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One day last week a stout fellow, with a beard like a shoe-brush, went into the barber shop of Mansfield & Button, Exchange St., Rochester, and took a chair for a shave. One of the young men in attendance waited upon him promptly, gave him a close shave, and put him in first-rate order to make a decent appearance in the streets. When the process was complete and the stranger was ready to depart, he made an inspection of his pockets, and finally found a cent, which he handed to the boy in payment for the service he had performed. H was politely informed that the price of shaving was a sixpence. The man replied very cooly, "I know it, and that (pointing to the cent) only lacks five cents of it! You ain't agoing to stand for half a dime?"

There was no appeal from this. All the people in the shop, customers included, were convulsed with laughter at the impudence of the fellow, but his gravity was unshaken. He took his hat and departed, calculating, no doubt, that he had driven a good bargain with the barber, and was soon casting about for another chance to save half a dime.

Didn't Give It Up.

One of our citizens is blessed, or otherwise, with a very stubborn wife. In his case he finds that when a woman will she will, you may depend on't and when she won't she won't an that's an end on't. The peculiarity of disposition in his wife is no secret among his associates and one of them

meeting him the other day asked; "Well-, do you know why you are

like a donkey?" "Like a donkey!" echoed W---, opening his eyes wide. "No I don't."

"Do you give it up?"

ness itself."

" I do." "Because your better half is stubborn-

"That's not bad. Ha! ha! I'll give that to my wife when I go home." "Mrs. W--," he asked as he sat down to supper, "do you know why I am like a

He waited a moment, expecting his wife to give it up, but she didn't, she looked at him somewhat commiseratingly as she

answered: "I suppose it's because you were born

W-has abjured the habit of putting conundrums to his wife.

How he Got Over. In Scotland they have narrow, openditches they call sheep-drains. A man wasriding a donkey one day across a sheep pasture, and when Mr. Donkey came to a sheep-drain he would not go over it. Sothe man rode him back a short distance, and turned him around, and put the whipto him, thinking of course that the donkey going so fast, would jump the drain before he ever knew it. But not so. On they came, and when the donkey got to the drain he stopped all of a sudden, and the man went over Mr. Donkey's head. No sooner had he touched the ground than he got up, and looking Mr. Donkey straight in the face, he said, "Very weel pitched, but then how are ye going to get over yer-

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POLLY PETERSON.

A man travelling, entered a tavenn and seeing no one present but the landlord and a negro, seated himself, and entered into conversation with the negro. Shortly, he asked Sambo if he was dry? Sambo said he was. Stranger told him to go to the bar, and take something at his expense. Negro did so, and shortly left. Landlord says to the stranger:

"Are you acquainted with that nigger?" "No, never saw him before; but why do you ask ?"

"I supposed so from your conversing with him, and asking him to drink."

"Oh," said the stranger, "I was experimenting. The fact is, I was dry too, and I thought that if your liquor didn't kill the negro in fifteen minutes, I would venture to take a drink myself."

Landlord's curiosity fully satisfied.

A Complacent landlord of a mountain hotel at breakfast the other morning, planted his thumbs in his waistcoat armholds leaned significantly back in his chair and said:-" Gentlemen, where do you think that beefsteak comes from ?" "From near the horn," was the quiet reply of one of the boarders. It is singular that the landlord hasn't put any conundrums to his boarders since.

"How one thing brings up another," said a lady absorbed in pleasing retrospection. "Yes," replied the practical Dibbs, an emetic for instance.

"I'm not myself at all to day," said a bore to a wit. "No matter for that," was the reply ; "Whoever else you be, you are the gainer by the change."