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A COOPERSTOWNER ON BOILS.

OFFICE and residence opposite the Lawrence House, Office days Wednes-days and Saturdays, 36-46. An afflicted person in Cooperstown, New York, writes to the Plainfield Register, the following little piece D. W. CLARK, about a Job that was put up on him: DEAR REGISTER: - Useless! useless! (COMMISSIONER'S CLERK, POREST CO., PA.) REAL ESTATE AGENT. If I've tried once I have tried a dozen HOUSES and Lots for Sale and RENT. times to sit down and write you a regular old scalp-peeler and sky-scraper

I have superior facilities for ascertaining the condition of taxes and tax deeds, &c., and an therefore qualified to act intelli-gently as agent of those living at a dis-tance, owning lands in the County. Office in Commissioners Room, Court of a letter. It isn't that I love Casar less -I meant it isn't that I am unable to do the mental part of the proposition beautifully, but it is that I am unable to sit down.

How common the written sentence: I sit down to pen a few lies-I mean ent home of a sea-dovil caught lately lines, etc. But how much unwritten in the channel near Hastings. This anguish may result from the attempt!

How gladly I would say it if I or: tadpole shaped, that is, all head could: It is with pleasure, dear Register, that I sit down to announce to length, and some three feet across at you the arrival of a boy, etc.

But, good gods, how can I? The thought of sitting down makes me boil.

The thought of the boil prevents my

sitting. The fact of the boil makes me mad. And the act of sitting makes me leap

like unto the hurried sky-rocket. Why, my love, I haven't sat downin five weeks-or anything else-to stav!

I am a most miserable, miserable

Along at first I tried to do my writing for the Atlantic Monthly (ssh!) at my desk, but becoming absorbed in and tittle less than two feet deep. The thoughts of those things that are be- fish is very rapacious; and had not fore, and forgetting those things which nature endowed it with a special conare behind, I would pull forward my trivance for procuring food, it would tall desk stool and settle. Then I would unsettle, quick.

And there would follow a prolonged This firm is prepared to do all work in its line, and will warrant everything done at their sheps to give satisfaction. Par-ticular attention given to and dismal howl of pair, a wild trampling to and fro; one arm waving like our banner in the sky and the other holding the pantaloous away from the young volcano.

So behold me now, supported under my arms by my Revolutionary grandmother's quifting frames, which reach PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY. from piano to mantle piece; with a pair of light summer trouges on, which are kept distended and away from that boil by a fish hook, a cord and a sta-ple in the wall -all draws taut. SOUTH OF ROBINSON & BONNER'S

And yet I am not happy. Why, if U. S. Treasurer Spinner should say to me, "here, George, sit down on this half cord of greenbacks, and they are yours," I should answer, "go 'way, Spinner: I don't want your ducats. I am not hungry. Tend to your own knitting, I know my busi-

My wife says my affliction ought to develope any religious tendency that may lay dormant in me. She thinks it has. In the early stages of my sufferings she says she awoke one silent night and heard me, she was sure, quoting Scripture and Watts' hymns. Lord love her! but I wasn't, you know. I was doing the other thing, i. e., reciting from profaue history-from that part where the D-amorites poured red hot pitch down upon the damsels who crossed the dam just where the lordly Tiber was dam'd near

the gates of Hellespont,
"George," said she soitly, some time
afterward, "George, I am afraid I was mistaken the other night. I now believe that your language, which I hopefully and joyfully thought to be the expression of a contrite and grace-seeking soul, was swearing! Why, oh why dear, dost thou not think more often of redemption and you latter end-'

"Thunder, madam!" I screamed, you don't know what you are talking about. Think of my latter end? I'm always thinking of it. I couldn't forget it if I was steeped in oblivion, or surrounded with cotton bales! Why, I was telling a funny story to a party the other day, and he comes up to me, and he says: 'Old man, that was a bully thing; you ought to be a minister, you ought. You could make a con congregation cry by tellin' of 'em a joke,' and then he slapped me on the thigh-on the thigh, woman-on which Ann Guish and Miss Ery hold a first mortgage! Think of redemption! Why, female, did you give half the attention to keeping the lumps out of my poultice that I do in pondering on the effusions, of that old Bible scholar, Job, who used to soar so in blank werse, you'd be better and a richer

Withered, she wept. I was softened. I could not see those tears unmoved. What male could? I approached her as she sat rocking to and fro in her chair.

"Dearest," I murmored, "why those weeps? Don't cry. I am sorry I said anything when I spoke. Too bad, too bad! I am a brute, a bear, burglaar, dentist, a dishonest thief. Forgive me -me who would not give your heart playfully sat down on her tap. She A gentleman caught cold by kissing had a bunch of keys, a drawer knob, a lady's snowy brow.

A gentleman caught cold by kissing and bid defiance to the storm."

The Danbury philosopher observes that the placidity of expression worn by a man who is "next" in a full bara pang for the whole round world. playfully sat down on her tap. She

and a smelling boatie in her pocket. I sat down on those,

On those I sat. On the bottle, the knob, the keys, I sat down.

Small but active boys jeer at me through the window. I have no peace. I am a wreck. I would not live always,

I wouldn't if I could;
But there ain't no use of talking
For I couldn't if I would. GEORGE.

THE DEVIL PIFTS.

The Brighton Aquarium is the pres monster fish is of a ducky brown colthe flappers. The mouth at once arrests attention. It stretches literally right across the creature's face, and when closed as much as it can be, it measures nineteen inches. At the edge of each jaw are two or three rows of teeth, hard, strong, and pointed, set like the prongs of a rat-trap, those of the lower jaw directed obliquely inward; and once interlocked upon prey, escape would be hopeless. It is, however, when open, that the enormous capacity of the fish's mouth is apparent. If the fish chose to strain a point, a four and a half gallon barrel might be got into it. At all events, it is eircular shaped, over a foot in diameter, fish is very rapacious; and had not face badly, being but a slow swimmer. To this contrivance it owes its name, the "Angler" Fish. On the top of the head, between the eyes and mouth, are two tendrils, each about a foot in length, one having at its end a fleshy substance which serves as a bait. When angling for a meal, the Devil Fish covers itself partly beneath the sand and weeds, hoists these tendrils and bides his time. By and by in-cautious rovers are lured by the bait; then the fish-its eyes being capable of looking almost in every direction-"reviews the situation," gets his body by a special action into position, the

The following story may not be the "newest" but it is good : A revolutionary soldier was running for Congress, and his opponent was a young mun who had "never been to the wars," and it was the custom of old revolutionary to tell of the hardships he had endured. Said he;

enormous mouth opens, and seizes its

"Fellow-citizens-I have fought and bled for my country. I helped to whip the British and the Indians. I have slept on the field of battle with no other covering than the canopy of heaven. I have walked on the frozen ground till every footstep was marked with blood-"

Just about this time one of the sovereigns, whe had became greatly interested in his tale of sufferings, walked up in front of the speaker, wiped his tears from his eyes with the extremity of his coat-tail, and interrupted him

"Did you say you fout the British and Injuns? "Yes, sir.

"Did you say you slept on the ground while serving your country, without any kiver?"

"Did you say your feet kivered the ground you walked over with blood?" "Yes," replied the speaker exulting-

"Well, then," said the tearful sovereign, as he gave a sigh of emotion, guess I will vote for the other fellow, for I'll be blamed if you ain't done enough for your country.'

Connecticut papers record the death at Preston, in that State, of an eccutric man named Rix Rude, at the age of eighty. He had lived in almost total seclusion on a farm which had been in the possession of the family since 1662, and the original deed of which, given by Oneca, son of the Indian "So he puts de money in his pocket Chief Uneas, is still preserved, bear and ties my britches on 'hind ob his ing for its signature a rough picture of saddle, and tells me to scatter-and I a turkey, which was Oneca's sign man- did. ual. Rude would never sell any hay, and there are several stacks upon the tought de man was a green Missourian market place scores of years old, through tome of which trees have was a Arkansaw chap, and I find dem sprung up, and in the barn was a quantity of hay fifty five years old, which was fresh and excellent, and met with a ready sale at auction. He Grand Jury as fact-every word of it, was a man of remarkable freedom with his money, and lost thousands of dol-lars by dishonest borrowers, but in paying a debt he was so exact that he once went two miles to get exact change, when only one cent was required to complete the bargain. He

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was called before them named Scipic

Choteau, a half-breed Creek Indian

and negro, bright, sharp, and intelli-

called before adjournment that day.

After examination some one of the

Grand Jury who knew him asked him

if he was the man who had four aces

He answered, "Yes, sah; I's do

"Will you have any objection to

"I'se afcared it will get me into trouble; but if de Judge is willin'," appealing to the foreman, "I will tell

from Texas through the Creek country

'I says, "Sah, 'tis pooty good coun-

"Says he, 'Old man, do you ever play kerds?'

"I says, 'Yes, sah; I does, some-

"He says, 'Would you have any

and I makes a good livin' a-

objection to play a little draw?"

"I says, 'No, sah.'

couldn't be beat.

you I got a inwincible hand.'

had a inwincible hand. I'se got fo'

ever hear of five jacks beaten' lo

"I says, 'I'se heard it, sah, but I'se never seed it; and if you conwince me

ob it, de money's yourn.'
"Berry well,' he says, layin' down

one kerd; 'ain't dat de jack ob clubs?'
"'Yes, sab,' I says, 'dat am de jack

"He lays down anoder kerd; 'Ain't

"Yes, sah, dat is de jack ob spades.

"He lays down anoder; 'Ain t dat

"'Yes, sah, dat is do jack ob dia-

"He puts down anoder and says,

"Den he runs his hand in his bosom

and pulls out a great, long pistol and

points it at me and says, 'Aiu't dat

"I says, 'Yes, sah.'
"And he says, 'Ain't dat five jacks'

"I says, 'Yes, sah, dat is Jack Haul,

"You see, it served me right, for I

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An Ottumwa, Oregon, paper says:

"During the wind storm the other day Richard Warden, of the Courier, lost

his hat, which went whirling into space,

foreman and several members of the

when I put up de hand on him; but he

and dat is five jacks, and five jacks

and don't dat win de money?

beats an inwincible hand."

mighty sharp, Judge.

-Fort Smith Herald.

'Ain't dat de jack ob hearts?'
"I says, 'Yes, sah, dat am de jack ob

"De gent says, 'Ole man, did

and lays dem down.

did dey cost?

dollars.

dem.

aces?

ob clubs.

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hearts.

jack haul?"

dat de jack ob spades?"

de jack ob diamonds?"

dis country ?'

times.

man.

telling it?"

He was the last witness to be

INCIDENT IN CHURCH.

We have already mentioned that old Mr. Collamore, who goes to our church, is very deaf. Last Sunday, in the midst of the services, Mr. Hoff. who sits immediately behind Mr. Collamore, saw a spider traveling over the latter's bald head. His first impulse was to nudge him and tell him about it; but he remembered that Collamore was deaf, so he lifted up his hand and brushed the spider off. Hoff didn't aim quite high enough, and consequently, he hit Collamore quite a severe blow; the old man turned around in a rage to see who had dared to take such liberty with him, and Hoff began to explain with gestures the cause of the occurrence, But Collamore, in a loud voice, demanded what he meant. It was very painful to Hoff. The eyes of the whole The Judge consented, then Scipio "You see I lives on the cattle trail congregation were upon him, and he grew red in the face, and in desperato Kansas, and I was out on de road tion exclaimed:

one day, and I meets a gentleman ahead of a big drove of cattle. "There was a spider on your head!" "A white place on my head, hey? apose'n there is, what's that to you?" aid Collamere. "You'll know what "He says, 'Old man, do you live in it is to be bald-headed yourself, some "He says, 'It's a mighty poor coun-try. How do you make a livin'?'

day." "It was a spider," shricked Hoff, while the congregation smiled and the perspiration began to roll off his face. try; we has plenty meat and bread,

"Certainly it's wider," said Colla-more, "and got more in it than yours. But you let it alone—do you mind? You let my head alone in church."
"Mr. Collamore," shrieked Hoff,

"there was a bug on your head, and I brushed it off-this way," and Hoff made another gesture at Collamore's hend.

"So we gets off our horses along side de road, and sat down, and I pulls .The old man thought he was going out the kerds. Well, in a short time to fight him then and there, and hurlbeat de gentle nan out of sixty-two | ing his hymn-book at Hoff, he seized dollars and tought I had him; so I the kneeling-stool on the floor of the puts up a hand on him-for I is, do I pew, and was about to bang Mr. Hoff, say it myself, a mighty smart hand at when the sexton interfered. An exkerds-and I know'd he would have planation was written on a fly-leaf of tree jacks and I would hab tree aces, the hymn-book, whereupon Mr. Collaand in de draw I know'd he would git more apologized in a boisterous voice, de oder jack and I would git de o er and resumed his seat. Then the ser-ace. So he raises a bit, and I raises vices proceeded. They think of askon back, till at last I put up all de ing Mr. Collamore to worship elsemoney I had winned from de gentle- where. - Danbury Nows. mac, and all de change I had, and I know'd I had him. Well, in de draw

Why is it that so many of our farde gent got de oder jack and I got de mers, and nearly all of our city carters, oder ace. De gent wanted to bet, but insist on using a tight rein on working horses? When a horse, left to his I claimed a sight for de money, and I told him I had an inwincible hand dat natural inclination, has a heavy load to pull, he can best exert his strength "Says he, 'Ole man, dem is right if his back bone is in one continuous good britches you is got on; how much line, and this he will have if not prevented by a tight check reis. Some 'I says, 'Yes, sah; dey cost me ten claim that it prevents a horse from falling, and when a man can raise "Says he, 'I put ten dollars up agin himself over a fence by a lift on his supenders, we will believe it. When "I says, Berry well, sah; but I tells a horse falls, a tight rein will most effectually prevent him from getting "He puts up de money, and I holds onto his feet again. Try it without up my legs and he pulls off de britches the rein and see if we are not correct in our practice and theory. "'Now, sah,' says I, 'I told you I

The New York Journal of Commerce calls the attention of under writers to a new material used in the manufacture of martingale rings, knife handles, combs, etc. It is said to be called "celluloid," is as hard as iron, and when cold possesses great strength.
But it is inflamable, and burns more readily than pitch. A flash of a match will set off a box of this material put up in any form, and produce a conffagration so utterly at variance with the apparent solidity of the article, that it seems like magic. It evidently vaporizes at a comparatively low temperature.

A San Antonia man, a gentleman of course, took home a revolving dicebox wherewith to cheer his wife's drooping spirits. After a game or two for fun, he proposed to throw for who should cut the wood next morning; he won; then he offered to try for who should bring up the coal and light the fires for the ensuing week; he won again; he then tendered her a chance for satisfaction on a throw for who should go to market for the next month. Result: Three sixes for the husband, and the next minute he and flat iron went out of the front door to gether.

Ole Bull was once seeing the sights at Doneybrook Pair, when he was attracted by the sound of a very loud violin in a tent. He entered and said, "My good friend, do you play by note?"
"The dence a note, sir." "Do you play by car, then?" "Niver an ear, yer honor." "How do you play, then?" By main strongtle, be jabere!

Here it is again most capitally stated by a neighbor: "Fo advertise in any guise is very wise; and he who buys discreetly hies wherever lies the sweet-est prize. He who defies this rule relies on empty guys; his business dies nor can rize until he plies his skill, and vies with others wise who adver

or rather into a mud-hole. Richard, however, was equal to the occasion. He The Danbury philosopher observes

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