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dle aged but benevolent-looking man.

The doctor bowed to S. and said :

Mr. S. bowed in return, remarking :

"Will you walk in and takea chair,

Both gentlemen sat down. About

which the doctor did not fail to no-

"My name is Dr. Scroggins," said

"Are you sure ?" asked the victim.

turning pale, and handing Mr. S. the

chant, struck with the doctor's man-

the son of one of his earliest friends.

ble ; but I do not suppose I could ob-

earliest possible moment. I suppose

After looking over it, he said :

ie, repeating his first introduction.

Mr. S., bowing again.

ed from us,"

letter.

cruel ?"

tain if.

red.

"Why not?"

highest order."

professional ability ?"

"I am a stranger here."

you are a man of family ?"

"I am unmarried."

would be to my advantage."

"My name is Dr. Scroggins."

A. Practical Joker.

There lived in a village not far from New York City a gentleman, by name Benj. Top, who thought there was nothing in life to equal a good joke. He owned a small store, and kept almost every article of domestic and agricultural use, and was thereby pretty well acquainted with all the townspeople, as they were likewise well acquainted with him. Mr. Top had played so many pranks on the people around him that he would have made enemies but for his constant good humor, and his ability to soothe the parties he had irritated almost beyond the

The first of April was Mr. Top's especial delight, and that was a smart child who could enter his store on that day without being made the victim of trick ; so that from morn till night of the first day of April his face was on a broad grin, and it happened that all those who sought to catch him had the

A few years ago, as the first of April approached, our merry friend looked around to see who would be a fitting subject for a joke.

time," said he to himself. "Who shall it be? Let me think ; ah ! I have it-Dr. Scroggius ; yes ; it shall be he. What shall I send-a love letter? No;

After considering a while, Top drew the pen and ink near him and wrote as follows :

call as early as possible at Messrs. S. & B.-----, No.--Wall Street, New York, where you will hear something to your advantage.

ter, he snapped his fingers with childish delight.

fool's errand," said he, "and have a good laugh at his expense.'

heartless joke, was a bachelor about forty years of age ; he had been living in the village only six months, and had thus far gotten only a very small practice; not that he lacked ability, but he was awkward in his person, and in his manners not very prepossessing, and being shy and reserved in his disposition, was but little fitted to push be very poor, for he rented a small office, supplied himself with the simplest fare, and his lounge at night act-

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pressible glee. "You wasn't sharp enough last April, Doctor." "What do you mean ?" asked the

doctor. "You didn't succeed in getting me

to the city on a fool's errand." "I don't understand you, Mr. Top,'

Mr. S. there was an air of expentancy, said the doctor, gravely. "W. & H.'s, Wall Street-some-

thing to my advantage."

The doctor looked puzzled.

"You needn't look so innocent, Doctor ; I sent you to New York in April, accepted, and on the day appointed the "I am glad to see you, doctor," said eighteen months ago, and it is but nat- Bey and a large company gathered "I received a letter from your house, | ural that you should wish to pay me | around the pit where the lion was kept. directing me to call here as you had in my own coin. But I was too wide something to communicate which awake for you to catch me."

letter to the effect that if you would of the athlete, a trembling dog was "There must be some mistake," said call at Wall Street you would hear thrown forward, which timidly took Mr. S. ; "no such a letter has emanatsomething to your advantage." "I did," replied the doctor. "Well ?"

something to my advantage."

"What?" Top looked very much "There is no truth in this letter ; I am sorry to say that you have been surprised and disappointed at the same ward upon his belly, he finally made a made the victim of an idle and reprehensible jest ; to day, you are aware, similar one last April ?"

clasping his hands. "Who could have that marked his real feelings. "The prey, but after rolling over a few person who could do such a thing must been so unkind, so heartless and have something had about his charac- also avoided. Pity for the dog induc-"Is it, then, a very great disappoint-

ment ?" asked the kind-hearted merwith him.' "Good morning, Doctor," said Mr. ner; and by a few but adroit ques-Top

tions he soon found out more of his The two gentlemen bowed stiffly and parted. Top felt very uncomforthistory than he intended to communiable. He finally decided to call at but was too late. At this moment the cate; he discovered also that he was the place referred to in his letter. Sicilian appeared, calm and fearless. Thinking it might still be an April- He was in a rich circus costume, and "Would you be willing to take the fool trick, he made a few purchases carried a heavy mace. He took his position of resident physician at the -Hospital ?" finally asked Mr. S. for his store and gave his name. "To one in my position," sail he,

"Benjamin Top," said the person 'such a place would be most desirawith whom he was dealing, "do you reside in the city ?"

Top told him the name of the village in which he lived.

"Did you ever receive a letter from this house ?'

"Can you bring me testimonials of day of April, I thought it was an and watched every movement. The lion "I can-and testimonials of the "Bring them to me, Doctor, at the

"Far from it," answered the man.

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"I have a widowed sister who would formation must be incorrect." One Square (I inch.) one line One Square One Square three month One Square one year Two Squares, one year Quarter Col. Half 14. 0110 100 00 Legal notices at established rates. Marriage and death notices, gratis. All bills for yearly advertisements collected quarterly. Temporary advertise-ments must be paid for in advance. Job work, Cash on Delivery.

A Lion Story.

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Some time ago, in Tunis, a Sicilian athlete of Rinaldo's circus excited general admiration by his manly heauty and feats of strength. He was in the habit of overcoming a lion during the performance, which, however, was trained to succumb. The Bey of Tunis, hearing of this, sent him an offer of a thousand ducats if he would kill a lion which he possessed. The proposal was The beast had been there three days without food, and was furious. The "April before last you received a iron door of the pit opened, but instead refuge in a corner. The lion, who was at a distance, turned in surprise at the humble intruder. His tail ceased to "I called accordingly and did hear lash his side, his roars ceased, and he sat, with paws extended, comtemplating his victim. Propelling himself forwatched him with a vigilant eye, is the first of April." "I am above such cold-hearted cru-"Is it possible!" said the doctor, city, sir," said the doctor, in a tone lien seemed astonished at missing his times made another jump, which was ter, and I want to have nothing to do ed the Bey to order a cord to be lowered for him, and while the lion was gyrating preparatory to a renewed spring, the dog intelligently seized the cord with his teeth and was drawn up. As he ascended the lion sprang again. position in the same corner previously occupied by the dog. At first the lion did not perceive him, but, on turning, his eye expressed a vague inquietude.

He slowly withdrew a few steps, watching his enemy with a furtive and sidelong glance. The Sicilian, on the "I did ; but as it was dated the firsts contrary, looked straight in his eye April-tool trick, and never replied to evidently had misgivings, but, impelled by hunger, sprang upon the man with a terrible roar. The Sicilian slip-"An old gentleman from Ohio came ped aside with agility, and, before the here about that time, and said he had paws of the lion touched the ground a a brother living in this State, and he violent blow from the mace upon the was in search of him or his children. head laid him insensible. The mace We heard that a gentleman by the was raised for the death blow, when name of Benj. Top lived in your vil- the Bey interposed. He offered the lage, and dropped him a line; but as man another thousand for the life of no answer came, we thought the in- the beast. It was accepted, and the

lion was allowed to recover

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"I'll send him to New York on a

joke turned on themselves.

"I must have a first-rate one this

he looks too wee-begone for that."

DR. SCROGGINS-DEAR SIR : Please

Then folding and directing the let-

Dr. Scroggins, the subject of this is way into society. He seemed to

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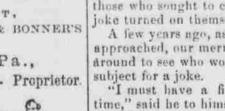
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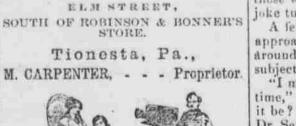
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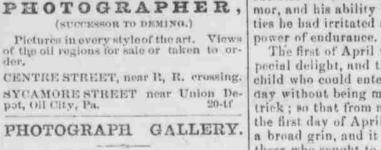
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ed as his bed.

The first day of Apr'l arose bright and clear : Dr. Scroggius, who was an early riser, prepared his simple break fast, and after partaking of it and arranging his office, took his seat to await expected calls for consultation, or to request his attention on some suffering invalid. But no such calls were made, and the doctor sighed heavily under the pressure of dissappointment.

"What can hinder my progress? understand my profession," he said ; 'in not a single instance have I failed to give relief when called to the bed of suffering. Ah, me ! If I only had myself to care for, I would be content to live on bread and water till I could Parlor, Office and Common Furniture, Mattresses, Pillows, Window Shades, Fixtures, Lookdrank deep of the cup of sorrow, must have more added to it. And what can

The doctor pulled a letter out of his pocket and read :

"I would not trouble you, my dear, kind brother," wrote his sister, "knowing, as I do, how poor your prospects are, and how patiently you are trying to wait for practice, did not want so you then." press on me and my child. If you can spare me a little-ever so little-it will come as a blessing, for my extremity is very great."

Just as this time the letter-carrier stopped and handed the doctor a letter; he opened and looked at it in perfect amazement, and read it over the

second time. "Something to my advantage! What can it be?" said he. "Dear sister, you and your darling Emma ! Surely my prayer."

Top, who was on the lockout for him, cut my eye teeth? Dr. Scroggins don't could scatcely hide his exultation at know this child, he don't !" sending off an inoffensive man who ble

the city, was so fully possessed with the doctor. the idea that some old relative (far he fortune, that he had in imagination ed to meet Dr. Seroggins, made various dispositions of it before he had arrived at the end of his jour-106平

"Can I see one of the gentlemen belonging to the firm ?" asked the doctor, entering the store of S. & B.

"There is Mr. S.," said the individ-al addressed, referring him to a mid- "First-rate," replied he, with Irreual addressed, referring him to a mid-

most gladly join me.", "That will do just as well. your testimonials as soon as possible. think your April-fool letter has Top.

turned out something to your advantage, after all," laughed Mr. S. Affairs turned out to the satisfaction of both the doctor and the kindhearted merchant. In less than a

a salary of twelve hundred dollars per lars. annum ; moreover, for certain duties required of her at the hospital, his sister received two hundred dollars per

year in addition. Mr. Top, in the meantime, looked in vain for the doctor's return, and

of being laughed at, kept him away. "Where is Dr. Scroggios ?" he in-

he told his friends that he had sent ing her good fortune with him. him to New York on a fool's errand, the first day of April, and he was, no doubt, ashamed to come back.

"It will take a brighter genius than

he is to fool me," replied Top.

The first day of April came around again, and Mr. Top expected certain ly to hear from Dr. Scroggins, who, New York. He laughed aband as he ton Advertiser. read it :

MR. BENJAMIN TOP-Dear Sir ; If you will call at Messrs. W. & H.'s, should there be anything good in store No .- Wall Street. New York, you may for me how freely will I share it with hear of something to your advantage. "Our friend Scroggins is a wit," the good God has heard and answered said he, "but he will find me too wide awake to be caught in this trap. Catch The doctor, who had little prepara- me trudging off to New York on a tion to make, started for the city, and lool's errand ? Does he think I haven't

But still the idea haunted him that needless errand of expense and trou- heeding the letter, and that damped

Five or six months afterward Top,

"How are you, Doctor?" said he, played a capital jake on somebody.

"Where is he now?" asked Mr. ' Dend. Your sister, Mrs. Jessup.

who resides near this city, answered the letter we wrote her in person. She took him home with her, and a short time after arriving there he died, leavmonth he found himself and sister ing her the whole of his property. settled in comfortable quarters, with amounting to fifteen thousand dol-

> "He was my uncle," said Top. "Then, by not attending to our letter you are the loser of at least onehalf of this property."

Top went home a sadder man than he was when he left it. He knew that thought that the mortification of be- it would be in vain to appeal to his ing made an April fool, and the fear sister's generosity, for she was a widow, and when poor, with five children depending upon her, he had treated her with unkindness and neglect, and But no one had seen him. Finally there was little likelihood of her shar-

Top was, after all, the April fool ; and so great was his disappointment and chagrin that never afterward was "Look out for next April." said he known to send an April fool letter, they, "the doctor will be even with or to play a trick on one of his friends.

Pater familias : "To morrow is the tutor's hirth-day; what can I get for a present ?" Charley, who has been he thought, could never forgive him. [him a mozzle, papa; he is always bit-Sure enough, he received a letter from ing the governess in the check !"- Bas-

ed, and an investigation showed that speech, modesty in feeling and action,

Betsy Hudley, of St. Louis, waited sixty years to get married, and direct ly after the ceremony her husband went off with all her money. She'll know enough not to be in such a hurry next time.

in some degree the pleasure he exper- her ten cents. She realized twenty boy raised his hand and said, "I know; number of Christians in that city.

> A Vicksburg man, when drawn on a Justice jury, asked leave to pray that he might be guided aright, but the Justice informed him it was usual to find for the plaintiff.

Nobody has heard a whisper from Stanley Matthews since the strike began. He has probably gone down to

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"Mix it in at the Beginning."

My theory is that a mother's chief duty is the taking care of her children. says a writer. How came I by this theory? I came by it through the newspapers. I never took up one that did not tell of dishonest clerks, corrupt officials, theft and murder.

One day I went into a kitchen where I found the women-folks in a state of great consternation. The cakes were all fied for tea; but the salt had been forgotten. "Sprinkle some over them," said I ; "'twill strike through, won't it ?"

"Oh, no !" said Mrs. F., "the salt must be mixed in the dough at the beginning." "There," thought I, "that's the fig-

ure of speech I want! Let salt stand. for goodness, and dough for the children. The goodness must be mixed in at the beginning ; it is too late when the dough is baked into bad men and women." It will be of no use then sprinkling it on the outside ; it won't strike through. Yes, yes, mix it in at the beginning ; that's it ! And mothers must do it."

Every man of sense and refinement admires a woman as woman ; and when watching the dogs in the street : "Get she steps out of this character, a thousand things that in their appropriate sphere would be admired, become disgusting and offensive. The appropri-The prisoners in a Louisiana jail be- ate character of a woman demands ran to sing hymns so vigorously a few delicacy of appearance and manners, evenings ago that suspicion was excit. refinement of sentiment, gentleness of they had raised the iron plating of the a shrinking from notoriety and public floor, and were nearly ready to escape. | gaze, aversion to all that is coarse and rude, and an instinctive abhorrence of all that tends to indelicacy and impurity, either in principle or action. These are the traits which are admired and sought for in a woman.

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A teacher after reading to her schol-A Cincinnati widow advertised for ars a story of a generous child, asked "overy Christian is the city" to send them what generosity was. One little want yourself."

> We often find that an eloquent speaker is like a river-greatest at the mouth.

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home for the poor man's summer resort.

The fences around Washington are the round house and crawled into the still full of Ohio men, patiently awaits ing their ture.

could barely support himself, on a he might be lesing something by not

The doctor, as he wended his way to ienced in having been too sharp for cents, indicating an unexpectedly large it's giving to others what you don't

had several) had died and left him a being in the city on business, happen-

grasping the hand of the physician and smilling one of the smilles peculiar to his face when he felt that he had

"I am well. And how are you, Mr.

quired of one and another.