

PRANKS-OF-CASH-BOYS.

HOW THEY WORRY THE CLERKS IN THE LARGE RETAIL STORES.

Finishing Salesladies' Dresses and the Clerks' Coat-Tails to the Cushioned Stools—Wrapping Up Old Shoes for Customers—Subjected by Fines.

"Cash!" cried the clerk in a prominent dry goods store as he dashed a paper between the leaves of an account-book and brought his pencil down on the counter several times.

"What are the duties of a cash-boy?" asked the reporter, as he gazed around and saw several cotton-headedurchins flitting about here and there.

"The regulation in force in this house have pretty well subdued him, though. There is a fine attached to almost everything he does.

TURNING OUT TO BE MILLIONAIRES. "I don't fancy they are sent here by their parents to make money.

"There is a fiction here that a boy will be lauded if he is caught playing on the pavement, but the merciful law keeps his eyes closed continually on or parted at the end of executions every day.

"When the salesladies were provided with seats inside the counter some time ago, a new field of rascality was opened to the little imps.

"There is so much of the monkey about the average small boy that I fear there is no use in attempting to deny our common origin.

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A DOG WHICH HANKERED.

Recently, on a forenoon a farmer whose wagon needed some repairs, stopped at a blacksmith's shop on one of the avenues.

"Don't anyone let that 'ere dog loose!" cautioned the farmer, as he came from the back end of the shop.

"Then he'd lessen the number of dogs in this village by fifty!" The farmer went away, and the big dog continued to tug and strain to get at the little dog.

"What's the trouble?" "That big dog wants to get free."

He walked up to the post and cut the rope, and the next instant the big dog and the little dog were so mixed up that one could hardly separate them.

"What are you fools laffin' at? Didn't I tell you my dog wouldn't be mean enough to fight anything less'n a panther?"

ADJOURNED THE COURT.

A man who was summoned to serve on a jury began to make excuses, when the judge, interrupting him, said:

"Never mind all that. You should know, sir, that it is your duty to serve your country. The fact that your business is likely to lose no excuse.

"I don't want to hear it." "But you must."

"I tell you that I will not. Mr. Sheriff—" "Jest a minit, Judge, an' then of you say I must serve, I'll serve.

Deacon (cordially)—"Certainly, my dear sir, speak your mind freely."

Minister—"I understand you have been speculating a good deal of late. Now, aside from the danger of such a business and the consequent misery it may entail upon your family, do you consider it just the proper thing for a deacon of the—"

Deacon—"Yes. I admit that I have speculated some. I cleared five thousand dollars only yesterday on a wheat transaction."

Minister (astounded)—"No, is that so? What's wheat worth to-day?"

"A remedy? No, sir; I don't fool away my time and money on remedies. I want to get them hogs into Chicago and sold before sundown to-morrow, and it's going to be a mighty close shave."

"Bromley, you never heard such an eloquent sermon before, I am sure. There was no lagging of interest. Such brilliant passages—" "Yes, Darringer, I admit that. Still, I slept during one of the passages."

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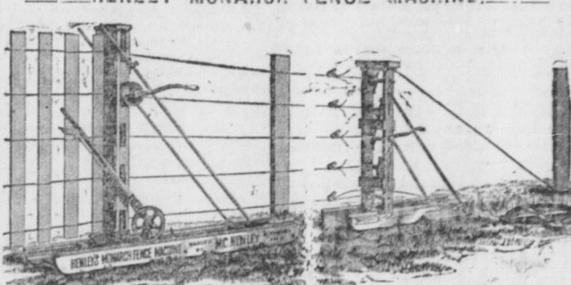
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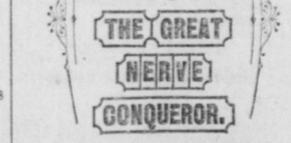
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