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The Famous Humorist Strikes the Bank of England

FOR A TRIFLE OF A LOAN.

Four Well-Fed Directors Overcome With Astonishment.

ONE GOOD ENOUGH FOR AMERICA.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCE.] NEW YORK, April 5.

HE cheekiest man in America, and one of the most interesting and sought for characters in New York, has just returned to the metropo lis after his third visit to London, and he brings with him a nar ration of his experience which certainly more than justifies his reputation as an exponent of American unconven tionality. The individual is J. Armoy Knox, manager of Tezas Siftings, and a frequent writer for THE DIS-PATCH. He is a very remarkable character He dresses in the most eccentric manner, but is as keen as a Sheffield blade. Harum-scarum is a mild term to char-

and yet he is a shrewd man of business. He parts his hair in the middle, and allows it to grow long beneath the shade of a black sombrero, whose rim casts that of Buffalo Bill's in the shade. He displays long, straggling side-whiskers of the Dundreary brand, wears a light plaid suit ; of a Sing Sing pattern, and envelops his pounds of avoirdupois in an ulster in which John L. Sullivan might successfully

hide from a Mississippi Sheriff. He has the appearance of being a combination of the cowboy and a dude, but the man who measures him as a flat will be left at the tail of the procession. Although an Irishman by birth, he has the cuteness of the Yankee and the good-fellowship of the thorough American.

A METEORIC JOURNALIST.

An experience as a sewing machine agent in Texas and Louisiaus prepared him for the trials of journalism on the Bio Grande. Less than nine years ago he bought a weekly paper in Austin, Tex., paying for it \$600, which expenditure left him a cash surplus of \$300. This publication had exactly subscribers. One week later, on May 13, 1881, it appeared as the first number of the now celebrated Tezas Siftings. Novel business methods which Knox invented have had much to do with its success. In faraway London big omnibuses rattle along the streets bearing in mammoth letters the injunction to read his paper. Knox's facial expanse has received even the indorsement of that eminent nast mater in the art of cheek, Colonel Thomas P. Ochiltree. The humorist sent the red-headed ex-Con-

along the streets of London wearing his reverential air he opened a very large door superlatively rimmed sombrero, his plaid way, and with a whisper suggestive of a way, and with a whisper suggestive of a peep into the harem of the Turkish Sultan superlatively rimmed sombrero, his plaid suit and his gigantic ulster, and felt not the slightest tremor of embarrassment when crowds followed at his heels. His experience he said: "This is the boardroom of the di rectors of the Bank of England." an best be told in his own words: "I received much kind attention from a very prominent banker and broker to whom I had been strongly recommended. One day

" 'Is that so?' I ejaculated, and moved by a sudden impulse I sprang torward. I had moved 40 feet before I heard the flunkey moved to beet, before I heard the hunkey cjaculate in a voice suggestive of cold perspiration: 'Bless my soul!' and this re-echoed by my friend and his wife with 'Bless my soul!' 'Bless my soul!' but I had gone too far to retreat and too far for my plum-colored friend to follow me. INTO THE AUGUST PRESENCE.

morning.

I Split the Truth Wide Open.

he said to me: 'My dear Colonel, I will take you to-day to view the Tower of London "'You will do nothing of the kind,' I answered. " 'Then through the Houses of Parlisment.

" 'Not much,' I replied. "Ab, then!" he exclaimed, "I will give you a rare treat. For more than 18 months the vaults of the Bank of England, the greatest financial institution in the world, have been closed to everyone except those who beer orders from a certain number of well-known people. I can give you a card which will gain you admission; in fact, my-self and my wife will go there with you and acterize his appearance, see that you are given every facility for in-

spectio "I had to confess that this invitation met with my approval. Incredible as it may seem, although it does not account for my presence in this country, I was once bank cashier, having charge of the Belfast branch of the Ulster Bank, a financial institution of Ireland, which has 39 branches and which excells in the magnitude of its operations any banking concern in this country. IN THE FAMOUS BANK.

"I said I would be glad to visit the old lady of Threadneedle street. We were met at the door by a number of flunkeys who wore plum-colored coats covered with lots of silver buttons, and one of them having taken our cards within, we were so greeted by a gentlemanly attired clerk, who bade us welcome and designated one of the plum-colored servitors to act as our guide and instructed him to show us everywhere through the great institution. We looked upon the machines printing Bank of En-gland notes, upon the machines which sorted them, upon the girls who inspected them, upon their final disposition and I all the time wondering why they issued such

flimsy stuff when we set them such a better example with our msgnificently engraved Treasury chromos. "Then we were taken into the lower vaults where there are enormous trucks, such as we have in railway stations, each one loaded heavily with large bricks of gold, none of which weighed less than 14 pounds, as I afterward learned. There was a truck marked 'Rothschild,' another brand-

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ot repay this loan which I have requested? "There was a quick chorus of 'Ob, by no means, my dear sir,' which I think was enmeans, my dear sit, which I tains as cu-tirely owing to my sombrero, for my appear-ance without head covering can scarcely be called fierce. Then I said with a laugh: "Your surprising reluctance in this matter reminds me of an incident down in Texas."

"I looked within upon an apartment much larger than Steinway Hall, New York; a room capable of seating several thousand people. Its magnificently fres-coed ceiling was wonderfully high. Upon And then I told him one of my very best Rio Grande chestnuts, which I have repubtis walls hung paintings by old masters, and I swear some of them were 20 feet long and 7 feet high; the paintings, of course, I mean and not the masters. At the far end lished with great success not less than 20 times. They didn't appear to like it at first, but at its conclusion the fattest man of the but at its conclusion the lattest man of the lot, a perfect Cheeryble bother in appear-ance, burst out laughing and said: "Take a seat, sir,' and when I had done so, he in-quired in the most jovial manner, 'Who are of this enormous apartment and almost hid in gloom and distance were four whiteyou, sir?"

in gloom and distance were four white-haired gentlemen sitting around a table. Of the plum-colored one. I inquired in my easy American way: 'Who are the mokes at the other end of the room?' "He looked at me horror stricken, and then in tones full of awe he answered: 'Why bless your soul, they're the directors of the great Bank of England.' "In answer I gave him one of my cards. They all looked at it and the fat director said: 'Why, bless my heart, you are the gentleman who has all those placards on our 'buses. Tell us another of those stories.' I

buses. Tell us another of those stories. I pledge you my word of honor those four old cocks kept me there for more than one hour recing off the biggest Texan whoppers I knew, while in the dim distance of the doorway I saw my friend and his wife and the purple flunkey standing in dumb amarement, and not daring to move an inch forward.

A LITTLE MORE COLD WATER.

"But finally I said: 'Gentlemen, I am glad to have entertained you, but what about that little bill I want discounted, that's what I dropped in for as I was pass-"He would as soon have thought of burglarizing his way into the kingdom of ing by.' Then the face of the Chairman be-came grave again as he said: 'Well, my dear sir, you know we must observe the regular forms in such affairs. You submit burgiarizing his way into the Kingdon of heaven as during to enter that sacred pres-ence without a command. The four gray-haired geutlemen seemed very far away when I found myself in the center of the the paper and in the course of a couple of great hall, but my sombrero and my ulster gave me coufidence, and I was determined weeks there will be a report made upon it, which, I hope, will be entirely satisfactory to you.' I looked very much disappointed to show them that an American citizen, even though he was not a free-born one, was not to be awed by the wealth of a bloated monarchy. I finally and answered: 'But, my dear sirs, I can't wait for any such period of time. I must

have the money now." "At this point, Mr. Cheeryble-for so I must call him-beckoned me to one side and whispered to me: 'My dear sir, those eached the table where the four directors sat, but I cannot depict the amazement exand upon their well-'ed countenances. hadn't the slightest idea what I intended are famously clever stories of yours; now, of course, we never can deviate from the regusaying, but I was determined to increase saying, out 1 was determined to increase their astonishment if possible, and so plac-ing both my hands paims downward upon the baize covered table and pushing my sombrero to the back of my head, 1 smiled lar form required in such financial matters, but I will tell you what I will do on my personal account and from my own pocket; to-morrow the directors, including all of us who are here, will lunch in this room at 10:30 o'clock. I will also invite some other upon them and pleasantly said: 'Gentle-men, I have the honor to wish you goodpersonal friends to meet you, and if you will give me the honor of your presence and will not consider it an affront, if I should sug-gest that we will be delighted to hear some "The old fellows were not to be outdone in politeness, and while I saw written upon their faces that they looked upon me as an escaped lunatic, the quartet said in chorus: 'Good morning, sir,' and then the man at the head of the table, who I afterward learned was the Chairman, added, 'To what of those remarkable Texan tales, I will loan you £500 before we separate to-morrow, and you can return it to me when you get back to America. are we indebted for the honor of this visit?" "'Well, gentlemen,' I answered, 'I am a

TOO GOOD FOR ENGLAND.

stranger in this city, and I have been having a rather good time with some of you

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"Cheeryble's generosity was almost too much for me. I didn't need a penny of course, and this suggestion of the loan had only come to me when I had reached the baize-covered table, and I was almost sorry I had indulged in the joke when that beam-ing-faced, big-hearted Englishman offered to relieve what he believed to be my financial embarrassment. As I grasped his hand, I said to him: 'If you ever come to America, you will never be allowed to return to Enland; you are too good for this country. I left him, promising to return in the morn-

"When I reached the doorway I found the purple flunkey standing in a damp circle of his own perspiration. When I attempted to make humble apologies to my two friends the banker would not listen to it, but appeared to think that the greatest honor of his life had been conferred upon him when his guest had been permitted to sit for more than one hour and converse with the directors of the great Bank of England. I suppose I should have returned the next day and seen the thing through, but when I thought of Cheeryble's honest face and generous offer I did not have the heart to do so, fearing that his phlegmatic brethren might not be able to thoroughly appreciate bit of American humor. This incident s absolutely true, and unless this narration of it comes to their eyes those four gray-haired Englishmen are still wondering why

THE BOWLING GREEN

Game That is Supported by City Governments in Scotland

BECOMING POPULAR IN AMERICA.

It Differs From Curling in Being Played on Turf Instead of Ice.

HOW PLAYERS MAKE CURVE SHOTS

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.1 HERE are sev eral games to

which the Scotch give considera ble attention, but none is more characteristic of the people than curling. It is well known in America that curling is a game played on ice, and as there is in America an international league of curlers it must be

well understood in spite of the mild winter that has prevailed in centers where the game otherwise would have had many exhibitions. The Scotchman's love of curling, his winter game, is so great that he has invented another game that takes its place even in the hot . season, and in winters like this it is played the year round.

This game is "bowling," a very different affair from the game known in our country by the same name. "Bowling" is, as nearly by the same name. "Bowling" is, as nearly as possible, a transfer of curling to smooth turf. In every town of Scotland of any size whatever there is a public green set apart is possible. The result is that whatever there is a public green set apart

for bowling. In Edinburgh there are three straight course for three or four rods and that I know of, and this takes no account of then begins to turn inward along the directhe greens maintained and used by private clubs. I have in mind one green at the This gives room for an infinite amount of clubs. I have in mind one green at the northern end of the city not far from skillful play on the part of the bowlers. The ball is so held that the side of it, which Holyrood Palace where a half acre or so has is a perfect hemisphere, lies outward in the been set aside by the City Government for hand and the play is never directed exactly bowling. I wandered in last fall as the at the object ball. The player prefers to so throw the ball that it shall start apparently gate was open and sat on a turf bench for several minutes watching the play. Five toward a very different part of the field from that in which the "jack" lies, but that, obeying the influence of the laws of physics, it shall eventually curve toward the "jack," games were in progress at the time on the same turt, and presently, a fourth hand being required to start a new game, I was

invited to join. A PENNY AN HOUR.

For this I paid the enormous sum of one penny, which privileged me to play for one hour. After that time I was forced by municipal law to resign my hand in order that others might come in. There is nothing corresponding to this in

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rolled along the turf from the hand of the player. One ball is of porcelain; very small, about twice the size of hen's egg. This, at the beginning of a game, is rolled forward by one of the players with the idea that it shall stop somewhere near the other side of the green. Once it comes to rest it becomes the target for subsequent play.

LIGHTING NEAR THE JACK. Then the player aims to roll his ball in such a way that it shall come to rest very near the object ball, which in the parlance of the game is known as the "jack." There may be two or four players in a game. In the latter case, which is most ordinary, the players are divided into partners. It would seem a simple thing to roll a ball across 70 to 100 feet of turf and cause it to land within a short distance of an object; but, as I can speak from experience, this is no simple matter. In the first place, one has to learn, the force to be used in placing the ball, because the turf may be more or

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ering their ball take the attitude depicted in the illustration accompanying this ar-

ticle. The diagram represents the course of a ball played from the oileloth toward the ob-ject ball, the aim in the illustrated shot be-ing to bring the played ball within the space between the ball B and the object ball C. The dotted line shows the course that the ball would pursue if directed by a skillful player. It will follow a straight line from the point of delivery for three or four rods, and then it will curve sharply to the right or cording as the perfect hemisphere of the ball is held to the left or right in the hand that plays it. This makes it possible not only to knock an opponent's ball out of a favorable

ment of all the newest plain and novelty lightweight fabrics for spring and summer position, but to work one's own balls into a better place by judging accurately in two things: First, the force of play which is necessary to send the ball across the green wear. TTSSU the requisite distance, and, second, to judge the curve which will be acquired by that same force in the course of the ball's run. by Dabbs, and the reason is his pictures are the closest possible to what is really most

THE JACK IN THE DITCH.

LACE CURTAINS-New designs opened If it so happens that the "jack" by mis-play is knocked into the ditch, then all subthis week in prices from \$2 to \$10 per pa sequent plays are measured according to the special value in Irish points at \$7 50 and \$10. position which the jack occupies in the ditch, but no ball which is carelessly bowled TISSU into the ditch counts in measurement

thereof. Every Scotchman plays this game, and Every Scotchman plays this game, and the skill acquired by some of the best players is simply marvelous. Judgment of curves is wonderfully accurate. I played it one time for a game of 21 points, which took two hours to accomplish, both sides being very evenly matched. There seemed to be no especial difficult exercise in playing, yet the next morning my right arm, with which I had bowled, and my whole right side were lame and sore from the exertion.

It seems to me that with all the open lands available in America for the practice of athletic sports this game should find ready admirers in all States, and inasmuch as there is no exact weight or size of the balls required in the play it



A-Play ball at the start. BB-Played balls. C-The jack. D-The position made by A after following be course indicated by the line A-D,

would appear to be an easy thing to adopt

the game in any locality. In Scotland every player has his own set f four balls turned according to the shape it. If it were not for this flattened surface he most desires and according to the weight which is most favorable for his style. On of the playing ball, the game would be largely devoid of skilled interest. the public greens there is a uniform weight and style which naturally conflicts with the best individual play. But it any hardwood is used and a ball turned from it

As I have said above, the player stands upon a piece of oilcloth when he projects his ball toward the opposite side of the green. In connection with this it may be said that no care of a grassed ground is greater than that bestowed by Scotchmen greater than that bestowed by Scotchinen upon their bowling greens. The superin-tendent, or gamekeeper, or whatever he may be called, is employed at a regular wage to keep the ground in order, see that it is well rolled and that the grass grows smoothly over the whole surface; and the oldeloth prevents any wear of the

To keep up personal appearances under the most invorable circumstances is ample tax upon the average citizen, yet how many estimate their attire by the price they pay for it. There was a time when tailor-mad clothing commanded the greatest advantages, but as recently demonstrated by the truly elegant and stylish ready-made suits, as introduced and still carried, by Gusky's, there is no longer room left for criticism. They are now daily conclusively convincing the most skeptical and prejudiced that they are enabled to supply precisely the same goods, equal workmanship and bearing a far superior finish to tailor work, for less than

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apparatus for gas mains; Geo. Koenig and S. H. Stupakof, interlocking apparatus for operating signals; M. V. Smit, steam boiler furnace; same, burning fuel and

utilizing heat and gases; Wm. B. Sterritt, apparatus for forming sand molds.

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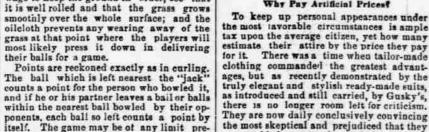
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CATARRH IN CHILDREN. THEY ARE AS SUBJECT TO IT AS ADULTS, AND MUCH OF THE TROUBLE REFERRED TO OTHER DISEASES, SUCH AS HABITUAL HEAD-ACHE, COUGHS, WORMS, COLIC, ETC., 15 CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

which is about five inches in diameter, the player must suit himself as to the other requirements, only bearing in mind that a very slight depression of one surface is neces-sary to enable the ball to make the curve de-

manded in the most skillful delivery. FREDERICK R. BURTON.

Why Pay Artificial Prices?



The ball which is left nearest the "jack" counts a point for the person who bowled it, and if he or his partner leaves a bail or balls within the nearest ball bowled by their opnents, each ball so left counts a point by itself. The game may be of any limit pre-scribed in advance, but the regulation Scotch game consists of 21 points scored in



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