HOW TO DISCREDIT A WITNESS.—Lawyer—"Mr. Clayton will you have the goodness to answer me directly or categorically, a few plain questions?"

Witness—"Certainly, sir."

"Well, Mr. Clayton, is there a female living with you, who is known in the neighborhood as Mrs. Clayton?"

"There is."

"Is she under your protection?"

"Yes."

"Do you support her?"

"I do."

"Have you ever been married to her?"

"I have not."

[Here several jurors scowled gloomily on Mr. Clayton.]

"That is all, Mr. Clayton."

Opposing Counsel—"Mr. Clayton is the female in question your mother?"

"*She is!*"

PRETTY NEAR THE MARK.—"I was in company the other night, a number of ladies being present, when a young man proposed a conundrum, which he said he had read in the papers. It was this: "When is a lady not a lady?" There was a pause—"Give it up," said all round, when to the infinite horror of the whole party the question exclaimed, "when she's a little buggy." Nobody laughed—some were demure, some indignant, and some no doubt inclined to scratch—the querist's face is little. He was disappointed. Fumbling in his pocket he pulled out a paper which consulting for a moment he ejaculated, "O I beg your pardon, ladies, I made a mistake. The answer is 'when she is a little *sulky*.' I knew it was some sort of a carriage."

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.—The good people of New Bedford were thrown into some excitement on Tuesday evening, by discovering some cabalistic characters marked by a pencil on a number of doors, just above the bell-pull. Some thought that a St. Bartholomew-massacre plot was on the foot—some thought that the Know Nothings had been about; while the remainder discovered that the mysterious signs in question discovered that by an itinerant German, who had been distributing cards advertising hair work, and who wished to identify the houses at which he had left cards as well as those which he had supplied with wares.. To this complexion do all mysteries come at last!

By the President of the United States.

IN pursuance of law, I, FRANKLIN PIERCE, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that Public Sales, will be held at the undermentioned Land Offices, in the State of IOWA, at the period hereinafter designated, to wit:

At the land office at KANESVILLE, commencing on Monday, the fourth day of September next, for the disposal of the public lands situated within the following named township, viz:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Townships seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-four.

Townships seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-five.

Townships seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, and eighty-four, of range thirty-six.

Townships seventy-one, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-seven.

Townships seventy-one, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-eight.

Township seventy-one, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-nine.

Townships seventy-one, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty.

At the land office at FORT DES MOINES, commencing on Monday, the twenty-first day of September next, for the disposal of the public lands within the following named townships, viz:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Townships eighty-two and eighty-one, of range forty-one.

Townships eighty-two and eighty, of range forty-two.

Townships eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-three.

Townships eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-four.

Townships eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-five.

Township eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight of range forty-six.

Townships eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-seven.

Townships eighty-seven and eighty-eight, of range forty-eight.

At the land office at FORT DES MOINES, commencing on Monday, the fourth day of September next, for the disposal of the public lands within the following named townships, viz:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Townships ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, and ninety-nine, of range seventeen.

Townships ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range eighteen.

Townships ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range nineteen.

Townships ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, and ninety-nine, of range twenty.

Townships ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, and ninety-nine, of range twenty-one.

Townships ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, and ninety-eight, of range twenty-two.

Township ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, and ninety-seven, of range twenty-three.

To be offered on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of September next, for the disposal of the public lands in the undermentioned townships, to be lands situated within the undermentioned townships, to wit:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Townships eighty two and ninety-one, of range forty-one.

Townships eighty-two and ninety, of range forty-two.

Townships eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-three.

Townships eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-four.

Townships eighty, eighty one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-five.

Township eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight of range forty-six.

Townships eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range forty-seven.

Townships eighty-seven and eighty-eight, of range forty-eight.

At the land office at FORT DES MOINES, commencing on Monday, the fourth day of September next, for the disposal of the public lands within the following named township, viz:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Township ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, and ninety-nine, of range twenty.

Townships ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, and ninety-nine, of range twenty-one.

Townships ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, and ninety-eight, of range twenty-two.

Township ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, and ninety-seven, of range twenty-three.

To be offered on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of September next, for the disposal of the public lands in the undermentioned townships, to be lands situated within the undermentioned townships, to wit:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Townships eighty-nine, ninety-two, and ninety-three, of range twenty-four.

Townships eighty-nine, ninety, and ninety-three, of range twenty-five.

Township ninety-two, except sections five, seven, nine, the west half of the northwest quarter of fifteen, seventeen, nineteen, and twenty-one, of range twenty-seven.

Sections two to nine inclusive of township eighty-three and township ninety-two, east of the Des Moines river (except sections one, three, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, thirty-one, thirty-three, and thirty-five,) of range twenty-eight.

Townships eighty four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, (except section one and the northeast quarter of the same, (except section one and the northeast quarter of section three,) and township eighty-northeast quarter of CLOTHING, seventy, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, (except sections one, three, five, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, north half of northeast quarter of section five, twenty-seven, north half of northeast quarter of twenty-nine and thirty five,) of range twenty-nine.

Township seventy-seven, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty eight, (except the east half of the northeast quarter and the east half of the southeast quarter of section one,) of range thirty.

Townships seventy seven, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-one.

Townships eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-two.

Townships eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, and eighty-eight, of range thirty-three.

At the land office at DUBUQUE, commencing on Monday, the twenty-first day of August next, for the disposal of the public lands within the undermentioned townships, viz:

North of the base line, and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Township one hundred, of range three.

Township one hundred, of range four.

Township ninety-nine and hundred, of range ten.

Township ninety-eight, ninety nine, and one hundred, of range eleven.

Township one hundred, of range twelve.

Township ninety eight, of range thirteen.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range fourteen.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range sixteen.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range fifteen.

Township ninety seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range seventeen.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range sixteen.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range eighteen.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range seventeen.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range nineteen.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range eighteen.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range nineteen.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty-one.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range twenty.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty-two.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range twenty-one.

Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty-three.

Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range twenty-two.

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Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty-five.

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Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty-six.

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Township ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, and one hundred, of range twenty-seven.

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Township ninety-seven and ninety-eight, of range twenty-seven