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## Old Uncle Joe.

Bominable! mother. How ca tis too bad, really, Lou" replled the legnot lady, from her easy echair, "bui he's ridh, you know, and 1 'm his only
Niece ; aud if we ase not elvil to him, we
him Niece ; and if we ars not civil to him, wo
stanill lose his money ; so we may do as well as we wan.
"What a Bell, as the excitement now?" exclaim"Manma has just received a lotter from her funsy old Unole Joe, telling her h h
Is coming to spend the holidays with us Only think of the andacity! Not waiting to bo invited, or acking if it wouid be
agreenhie, but just telling us so is coming." "Who is Unelo doe, anytion
"Yos you have henrry of him, Bell, he", chars in the East Iudies, wish hoo'd nevee "ome back" ".
"Old ugly of course, we can't have
mother" lim mother."
"But we must have him, and treat him "ell,too. Ho has a million at least and
may possibly bo generous at Christmas," replied Mra. Lansing
"Oh 1 That puts quite a different fliee oin
 unble.
"That cashmero nhuwl, at Stowart's:
uas the thing! Nellie, it takes you to Suat the thing! Nellie, it takes you to
contrive. rin have that, and old Unole
Joe shanl pay for t , or I misas my calcula Joe shall
fions." Weill, girls Ih
he must have the
scheming mother. "Olis no, no, the Herberts are to have
that room. Let old Joe have the buck vom,", said Bell. e decide to treat him well, he must band "Yes we"ll give him the best, and wisht
"e was in Jericho all the time," exelhimed Vellie.
"Well, don't lot him know you wial "im there, that's all I have to say," roplied
tho mother, as she eetlled back to her road ing.
There was a listener to this conversation, In the sewing room which opened of the back partor, the door of which stood wide
open. Thooughtfal Mary Lee, the new canmatrose, who had aut just found this
"situation," dropped her work in aston ithment. Were these the pooplo she han
oome to ilive with? ? h heartless, so entirely "unprincipled
She carricd a shindow of sadneess upon her teeny nee anil day. In the evening as shi
nat her work in tho same place, hio wna stlll more murprised to find that Mr. Lan-
sing, not only approved tho deceitful plans of $h$ is wife and
Givo Lncle Joe a grand reoeption,
aid Mr. Lansing: arrango yourselves said Mr. Lansing; arrange yourselves in
tableaux, and have your soft speeches
all concocted," in concocted."
"Excellont ${ }^{4}$ replied Bell.
Never mind childron, remember th money. und do your parts will," said the
mother. Mr. Lansing bit his lipe and re mained silent. Let us hope that some
where hid away, be had the remmant of where hit
heart
Alas for dared to chereridh that sweet Mary Lee had phaned condition, sho had found a home Yow, ero one week was passed, the filmb
vell was truth and sincerity existed hero.
Such a sad feeling of dimppointment opWhero alouldat sho flad the real in this de Insive world?
Aitting with her embroidery, in one of the bay windoorw, oxelaimed: "Here comen
the old oodjer $\%$ ",
"One of the said Boll, looking over her siater's Allonlder "Yen, didan

## rom there" " aald her mother. "Why don'tho stay there <br> Why don't ho stay there !", sald Bel, petulantly, "But see, mother,

 petuannuly, "But mee, mother, ho is notso oll, nor bad looking eithor. Now for our speech of welcome.
Mrs. La
mbraced her relative as the enterod, exdaliming: "So delightfful in you to giv thiss auprinee. But why ddy you not come
to us the very hour you landed? Wo cal mako you so much at home.
During thir addross tho gentloman re
plied not a word, but gazod steadily at heo haco; then raising hisio circular cloak, re venied an oar trumpot of unusual alize
 Mra, Lunsing looked at her daughtem in wan lont, or muat bo shouted into thio trum pot. It was too much. She mand: I am
giad to seoe youn, am sorry you are deaf." "TMm not don at anl, madam, but I may vear botter with think", "Noll deof at all, Nell: If that
"
killing," said Minan Bell aside, as stid arose,
her mother shouting in the mell her mother shouting,
"my danghiter Bell."
"How do you do Mrse, Boll,", said the indy vialting you 1 infer," said he. Oh I no Uncle Joe, you must own me
We are all so glad to seo you," re plied Boll. Madam, indeed P " exelaimed Bell, in Cone of vexation.
all with such a pest "Perhaps you"ll
comprehend in in compreben
shanw,
introdnceed.

## "There

 "readfal afiair," nald Bell,lin no supprosed
"Yes it's a wondrons help, when one's

iro is at bolling point," replice Nellio. Patient Mary Lee, fitting with open door Chat her room might recelve alittlo warnth sation and her heart ncheded to soe one suffer| ing from |
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| upon. |
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This was a pretty fair sample of matters for meveral days. Chistmass had passed,
and the expocted festivitien. The house ana the expocted eastivites.
was illed with company, and Unelo Joo was treated with apparent civility, to hif
face, whillo often tho same moment, quite near him too, the most ungracious things near
wero said.
then
It was the last day of tho year, and Nellio
bad just been saying, "How dreadfol, to have this old creature sitting here to-morro w, while we receive calls."
"Yes, indeed,"
really, I have some comfortable
getting the shawl." Ah ha! then 1 lul take courage, and talk jewelry to him. I want those opals at
Tiffany's." But how did you manage it,

## "Oh ! I told him how beautiful that shaw

, and how mueh I set my heart on having it for New Years, but that I was afraid it
cost too much for father to buy. But one a thing is worth, oven if you get it."
"Yes : then it's so ridiculous to have him say he's "not a bit deaf."
"Yes, the old fool! ! but I'll go and talk
sweet to him, and perlaps he'll send and order for those opals."
"Possibly, for atter I had talked mysel something to Mary Lee, which I am sure
was a cheek, and you know she ess at Stewart's".
"Yes she did ; and I think it's time that girl was back too! What if she should
steal it?",
Towards evening "Unclo Joe," or more Towards evening "Unclo Joe," or, more day. them ; and make some costly purchases for in discussing what each wonld probably sceive from Uncle Joo. Mary Lee had
ot returned, and this disturbed, somewhat, the sorenity of Miss Bell.
echeck," sald Mrs. Lansing. Probably Uncle Joe wiales to bring the present him-
alf, to-morrow."
"That's it, Im d Bell ; and if he'd only come, while Rich rdson is here."
"He'd see w
"He'd sree what
"Yes, and what an old goose he is," ad
ded Nellie.
"I'm sure I hope Mary Lee will stay
away to-morrow," baid Mrs. Lansing. "It
would be so awkward for her to have calls ; and people of her class are sure to
Twelve o'clock, New Years day, Mrs. Lansing's parlors are filled with talkative
gentlemen, whom the three young ladies were doing their best to entertain, "Mr. his arm. "My wifo, ladies," suid he, in
troducing Mary Lee, who Bell aaw at hance, was wrapt in the costly covete "Why Uncle Joe,", sereamed Mrs. L. which is proper to call wither distraction or hyaterics.
"Ym not at all deaf, as 1 always tol at once, all discovered that he spoke the ruth. The ear trumpet was no longer
with him ; and in a moment, consternation mized the members of the housohold. Th taken that method to discover whether kindness existed in the hearts of his rela. tives. The result we need not explain.
"I have come," baid he, "with my wife "I have come," baid he, "with my wifo,
o take what alie has loft here, and to bid to take what al
you good bye."
"Oh I Uncle,

## "Nnsing.

roof long enough to see your true obarac ter. You and your family have insulted old to do,as you see., Mary Lee by her manner hoowed from the first, fiow muoh she waa shooked by your attempted decoption, and
her look of sympathy wou my confldenee to
tell her, that lonely an I was, I had hoped to find true friends where I had only dis-
covered those false indeed. Then 1 learncovered those false indeed. Then 1 learn
ed that she was the ohild of an old and val ned fiend, and my last diseovery was best of all. She was willing to make an old man happy"."
"She's an
"She's an impudent thing, to come here
this way," roplied Mrs. Lansing.
"Don't speak in that way of
"Don't speak in that way of my wife,
madam. Good-byo Where are the girlo?" They were
Publishers.

Corions Manla.
The peculiar vagaries into which the lothery mania will lead people are ofton as in-
ceresting as they aro pitiable for contem plation. The intoxications of drink and of hope are equally fatal to succoss in life
when too much indulged in ; one will work anarly as much damage as the other. A singular instance of the destructiv
tendency of the "policy" fover, and of tenacity, too, has lately come to light in Baltimore. A fow years ago a grocor died there, leaving his wife the store and prop-
erty, worth $\$ 2,000$, on whioh she managed to live comfortably. One day a custome two hundred dollars on a lottery ticket, and this so worked upon her mind that she betime, she had expended all she owned and had received nothing.
Since then she has opened a lodging room
for men and boys, where a bed can ror men aud boys, where a bed can bo had
for fifteen cents, a bench for ton cents, and an old blanket on the floor for four cents. affording shelter, is the means ofdoing some good; but that is not the motive for which
the establishment opened. The poor wo man is as ardent as ever in her belief that
she will some day drw she will some day draw a fortune, wind shes
requires of every lodger that he will tyy dream of the lucky numbers and must toll
her of them in the morning. Whenever she draws anything on such information she gives a part to the dreamer. In this way
shie lives along from day to day, putting her few cents of surplus into worthess paste-
board tiekets and receiving her dividends of disappointment.

## A Puzzled Judge.

"Judge Marshall's simplicity of charac-
ter and absent-mindedness have been the theme of a number of anecdotes. The one best known is about his puzzle over the buggy and the sapling. Turning aside one
day to avoid one of those awfol mad holes which abound in Virginia country roads, sapling. The sapling was between the
hub of the wheel and the body of the bug. gy. Too Big to bend down, and too sup-
ple to break, this sapling seenied to the judge to be wholly unconquerable. What the buggy the better to apply his great init thoroughly up. While pondering vainly,
atiole," sald a negro man came along. "Uncle," said
the Chief.Justice, "I wish you would tell me about this sapling. I can't get over it, miss court. What do you think I had bet-
road but silent grin.
bes', ole marster," said he, "I 'speo you kin do is to back yo' bug gy 'twill you git clar uv de saplin', den turn de hade (head) uv yo' hoss, and don
you kin 'void de saplin' and go to cote slick as goose-greaso.
Thank you-thank you kindly, uncle, world. You are a man of superior mind. There's half a dollar for
judge drove joyfally off.

## Metal Paper-Hangings.

## Paper-hangings for walls are known to

 igs made of metal ; and an account of this new invention, which comes to us from Paris, has been read before the Society ofArta. The metal employed is tinfoll, in sheets about sixteen feet long, nad from are painted, and dried at a high temporadifferent patterns, such as foligge, flowers, geometrical Iggres, imitations of wood, or landseapes. When deoorated, the sheets
are varnishied, and again dried, and are then realy for sale. Tinfoil is in itsel in preparing it for the market increase the toughness. The hanging of these metallic sheets is similar to paper-hanging, except
that the wall is varnished with a weak kind of varnish, and the shoets applied thereto. Thus in this way a room or a houne may be on annoy or harm the inmates. Horeover, the tinfoll keeps out the damp; and as the varnish is a damp-resinter, the protection to the room is two fold. Experience hat tregular surfaces may be covered with and infoll as readily as a flat surfice: : henee here is no part of a dwalling-house or pab with these new sheeta; and; as regards style and finish, all who saw the specimens exmade aware that the highest artistler were could be achieved at pleasure artistlo effiocta

Sy Hilif Slie Did it. Somo years ago a widow living on the bout one Oho and Miississippl Railroad, wned a young cow, of which she was parcularly proud. As the woman was no be cow was an important source of in ome to hor, as athe made butter for sale nd also sold some mille in the neighborhood. One day the oxpress train came
tundering along and strack and killed the idow's cow as it ntood ruminating on the mack.
pay for the animal, and was olt agent a bill to the reneral and was told to send he did so, but received no reply, and after a the paymaster the next time he wed hisough the town to pay the section hand The paymaster was very busy, and ans-
cered the old woman so abruptly that ecame offerled and comelupty that she oad did not intend to make good her loss, paid to her threats until about a week af or, when the morning passenger train, The station the top of a gentle elope, about half a mile length, and which the passenger train wenty miles an hour. It was a fine rosty moruing and the sun was just rising the engineer noticed what he suppose 0 be frost glistening on the rails. He
ounded his whistle for tho station, and, puting on moro steam, started up the pproaching carried it about haif the way up the rise, but tho driving wheels of the
ocomotive spun round on the rails without The train came to a dead stop and then began to slide backward. The engineer
whistled "down brakes," and got off to in spect the rails. He found, as he expected oft soap, and as he had some previous ex perience of that kind, knew exactly

Ho backed down the track about half a mille, and putting the full head of steam
on, charged at the rise with full speed. When he found the speed slackening he sand in the boxes to glide through the pipes nd on the rails in front of the driving dd the effect of the mex and the train vearly fifty yards further than it did beIt finally stopped again, and the onginee backed out and again charged the slope.
The process was repeated several times, not the sand given out. The soil in the neighborhood was a soft, dark loam, and
where the railroad cut was made, a stiff, yon chay was turned up.
and finally the whole force of train men went to work to remove the soap. This
they succeeded in doing after a hard work, and nearly an hour behind time the train reached the station. A few days after a similar difficulty was experienced, and the road offlicials began to get decidedly angry
cover and prosecute the out there to dissoon after his arrival was confidentially inin future if the widow wae have no trouble He took the hint, telegraphed to the presideut and receiving the necensary authority paid for the animal and left the place. The
track was nover soaped afterward, and the wack was nover soaped afterward, and the

## Madame's Petition.

One of the celebrities of the Moscow balhatest that he would ocal official winh a formal permission to take a month's tour health, retaining her salary during the time
her of furlough. The man in the office received ber very politely, and asked for her
written petition. he artive ; "I had no idea that sucha a thing was necessary."
"Not necessary, madam? Why, nothing

## What am I to do, then?

Here are pens, ink and paper ; be so good an
tate."
The lady oboyed ; the
ten signed and folded.
"And now," said the representative of "Stico, "you hat
"To whom?"
"To whom 2 " repeated the oflicial, with of course " ",
And taking the petition which he had wiped them carefully, adjusted them ales his nose, read over the whole docom upon hough it were perfectly new to him, dock. oud and filed it in due form, and then turnthe utmost tmpatient dansense, said, with the utmost gravity:
"Madame, I have
regret extremely that your petition,

