#### NO PERSONALITIES.

the Campaign Maintained Certain Liveliness.

"To what am I indebted for the honor of this call?" It was Mrs. Mary Ellen Ricketts who spoke. She held in her hand the card of Mrs. Samantha Jenkinson, which had just been laid on her desk by the officegirl, for the card was followed almost instantly by the entrance of the person

whose name it bore.

There was really no necessity for the use of the card, either, for the two had frequently met.

Mrs. Ricketts was the candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, while Mrs. Jenkinson was the Demo-cratic nominee. Under the circum-stances it was natural for her to be surprised at receiving a call from her opponent. 'I came to see you on a small matter

of business," replied the visitor.
"Pray proceed."

"I have learned, from good author ity, that your managers are bent upon a campaign of personalities, and that they intend to give to the press certain slanderous gossip about me, intended

to injure my candidacy."

The speaker paused, and Mrs. Ricketts said, interrogatively:

"Well?" "Well," echoed Mrs. Jenkinson, "wo must keep personalities out of the cam-

paign." "We must, must we?"

"We must." Mrs. Ricketts sneered. Mrs. Jenkinson waxed wroth.

"Look here, Mary Ellen Ricketts," she exclaimed, "don't you dare to turn

up your snub-nose at me, now." "Samantha Jenkinson," retorted Mrs. Ricketts, "my nose is not a snub, and don't you dare to presume to dictate what my managers shall or shall not do in this campaign."
"We'll see about that, Mary Ellen

Ricketts, you were engaged to my husband in your young days, a good many years ago." "I'm not nearly as old as you, I'd

have you know." "You are!"

"I'm not, you insulting thing!" "You are!"

"I'm not!"

"We will pass that point, but I want to say that when I married my husoand all your love-letters were still in his possession, and I have them

"You spiteful thing!"
"Many a good laugh I've had over hem. What a perfect goose you them.

"I just hate you, so there!" "And I merely wish to add that on the very first publication of a personality about me in your newspaper or-gans I shall print in the Daily Bugle

every single one of your mushy, lackadaisical epistles. Do you understand?" The two women glared at each other a half-minute, and then Mrs. Samantha Jenkinson withdrew, leaving Mrs. Mary

Ellen Ricketts deep in thought. The campaign was conducted without any personalities.—Harper's Bazar.

## "Uncle Ikes" Last Spree.

"Uncle Ike," as they called him in Mantezuma, has always been queer Years ago, as the story goes, he lived up in the edge of Taylor County, and every Saturday would come to town to get drunk and have a rousing time with the boys. The old man finally decided to emigrate to Texas, where he remained several years

and then returned to his old place. The old man looked sad and dejected when he was told that since his departure Montezuma had become civilized enough to have sidewalks and the telegraph. He could not believe it till he went to town and saw it with his own eyes, and when he realized the truth ed man wept like a child.

He hunted up the mayor and told him he was 60 years old and had no hope of living through the winter. He had come to town expecting to get drunk, ride his old mule through saloons, and do considerable shooting and yelling, and it saddened the mayor's heart to be obliged to tell him that any such conduct would result in his arrest. Tears were falling down his aged cheeks as he asked official permission to ride through just one saloon and shoot six holes in the mirror behind the bar. When the mayor had to refuse it he begged to be allowed to gallop up and down the street and shoot at glass insulators on the telegraph poles. His honor couldn't canction that, either, but after discussing the matter he made a compromise with him. It was agreed that he might stand on the public square and utter a dozen old-time hoots and then go and get drunk, but there was to be no riding or shooting.

Old Ike selected 7 o'clock in the evening as his hour, and the city marshal was on hand to count his hoots. first three brought everybody into the street, and the next three started half the population out of town. The last one was a grand wind-up, which jarred the shingles on the roofs, and when he got through the old man felt himself ten years younger. An hour later he was blind drunk, and, by the mayor's direction, he was laid away on a bed of shavings in a carpenter shop.

The mayor didn't deny that it was

against the ordinance, and he certainly had no legal authority to permit it; but he wanted to make old Ike happy once more, and he was willing to take the responsibility.-Atlanta Constitu

# Asking Too Much.

"I admit," she said, "that women look like perfect frights in bloomers, and can't understand it. If you'd only tell me how to avoid it I'd be only too glad

"Loosen your belt," interrupted her brother. "What! Why no one would know

what a little bit of a waist I had if I "Can't help it. That's the only way." "Well, I won't do it. I don't want to

a man bad enough for all that."-Chicago Evening Post.

The Rural Sanctum Sanctorium Tommy Oatcake-Them new city boarders of ourn is awful swells.

Willie Peastraw—Is that so? Tommy Oatcake—Yep. They cut up and fly around in the parlor, and don't seem a bit afraid-just like they was used to such things always .- Truth.

Doing Him Justice. Sometimes we think a man has a level head just because he isn't above our level.-Somerville Journal.

### Raising of Horses.

The price of horses has of late been so reduced that farmers are discouraged in horse raising. The low prices now prevailing are due to a want of demand on account of the electric car system, which has been so generally established throughout the cities and some parts of the country for rapid transportation. This is, no doubt in some part, the cause of the weak demand for horses in the marke s. There is, however, another cause, which will be found in overproduction. A few years ago the horse craze, as it may be called, prevailed among farmers, and there was scarcely anyone who was not breeding either first-class roadsters or blooded drivers.

For these, for a few years, first-class prices were obtained, and the demand, which was at the time a ficticious one, produced a sort of boom in horseflesh, with an over-supply, and now there are too many for the market, which has for the time been somewhat diminished by the electric car lines.

But good horses are always desiable, and will in the near future bring better prices than now. Farmers will understand what they need, and for a while, perhaps, the supply will be short of the demand, but the price will again settle to a fair compensation for the trouble and risk in raising good horses. Good family horse will always be in demand in the cities and in prosperous villages. Cars may carry men to business, and women to their shopping, but there is a demand, in hours not spent in business, for a carriage horse to supply the need felt by every well-to-do family that they may have a restful airing in the parks and in the suburbs of the city. Farmers would do well to turn their attention to raising horses to supply this want. Horses should be raised of the best blood, not for the turf, but for the carriage, and as much care should be taken in the training for this purpose, as is necessary to produce good conditioned, quiet, trusty horses suited to driving through all the bustle and discretes that result from youthful follows or the excess of mature years.

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