WANTED WORK.

A robust tramp called at a house on Main street, yesterday, for something to eat, averring, that he had not tasted food this week.

"Why don't you go to work ?" asked the lady to whom he preferred his peti-

tion. "Work !" he ejaculated. "Work ! And what have 1 been doing over since the middle of May but hunting work

the middle of May but hunting work? Who will give me work? When did I ever refuse work?" "Well," said the woman, "I guess I can give you some employment, What can you do ?"

Anything I" he shouted, in a kind of delirious joy. "Anything that any man can do. I'm sick for semething to ily at. Why, only yesterday I worked all day carrying water in an old sieve from Flipt River and emptying it into the Mississippi, just because I was so fired of having nothing to do that I had to work at something or I would have gone ravin' crazy. I'll do anything, from cleaning house to building a steam-boat. Jest give me work, ma'am, an' you'll never hear me ask for bread agin.

The lady was pleased at the willingness and anxiety of this industrious man to do something, and she led him to the wood pile. "Here," she said ; " you can saw

and split this wood, and if you are a good, industrious worker I will find work for you to do nearly all winter."

"Well, now," said the tramp, while a look of disappointment stole over his face, " that's just my luck. Only three days ago I was pullin' a blind cow out of a well for a poor widow woman who had nothin' in the world but that cow to support her, an' I spraint my right wrist till I hain't been able to lift a pound with it sinst. You kin jest put your hand on it now and feel it throb, it's so painful and inflamed. I could jest cry of disappointment, but its a Bible fact, ma'am, that I couldn't lift that ax above my head of I died fur it, and I'd jest as lief let you pull my arm out by the roots as to try to pull that saw through a lath. Jest set me at something I kin do, though, if you want

to see the dust fly." "Very well," said the lady, " then you can take these flower-beds, which have been very much neglected, and weed them very carefully for me. You can do that with your well hand ; but I want you to be very particular with them and get them very clean, and not injure any of the plants, for they are all very choice and I am very proud of

them." The look of disappointment that had been chased away from the industrious man's face when he saw a prospect of something else to do came back deeper than ever as the lady described the new job, and when she concluded he had to remain quiet for a moment before he could control his emotion sufficiently to speak

" If I ain't the most onfortnit man in Ameriky," he sighed. " I'm jest dyin' for work, crazy to get somethin' to do, and 1'm blocked out of work every turn. I jest love to work around flow-ers, but I never dasent do it, fur I'm jest blue ruin among the posies. No. body ever cared to teach me anythin' about flowers, and it's a Gospel truth, ma'am, I can't tell a violet from a sunflower nor a red rose from a dog fennel. Last place I tried to git work at, wo man of the house set me to work weedin' the garden,an' I worked for a couple of hours-monstrous glad to get work, now you bet-an' I pulled up every last livin' green thing in that yard. Hope I may dis if I didn't. Pulled up all the grass, every blade of it. Fact Pulled up a vine with seventy five dol-lars, that had roots reachin' cl'ar under the cellar and into the cistern, and I yanked 'em right up, every fiber of em. Woman was so heart broke when she come out and see the yard just as thousand trout loose on his premises. bare as the floor of a brick-yard that Speckled ones are the best. they had to put her to bed. Bible's truth they did, ma'am; and I had to work for that house three months for nothin, and find my board, to pay fur the damand find iny bound, to pay for a liden't. Jest gimme suthin' I kin do, 1'll show you what work is, but I wouldn't go foolin' around no flowers. You've got a kind heart, ma'am, gimme some work; don't send a despairin' man away hungry for work." "Well," the lady said, "you can beat my carpets for me. They have just been taken up and you can beat them thoroughly, and by the time they are done I will have something else ready for you." The man make a gesture of despair

And when he was rejected and sent forth, jobless and breakfastless, to wan-der up and down the cold, unfeeling world in search of work, he cast stone at the house and said in dejected tones " There, now, that's just the way; They call us a bad lot, and say we're lazy, and thieves, and won't work, when a feller is just crazy to work and no body won't give him nary job that he kin do. Won't work ! Land alive, they won't give us work, an' when ve want to, an' try to, they won't let u-work. There ain't a man in Am riky that 'ud work as hard an' as stiddy as would if they'd gimme a charce."

VARIETIES.

London has over 58,460 millipers and dressmakers. There are 2,300 men on the New

York police force. When you bury animosity, never mind putting up a tombstone.

When you see a young goat asleep, can you call it a case of kid-oapping ?

An Atlanta man had a lady arrested for punching him with her parasol.

A woman in Missouri is not considered an old maid until she is thirty one.

" I think I must look over it," as the horse said to the gate of the clover field.

Girls are not liked as waiters at summerresort hotels - especially by the lady guests.

Four million barrels of flour are required to feed the people of New York for one year.

Vineland, N. J., recently voted " No license" by a majority of 930 in a total vote of 1,030.

"Father, is a parrot that talks a dumb animal ?" "My dear, children should not talk while they are eating."

There is going on in Callifornia, this centennial year, more construction of railroads than in any previous period of the State's history.

A patient recently complained to his physician that he had stuffed him so much with drugs that he was sick a long time after he got well.

A Shelby (Ky.) man sent his water-melons to market in a hearse. Water melancholy sight it must have been.

Reflection is a flower of the mind. giving out a wholesome fragrancy ; but

reverie is the same flower, when rank, and running to seed. Speaking of railroads, it may be re-

marked that they are now built of three gauges, namely : Broad gauge, parrow gauge and mortgage.

Dr. Hammond, of New York, at one time Sergeon-General of the army, is said to have an income of \$60,000 a year from his medical practice.

Always goess " even" on a copper. It may turn up odd for a while, but we have the authority of the poet for it that time at last makes all things even.

The system of injecting ammonia in to the veins as a cure for snakebites is said to be coming into general use in Australia, where it has saved many lives.

In New York the acme of laziness has been reached, for there sun um-brelias are made to be fastened to the back instead of being carried in the hand are offered for saie.

When the war of the Revolution began there was but one man in Mas-achosetts who was worth more than thirty thousand dollars ; there are now forty-five worth more than a million.

A Franklin County (Mass.) husband lately promised his dying wife he would not marry again until the children were large enough to fight for their rights against a step-mother.

Potato bugs are relished by trout Every farmer with a proper regard for his fields should immediately turn a few



and sat down on the ground, the picture of abject helplessness and disappointed aspirations. "Look at me now !" he exclaimed.

"What is goin' to become o' us? Did you ever see a man so down on his luck like me? I tell you, ma'ain, you must give me somethic' I can do. I wouldn't no more dare for to tech them carpets than nothin' in the world. I'd tear 'em to pieces. I'm a awful hard hitter, an' the last time I beat any carpets was for a woman out at Creston, and I just welted them carpets into strings and carpet rags. I couldn't help it. I can't hold in my strength. I'm too glad to get to work, that is the trouble with me, ma'am ; it's a Bible fact. I'll beat them carpets if you say so, but I won't be responsible fur 'em ; no makin' me work for nothin' fur five or six weeks to pay fur tearin 'em into slits, yer know. I'll go at 'em if you'll say the word and take the responsibility, but the fact is, I'm too hard a worker to go foolin' around carpets, that's just what I am."

The lady excused the energetic work-er from going at the carpets, but was puzzled what to set him at. Finally she asked him what there was he would like to do and could do, with safety to

himself and the work. "Well, now," he said, " that's con-siderit in ye. That's real considerit, and I'll take a hold and to somethin' that'il give ye the wuth of yer money, and won't give me no chance to destroy nothin' by workin' too hard at it. If ye'il jest kindly fetch me out a rockin' chair, I'll set down in the shade and keep the cows from liftin' the latch of the front gate and gettio' into the yard. An' I'll do it well and only charge reasonable for it, for the fact is, I'm so dead crazy fur work that it isn't big pay I want so much as a steady job."

The usual number of matrimorial engagements between caders and very young ladies are reported from West Point. The engagements usually last six weeks, and end in what children call a " big crying spell."

There are seven ex-Governors of New York now living. The ex-Governors of New York now living. The ex-Gov-ernors are Hamilton Fish, Horatio Sey-mour, Myron H. Clark, Edwin D. Morgan, Reuben E. Fenton, John T. Hoffman and John A. Dix.

In a divorce case now before the courtin New York the original cause of difficulty between the parties appeared to be that the wife remonstrated too strongly with her husband for eating green raspberries and wanting chicken for dinner.

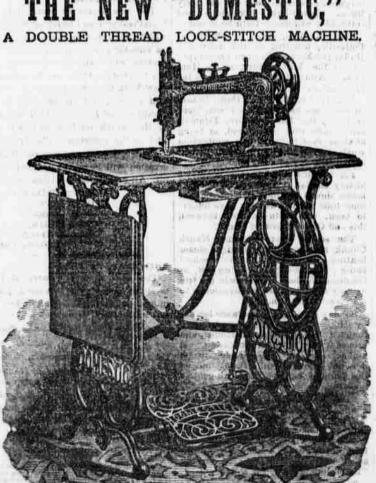
" John," said a doting parent to her gormandizing son, "do you really think you can eat the whole of that pudding with impunity ?" "I don't know,ma," replied young hopeful, " but I guess I can with a spoon."

and with a spoon. Hurgied y biggiedy, here we lie, Police and pickes, and put in a pie. Divide us in half and i'm sure you will wonder To see what a figure we make when saunder. My second is busy and active and proving. Buchingstedy, pirgledy, here we he Publed and pieced, and put is a pie. Currants seur-onts.

Four legged men seem to exist in the interior of the State, for the York Daily tells of a man in York County, near the Maryland line, who fell in front of a mowing machine when it was in motion, and had " both hind legs painfully cut, one of them so bad that it will require amputation."

A good joke is going the rounds of the western part of this State at the expense of the erudite editor of one of the Michigan dailies, who, on discovering a fire, rushed out into the street shouling : Conflagration 1 conflagration 11 con-flagration 111 Approximate hither with the implements of deluge and extinguish this combustion."

A man who was not elever at conun drums, in attempting to get off one at a tea party at his own house the other evening, became exceedingly mixed. He intended to ask the old question, "Why is a woman live ivy ?" the familiar but gatiant answer to which is, "Because, the more you're ruined the closer she clings." But he put it, "Why is ivy like a womap?" which none of the ladies could tell, and so the un ortunate man told them bimself that it was " Because the closer it clings the more you're ruined."



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