What He Would Do.

It was in the smoking-car on the New York Central, says the Detroit Free Press. There was one chap who was blustering a great deal and telling of how many duels he fought, and behind him sat a small man reading a magazine. 'Sir,' said the big man, as he wheeled around, 'what would you do if challenged?' 'Refuse,' was the quiet reply. 'Ah! I thought as much. Refuse and be branded as a coward! What if a gentleman gave you the choice of a horse whip-then what?' 'I'd take the whipping.' 'Ah-I thought so-thought so from the looks of you. Suppose, sir, you had foully slandered me?' 'I never slander.' Then, sir, suppose I had coolly and deliberately insulted you; what would you do?' 'I'd rise up this way, put down my book this way, and reech over like this, and take you by the nose, and give it a three quartertwist -just so!' When the little man let go of the big man's nose, the man with the white hat on began to crouch down to get away from bullets; but there was no shooting. The big man turned red-then pale-then looked the little man over, and remarked: 'Certainly-of coursethat's it exactly !' And then conver sation turned on the general prosperity of the country.

#### Encouraging A Railroad.

A few months ago, says the Banker and Broker, a farmer, living on the line of Jackson and Fort Wayne road, visited the headquarters of the company, to urge the necessity of a new passenger station at a certain cross-road on the line. 'I'm afraid the patronage would not pay the expenses,' replied the official. 'I tell you a heap of people would get on and off at them corners,' replied the farmer. 'Well, how many of your neighborhood have passed over our road this year?' 'How many? Well, there's the old man Skinner, for one. He has been to Jackson twice that I know of. Then, there's Aunt Deborah Smith, who goes down to Fort Wayne every spring and fall. Then we've got several young men who allers go up to Lansing when there's a circus.' 'Any more ?' asked the official, as the farmer scratched his head and wriggled around 'N-o, I don't know as I kin think of any more just now : but if you'll go ahead and put up a station there, you kin count on a dozen of us sitting around there all the time, to make things look like business.

## The Word "Sloven."

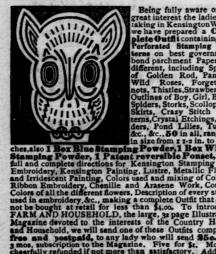
A correspondent of the Christian Advocate informs that journal that a girl or a woman is never properly called a sloven. She is or may be called a slattern. S'oven belongs to men and boys. Of which the Advocate says: 'The correspondent is right, though we were greatly surprised to find him so. We venture the affirmation that not one person in a hundred thousand in the United States is aware of that distinction. We have gone through every attainable authority and find no loophole of retreat. Sloven belongs only to persons of the masculine gender. Slattern is its correlative.'

THE ARMY OF SMITHS .- 'I beg your pardon, sir,' said a fellow-passonger at the Union Depot the other evening, 'but is not your name Smith?' 'No, sir,' was the reply. 'My name is Montrose.' 'Excuse me. My mistake.' 'Certainly. Don't mention it. It's not very flattering to one's pride and self-respect,' Mr. Montrose added with a smile, 'to be classed among the great plebeian army of Smiths, but such mistakes will occur. Er-will you favor me with your name, sir?' 'Yes: my name is Smith.'-Saturday Gossip.

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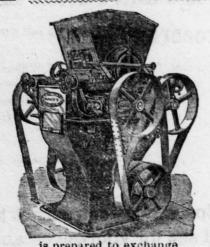
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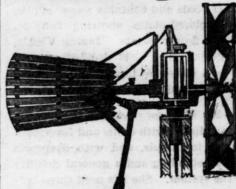


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