He "Squz" Her.

On the west side of Ninth Street, within sight of the Hatchet office, is a large grocery. In the employ of the firm is a colored man who is out, almost constantly, delivering groceries from a yellow wagon. From carrying bags of flour in and out so frequently he look like a 'rusty, dusty miller.'

A few days ago in the course of business he delivered an order to one of our citizens residing on Rhode Island avenue. As usual, he took the articles back into the kitchen, where was a rather good looking colored servant. the bill up stairs, and said : 'De groceries hab come, and de man am waitin' fur his money.'

It happened that the master of the house was at home, and, after looking at her a moment, he inquired:

'What's the matter with you Ma-

'Dere ain't puffin de matter dat I knows on,' said she trying to look very innocent.

'Yes there is. What have you been

doing ?" 'Deed I ain't been doin' nuffin.'

'Maria,' said the master rather sternly, 'you'd better own up. How came that flour all over the front of your dress? And your face looks as if it had been inside a flour bag. Own

She shifted her weight nervously from one foot to the other, looked upon the whitened front of her dress and finally said :

I allus tell de truf, sah. Dat nig-I couldn't help it, sab, 'deed I of months. couldn't!

As she went down the gentleman saved up \$22. stepped to the head of the stairs, and

heard her say: 'De boss done foun' you out, he · seed de flour on my dress. Now you'll

cotch it! 'Lor' bless your soul, honey, you did'n' tell him, did you ?' he said in a hoarse whisper.

"Deed I didn't, answered she. 'I never tells nobody nuffin, I don't.'

'Doan' you do it now. Doan' you tell him. Kase if you does I'll lose my place shuah.'

And he put the money in his pocket without counting it, and crept out of the door so noislessly, and shut the gate so carefully, that the old cat who was watching asparrow beside the doorstep never looked up nor ceased to glare upon her prey.

Not Well Qualified.

You say that you are strong and bardy?

'Yes sir.' 'Not afraid to work ?'

'No, sir.'

'Can get up early in the morning?'

'In perfect health and strength?' 'Yes, sir.'

'And are very anxious to become a

blacksmith ?" 'Yes, sir.'

'What proof can you give me that you possess all these qualities?' 'I was a Yale college student.'

'Did vou graduate?'

'No, sir; I failed to pass the exam-'Failed to pass an examination.

'Yes, sir. I gave more attention to developing my muscles than my mind.'

'Well, you had better give up the idea of becoming a blacksmith. You no doubt possess the necessary robustness, but you haven't intellect enough to make a good horseshoer. You ought to have a rich father.'

'Is Mrs. McSnifter in?' asked Mrs. Yeager of the servant who took her card at the McSnifter mansion on Austin avenue.

'No, she done went out about an hour ago. I don't know when she gwinter come back, but I king run up stairs and ax her for you.'

"Mamma," said a little girl, "do all the wicked people go to the bad place?" "Yes, dear." And all the good people go to heaven ?" "Yes." "Ain't some people wickeder than other people!" "Yes, I suppose they are." "Well I think that the people who are not so very, very wicked ought to go to the bad place only in the winter time."

"Mary, be careful, my child, when going out. Have a will of your own." "Oh, I've got a Will of my own, mother, but he can't be with me all the time."

He Had a Joke.

"Do those alligators bite?" inquired a man with hair the color of a gosling, as he poked his nose around the

"Not very often.' replied the editor. "Are you armed?" asked the lightaired man.

"No, we never go armed."

"Are you in a pretty good humor?" "First rate, first rate," replied the editor, who smelled a spring poem, and quietly drew the poker up where he could reach it to throw.

"Well, now, I just thought I would In a few minutes the servant brought drop in and see you. I have a little,

> who wanted to get the man in range. The man walked in as requested.

"I want to give you a joke." "All right, what is it?"

"It is this; You must first say something about a man who cares for nothing outside of horses.",

"Yes." "And then say that to him life is but a span-meaning, you know, a

span of horses, and then---' But the gosling-haired man jumped for the stairway, and left behind him a ripple of fiendish laughter that haunted the building for the rest of the day .- Puck.

Near Enough

A Michigan girl told her young man that she never would marry him until he was worth \$100,000. So he started out with a brave heart to make it.

"How are you getting on George?"

blushingly remarked: "I reckon that's near enough, George.'

\$22 in cold cash looks like a good deal of money to a Michigan girl.

"Oh, ps, there is an awful fight around

the corner! "Yes!" said pa indifferently .

"And one man has chewed the other's

"Yes?" "And the other man has shot off his pistol and killed a baby!',

"Poor baby, yawned pa. "Ain't you goin' round there?"

"Presently," replied ps. In a short time everything became quiet, and pa rushed frantically around the corner and arrested an old woman for selling matches without a license.

Pa was a policeman.

I think I shall go to the circus his year when it comes around,' said the minister to his wife.

'Why my dear,' she exc'aimed, shock ed at the idea, 'you will surely not act so inconsistently. You have always While there, although a diligent stuopposed theatres, circuses and ; ings of that kind.'

'That is true, but the circus this year has a sacred elephant, and o course there can't be any narm in going to see

'Certainly not, my dear: we will go together.'

Merchant (to his clerk, "young n an doned the offences of his son. in love)": "John, are you cozy ? I told you to write and ask for the best figures on that coffee, and you handed me this, than usual they serenaded the daughter 'my little birdie-I have told your pa of a wealthy burgher, Schoppfen by that I love you to distraction, that you name, to whom Melz had been paying are more to me than the sun, moon and attention, and while doing so a patrol stars and sweeter than the honey that commanded by a Lieutenant Wertzern is sipped by the bees,' and a lot more ordered them to disperse. Meiz prononsense. Now, sir suppose I had hasti. ly signed that letter and sent it!"

Teacher -"What do we learn by the transalation of the Prophet Elisha?" Dull boy-"That he saved his funeral

expenses."

Teacher (severely) -"James!" "Dull boy-"That's wot my pa says he's an undertaker, he is, and I guess he knows. Pa 'lows he would't like to have folks to go off that way now a

Sunbeams.

"There's some things as old as the h'lls anyhow," said Uncle Reuben. "What are they?" asked his niece. "They're the valleys between 'em, child" solemnly answered the old

A little boy went to his first teaparty when four years old. Upon his hostess asking him how he liked his having found that the crime of the young tea, he replied: "It is very nice, but it tastes very much of the water."

A housekeeper asks: "What is the simplest way to keep jelly from moulding on the top?" "Shut a small boy up in the pantry for a few

The fashionable craze just now seems to be for "big dorgs."

A gentleman who was bitten by a dog was asked: "Do you suppose the animal was mad?" Mad! What right had he to be mad? He wasn't half as mad as I was."

The following excuse was written to a Southbridge school teacher: "Tommie stade home cuz he had no close and that's excuse enuff, god noes." Tommie was excused.

"Thank Heavens!" exclaimed a fond father, as he paced the floor at midnight with his howling heir, 'thank heavens you are not twins."

A good minister asked a Burlington girl what representative of the religious press she liked best, and she "Walk right in," said the editor, replied: "My Sunday night beau."

> Newspapers are frequently called the moulders of public opinion, but some of them act more as if they were mere scolders.

> Make up your mind whereabouts out of town you'll spend the summer and then don't go away at all if you want an enjoyable time. The Tartars pull a man by the ear

> to press him to drink. In this country civilization has so far advanced that a wink generally suffices.

Nobleman And Bartender.

A romantic story has just been divul. ged at Albany, N. Y. Until within a few weeks there was employed at Henry Dorr's Cosmopolitan beer shop, in that city, a young man as bar-tender, Charles Melz, whose classical accomplishments astonished many of the fre. quenters of the place. He possessed a full knowledge of Greek and Latin, was gah done caught me and squz me, but she asked at the expiration of a couple an adept at fencing, and spoke fluently in English. French and Spanish, as "Well," George said hopefully I have well as in German. He was a handsome man, tall and slender, and culti-The girl drooped her eyelsshes and vated a full blonde mustache. He was always reticent about himself, dressed quietly, seldom desired to talk with any one upon current affairs, and had a slight accent. When people wished to indulge in quotations from any author, whether classic or otherwise, he seemed to take an interest, and for a time he became, among the better educated members of the Legislature and their friends, quite an umpire upon all matters relating to literature. No one new his history. He went on drawing beer, seldom drinking, and never telling the story of his life.

On May 29 a brother of Melz went to the saloon, and a warm greeting took place, and the brother remained in Albany several days, when both went to New York. But before he went away is one of the most curious romances know . He is the eldest son of Baron Stenidorf, of Saxony, who is said to have been one of the leaders of the opposition to Bismark, and was sent to Heidelberg in 1877, when he was 18 years old, to complete his education. dent at his books, he was also a studious s color at the most necessary art in He celb rg-tnat of fencing. He was also somewhat of a roysterer, and frequerry complaints were made to his fat ur by the Heidelberg authorities of his digerous pranks. The father, however, was lenient, and redily con-

One night when young Melz and his fellow-dudents were more hilarious posed to the Lieutenant that the two settle the matter between them on the spot. The challenge was accepted, and in two passes Meltz passed his weapon through the Lieutenant's breast, Melz's friends immediately hurried him away, and after several weeks of hiding he was enabled to cross the Voges Mountains and make his way to Marseilles, whence he sailed for America. He arrived in New York, attempted school teaching, found it paid him little more than his board; he went to Albany, and for nearly six months was a bartender for Henry Dorr. In the mean time he had heard nothing from home. On May 29 the yonger brother of Melz found him, after two years search, and gave him the information that the father had died two years before and left his title to the elder brother (the bartender) with about \$60,000, 100 acres of land and the ancestral mansions.

The two brothers went to New York Landgrave in killing the Lieutenant in a duel will probably be condoned. They expect to sail for home.

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