

A BOLD ROBBERY.

A trading steamboat belonging to Natchez merchants was lying tied up to the bank one evening after an unusually prosperous trip, preparatory to starting for home. It was not regarded as an unusual occurrence that five strangers came dropping in at intervals to take passage. It is true there was a remarkable uniformity about them, almost as suspicious as the blue army overcoats and the absence of masks which marked the highwaymen of Little Rock. They were all handsome, all well dressed, all distinguished looking, and it was noted by one particularly thoughtful observer that they all wore new boots. Yet this ominous array of coincidences appears to have aroused no flutter of anxiety in the guileless Louisiana bosom. The five seemed to be perfect strangers; they conducted themselves with entire dignity and decorum, and were intent upon nothing apparently but to get their beauty and their distinction and their good clothes to Natchez as quickly and as comfortably as possible. Presently, however, the handsomest and most distinguished of the five arose, and with a most fascinating smile, uttered the simple and commonplace words, "shall we?" Thereupon up rose the other four, and before they well knew how it was done, the Captain and crew and Captain's clerk, the pilot, and cabin-boy—every soul on board of that unlucky steamer—was lying bound and gagged on deck, while the handsome five were leisurely ransacking the safe, and packing up an assorted selection of the cargo. With these acquisitions they rode handsomely away, and it is perhaps needless to add that in the vicinity of Natchez for the present it is deemed offensive, not to say indecent, for a man to be handsome or distinguished, or to wear good clothes, and especially to wear new boots.

Detroit Free Press: "A band of Ohio women gathered in front of a lawyer's office by mistake and prayed and sang half an hour before they learned that they had been throwing away time. It is calculated that their prayers wouldn't have had any effect under eighteen months."

Two clevermen in Wilmington O., the other day, receiving permission to show what they could do in cutting up hogs, actually dismembered 100 good average animals in 30 minutes. They now offer to perform the same feat in 25 minutes.

A gentleman going up Sixth avenue, New York, met a laborer, to whom he said: "Will you tell me if I am half way to Central Park?" "Faith, an' I will," was the reply, "if you tell me where you started from."

A Sacramento dealer in hair oil, who sold on the principle of "no cure, no pay," has sued one of his bald-headed customers, and the latter demands a bald-headed jury, in order that he may be tried by his peers.

A lady had her dress trimmed with bugles before going to a ball. Her little daughter wanted to know if the bugles would blow when she danced? "Oh, no," said the mother, "papa will do that when he sees the bill."

Even the best regulated mind cannot contemplate the game cocks in adjoining coops at the chicken show without an impious longing to see them with gaffs on in the pit.—[Milwaukee Sentinel.]

This is highly colored: "The lilacs are budding," says a Wisconsin editor. "You lilac Satan," responds one of his readers. "You violet truth," politely replied the editor, and both are given over to blue devils.

Some young men in Green Bay presented a preacher with a horse and received his heartfelt thanks. Two days after the presentation the horse was taken away by the farmer from whom he had been stolen.

An Indiana paper thus politely expresses an opinion of a judge: "He knows just about as much of law as a mule does of mineralogy—the chances being in favor of the mule."

Eli Love, of Wayne County, Ohio, climbed a tree to shake out a coon. The dogs heard something drop and went for it, but it was not the coon. It was Eli.

There are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is that they haven't any business, and the other is they haven't any mind.

"He handled a gun carelessly, and put his angel plumage on," is a western paper's obituary of John Devine, of Naples, Ill.

A Vermont debating club is now struggling with the question, "Which eats the most chickens, ministers or owls?"

According to the Cincinnati Commercial, the trade in that city in cork-stoppers for private use is rapidly increasing.

The bed to be avoided, next to an onion bed, is probably the bed of the river—unless one is partial to sheets of water.

A Portland editor speaks of an alderman of that city as "the wooden-headed fool from the Fourth Ward."

A Western critic recently said of a new novel, "Its incidents follow each other like a shovelful of hot coals."

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