

me." be you good at figgers ?" "Good at figures!" I asked, responsively; what do you mean by that question ?" and I looked at the old man with astonishment. He seemed lost at the apparent harshness ed my forgiveness, and declared " didn't mean no offence.

"Oh! as for that, Tise," I replied, "I am satisfied you meant nothing wrong. But why do you ask if I am good at figures ?" "Because," and he primped up his mouth pockets, and covering one with the other, so on, and ride passine in de front of his place, ears; a jingling, chinking sound was heard,

hand. "They are a pair of spectacles, ain't rowing jist like a rabbit, out of one hole into about as octore; and rarned mem win a pair of spectrales; and gold ones they be, and it is horse of his n; he knowed me jist as well as service of the paper you had against old Mr. is werry aggrewatin' in him; he used to so every tree, if whole ones does fly above my head. T' ain't fended be you?' (Ithink he must a knowed I was about;) and then, being sat-"Heaven, bless you, Tise, no! But how about this affair ! I can't comprehend you; what means this about the half-cagles and he didn't pull off his bat, and 'wish me a of archness and perception will be called inspectacles ?"

"Well, you see, Mr. Sheriff," said he "I black horse at a good trot." was a-goin' down town yesterday, and got as Well, I stood at dat corner, and I began Mr. Wilton the lawyer; and he lowed very gentleman, this won't do; dat air feller must von. But what is this business? what is de other: their dress, their actions, their manpurlitely to me; and he come up to me and be come up to, if he does ride a horse. Now Savs :

"Good morning, Mr. Thison." "And I says : "Pooty well, I thank you."

"And then he says again : "And then he says again: "Mr. Thison, I'm werry glad to see you: I next; and I looked up, and den I seen him want you to serve a paper for me on a man agin, still on dat black mag; he passed me, who lives not far from here, but who Iv?e and he said he wished me a werry pleasant been trying to serve for the last year; all of time of it." I couldn't help it, but I cussed my clerks, from the errand-boy to the coufi-soine, I tell you; and I shuck my finger at dential man, have tried it ; even I myself have him; and I hollered out to him that I'd git tried it ; I have also employed men and boys, him yet afore de Devil would, and he must in de windows of the second-story of his house who are familiar with that business; have make a note of that." lodged it in the sheriff's office ; and I believe . "Now you see, Mr. Sheriff, that last part the paper has been in the hands of every one was the aggerwatinist of all, to wish me a engaged in the office. I have also given it to a score or more of constables; all, all of my dander was riz, et I could get him by any them have failed to serve it; and I almost now, in looking at it, scarcly recognize it as a thing of the psesent age, it looks so greasy and dirty." Have you a mind to try it?" "Try it,' said 1; and I looked at him in wonder ; " try it ? I never failed in nothing I go at right earnestly. Try it ?-guess I will. Who is the party, Mr. Wilton ? said I. "The plaintiff is a woman."

"A woman! and you know, Mr. Sheriff, how willin' Lam to serve the women.' 'Yes! but, Tise, Mr. Wilton didn't want you to serve a woman." "Now, why will you bother me, Mr. Sher

iff? Why wou't you let me tell my story without stopping me ?"

"Well, well, go on ! I only interrupted you when I supposed you were off the track." "I wasn't off de track; I was going on at a good rate. Let me see; let me see; where was it, Tise?" was 1?-yes, I was always willing to oblige

" Well, Mr. Wilton says to me says he:.

observable in my manner of addressing him; Fill tell you, bime by, about de chain. and apprehensive that I was offended, he ask "See, Mr. Sheriff, I never failed to serve a time." paper in my life but once, and I'll tell you of

eves, drawing his hands from out of his side to the stable in de rear of his house, and git you have done then, ch ? Come, tell me, " Public justice! hem k! I don't know swaving them to and fro before my eyes and at the stable, blamed if he didn't come right old man kept repeating public justice, rabears; a jingling, chinking sound was heard, past me on dat old black horse agin: he got bits, foxes, burrowings, cunning, dignitr, "Because if you be, how much is twice five?" on at the front of the house this time; he was washer-woman, bonnet, foxes, baskets, gig-

* Now, Tise, as you've got through this lit-

werry good mornin'; and off went de old to requisition. You will be ready to go with me, won't vou " "Gol bless you, yes! any time, and all times; you know, Mr. Sheriff, I never refuse

what shall I do ! what shall I do ! I can't keep pace wid this nag; and bless me, if I think I can wid his rider; twon't do to be nonplushed this way." And I was thinking some time, and wondering what I should do

Rector-street; and I went along, and I come up to de house where Mr. Greenhope lived; and I got on de stoop ; and I heard de blinds go flipper-flopper, as if some body was looking out to see who it was an old man; he

was looking troo de blinds at me, right above werry pleasant time; and I wowed then, as means, I would; my feelin's was hurt; and I thought if he burrowed, I would burrow too, Well, I was determined, after that, to, catch him; and I went to work airnestly; I went to his house, to his stable, at day-break, at sun-set. He had gone out; he had gone was mine." in; I was never in time; I was before him; "That was a capital hit, Tise." I was after him! he was in his castle, and I was denied admittance, as all of his servants, whiters, and all, knowed me.

"Bimeby, a thought struck me; if it could only be, thought I." . .

"What was it, Tise !" By this time, beincident, and yet I wanted him to close it up door; and den I knowed about de chain- ou his part of the detail of attack and final speedily, so garrulous had he become. "What game; and de door couldn't be opened any capture. furder ; and a woman stuck her face troolde "Well, I begin to think," continued he, openin'; and she looked awful savage at me;

"after going a good many times "bout de and she wanted to know my business; and house where de man lived, dat if I could on'y then I put on the innocentest look I could, in this affair, lest my assistant should fail, quently, does he !"-and I thought there was ler.

ital hit.

" Ne creat !" I replied, solemnly.

" Now about the spectacles, Tise."

ff. I took de writ from Mr. Wilton; and I

on'y had a little way to go, jist behind de

big stores on de corner of Broadway and

and gloomily.

"And he left me. "Come de chain on I was so happy I didn't say nothin' to him, thought it was very surplising, didn't he?" that I thought I never should hear the end of me?" what did he mean said I; and I was only dat de dignity of de office mus be kep? "To be sure he did; and more'n 'at, he dumb-foundered; I was in a fog; and I un, and we couldn't afford to let sleh rabbits tole me it wasn't more'n three or four hours "Well, then, my ancient Theban," replied couldn't tell what he did mean; but I found as he was, burrow astmuch he pleases, out after he give the paper to me, his client had out afterward, when I tried the service; and wit old foxes; and den.I left him, wishin' got all her money; and I got two half-ea-Stopford, with a great deal of assurance, "If him, as he did me once, 'a werry pleasant gles for that job, and plenty compliments, ford, all I have to say is, that I am not he; ime." "Now, don't you think, Mr. Sheriff, that "And you deserved all you got, my old him, for I an not William Stopford; so you

that another time, But I'll tell you once I was werry good for me? wasn't it well friend; and I am always rejoiced to see and see you are mistaken.'

had a 'declaration' agin' a man by the name done ?" had a 'declaration' agin' a man by the name done ?" of Burrows, who bothered me a good deal : he shyed me every where and every place; he had his dodgers always 'bout him; and I be better. But how did you feel when you ent, engrosses all my thoughts, let us forget, he had his dodgers always 'bout him; and I never seed him without he rid a horse, a black wete going up stairs without any plan or ex- for the time, your achievements, and proceed the world, like an antiquated Cupid, (as heas) horse. When F went to the door of his house cuse in your head? should you be discover- on our voyage of observation with my writ work of this character: looked at me, and to see him, I'm blamed if he didn't go through ed, and your disguise penetrated, what would of 'ne exat ;' and mayhap you may figure then at Stopford ; and then he seemed pleasmore extensively than ever. But if you fail ed, and gaily observed to Stopford "that me ?" to observe my directions to the letter in this twasn't often he was mistaken, but he was in And

matter, doubtless the whole thing will end in this case." And ther addressing me, he said: up, gently at first, and then quickly, gayly next day, thinking dat I would git him sure nothing better nor public justice. And the a manner not very agreeable to me, I assure "Mr. Sheriff, I'm blamed if I ain't mistakold man I said, "I expected noihing but a William Stopford; but its John I want, and favorable turn, so far as such things could be not William. Why, how in nature could I cure bail immediately. I don't like this termed favorable; "What's my meatis anoth- be so mistaken? Yes, yes; I want John, and black business. I have sent my brother, and "Iwice five five five five five and he cased the showed me two half-cagles, which he held be tween the fore-finger and five available in the back besiness. I have sent my brother, and tween the fore-finger and five available for me; I tried this a good gling and laughing the while, and between termed favorable; "What's my meat is anoth-be so mistaken? Yes, yes; I want John, and he will be here with good and sufficient bail in a few minutes. I am exceedingly anxious movement of his hands at the instant he showed me two half-cagles, which he held be tween the fore-finger and function for finger and the this deceived; he was always bur-tween the fore-finger and function for the back be-tween the fore-finger and function for the set if perhaps" and the this a good gling and laughing the while, and between termed favorable; "What's my meat is anoth-he will be so mistaken? Yes, yes; I want John, and he will be here with good and sufficient bail in a few minutes. I am exceedingly anxious to get rid of the company of that old friend pamphlet publication f and laughout to the showed me two half-cagles, which he held be-tween the fore-finger and the was always bur-

was then busily engaged in preparing for his haps"-" you may be mistaken again." departure ; but that the writ, if it struck him, "I can't be mistaken twice," replied Thithe interruption of the incident of the half- departure; but that the writ, if it struck him,

"Yes my old friend, he is one of the twin- at once furnish the required security as soon brothers, and therein consists the difficulty ; as his brother, whom he momently expected,

you know they resemble each other ; so close- | came in." Iv that one is not distinguishable from' the ners, speech, in fact, their toute ensemble- and which, of necessity, by the brothers being and I am at a loss how to proceed; I might, brought together, must exist, so closely did and I might not arrest John; and then in they resemble, "the one so like the other as case I arrest the wrong one, how can I be could not be distinguished but by names," "No execut !" echoed he, sententiously and I might not arrest John ; and then in that I should most likely then meet with my assured that I have not got the right one, greatest extreme in keeping them distinguish-"Yes, 'bout de spectacles. Well, Mr. Sher- the veritable John ? Full of difficulties, can't ed; and in this great extremity I called upon

you perceive?" " Oh yes, I perceive ; I kin see as clear as my assistant to advise me. though my eyes was fifty year younger than with the off-hand manner usual to him when they hm : I can manage dat part of it, on'y perplexities, doubts, and troubles, had all you leave it to me. But dere's something been mastered by him; "leave that to me; bout it I can't the so very clear. Spose, Mr. Sheriff, you find dem both together when you I'm all right; I'll keep posted; now I tell

gone, for you wont know John from William "But, Tise," observed I, "You know they nor Cother from John Jan' if you should ask are dressed alike in every particular, even lawyer bade him sit down, and inquired his my head; and I spect he got particklar ant-ious; and all at onst I feel something strike kase they both would know, if you asked for their white pants, shoes, and coat, and hat; business. ay, the hat with the crape-band on each .--

my hat and bounce off, and den it fell on de leither, dat John was wanted. Now we must pavement; and I picked it up, and it was a work together, and this is my plan: I'll pair of goold spectacles; and den I felt good; scoot roun' and play shy, keeping, of course and I run up on de stoop agin; and I pull- my eyes wide open to see if I kin find them; "should they desire, when the other brother ed de bell good and strong, for den I know- I won't say nothing, nor do nothing, but ed I had it all right, and that the old man keep a good look-out. I know where they

drop in; and if I should find any one of 'em. alone, you must be at some partickaler place of finding your man?" clus by, where I kin find you easy, so as to "Yes, I have; but I'll fix it; you kin 'pend "Well, it was, Mr. Sheriff; that is, it was clus by, where I kin find you easy, so as to a bit on my caput, as de lawyers say, and git him nice and sure. How do you like it ! on me," he answered ; and I was somewhat

that means a capital hit." And the old fel-low screamed out a ha! ha! la ! at his cap-I assented at once to I assented at once to the plan of operations in so determined a manner, that he would laid out by so experienced a hand; and I Well, den, de door was opened on'y a lit- bade him, without delay, proceed to carry coming fairly interested, I could not resist tle, bout six inches, or so; and I heard a his plan into effect, giving him notice at what coming larry interested, I could not resist the bout fix inches, or so; and I heard a his plan into enect, giving nim notice at what me, and observed "that ins brothed was ex-the inclination to check the old man in his clankin' of chains; and I'm blessed if dere place I would be found; and at the same pected every minute, and he hoped that I the inclination to check the old man in his clankin' of chains; and I'm blessed if dere place I would be found; and at the same would extend a little courtesy to him by very particular and close narration, of every wasn't a chain fastened on de inside of de time I enjoined him to a strict performance, would extend a little courtesy to him by

me for I must admit my mind was so intent doesn't make such mistakes as in my case fre- of sorrow than of anger." Boston Travel-

"Why, why ! what the devil are you about ? cried John Stopford; "what do you mean you have got a writ against William Stop- | ch': what the devil are you about ?"

Tise, thus interrupted in so abrupt a mancharged upon him.

"You blasted old heathen! look at my white pantaloons! See what you have done! on my pantacous i have do your nearly elif. You blasted old heather m "Din't mean to do it. I ask your pardon, sir. You see, sir, I Wasn't thinkinig of any thing but the bond ; and I hope you'll excuse

And I looked, and beheld the blackness of darkness on the white trowsers; and great was the area of the dark spot the old gentleman had cast on John Stopford's pantaloons. "Sheriff," observed Stopford, "I will pro-

At this announcement, I feared that all the dat's what I call spotting a gentleman ! He! tective tariff and national internal improve-

Stopford should hear him. having executed the bond, I took my depart- and its control over other banks, brokers and ure with "Old Tise," and we left the enjoyment of that sort of feeling consequent upon an attempt to foil an officer of the law. " by getting themselves mixed up," as Tise said; and to the contemplation of his system

of spotting a gentleman. A HUSBAND IN TROUULE A few days since, a lawyer of this city was seated in his office busily employed in studying out a plea, snerill, you ind dem both together when you in an ingre, in and proved, it right, when the door opened and a young, stout son go after John ? den I'm blamed if we an't you, never you mind; I've got him right, when the door opened and a young, stout son of Erin entered, doffed his hat, and said he desired to take an advice of this honor." The

"Shure," he replied, "I want a divorce from

Tise," and I spoke to him with some alarm; my wife Biddy." hould they desire, when the other brother The lawyer asked what was the trouble, but comes, to retire in a room to confer together Pat seemed very loth to tell.

"Does she not treat you well, does she not privately, when they come out again, you cannot tell which is your prisoner. Have take care of your house, has she distressed you thought of that, and of the uncertainty you, or does she like any one better than ourself ?" were the inquiries made by the lawyer, who endeavored for some time in vain to pump out the reason of the desire for

relieved when the old man announced to me, a divorce. At last, weary of the investigation, the disciple of Coke informed his wouldbe client that he could do nothing for him "fix it," and I might "depend on him." Stopford-John, I mean-came toward without knowing all the facts of the case. "Well, if I must," replied the husband ; me, and observed "that his brother, was exshure there's a little darlint I love betther

than Biddy." The lawyer could hardly refrain from laughter sufficiently to inform the Hibernian ness would be arranged speedily and satisfac-We parted; and scarce an hour had passed torily to me in the way of sureties. But, that the law could not touch such a case as —the time passing wearily and heavily with Sheriff, your old friend here, Mr. Thison, his, and Pat left with a countenance "more.

inquired a very modest Miss of a shop-keep-

"Any what !" "Any limb-horn bonnets?"

President had submitted to Congress in relation to a government fiscal agent, was seized upon as an admitted design to establish a government bank-stigmatized at once as a "thousand times more dangerous". than ner, affected entire innocence of what was an incorporated national bank-and held up to alarm the country. Committees in each House of Congress, and all the public press in the interest of the existing bank of the United States, took it up in that sense, and instruction to the Finance Committee of the Senate, to report upon a plan for a uniform currency, and under a reference to the Committee of Ways and Means of the House, of

that part of the President's message which related to the bank and its currency, most ample, and elaborate, and argumentative reports were made-wholly repudiating all the suggestions of the President, and sustaining the actual bank of the United States under every aspect of constitutionality and of expediency; and strongly presenting it for a re-

gravity-I was satisfied, had done this thing opinions. Thus was the "war of the bank" commenced at once, in both Houses of Conintentionally—put on the best face he possi-bly would, and took the depunciations of gress, and in the public press, and openly at Stopford very coolly; and, coming up to me, he whispered: "Didn't I tell you, Mr. Sheriff, ting its position as an institution of the gov-Fd make him righter bimeby and I spotted ernment, for the convenience of the governhim fust-rate. Now, let de twins get mixed ment, set itself up for a power, and struggled up, so dat an old man can't tell 'em apart ! for a continued existence-in the shape of a 'Old Teban! old Heathen!" eh? Fil Jet new charter-as a question of its own, and him know he ain't going to come any of his almost a right. It allied itself at the same games of hit and miss with me. No! no! time to the political party opposed to the no! he's spotted for all day, any how; and President, joined in all their schemes of prodifficulties I had conjured up in my mind; he! he!" and he smothered his laugh lest ment; and became the head of the American The sureties soon after appeared; and, power, and numerous interested affiliations,

money dealers, it was truly a power, and a great one; and, in answer to a question put by General Smith, of Maryland, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, already mentioned, (and appended with other ques-tions and answers to that report.) Mr. Bid dle, the president, showed a power in the national bank to save, relieve or destroy the local banks, which exhibited it as their absolute master; and, of course, able to control them at will. The question was put in a spirit of friendship to the bank, and with a view to enable its president to exhibit the institutution as great, just and beneficent. The question was "Has the bank at any time op-pressed any of the State banks ?" and the answer, "Never." And, as if that was not enough, Mr. Biddle went on to say, "There are very few banks which might not have been destroyed by an exertion of the power of the bank. None have been injured. Many have been saved. And more have been, and are constantly relieved, when it is found

that they are solvent but are suffering under temporary difficulty." This was proving en-tirely too much. A power to injure and destroy-to relieve and save the thousand banks of all the States and Territories, was a power, over the business and fortunes of nearly all the people of those States and Territories; and might be used for evil as well as for good, and was a power entirely too large to be entrusted to any man, with a heart in his bosoni-or to any government, responsible to the people; much less to a corporation with-out a soul, and irresponsible to heaven or earth. This was a view of the case which the parties to the question had not foreseen ; but which was noted at the time; and which, in the progress of the government struggle with the bank, received exemplifications which will be remembered by the generation of that day while memory lasts; and afterwards known as long as history has power to

went, ar. Witch says to me says he f. "Do you think, Mr. Thison, you can serve the man? The suit grows up flis way: Kie ty Dollitle, my client, was holked eyper for Mr. Greenhope, an dld gentleman la retired grooer and widower, who, becoming old, was subject to rheumatics, or gout, or sourd of all, and the base serve imilar ailment; and Kitty was in his service for two or three years at small wages; and as he moved them all weft on very, miely when, one day, the subject to his nose; and as he moved them all weft on very, miely when, one day, the subject to his nose; and as he moved them all weft on very, miely when, one day, the track, an Irish giff, told Kitty, any client, to backards and forards, he said : transmit to posterity the knowledge of nation-"Any-you don't mean Leg-horn ?" ial calamities The young lady was brought to by the An honest man is always punctual. apply any opprobrious or censorious epither a glow with success on his brow, written with At this point of our conversation; the other proper restoratives.