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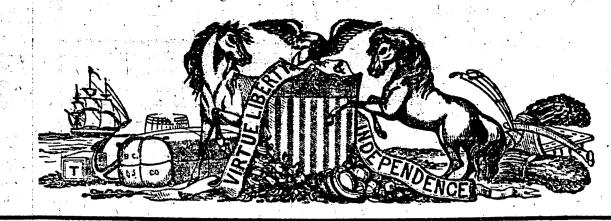
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#### A LAUGHABLE STORY.

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following mirth-provoking incident: For twenty-three years, old Jake Williard has cultivated the soil of Baldwin county, and drawn therefrom a support for himself and wife. He is childless. Not long ago Jake left the house in search of a missing cow. His route led him through an old worn out patch of clay land, of about six acres in extent, in the centre of which was a well, twenty-five or thirty feet deep, that of a dilapidated house near by with water. In Burder, "I didn't say so," replied Ford. at some time probably had furnished the inmates tile' from his head, and maliciously wafted it to the edge of the well, and in it tumbled.

Now, Jake had always practised the virtue of economy, and he immediately set about recover- and I said that would be impossible, for night ing his hat. He ran to the well, and finding it | was nigh onto two-thirds gone when you came. was dry at the bottom, he uncoiled the rope If you only wanted beds, why on earth didn's which he had brought for the purpose of captur- you say so ?" to catch the hat with a noose, he concluded to on one side, and the landlord alone had beat save time by going down into the well himself. | them all. To accomplish this, he made fast one end of the rope to a stump hard by, and was quickly on his way down the well. It is a fact, of which Jake was no less oblivi-

ous than the reader thereof, that Ned Wells hapdie, was lazily grazing within a short distance of the well. put it into Ned's cranium to have a little fun,

so he quietly slipped up to the liorse, and un-

measured 'ting-a-ling' the edge of the well. sense than to fall in here. Whoa. Ball." resting, before trying to 'shin' it up the rope.

son. Whoa! dang you, whoa." his knees at the bottom. "I'm gone now; whoa. shut! You can rub harder, faster, and more

Jake might suffer from his fright, revealed him- cians do, the inestimable value of quiet compo-Probably Ned did not make tracks with his tale. Said the Judge as follows: "Years ago heels from that well. Maybe Jake wasn't up | ced with ceaseless assiduity by the considerate ence, having been fully and carefully tested under the period so as a solution of the writers. It is printed in a clear and open type, is illustrated with appropriate engravings, and will be forwarded to any address, nearly bound, and postage paid, on recipt of the price, \$1.00, or in a very tender affection. But sickness laid its get a shot with his rifle at Ned. Maybe not. we had in our house a sweet little child, about to the top of it in short order, and you might and the humane." hand upon it. Remedies, promptly resorted to, I don't know. But I know if Jake finds out

## POLICY OF ELECTIONS.

I was reading G overnor----'s message to my Uncle Toby, and when I got through that part where he speaks of the evil effects of employing money on our elections, the old gentleman smiled and related the following anecdote: "It puts me in mind," said he, "of a young clergyman I once knew, many years since, who preached an eloquent sermon, in the course of which he took occasion to remark on the impro-priety of spending the evenings of the Sabbath in social visits—a custom as he said, very com-with much feeling, and advised the officer to join mon among young men. You remember the sermon, Trim?" "O, yes, your honor, perfectly well," said

the corporal, "and the clergyman, too; he was a sedate looking man, and wore spectacles." "Well, as I was saying," continued my Un-cle, "he had been preaching against the evil of going to see the girls on Sunday evening—when after service he took me by the arm,—"Come, let us go to the deacon's and spend the evening with his daughters." "How," cried I, with much surprise, "is it possible you can make such a proposal to me, after the sermon you have just concluded?" "Pshaw!" says he, "I.only made those remarks in order that we might have the better chance ourselves!"

HALF-A-DOZEN QUANDABIES .- Knocking at

the wrong door, and hesitating whether you shall run away and say nothing about it, or "But not daring to leave her in such a ter- stay and apologise. Crossing the road until ror, I arose, sat down in a chair, and took the you see a gig coming one way and a cab anlittle creature between my knees—a cold sweat other; so that if you move on you are sure to covered my body—and gazed with feelings unutterable upon the object before me. The eyes you may possibly be crushed by both. Find-were open in a vacant stare. The flesh was ing yourself in a damp bed on a cold night, and colorless, cold and clammy; nor did the child cogitating whether you will lie still and catch appear to have the power of either speech or your death, or get up and dress and pass the hearing, as it made no attempt to answer any night on two cane bottomed chairs. Paying Fair, but finding the taveras all full and no OYSTER SALOON
attached to his store, in which he will serve up PRIME of our questions. The horror of our minds was the instance of place for Alcok to sleep, we concluded to get the more intense as we had watched our child the impression that she is an heiress; and, of married, so he could sleep with me." Sach a through its sickness and death, and had been discovering your error, having the option of wife as that is worth having were with me." but a few hours before eye witnesses of its in- marrying the young lady, or being shot by the Patriot. young ladies brother. Dining at a friend's house "While gazing upon it, and asking in my where you must either drink wine until you bethoughts, What can this extraordinary provi- come intoxicated, or refrain until you become dence mean? for what can it be sent? the servent girl, having crept to the door, after a time, suggested, it looks like Mrs. ——,s child.

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"Now our neighbor had a child about the THE LANDLORD WHO COULDN'T KEEP PEOPLE ALL NIGHT.

> A short distance from the city of Montgomery, in the State of Alabama, on one of the stage roads leading from that city, lives a would have his joke. It was a bitter, stormy night, or rather morning, about two hours before day-break, he was aroused from his slumbers by loud shouting and knocks at his door. He turned out but sorely against his will, and demanded what was the matter. It was dark

"Who are you there?" Burder, and Yancy and Elmore, from Montcomery, was the answer, on our way to attend court. We are benighted, and we want to stay

Very sorry I can't accommodate you so far, gentlemen. Do anything to oblige you but that's impossible.'

The lawyers, for they were three of the smartest lawyers in the State, and all ready to drop down with fatigue, held a brief consultation, and then, as they could do no better, and were too tired to go an other step, they asked: "Well can't you stable our horses, and give us chairs and a good fire till morning ?"

"Oh, yes, gentlemen, can do that !" Our learned and legal friends were soon drying their wet clothes by a bright fire, as they composed themselves, the few remaining hours, in their chairs, dozing and nodding, and now and then awearing a word or two of impatience, as they waited till daylight did appear. The longest night has a morning, and at last the sun came along, and then in due time a good breakfast made its appearance; but to the surprise of the lawyers, who thought the house crowded with guests, none but themselves sat down to

partake. 'Why, Ford, I thought your house was so full you couldn't give us a bed last night ?' said

"You didn't? What in the name of thunder, then, did you say?" "You asked me to let you stay here all night,

ing the truant cow, and after several attempts | The lawyers had to give it up. Three of them

### CRAMPS.

The most terrible of pains, says Hall's Journal of Health, arise from the veins being so pened to be in the old dilapidated building full of blood that they swell out, press against aforesaid, and that an old blind horse, with a the large nerves, and thus impede the circulabell on his neck, who had been turned out to tion of the vital fluid. In smaller nerves, the distension produces neuralgia, which is literally 'nerve ache." The cause of the unusual full-The devil himself or some other wicked spirit ness of the veins is that the blood is so impure, so thick, so full of disease, that it cannot flow by nature's ordinary agencies. In proportion buckling the bell-strap, approached with slow as it is thick, it is cold, and this abnormal state indicated by the feebleness of the pulse. In "Dang that old blind horse!" said Jake, "he's | cholera patients it is very marked, and exists comin' this way sure, and ain't got no more days and weeks before the attack. The follow-"But the continued approach of the 'ting-a- "When a person is attacked with a cramp, ling' said just as plainly as words that 'Ball' some hot water quietly and expeditiously for wouldn't whoa. Besides Jake was at the bottom, noise and acclamation of grief and alarm still further disturb the nervous equilibrium,) put "Great Jerusalem," said he, "the old cuss the sufferer in the water as completely as possiwill be a-top of me before I can say Jack Robi- ble, and thus heat is imparted to the blood, which sends it coursing along the veins and the Just then, Ned drew up to the edge of the pain is gone. While the water is in preparawell, and with his foot kicked a little dirt into it. | tion, rub the cramped part very briskly with "Oh, Lord!" exclaimed Jake, falling upon the hand or a woolen flannel, with your mouth Now I lay me down to sleep—w-h-o-a Ball—I efficiently; because it saves the sufferer from pray the Lord my soul to—W-h-o-a! now.— meaningless and agonizing enquiries. A man in pain does not want to be talked to; he wanta Ned could hold in no longer, and fearful that | relief-not words. If all could know, as physisure and a confident air, on the part of one who attempts to aid a sufferer, they could be practi-

> THE RIGHT KIND OF A NOISE .- Rigid disciplinarians in the army are often annoyed by the religious zeal of Christian soldiers, but great Generals like Cromwell and Wellington, knew how to turn this zeal to good service. Here is a characteristic anecdote of General Jackson : An officer complained to Gen. Jackson that some soldiers were making a noise in their tent. "What are they doing?" asked the General.

"And is that a crime?" the General demanded. "The articles of war order punishment for any unusual noise," was the reply. with them.

"They are praying now, but have been sing-

ing," was the reply.

Some benevolent persons in Cincinnati recently met with a five year old girl in the streets, and accompanied her home to a cellar in a dirty alley. There recking in filth, on a straw pallet in a corner, lay the mother, drunk and nearly naked. A son and a daughter occupied the pallet with her. The spartment was also tenanted by a well-known fighting character and his wife. In another hovel, if it were not for the frost, the mud would have been angle deep; around the stove sat four women and four men. The men said they were strangers, and the husbands of the woman were in jail for drunkenness. The women were half wild with whiskey and almost naked.

"A NICE LETTLE ABBANGEMENT."-On Thursday evening last, a couple of young folks called on Esquire R., and after considerable heaitation, requested to be united in the "hely bands of matrimony," which request the Squire at once proceeded to comply with. The bride, from the lateness of the hour and the peculiar nature of the call, thought some explanation necessary, and so very innocently remarked .-We came from Columbia county to attend the

We never had a glimpse of a tipy, prefty