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BE ACTIVE.

Be active-be active, Find something to do, In digging a clam-bank Or tapping a shoe. Don't stop at the corners To drag out the day; Be active-be active, And work while you may.

'Tis foolish to falter, Or lag in the street, Or walk as if chain-shot Were bound to your feet; Be active-be active, And do what you can, "Tis industry only That maketh the man.

'Tis industry makes you; Remember-be wise; From sloth and from stupor Awake and arise! You'll live and be happy, And never complain Of the blues or the dumps, Or a doft heavy brain.

From the Cincinnati News. Practical Jokes and bad Liquor.

It is a well known fact that oftentimes both these jokes which are called "practical," and that liquor which is termed "bad," have been productive of exceedingly evil consequences; but whether the liquor or the joke has done the most mischief, we are not called upon just now to determine. We propose to make mention of an affair where had liquers & a practical joke were productive of the very best consequences imaginable.

Many years ago while the State of Georgia was yet in its infancy, an eccentric creature named Brown, was one of its Circuit Judges. He was a man considerable ability, of inflexible integrity, and much beloved and respected by all the legal profession; but he had one common fault. His social qualities would lead him despite his judgment, into frequent excesses. In travelling the circuit, it was his almost invariable habit, the night before opening the court, to get "comfortly corned," by means of appliances common upon such occasions. If he couldn't succeed while operating upon his own hook, the members of the bar would generally turn in and help him.

It was in the spring of the year. Taking his wife-a model of a woman in her way-in the old fashioned, but strong "carryall," he journeyed some forty miles, and reached a village where court was to be opened the next day. It was along in the evening of Sunday that he arrived at the place and took up quarters with a relation of his "better half," by whom the presence of the official dignitary was considered a singular honor. After supper, Judge Brown strolled over to the only tavern in the town, where he found many friends, called to the place, like himself, on important professional business, and who were proper glad to

"Gendemen," said the Judge, 'tis quite a long time since we have enjoyed a glass together-let us take a drink al! round .-Of course, Sterritt, (addressing the landlord) you have better liquor than you had the last time we were here! the stuff you had then was not fit to give a dog.

Sterritt, who had charge of the house, pretended that every thing was right, and so they went to work. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon a drinking bout in a country tavern-it will quite answer our purpose to state, that somewhere in the region of midnight, the Judge wended his very devices way towards his temporary home. About the time he was leaving, however, some younger barristers fond of a "practical," and yet not much alraid of the bench, transferred all the silver spoons of Sterritt to the Judge's coat

It was eight o'clock on Monday morning when the Judge rose. Having indulged in the process of ablution and abstertion, and partaken of a cheerful and refreshing breakfast, he went to his room to prepare himself for the duties of the day. "Well, Polly," said he to his wife, "I feel much better than I expected to feel

after that frolic of last night." "Ah, Judge," said she, reproachfully, you are getting to old; you ought to

leave off that business." "Ah, Polly-what's the use of talk-

It was at this precise instant of time, that the Judge, having put on his overenat, was proceeding, according to his usnal custom, to give his wife a parting kiss, that he happened, in thrusting his hand into his pocket to lay hold of Sterritt's spoons. He jerked them out .with an expression of horror almost indescribable, he exclaimed-

"My God! Polly!" "What on earth's the matter, Judge!"

"Just look at these spoons!"

"Dear me, where d'ye get them?"

- I stole them.

'Stole them, Judge?'

'Yes stole them.' 'My dear husband, it can't be possible! From whom?

From Sterritt, over there-his name is

"Good heavens? how could it happen?" 'I know very well, Polly, I was very drunk when I came home wasn't I?'

'Why, Judge, you know your old habit when you get among those lawyers.' "But I was very drunk?"

"Yes, you was." home, Mrs. Brown?"

times as stupid.'

should do something very wrong-kill Mexicans. ceny.'

Judge!

low Sterritt keeps the meanest kind of li- nate officers. quor, and always did-liquor mean enough to make a man do any sort of a mean thing. I have always said it is mean enough to make a man steal, and now I two hours since, and a heavy canonading have a practical illustration of the fact!' has already commenced upon his line -and the poor man burst into tears.

ping away the tears, 'go like a man over heard distinctly from the dragoons.

subdued, and over to Sterritt's he went at once was deemed indespensable. ly wandered from the subject before him. was also severe. There was a lack of the sense and intelli-

of a customer was arraigned on a charge timated at one hundred. of stealing. After the clerk had read the

'Guilty, or not guilty?'

who was half dozing on the bench.

'He pleads guilty, but says he was drunk,' replied the clerk.

'What's the charge against the men!' 'He is indicted for grand larceny.'

"What's the case!" y indicted for stealing a large sum from ed. the Columbus hotel.

'He is, hey? and he pleads'-'He pleads guilty BUT DRUNK.' The Judge was fully aroused 'Guilty, but drunk! that is a most ex-

certain you were drunk? 'Yes, sir.'

'Where did you get your liquor?' 'At Sterritt's.' 'D'ye get none no where else?'

'Not a drop, sir.' 'You got drunk on his liquor, and af

terwards stole his money? 'Yes, sir.' 'Mr. Prosecutor,' said the Judge, 'do

me the fevor to enter a nolle prosequi in that man's case. That liquor of Sterritt's is mean enough to make a man do anything dirty. I got drunk on it the other day, and stole all Sterritt's spoons! Release the prisoner, Mr. Sheriff. I adjourn the court.'

Specie.-Nearly a million and a half of dollars in gold and silver arrived at New York from foreign ports during the past week, in the following vessels;

Sarah Sands, about \$900,000 Virginian, from Liverpool 27,500 241,500 Henry Clay, Liverpool Switzerland, London 241.500 China Samaria, Santa Martha 30,000 39,400 Isabel, Valparaiso 4,350 Nile, Honduras

\$1,484,250 Total The amount received into the country

Guns.—The number of cannon captur- No one can estimate the loss of the haps it is the best disposition that could none supposed him to be living, with ten read on the quarter-deek of every ship in ed by our forces in Mexico exceeds 500 Mexicans. They are scattered in huts be made of them, as any other course ton of stone and earth resting upon him. the squadron. most of them very heavy pieces. There by the road-side and in every direction. were captured a' Resaca de la Palma, 8; at Matamoras; say 30; at Monterey, a- prisoners is not yet known; they may all sed to sign, but have given their parole of this caused them to redouble their efforts, stock for the construction of a wire sus-

GEN. SCOTT VICTORIOUS!

Mexicans Defeated-6,000 Mexicans taken Prisoners-500 Americans Killed and Wounded.

Gen. La Vega again a Prisoner.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA. May 7, 1847. By the Steamship McKim, which 'Was I REMARKABLY drunk when I got glorious news has been received from the sequently taking to the chapparel. A and with no other table than knees. A scene of action.

'Yes, Judge, drunk as a fool and forty On the afternoon of the 17th ult.. the money, and every thing in the carriage, making out their paroles, while our own advance under Gen. Twiggs, numbering even his dinner, was captured. 'I thought so,' said the Judge, drop- 2178, encountered [the enemy, when a ping into a chair in extreme desponden- severe but a decisive conflict ensued. As dreadful, the ground in places around was side. cy-I knew it would come to that at the general order shows that Gen. Scott's covered with the dead and wounded .last. I have always thought that some- intention was to give battle only on the Col. Patacio was found there mortally and will write by every opportunity. thing bad would happen to me-that I 18th, this action was brought on by the wounded. Their loss on the retreat was send you some Mexican papers, as also

somebody in a moment of passion, per- The main battle occurred on the 18th, haps; but I never imagined that I could be & RESULTED in THE COMPLETE mean enough to be guilty of deliberate lar- TRIUMPH OF THE AMERICAN have been killed or captured-Santa An- may live! ARMS.

But there may be some mistake, Santa Anna made his escape after the route of the army. Gen. La Vega was the prudence to vanish early. Even up ed out of only a portion of his regiment. 'No mistake, Polly. I know very again taken prisoner, with five other Gen- to this time it is impossible to give any Lieut. Cowardin killed; Lieut. Murphy well how it all came about. That fel- erals, a long list of Colonels and subordi- thing like a full and correct list of the supposed to be mortally wounded; Lieut.

> PLATE DEL RIO, April 17. Il o'clock, A. M.

The Division of Gen. Twiggs started from the artillery of the Mexican forces. 'Don't be a child,' said his wife, wi- At intervals, too, the rattling of arms is other American officers wounded.

-pass it off as a joke-go and open ed from the scene of conflict, and a bloody of our wounded officers; it is surprising court, and nobody will ever think of it a- one it has been; on this side of the far- that many of them were not killed. Lt. thest Mexican fort. No one was seen in Derby, a gallant young officer of the to-A little of the soothing system opera- possession of it last evening, but this pographical engineers, was badly but not only so much of Col. Doniphan's dested upon the Judge as such things usually morning it was found to be occupied by mortally wounded while storming one of patch as states the number of the forces do; his extreme mortification was finally the enemies' light troops, and to force it the heights. Lieut. Ewell, of the rifles, engaged and the losses sustained by each last fortnight, passed through Cologue, on

with a tolerable face. Of course he had For this purpose the Rifles under Maj. This regiment has suffered terribly. Lieut. but little difficulty in settling with him Saltner, besides a detachment of artillery Dana, of the 7th infantry, was badly The Judge took his seat in the court; resistance. They were obstinate in their mer, of the 2d dragoons, but commandbut it was observed that he was sad and defence and great numbers of the enemy ling rifles, is improving. melancholly, and that his mind free cent- were killed, while on our side the loss

gence that usually characterized his pro- with a musket. Lieutenants Maury and here be stated that Ca; t. Williams's com- Their forces were commanded by Major Several days passed away, and the bu- Lieut, Jarvis, of the 3d Infantry. I could company of Pennsylvania volunteers Chithuahua. Senora, and New Mexico: siness of the court was drawing to a close, not learn that any of our officers were were attached temporarily to this regi- Brigadier General Jastimani, Brigadier when one morning a rough-looking sort killed; the entire loss on our side, was es- ment. Here is the list:

About 3 o'clock, the enemy made a deindictment to him, he put the usual ques- monstration upon a fort on the neighbor- Gill, company E. Both these officers ing heights to the one our men had cap- were from Memphis. tured, as if with the intention of retaking then retiring.

Their appearance as they came down verely; 1st Lieut. Wm. Yearwood, mordoing little execution however other than | teers, severely. 'May it please your honor;' said the cutting down trees and brush. As we reprosecuting attorney, the man is regular- turned to camp the fire was still continu-

The enemy had evidently ascertained principally went over.

At 3 o'clock Gen. Shields was ordered traordinary plea. Young man, you are to support Gen. Twiggs with three regi- on the right of their line-the work so

> CAMP PLATE DEL RIO. THE AMERICANS HAVE ACHIE-VED ANOTHER BRILLIANT AND

OCCUPYING A POSITION WHICH LOOKED AS IMPREGNABLE AS GIBRALTER. ONE AFTER ANO-THER THEIR WORKS HAVE BEEN

his papers, valuables, and even his wood- as fast as possible.

since the present movement began, is to of the Americans in killed and wounded; than it was ever put to before. this time about twenty millions of dollars, had it not been for the positive cowardice chiefly in gold from England .- N. Y. of Santa Anna, who ran before the battle army-I mean such as are prisoners- the earth. The neighbors were immediately disobeying orders, we presume, and senwas half lost, it would have been far are to be turned loose on their parole not ately summoned, and commenced the te-

ed together would make quite a pyramid. the advance movement of the army.

April 19th. of the army were pursued to within four United States. miles of Jalapa by Gen. Twiggs, at which point they all dispersed, so that there was sidered impossible for him to survive .-

a saddled mule from the harness of his work of the enemy. left Vera Cruz on the 20th, the following | magnificent coach, mounting him and sub- | I write this amid confusion of all kinds, service of massive silver, all his papers, hundred Mexican officers are around me,

> terribly severe; every by-path was strewn Santa Anna's last proclamation. with the dead. Had our dragoons been I have just learned that there is some able to reach them in season, all would hope for General Shields. God grant he na among them.

Gen. Shields is severely, and it is feared and Malthy wounded. mortally wounded.

while storming the fortification commanded by Gen. La Vega. A number of

is supposed to be mortally wounded .-

cers in Col. Haskell's command vester- eight, four six, and two four-pounders, Major Summer was shot in the head day I have been able to obtain. It should and six culverins or rampart pieces .-Gibbs, of the Rifles, were wounded, also pany of Kentucky and Capt. C. Naylor's General Heredia, General of Durango,

Killed .- 1st Lieut, Fred. B. Nelson. commanding company; 2d Lieut. C. C.

Wounded .- Lient. Col. D. H. Cum-'Guilty-BUT DRONK,' answered the it, but it all ended in their marching down ming, slightly; Major Robert Farquharthe hill, blowing a most terrific charge on son, (of the 1st Texas volunteers, assign-What's that pleal' exclaimed the Judge, their trumpets, firing a few shots, and ed to this regiment for the day,) severely; 1st Lieut. W. P. Haile, adjutant, sethe hill was certainly imposing. The tally; 2d Lieut. James Forrest, slightly; cannon on the hill meanwhile kept up a Capt. A. H. Murray, severely; 2d Lieut. continuous firing on Gen. Twigg's lines, George T, Sutherland, Kentucky volun-

The regiment, when in action, numbered less than 400 men, and its loss was 79

in killed and wounded. La Vega was in command of the Cerro been cut with accuracy, but the balls deserter from our dragoons, a German, going into their camp at might and informing them that the main attack was to be changed places with Gen. Vasquez. The latter, as I have already stated, was kil- gallantry, and bravery of the officers and led. La Vega defended his post until the men under my command. lines of the enemy were completely turn-OUTNUMBERING FORCE, AND ed. Several Mexican colonels have been cers, Lieutenant Colonels Mitchell and killed. A brother of La Vega, colonel of artillery, was severely, and, as

is supposed, mortally wounded. Hundreds of cases of individual gallantry, in storming the different heights, are To-day, five Generals, Colonels enough mentioned. Col. Childs led on his comto command ten such armies as ours, and mand on the first day until he had only other officers innumerable have been ta- some forty or fifty men with him. It is ken prisoners, together with six thousand also said that Capt. Magruder followed men and the rest of the army driven and up a charge until he had buttnine soldiers routed with the loss of every thing, ammu- left. I cannot now recollect one-tenth nition, cannon, baggage and baggage trains, part of the instances of almost reckless and nothing but the impossibility of find- daring displayed, but shall endeavor to ing the road, which prevented our dra- pick them up. I shall also send you on goons from reaching their works, enabled a full return of the killed and wounded if any of Santa Anna's grand army to es- I can obtain it, but at present it is almost cape, including his own illustrious per- impossible to get hold of any thing. The wounded are still along the roads for Santa Anna's travelling coach, with all miles, although they are bringing them in

en leg, has fallen into our hands, together | The army is to advance towards Mexiwith all the money belonging to the army. | co immediately. Gen. Worth's division

on towards the City of Mexico with all rote during the time the Texan prisoners by forming an arch over his nead, saved The rout of the Mexicans last evening officers will either be kept int he Castle of recent suffering .- Fairfax (Va.) News. was total and complete. The remains San Juan d'Ulua or else proceed to the

Gen. Shields is still alive, but it is con-The ball went through his longs as he Santa Anna himself escaped by cutting was leading his men to storm the furthest

dead are being carried by and consigned The Mexican loss upon the height was to their long resting place by the road-

I shall start on for Jalapa this afternoon,

Col. Baker, who charged the last fort, Canalizo with his noted lancers, had lost forty-five men in killed and woundwounded officers. The Mexican officers Johnson wounded in three places, and taken prisoners had arrived at Vera Cruz. thigh amputated; Lieuts. Scott, Froman,

Gen. Pillow was slightly wounded THE BATTLE OF SACRAMENTO.

The Government has just received and published the official account of the bat-Even up to this time it is impossible the of Sacramento, in the Mexican State ted but that they should be found guilty! to Sterritt-tell him it was a bit of a frolic 5 o'clock, P. M .. - I have just return- to give any thing like a full or correct list of Chihuahua, of the results of which we The learned gentleman has made a report have been previously informed through to that effect to Government. The jails Mexican sources. We therefore copy of the county are crowded by a class of army, as follows:

"The force of the enemy was 1,200 -for aside from the fact that the Judge's and infantry were ordered to charge up wounded; Capt. Patten, of the 2d, slight- eavalry from Durango & Chihuahua, with integrity was unquestionable, he had an the rugged ascent. This they didgallant- ly. Lieut. Davis, of the rifles, was very the Vera Cruz dragoons, 1,200 infantry inkling of the joke that had been played. ly, driving the Mexicans after a desperate | hadly wounded in the hip. Major Sum- from Chihuahua, 300 artiflerists, and 1,-420 rancheros badly armed with lassos, lances, and machetoes or corn knives. The list of killed and wounded offi- ten pieces of artillery, two nines, two General Garcia Conde, formerly Minister of War for the Republic of Mexico, who is a scientific man, and planned this whole field of defence; General Uguerie and Governor Trias, who acted as brigadi d general on the field, and colonels and other officers without number.

"Our force was nine hundred and hurdred of whom were engaged in holding horses and driving teams.

"The loss of the enemy was his entire artillery, ten wagons, masses of beans and pinola, and other Mexican provisions, about three hundred killed and about the some number wounded, many of whom has since died, and forty prisoners.

"The field was literally covered with Col. Clay than himself. the dead and wounded from our artillery the position of the road which has just Gordo on the first day of the fight, but a and the unerring fire of our riflemen .-Night put a step to the earnage, the bat tle having commenced about three o'clock. Our loss was one killed, one mortally wounded, and seven so wounded as fiercely attacked by Gen. Pillow-he to recover without any loss of limbs. I cannot speak too highly of the coolness,

> "I was ably sustained by the field offi-Jackson, of the first battalion, and Major Gilpin, of the second battalion, and Major Clark and his artillery acted nobly, and did the most effective service in every part of the field. It is abundantly shown. in the charge made by Captain Weightman with the section of howitzers, that they can be used in any charge of cavalry with great effect. Much has been said, and justly said, of the gallantry of our artillery, unlimbering within two hundred and fifty yards of the enemy at Palo Alto; but how much more daring was the charge of Capt, Weightman, when he unlimbered within fifty yards of the redoubts of the enemy!

"On the first day of March we took formal possession of the capital of Chihuahua in the nane of our Government."

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

No one anticipated when aroused from marched this morning-Gen. Scott is to named Beech descended into the well of C. G. Hunter, whom he had ordered onhis bivouae this morning, such a complete march at noon. Santa Anna's coach is James Beech, in this county, for the purto be harnessed up for the purpose of pose of cleaning it out. This he had ac- that officer into arrest, for trial by court Five hundred will cover the total loss carrying on Major Summer-better use complished, and was being drawn up, martial. We learn, from an authentic when the well caved in, burying him source, that the trial has been had, that The officers and men of the Mexican more than thirty feet below the surface of Lieut. Hunter has been found guilty, (of again to take up arms during the war. Per- dious process of exhuming his body, for from the squadron: the reprimand to be would delay Gen. Scott's forward move- Wonderful to relate, after digging down What disposition will be made of the ment. Fifteen of their officers have refus a short distance, they heard his grouns; The Wheeling Times says the all the "Get them! Don't you see the initials bout 50; at Vera Cruz, town and castle, be set at liberty on parole, on account of honor to report themselves without delay and after ten hours' labor they reached pension bridge over the Obio at that place on them?" - extending them towards her 400; at Alvarado, 60-total 538. If stack- feeding them and in order to accelerate to Col. Wilson at Vera Cruz as prisoners him. He was found in a sitting posture, has been taken, and that the company of war. Among these are Gens. La Ve- with the water within three inches of his will be organized in a few weeks.

Highly Important from Mexico. It was Gen. Scott's intention to push ga and Jarero, the latter Governor of Pe- mouth. It was thought the well-bucket, were there, and I believe distinguished his life. The young man is able to be up for his good treatment of them. These and about, but shows strong marks of his

IRELAND.

SPREAD OF PESTILENCE. - The Constitution gives a dismal account of the devastation committed by fever, the victims to the contogion filling the grave-yards to overflowing.

EMIGRATION .- CORK .- Hundreds of comfortable looking farmers, of young women and men, all decently clad, continue to arrive daily, with the view of emigrating to America. In such numbers do they come, that the rapidity with which the the baker's shops in the vicinity of the quays are cleared of bread is scarcely credible.

Mayo .- The onward progress of emigration from this locality is really surprising. Every public conveyance is crowded with persons leaving this unfortunate

Our roads and quays are crowded every day with country people departing hence for the colonies. We understand that Sir Robert Gore Booth, Bart., has it n contemplation to send out to Canada from 500 to 700 of his cottier tenantry, who are desirous to proceed thence in the hope of bettering their condition-he is about freighting a vessel or two to convey

STATE OF THE COUNTRY .- The Crown Solicitor for Cork says, that the anxiety of the prisoners at the assizes for that county is, not that they should be acquiloffenders created by the famine.

GERMAN EMIGRATION .- Upwards of 6000 German emigrants have, within the their way to Breman, Havre, and Antwerp, where they will take their departure for America.

THE TEN-HOURS' BILL -Earl Eliesmere and Lord Feversham have written to the Short-time Committee-the former stating his willingness to conduct the factery bill through the House of Lords, and the latter announcing his readiness to cooperate with the noble Earl.

AN INCIDENT.

The Louisville Journal says that at the great meeting in New Orleans, on the 30th ult., in honor of the victory at Buena Vista, one of the speakers was the Hon. Caleb Cushing, colonel of the Massachusetts regiment. Cushing, in the course of his speech, called over the names of the prominent officers killed in the battle; omitting that of the gallant Clay. The moment he finished his enumeration, some one shouted "Lieut. Col. twenty four effective men, at least one HENRY CLAY, Jr.!" For several minutes the house rang with applause. Cushing keenly felt the rebuke, and, when at last he was able to resume his speech, he apologised for not having mentioned the name of Clay, said that the omission was the result of forgetfulness, and protested that no man in the nation had a higher admiration of the distinguished father of

> Is any one so credulous as to believe that a public speaker, in enumerating the names of the patriots who fell at Buena Vista, could forget that of Henry Clay, Jr.-Pa. Int?

BE HUMBLE .- What has man to boast of? Honors tarnish, and wealth takes wings. A few days-a sigh-a disappointment-a grean-and human life is cone. We flutter on the stage of existence-look about for a few momentspluck a flower to day and a thorn to morrow-and drop off and are gone. The child that is born to day crowds off the sire of vesterday, and is himself forgot-

en to morrow. Such is life. "A little rule-a little sway, A sunbeam in a winter's day-

Is all the proud and mighty have Between the craule and the grave"wrote John Dyer more than a century ago, and the lines are as true now as when hey were penned. Be humble, then, O man! beast not wealth and honor, strive not for possessions and renown, for ere the dawning of another day, the mandate may have gone forth and you be swept from the stage of life.

SENTENCE OF LIEUT, HENTER -It is generally known that, on the arrival of Commodore Perry before Alvarado, find-.On Friday before last a young man ing the place already captured by Lieut.