NIBBS' MISFORTUNES.

Mr. Nibbs had scarcely recovered from the severe bruises received in attempting to demolish an empty flour barrel, than the poor gentleman was doomed to be the recipient of a far more painful batch of contusions.

One morning at the breakfast table, Mrs. Nibbs informed Mr. Nibbs that the grape-vine was in a shocking state, and sadly needed trimming. She also requested him to perform the operation.

He refused.

After a spirited debate, during which the kitchen table was overturned, and Mr. Nibbs received a well buttered pancake square between the eyes, he finally consented.

Grasping the bread-knife, and not heeding Mrs. Nibbs, who advised him to attire himself in some cast off garments, he sallied out into the back-yard.

Grasping one of the slats, Mr. Nibbs, with boy-like agility, rapidly ascended the arbor. He had almost reached the top when an accident occurred.

One of the slats gave way, and he fell gracefully downward.

Mr. Nibbs, with great presence of mind, clutched frantically at the sky, but missed his grab, and succeeded in planting his head, up to the ears, in the grass plot. Hastily regaining his feet he gazed searchingly about in order to see if his downfall had been observed by the prying eyes of his neighbors. Yes, his misfortune had been witnessed by Mary Ann Moran, the servant girl who was employed next door.

M. A. M.'s mirth was extremely aggravating to the feelings of the unfortunate Nibbs, and he seized a large stone. Stepping back several paces, to give impetuosity to the missile, he ran with all his might and then hurled the stone at the humorous hand-maiden next door.

Mr. Nibbs' vengeance would probably have been completed but for an unexpected interruption.

In his blind rage he failed to observe that the clothes line lay stretched directly across his path. Consequently, while he was at the top of his speed, with every muscle strained to its utmost tension, the said line caught him directly under the chin. Mr. Nibbs flew violently backward and struck the wood-house with a sickening crash. The stone fell short of the mark and went wiggling through the back basement windows.

Mr. Nibbs finally recovered his breath, and gave vent to his pent emotions in a series of new and original epithets.

Nibbs is a man of great resolution, and, nothing daunted by the sad rebuffs he had experienced, he proceeded to mount the arbor again—this time with much less boyish agility, however.

He reached the top again, and began work. Everything went along swimmingly for a while, and he thought to himself what an easy task was that of a gardener. His opinion was soon altered, however.

In his ardor Mr. Nibbs stretched his body forward to its full extent. The slat creaked. Mr. Nibbs, fearing that the slat was breaking, threw himself suddenly backward. In so doing, the point of inertia was thrown without the base, and consequently, according to philosophy, Mr. Nibbs was bound to fall.

Mr. Nibbs was swooping down toward the brick walk below, like some great bird, when a large hook intercepted his flight. The said hook buried itself into the bay window of his pantaloons, but as the material was not strong enough to bear his weight, he continued his downward course, and finally landed.

Had Mr. Nibbs landed upon the brick walk, we would now be writing an obituary notice instead of a humorous article.

Mr. Nibbs' wife, with her customary thoughtlessness, had failed to replace the cover over the well-hole, and splash into the well sailed Mr. N.

The water was very deep, and unpleasantly cold, and the luckless Nibbs began treading water, and mumbling: "Now I lay me," etc., at a great rate.

Mrs. Nibbs heard the crash of the breaking slats, and reached the door just in time to see Mr. Nibbs disappear like some great bull-frog into the well. Seizing a long clothes-pole, she, after much exertion, succeeded in rescuing the ill-starred Nibbs from a watery grave.

The excitement was too much for him, and for several days he lay at the point of illness, expecting every moment to be his next.

And now if any person wants to know just how it feels to be struck with a pile-driver, just let him request Mr. Nibbs to favor him with a brief synopsis of the adventures experienced by a novice in endeavoring to perform the labors of a gardener, especially that branch which relates to the grafting and pruning of trees and vines.

MARRIAGE among the Burmese is a most peculiar institution, and the "marriage knot" is very easily undone. If two persons are tired of each other's society, they dissolve partnership in the following simple and touching manner: They respectively light two candles, and, shutting up their hut, sit down and wait until they are burned. The one whose candle burns out first gets up at once and leaves the house for ever, taking nothing but the clothes he or she may have on at the time; all else then becomes the property of the other party.

THE Richmond *Whig* says that the following letter, written in London on August 21, 1762, to a colonist of Virginia, is still in existence: "We send you a shipment, one widow and eleven maids, for wives of the people of Virginia. There has been special care in the choice of them, for there hath not one of them been received but upon good recommendations. In case they cannot be presently married, we desire that they may be put with several householders that have wives until they can be provided with husbands."

TOM Hood, the poet and punster, is now accused of having been a cremationist, because he said shortly before his death that he was dying out of pure charity to the undertaker, "who wished to run a lively Hood."

CHEAPER THAN EVER!

GOODS MARKED DOWN

TO MEET THE

GREAT REDUCTION IN WAGES.

LOOK AT THE PRICES:

FRENCH MERINOS,

ALL COLORS, AT FIFTY CENTS PER YARD.

FINE DRESS GOODS,

IN TEN COLORS, AT THE LOW PRICE OF

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AND MANY OTHER BARGAINS, AT THE POPULAR STORE OF

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Nos. 113 and 115 CLINTON STREET,

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ESTABLISHED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

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Sheet-Iron WARES,

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Cooking Stoves,
Heating Stoves.

TIN, COPPER & SHEET-IRON WARE

Having recently taken possession of the new-lyfitted up and commodious building on High street, two doors east of the Bank and nearly opposite the Mountain House, the subscriber is better prepared than ever to manufacture all articles in the TIN, COPPER and SHEET-IRON WARE line, all of which will be furnished to buyers at the very lowest living prices.

The subscriber also proposes to keep a full and varied assortment of

Cooking, Parlor and Heating Stoves

of the most approved designs.

☞ SPOUTING and ROOFING made to order and warranted perfect in manufacture and material. REPAIRING promptly attended to.

All work done by me will be done right and on fair terms, and all STOVES and WARE sold by me can be depended upon as to quality and cannot be undersold in price. A continuance and increase of patronage is respectfully solicited, and no effort will be wanting to render entire satisfaction to all.

VALLIE LUTRINGER.

Ebensburg, Oct. 13, 1870.-tf.

LOOK WELL TO YOUR UNDERSTANDINGS.

JOHN D. THOMAS,
Boot and Shoe Maker

THE undersigned respectfully informs his numerous customers and the public generally that he is prepared to manufacture BOOTS and SHOES of any desired size or quality, from the finest French calf-skin boots to the coarsest brogans, in the VERY BEST MANNER, on the shortest notice, and at as moderate prices as like work can be obtained anywhere.

Those who have worn Boots and Shoes made at my establishment need no assurance as to the superior quality of my work. Others can easily be convinced of the fact if they will only give me a trial. Try and be convinced.

☞ Repairing of Boots and Shoes attended to promptly and in a workmanlike manner.

Thankful for past favors I feel confident that my work and prices will commend me to a continuance and increase of the same.

JOHN D. THOMAS.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES

—TO—

CASH BUYERS

—AT THE—

Ebensburg House-Furnishing STORE

THE undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Ebensburg and the public generally that he has made a GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES TO CASH BUYERS on all goods in his line, consisting of

MOWING and REAPING MACHINES

AND OTHER FARMING IMPLEMENTS;

COOKING, PARLOR AND HEATING STOVES

of the most popular designs and of all styles, prices and qualities:

TINWARE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION!

of my own manufacture;

HARDWARE, ALL KIND!

such as Locks, Screws, Butt Hinges, Shutter Hinges, Table Hinges, Bolts, Iron and Nails, Window Glass, Putty, Table Knives and Forks, Carving Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, Table and Tea Spoons, Meat Cutters, Apple Parers, Scissors, Shears, Razors and Straps, Hammers, Axes, Hatchets, Horse Machines, Augurs, Chisels, Planes, Compasses, Squares, Files, Rasps, Anvils, Vises, Wrenches, Rip, Panel and Cross-Cut Saws, Chains of all kinds, Shovels, Spades, Scythes and Snaths, Rakes, Forks, Sleigh-Bells, Shoe Lasts, Pegs, Wax, Bristles, Clothes Washers and Wringers, Patent Churns and Patent Machines generally, Grind-Stones, Patent Molasses Gates and Measures, Lumber Sticks, Cast Steel Rifles, Shot Guns, Revolvers, Pistols, Cartridges, Powder, Caps, Lead, Horse Shoes and Nails, Old Stove Plates, Grates and Fire Bricks, Well and Cistern Pumps, &c., &c.;

Harness and Saddlery Ware

of all kind, in great variety;

WOOD and WILLOW WARE

beyond description;

CARBON OIL and OIL LAMPS,

Fish Oil, Lard Oil, Linseed Oil, Lubricating Oil, Rosin, Tar, Paints, Varnishes, Turpeutine, Alcohol, &c.; Silver-Plated Ware, Glassware, &c.

Family Groceries,

such as Teas, Coffee, Sugars, Syrups Molasses, Spices, Dried Peaches, Dried Apples, Hominy, Fish, Crackers, Rice, Pearl Barley, &c.

Tobacco and Cigars.

Paint, Varnish, Whitewash, Scrub, Horse, Shoe, Stove, Dusting, Clothes and Tooth Brushes, all kinds and sizes; Bed-Cords, Manilla Ropes, and many other articles, at the *lowest rates for cash.*

HOUSE SPOUTING

made, painted and put up as cheap as possible, FOR CASH. ☞ A liberal discount made to country dealers buying Tinware by wholesale.

GEORGE HUNTLEY.

Ebensburg, July 25, 1873.-tf.

EBENSBURG

BOOK, DRUG and VARIETY STORE

HAVING recently enlarged our stock we are now prepared to sell at a great reduction from former prices. Our stock consists of Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, Fancy Soaps, Leon's, Hall's and Allen's Hair Restoratives, Pills, Ointments, Plasters, Liniments, Pain Killers, Citrate Magnesia, Ess. Jamaica Ginger, Pure Flavoring Extracts, Essences, Lemon Syrup, Soothing Syrup, Spiced Syrup, Rhubarb, Pure Spices, &c.

Cigars and Tobaccos,

Blank Books, Deeds, Notes and Bonds; Cap, Post, Commercial and all kinds of Note Paper; Envelopes, Pens, Pencils, Arnold's Writing Fluid, Black and Red Ink, Pocket and Pass Books, Magazines, Newspapers, Novels, Histories, Bibles, Religious, Prayer and Toy Books, Penknives, Pipes, &c.

☞ We have added to our stock a lot of FINE JEWELRY, to which we would invite the attention of the Ladies.

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS at lower prices than evrr offered in this place.

Paper and Cigars sold either wholesale or retail.

LEMMON & MURRAY.

July 30, 1868. Main Street, Ebensburg.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER!

AS WE ALL KNOW, BUT THE

PRICES

At E. J. MILLS'

CHEAP CASH STORE,

Are not over, but rather under, those of any other dealer in

Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Hats and Caps

Boots, Shoes, Notions,

GROCERIEES, FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, &C.

In this "Neck o' Timber."

☞ A complete and elegant assortments of new goods now in store will positively be sold at the closest margin. Country produce at the highest market prices taken in exchange for goods. Full satisfaction guaranteed to all buyers. Store on High street, nea Centre street.

E. J. MILLS.

Ebensburg, Jan. 16, 1874.-tf.

LOGAN'S MARBLE WORKS!

131 Franklin Street, Johnstown.

JOHN W. LOGAN, - Proprietor,

MONUMENTS, HEAD AND TOMB STONES, COUNTER AND CABINET SLABS, AND TILS, &c., manufactured of the very best Italian and American Marbles. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed in price, design and execution of work.

☞ Orders respectfully solicited and promptly filled at the very lowest cash rates.

Oct. 21, 1873.-tf. (Johnstown, Nov. 11, '71.-tf.)

A LIVELY CONVERSATION AT THE DOOR.

A Life Drama.

Scene, Corner of Sixth & Market Streets,

Time, One O'clock.

STRANGER—What's the price of that coat?

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—The price is on the ticket, sir, $10.50, in plain figures; same price to everybody.

STRANGER—Oh, pshaw; that's what they all say. You'll take off that 50.

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—No, sir; under no circumstances. If that 50 could be scratched the price would have been marked so at first. There is no second price. The figures are down to bottom rock. Should you buy $1,000 of us, nothing could be taken off. We have ONE PRICE to everybody and all are treated alike, whether they buy a single pair of working pants or three suits.

STRANGER—Isn't that pretty stiff?

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—Nothing stiff intended. Try us. See if we are not patient and obliging. Only we think it fairest for both parties to name at once the lowest price, and stick to it. Small buyers, on our rule, have as good a chance as large ones.

STRANGER—Well, suppose I purchase a garment and it don't fit?

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—Bring it back.

STRANGER—Yes, and perhaps get a worse one in exchange.

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—No, sir; get no worse one—get your money back.

STRANGER—Explain that. You mean, of course, if you can't fit me.

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—No, sir; we mean that if, within ten days, you bring back the garment unworn and uninjured, your money, cent for cent will be returned to you.

STRANGER—You mean simply, if I don't like the goods.

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—I mean if you don't like it, or your wife don't like it, or the weather changes, or you find goods somewhere else you like better, or you imagine you have been in any way misinformed, bring back the purchase and take back the purchase money. We give a signed guarantee to that effect.

STRANGER—Why, that's a new thing. What is it like?

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—'Tis a card signed by the firm, binding us in every way. Wait a minute, and I'll show you one.

[He reads over carefully the following Guarantee, which goes with every purchase at Oak Hall.]

We hereby guarantee:

1st. *That the prices of our goods shall be as low as the same quality of material and manufacture are sold anywhere in the United States.*

2d. *That the prices are precisely the same to everybody for same quality, on same day of purchase.*

3d. *That the quality of goods is as represented on printed labels.*

4th. *That the full amount of cash paid will be refunded, if customers find the articles unsatisfactory, and return them unworn and uninjured within 10 days from date of purchase.*

[*Signed,*] *WANAMAKER & BROWN.*

STRANGER—What is that remark about the quality of goods?

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—It means that the ACTUAL NAME and grade of the goods are printed on the price label attached to every garment in Oak Hall, and that no misrepresentation can be made.

STRANGER—Ah, this looks lovely, to be sure, if you only mean to stand up to it.

OAK HALL DOORKEEPER—We do, and shall stand firmly by these principles as our only rules of business. The people who don't believe it can prove us very easily if they choose.

STRANGER—Well, I'll try you once at any rate.

We think this was a sensible conclusion. Let the people inform themselves of what we are doing at OAK HALL to make excellent Clothing and Cheapen the Prices under our New Order of Business.

Our store is fuller than ever of Men's and Boys' Best Made Handsome Clothing, which, under our Ready-Money paid down One-Price Guarantee System, fixes our prices lower than the wholesale stores. This is a good time to visit the city, and the cost of the fare can be saved in getting Clothing at the Low Prices we are now selling our goods.

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The Largest Clothing House in America,

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Bureaus,	Cane Chairs,
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Chamber Sets,	Mattresses,
Parlor Sets,	Tete-a-Tetes,
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Book Cases,	Dining Tables,
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EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

SCHOOL AND HALL FURNITURE

made to order in excellent style and at low prices. Cabinet and hairmakers' materials of all kinds for sale. Furniture delivered at any point in Johnstown or at Railroad Station free of extra charge.

WM. P. PATTON.

Johnstown, Oct. 13, 1870.-tf.

CRAWFORD HOUSE,

EBENSBURG, PA.

John Fitzharris, - Proprietor.

HAVING leased and refurnished the above well known and popular hotel, the proprietor is now amply prepared to accommodate all who may favor him with their patronage. The best that the market affords will be served at the Table at all seasons, the Bar will be kept constantly supplied with the choicest liquors, and the commodious Stable will be under the charge of a careful and attentive hostler. No effort will be spared to render guests comfortable and well pleased in every particular, and by proper attention to business and a moderate scale of prices the proprietor hopes to win his way to public favor. (May 2, 1873.-tf.)

Eagle PLANING MILL.

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MANUFACTURER OF

Flooring, Weather-Boarding, Shutters

SASH-DOORS, BRACKETS AND MOULDINGS,

LUMBER of EVERY DESCRIPTION,

SHINGLES and POSTS—Cedar and Locust.

☞ Scroll-Sawing and Re-sawing done to order.

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[9-18.] ALLEGHENY CITY, PA. [3m.]

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Oct. 21, m.* JOHN PARKE.

COLLINS, JOHNSTON & CO.,

BANKERS,

Ebensburg, Pa.

WILL receive money on deposit, discount and collect notes, and attend to all the business usually done by Bankers.

Sept. 20. tf. JAS. B. ZAHM, Cashier.

MILLINERY & DRESS MAKING.—The attention of the Ladies of Ebensburg and vicinity is directed to the fact that MRS. R. E. JONES has just received an invoice of new and fashionable Millinery Goods, at her rooms in the East Ward, Ebensburg. Wedding Bonnets, Hats, etc., a specialty. Dressmaking promptly and neatly done. The patronage of the ladies is respectfully solicited. [6-1.'71.]

COAL! COAL!!—The subscriber is prepared to furnish, in large or small quantities, all qualities of ANTHRACITE and BITUMINOUS COAL, at lowest market rates. Coal delivered promptly and free of charge for hauling at any point in Ebensburg or vicinity. Orders left at the ZAHM STORE will receive early attention.

DANIEL H. ZAHM.

Ebensburg, Sept. , 1873.-tf.

E. H. PLANK, M. D., respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Ebensburg and vicinity. Office adjoining residence and immediately in the rear of Hon. R. J. Lloyd's drug store. Night calls can be made at the residence of Mrs. Bunn, on Crawford street, Ebensburg. [4-24.-tf.]

LLOYD & CO., BANKERS,

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☞ Gold, Silver, Government Loans, and other Securities, bought and sold. Interest allowed on Time Deposits. Collections made at all accessible points in the United States, and a general Banking business transacted.

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Drafts on the principal cities and Silver and Gold for sale. Collections made. Monies received on deposit, payable on demand without interest, or on time with interest at fair rates.

M. J. BUCK, M. D.,

Physician and Surgeon,

CARROLLTOWN, PA.

Office in rear of John Buck's store. Night calls may be made at the residence of JOHN BUCK, Esq. [April 4, 1873.-tf.]

JAMES J. OATMAN, M. D.,

Physician and Surgeon,

EBENSBURG, PA.

Office on High street, nearly opposite Blair's Hotel. Residence in Town Hall, Julian street, where night calls should be made [4-4.-tf.]

T. W. DICK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Ebensburg, Pa. Office in front room of T. J. Lloyd's new building, Centre street. All manner of legal business attended to satisfactorily, and collections a specialty. [10-14.tf.]

DANIEL McLAUGHLIN, *Attorney-at-Law*, Johnstown, Pa. Office in the old Exchange building, (up stairs,) corner of Clinton and Locust streets. Will attend to all business connected with his profession.

GEO M. READE, *Attorney-at-Law*, Ebensburg, Pa. Office on Centre street three doors from High street. [aug.27,'72.]

W. D. M'CLELLAND.....JOHN HANNAN.

M'CLELLAND & CO.,

Manufacturers of and Dealers in

Fancy and Plain

FURNITURE!

AND CHAIRS.

We keep constantly on hand in great variety a full line of elegant

PARLOR AND CHAMBER SUITS,

INSTYLES AND AT PRICES TO SUIT ALL CUSTOMERS

Having the most skillful workmen in the city, we are prepared to fill all orders for

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IN PIECES OR SUITS,

At PRICES Below

Either Eastern or Western Manufacturers.

Wareroom, No. 81 FRANKLIN Street,

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JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Repairing Neatly and Promptly Done.

☞ All Furniture sent for and delivered in the city free of charge. [3-13,'74.-tf.]

Andrew Moses,

TAILOR AND DRAPER,

CLINTON STREET,

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Ebensburg

WOOLEN FACTORY!

HAVING introduced new machinery into our Woolen Factory, we are now prepared to manufacture on short notice, CLOTHS, CASSIMETS, BLANKETS, FLANNELS of all styles STOCKING YARNS, &c., &c.

☞ Wool taken in exchange for goods or worked on shares. Market price paid for wool.

T. M. JONES & SONS.

Ebensburg, Feb. 24, 1872.-tf.

TAKING THE EDGE OFF.

Saturday noon a sort of a slouchy-looking, hungry-eyed, cadaverous fellow stepped into a restaurant on Fourth street and said he wanted a cup of coffee and a piece of bread and butter. The waiter told him that the place sold nothing short of a complete dinner, and the price was fifty cents. Said the stranger, "Well, you see, I ain't real hungry, and I only want a little coffee and a bit of bread."

Waiter—It makes no difference; we sell a whole dinner for fifty cents, and nothing else.

Stranger—You give a hull dinner for fifty cents?

Waiter—Yes, a whole dinner; roast meat, potatoes, succotash, bread, butter, pie, pudding, coffee and tea.

Stranger—Well, I s'pose you give a man all he wants to eat?

Waiter—Oh, yes; we fill you up for fifty cents, and give you a solid, good, plain meal.

Stranger—Well, I've half a mind to eat with ye. The fact is the ole' womin give me a half a loaf of bread and a piece of cold corn beef for a bite, and I eat that up at Carpenter's jes now with a glass of beer. I thought I'd like a good cup of coffee and a little bread and butter to kind o' wash the thing down but ye say ye can't gin'e that?

Waiter—No, sir. We'll give you, as I've said, a solid, square meal for fifty cents. You can eat as little or as much as you please.

The stranger's eyes opened and looked thoughtful for a moment, and then, striking his fist on the table, he exclaimed, "By gum! I b'leeve I'll take it. I ain't right real hungry, but bring on yer roas' beef and taters, suckithash, tea, coffee, bread, pie and puddin'! Bring 'em on. By gum, I'm in for a square meal, and my fifty cents' worth!" The waiter hurried to respond, and the way that stranger's knife and fork played between his mouth and the plates was a caution to greased lightning. It beat half dozen pair of castinets, and sounded more like one of Billy McAlister's bone solos than anything else we ever heard. The waiter stood aghast, and when he turned up with the third plate of roast beef the proprietor, pale as marble, from a Vermont quarry, called him, aside behind the bar.

"For God's sake, who is that fellow?" said he; "he eats victuals as fast as a threshing-machine swallows straw." The stranger's plates were beginning to show bottom again, and his eyes were running up and down the room for the waiter. He did not stop in his eating, but simply turned his back and let fly against the wall with his heels.

"Gi' me s'more roast beef and tater's," he shouted.

The landlord raised his hands in horror.

"Great heaven, James, "he'll clean us out," said he, as the waiter sprang for the kitchen.

"Ain't ye got mor'n wun kind of pie?" inquired the stranger.

"Oh, yes," said the waiter.

"Well, then, bring it on, and giv's sum o' that pud'n, too. Jemimy, 'f I was only hungry, how I'd clean ye out! Bring me two cups of coffee and a cup of tea, too. I ain't only jis beginning to eat."

The landlord listened with dismay, and stopping the waiter, as he entered the kitchen for the fifteenth time, walked solemnly up to the stranger, and said:

"See here, we ain't got enough in the house to feed you. Just go on 'now, I will call it all square. You needn't pay a cent for what you've had.

The stranger became indignant, and declined, saying that his appetite was just coming, and winding up with a very, very emphatic:

"Hanged if I will."

A bright thought struck the landlord, as he walked off in mental agony. Hastening to the bar, he jerked open the till, pulled out a half dollar, and, rushing up to the stranger, placed it in his hand.

"Here, here," said he, "take this and go right up to the Holly Tree Inn, and clean 'em out. Go on. They'll feed you till you bust for fifty cents."

"Well," said the stranger, as he gradually arose and stretched himself, at the same time putting the scrip into his vest pocket. "I don't mind if I do take it. I ain't very hungry anyhow. I only wanted a cup of coffee and a piece of bread and butter, when I come in, but I'm jis as well as satisfied. I guess I'll buy the old mare some oats; wait until I get hum to finish up," and he left.

A TELEGRAPHIC FEAT.

The Troy *Whig* relates the following: "We have heard much of the wonders of cable telegraphy in outrunning time and annihilating space, but an anecdote, related to us last evening by Mr. W. P. Phillips, Assistant Agent of the State Associated Press at New York, who is on a visit to this city, surpasses anything we have ever heard. A gentleman of the Western Union Telegraph Office, at No. 145 Broadway, New York, was sitting in the cable room when a telegram from Philadelphia, destined for Paris, came over the wires. This message, like all others destined for France, was to go over the cable *via* Duxbury, Mass. The operator called Duxbury a few times, and then said: 'That fellow is asleep evidently; but the cable men are always awake. I'll have to get one of them to go in and wake him up." So he stepped to another desk, called Plaister Cove, in Newfoundland, and sent the following message: 'To Cable Operator: Duxbury; Please go in and wake up my own true love.' The message Plaister Cove hastened to send across the ocean to Valencia, Ireland, who in turn 'rushed' it to London, thence it was hurried to Paris, and still onward to the European end of the cable at St. Pierre; the operator there flashing it back to Duxbury. In less than two minutes by the clock the message had accomplished its journey of some 8,000 miles by land and sea, as was evidenced by the clicking of the instrument on the Duxbury desk, which ticked out in a manner a little more petulant: 'That is a nice way to do; go ahead. Your own true love.'"