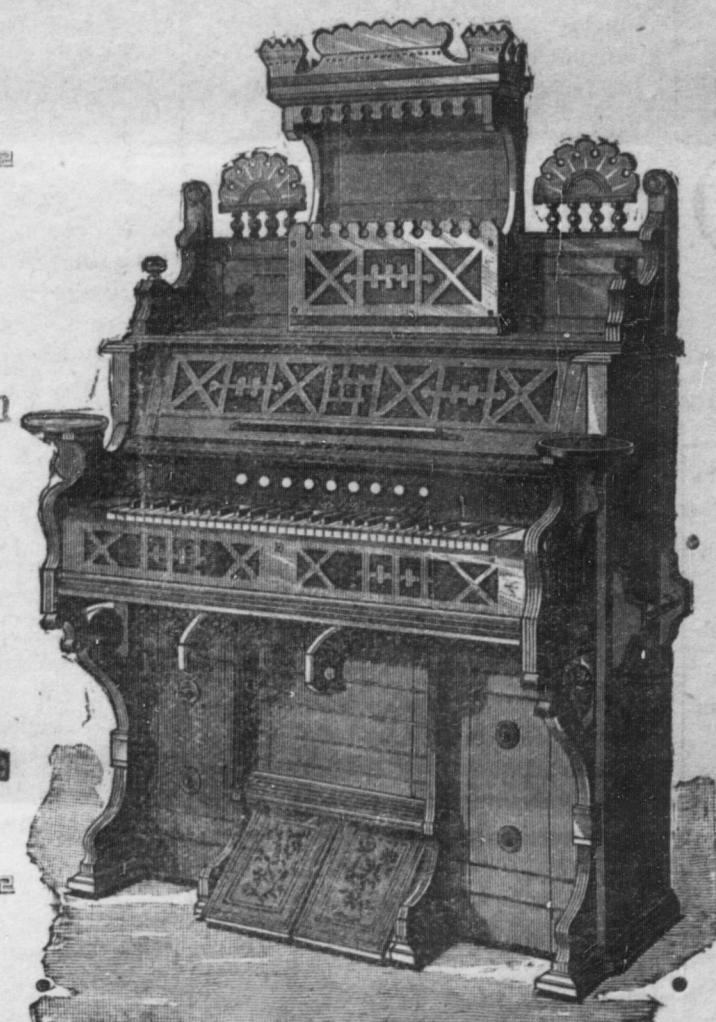
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