

PRANKS-OF-CASH-BOYS.

HOW THEY WORRY THE CLERKS IN THE LARGE RETAIL STORES.

Finning 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 been pretty well subverted here, 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 laughed if he is caught playing on the pavement, but the merciful law keeps his eyes closed continually on the pavement.

"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.

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

"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 suffer is no excuse.

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

Minister (to deacon of the church)—"I want to refer to a matter, my dear deacon, that has been preying on my mind for some time.

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

Minister—"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."

"The passage of the collection basket."

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