A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

A negro in Kansas City named Pete Mayberry-called Hannibal Cæsar for short-with his son, Henry Clay, went to the woods one day last week to look after some rabbit traps they had set. While at work the fierce barking of their dog caused Henry Clay to cast his eyes heaven PIANOS ward and he immediately sung out "'possum dar." Closer inspection showed a pair of glittering eyes glaring down from the tree, which was prima-facie evidence of the existence of the negro's delight. Henry Clay at once stationed himself at the foot, axe in hand, ready to fix the enemy while Hannibal Cæsar retired a short distance and took careful aim with an old blunderbuss. Presently down the gun went off. So, likewise, did Hannibal Cæsar, who for a few mintites gave as fine specimens of ground and lofty tumbling as could be expected with a shoulder out of joint. Meanwhile the varmint came down , from the tree with a yell and proved to be a wildcat, landing with a lunge plump on the top of Henry Clay's devoted head.

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