the preceding night; how he remaine

as if lost in deep meditation, when left him on the chantieleer's announce

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It was at the first annual pienic of

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Maude Frothingham had withdrawn

young face was clouded by a frown

and his noble brow seem troubled.

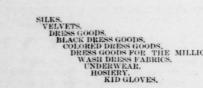
"Maybe you think I didn't see you swinging with Sadie Murray!" "Well, what if you did?" he re-

orted, his face assuming a defiant ex-

H. Maude broke the silence by say-

branches of a noble elm.

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Just waking from their slumber sound . The milkmaid trills a merry tune, That's echoed by the mocking bird, And on the fragrant air of June,

Far in the east the sna is rolled. That change to crimson, then to gold, Then slowly vanishes from sight. The morning glories glowing face Is fanned by zephyrs from the sea.

With leaves that flutter in the breeze

Their beauty mingle in the scene;
The rose and shrub, perfume the air.
And humming birds their sweetners I stand awhile in wonder lost, -

It seems to fairy lands I've crossed. Far iuto some supernal clime.

Then why should we our voices hush, While nature, loudly shouts his prais I sometimes think that morning hours Give us a glimpse of Paradise;

Ere man was stained by guilt and vice. SAXONBURG. June 1888.

BY W. N. H , OF BUTLER, PA.

Unnatural deeds
Do breed unnatural trouble: Infested minds
To their deaf pillows will discharge their
secrets.—Macbeth.

the entry:

der surveillance. Having decided to

Before the old lady's rotund form

"She's the girl that can do it," re-

in 'stiffs' is only an innocent diver-

summer time. It's so nice and cool,

nterposed somebody else.

together."

on-an avocation, if you please."

"Handling 'stiffs' is a fine biz in

They continued in this strain until

Victor, whose case stood nearest the

door leading to my office, looked up,

roguish smile, said in a mock-confi-

dential tone, "Birds of a feather flock

In strange contrast with my mood

playfully responded: "Give us

mething new; that's a rusty old

"Ab, but it cuts nevertheless," he

you wish all old saws had their teeth

I joined in the laugh his good na-

tured sally produced. Victor was

"Say now, seriously, don't

eyed me suspiciously, and, with

t into execution.

down fine." said one.

FRIEND? FIEND! HUMAN WOLF! In the summer of 1884 I took charge of the Sandpump, a small weekly newspaper published in one ot Pennsylvania's invalid oil towns which had not yet recovered from the collapse of the extraordinary excitement which once followed the drill. It seemed as if an angel directed my I soon became an adept in my new eel-like proficiency which glides along being. "Anyhow," I concluded, tickling everybody and offending no "there are strange things about each all the spicier. Hardly an issue ap- with the other." peared which did not offend some sensitive mortal who made it his basi- I had said to her, and true to her tered. I had a volume of the Sandness to have a belligerent interview sympathetic German nature, a tear A large frame boarding house, good location and doing large business. Terms easy. For further particulars inquire of the S. Nedunkin, 172. Jefferson St...

**Terms easy. Least the sanctum of the Sandpump frequently presented animated scenes from what I considered the most trivial causes. About this period of my life der surveillance. Having decided to appropriate caption for locals in that cluster myriads of reminiscences, of do a little detective work in the case | region, I found this item which I read

not the most romantic. challenged my contemporaries to pro

keep body and soul from dissolving partnership, and our thrifty German citizens are not the most favorably inclined to trust-positive, I say, that I was not in her debt, I awaited with rejoined. reportorial stoicism what she was about to unburden. Without any knocked out?" orbane preliminaries she began at once to denounce the mysterious character of the town, known as the my favorite among the compositors. Man in Black. On arriving at the He was honest, benevolent, meekhotel he had announced himself as in short, a young man with an al Benjamin Rush Legrand. Although most faultless character. In fact he had been a denizen of the town six there was too much of the recluse stuweeks he had not spoken, beyond a dent in him, and instead of contractmere exchange of civilities, to a half ing and entering the best society of dozen persons; nor could the shrewdest the place, which was anxious to reinhabitant divine his business. Hence the citizens viewed him ask- in the office reading in my company, ance, with many misgivings. The Thus an attachment was soon formed appellation, Man in Black, was not My admiration for him was more inappropriate; for this gloomy char-acter, in addition to his mysterious me. He was capable of the very conduct, was clad in sable attire. In strongest love, and the regard he short, to curtail description and get manifested for me was more like the on with the narrative, he was a very love of ardent woman than calmer L. O. PURVIS, reticent and much suspicioned young man. In truth, he was one of those man whose acquaintance I had re- boys who bear marks of femining ently made; and that, too, one which promised to grow into an is usually accompanied. In physique ardent friendship, despite my doubts he was frail and delicate. in regard to his character and in defiance of the odium which enveloped with a straight, well-formed nose;

relationship, multiplied her vituperations as fast as her tongue would permit; all the while emphasizing with her head and shoulders, and showing pecial indignation by stretching her pron and lifting it into the air with spasmodic jerks. I was amazed at the charges. "Woman," I said, "preposterous, it cannot be!" of what Physiognomists would term sensualism—not gross, vulgar sensualism: no, not at all; but such lips

"Yaw, it vas yust as I vas you as win our admiration and instill os tell; yaw, it vas !yaw, yaw !" she vo- culatory thoughts. He was certainly ciferated. Then, dropping her basket pretty; and he cut a handsome figure she leaned over the desk and, bring when he tilted his chair, placed his ing her mouth in closer communica- little feet upon the table, crossed his hissed-in a tone indicating vete- his mustache. Frank as Victor was mence of passion: "Yust last nacht in other matters, he kept his previous I vas him seen our house past go in life a profound secret, der rooster crows; -mit a lantern; all tinued his railing by querying: out der graves fer der doctors! Vas? | "Why," I replied, "are you getting tion.

Yaw, he do! Vat else he do dere? jealous?" Dat rascal! de diffel will him yet git!

BUTLER, PA., FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1888.

He colored instantly. His nervousliffen!! You git him in the jhail ness became more apparent as he at tempted to conceal it by silently con-Butler county progressing? This should follow. I sat amazed-almost petrified with tinuing his work. Finally he pied may appear to some a very strange amazement. Each word had pierced me to the quick and left a sickening only tended to increase his embarrass- ally conceded that all along the edusensation about my heart. Had I meut I left the office with an addi-

deceived myself in that man? I re- tional "mystery" on my mind: What did my innocent question ing more intelligent year by year, imply to cause fear or create anger? and as a consequence of this they are membered his discomfiture as I tarried with him a few minutes on the street II.

left him on the chanticleer's announcing the first watch of the night; and He hath been bitten by a Tarantula.

— All in the Wrong. how, after walking a few squares and looking back, I saw, by the dim starlight, his gloomy figure slowly passing down the street which led to the catch in the air and hide on the emetery As I watched the strange ground. I was seated at my office figure-strange in the weird noctur- desk, nervously revolving my pencil nal light—grow dimmer, I thought around my fiagers and in my mind our teachers received all their educa"Poor, melancholy man, wish that God would send an angel to roll that Black. He was a man of the average it is the rare exception to find a teachmysterious burden from your heart." size with fine physical proportions. It did not occur to me then that the There was something strange and School or Academy from one to three highway led to the burial ground, sad in his features. His black eyes years. The cry has even been to Now it appeared as the most dama- had a peculiar justre and shone from raise the standard-to require a highring evidence in opposition to every their sockets like gems from their er degree of scholarship on the part explanation which affection presented caskets, while his face was thin and of the teachers This, we believe, has defense of my accused friend. palid, bearing a resemblance to the been done, and it is generally admit-Friend ?-fiend; human-wolf! Is it wan countenance of a university re- ted that the teachers of to-day are possible? Yes. Is it probable? clouse, His mouth was small and much more proficient in scholarship The heart that asked the question did not have the courage to reply. Let the indefinable somewhere between profession than the teachers of a few grand was a mysterious character; I the expression of constant serrow and years ago. According to an official saw him go toward the cemetery; the an habitual smile. A couple locks of statement last year, one out of every woman before me saw him in it; what his raven black hair hung over his three applying for a license was not could be more suspicious? Yet I forehead in utter disregard of all able to reach the standard, while could not entertain the thought: there was a combat within me over its acblack; his eyes were black; his clothes

something over fifty old teachers were left behind in the march of progress. ceptance. Did she see him disturb a were black; -in short, he was a veri Teaching that would have been very grave? No. Grasping this redeem table human raven. He walked with acceptable ten or lifteen years ago ng feature of the case, I regained his eyes fixed to the ground and with would not be tolerated now in the self-possession and perceived, that un slow, measured step and pensive less I gave the woman some plausible mien; and when thus apparently lost Teachers are now compelled to preexplanation, last night's occurrence in himself, he was continuously pare themselves for the work at not a would be town-talk before noon. So, twisting his moustache, an act which oking her in the face, I said as attracted attention to a ring of remarkable design on his engagement "Well, you know he is a strange, finger. It was in the shape of a other feature that is not so encourag-quiet man, who goes about in a mel-black serpent whose eyes consisted of ling to the teacher; while he is com-

kindly and pathetically as possible: that quiet God's Acre rests one he loved, and in the night-time there plush -and he wore a standing collar, omes a longing which is not satisfied | which gave him a clerical air. But until he stands by the grave of his his scarf pin was a deviation from his ing down my Milton I opened the of great brilliancy. This strange volume and showed her two pressed man-this distant, taciture beingpansies, which I had treasured since was the observed in that Argus-eyed that day, and on the opposite page Whence he came, community. whither he was going, what he was loing, were secrets. Beyond the 'From her couch beneath the snow. Feb. 14th, 18-." bold signature, Benj. Rush Legrand,

at which half of the village loungers I told the woman that I could give had curiously gazed, on the hotel regno rational explanation for my conduct. There was a longing-an inister, all was a black mysterv. Whether there is a communicative clination-which I could not resist. sympathy between the minds of friends, so that the approach of one 10.77. In 1887 it was 8.46, The feet and led me to ber grave. Perocation, but I never acquired that haps it was similar with this strange will suggest thoughts of him in the mind of the other, I do not know; but "there are strange things about each this have observed, that intense This made my newspaper life of us, and it is the duty of one to bear thoughts of a friend frequently precede his appearance. It was so that evening when the Man in Black en-She seemed to understand all that pump from the heyday of oildom be-

aloud:

"Tuesday night about 10 o'clock tion and assured her that I would put the report of a revolver was hear on the second floor of the Continental the charms of a pretty April morn, I had rightly crossed the threshold the botel. A few minutes afterwards a printers in the adjoining room began woman, closely veiled, was observed a fusilade of sarcastic remarks upon leaving the house. Clarence Cleeland, the well known operator who "Well, the old woman's got 'em | made the big strike on the Western Belt, and who lodges at the Continental when here, has not been seen John Hartz and Miss Eyan "Surely, that fellow's friendship is geline Alford whose marriage was worth cultivating; he's either a luna-languaged to take place Wednesday tic or a body-snatcher," sneered a are also missing since that night The porter claims he saw Cleeland in "No;" said the first, about to quote his room at 9:30 p.m. When it was me, "you mean 'Such a noble fellow forced open Wednesday noon every-with a melancholy mien.' This traffic thing was suspiciously in its place, even the bed being unruffled.

> To be Continued Didn't Look Like One Anyway.

cumstances point to foul play.

Men who have been a Washington few years can tell a member of Congress in his first term as readily as one tells a pig by the ear marks. says the New York Tribune. There is an air of importance, a look of "Oh, you know all about me, of course,' that is never seen elsewhere. The other day a young woman calling to see a well known member sent her card in by a doorkeeper and waited outside rather than brave the crowd that usually throngs the ladies' reception room. Presently a man came whom she took to be the same that had carried her card. She stepped up to him and eagerly asked:

"I presume he is," replied the man a top-lofty manner.

"Well, did you give him my card, hen?" she persisted. "I did not; no, madam, I did not; what do you mean? "I did not—I am a member, madam." "Oh, beg pardon," promptly retort-

ed the young woman with a roguish twinkle in her eves, "I thought you were a gentlemen-you knowof those that stand at the door

"A neat trick was played upon me beauty sans the vanity by which it by an old toper the other day," re marked a saloon keeper to a reporter. "The old soak brought in a black bot physiognomy: he had a small face tle and asked for 40 cents' worth of whisky. I drew it and hung on to him. The old lady, ignorant of our handsome brown brows arched over the bottle while he went through his large, sky-blue eyes, which gave an pockets after the silver. Presently open expression to an exceptionally he put on a look of dismay and said fair countenance. When he smiled, he had lost the money. 'All right, the curves of his dainty silken mus savs I, and turned out the whisky tache parted and displayed a small and put the bottle on the bar. mouth whose lips bore a slight trace took it and went away, saying be'd ful of whisky into a cup. I seized the bottle and made an investigation. tion with my ear, whispered-no, dapper ankles and began twitching What do you think I found? Why,

Our Public Schools.

Are the educational interests of cational line the forces are rapidly pushing forward. People are becomtaking a greater interest in the educa-What ho! what ho! this fellow is dancing ago the majority of the people were satisfied if their children could read and "cipher," but now they must be It was night, and big fleecy snow. taught language, geography, history

found in our Academies and Colleges A few years ago the great majority of mind our teachers received all their educaer who has not attended some Normal

most backward part of the county.

little cost. This all looks very bright to the friends of progress, but there is anhim carry this apparent load of men-tal trouble von must have noticed by tal trouble you must have pitied him just as I did. Perhaps over there in cance I was worn had any special significance in his wages. What progress Of vance in his wages. What progress course his cravat was black black has Butler County made in regard to wages in the last few years? comparison the school report of 1878 with the report of 1887, it will be friend—that spot where heaven and earth meet." Then I related how I nestled a red coral heart, pierced din the State have been increased from in the State have been increased from had waded through the snow on a agonally with a gold dagger, the slower cold day to a cemetery, and tak-handle of which held a large diamond in Butler County have decreased from \$33.17 per month to \$31.94. In 1878 but nineteen counties in the State paid better wages than did Butler County. In 1887, forty-nine paid higher wages. In 1878, thirty-four counties had longer terms, now fortyseven have longer terms. But eight counties in the State expend less per month on each pupil than does Butler County. In 1878 the average number of mills levied for school and

building purposes in this county was

percentage of attendance in 1878 was eighty. In 1887 the average percentage was eighty six, which plainly shows that the interest in the public What do these facts and statistics teach. Manifestly this: First that this county in the matter of wages has not been keeping pace with the wages of the teachers instead of heing advanced with his attainments, has been reduced. Third, that the

achers of this county do not receive on the average, the compensation to which their education and experience entitles them. In view of all these facts, what is the duty of those having our public schools in charge? It is plainly this: Advance the wages to correspond with the advancement made along the other parts of the line. It should be emembered that the average teacher f Butler County has spent years of of Butler County has spent years of bard work and hundreds of dollars to in buying mackerel, nor by the goldprepare himself for teaching; that he eceives work but in six months of the year; that part of his vacation, at differ. Do not go to market for him, least, must be spent in attending as the best are always brought to your school or studying in order that he door. It is far better to have none

the leading educators of the State have nothing but an earthenware that in order to keep good teachers in the profession and enable others to the linen in which you wrap him is become more proficient an advance nicely washed and mended, with the should be made in wages. Mainly to required number of buttons and accomplish this end the last Legisla- strings nicely sewed on. Tie him in ture was induced to appropriate an the kettle by a strong silk cord called extra half-million dollars for the comfort, as the one called duty is apt schools of the State. If this extra to be weak They are apt to fly out money were applied directly to the of the kettle and be burned and crustteacher's wages, it would make an advance per month of about three and lobsters, you have to cook them while one-half dollars Have not the teach- alive. Make a clear, steady fire out ers of this county a right to expect of love, neatness and cheerfulness.

school month has been shortened and they now receive wages while attending the Annual Institute, yet the advantages are trivial when compared with the general progress in the pro-

that a bright teacher of 5 or 6 years experience is cheaper at forty dollars per month, than one of poor ability or inexperienced at thirty dollars per unless you become careless and set month? Take, for instance, the experence of two townships in this county during the last year. No. 1 has eight schools. It had a continous term of six months and paid thirty-five dollars per month. Of the eight teachers nowadays to tell in the newspaper. three held professional certificate; one how the whisky-flask is a part of held a permanent certificates; the other every traveler's outfit, until the aver four were teachers of established repcates of a very high grade. District No. 2, has six schools. It had a fall term, a winter term, and now is havng a spring term. The schools will be organized, reorganized and disorganized three times during the year. The wages for the year will aver-

age about twenty-seven dollars per month. During the winter, by far the you oblige me with your flask?" most important term, four of the six teachers were inexperienced. The other two held provisional certificates of an average grade. It might be well to note, also, that this township furnished two of the experienced teachers for Township No 1. It also allowed several other experienced teachers, who have splendid records, stroked his whiskers and murmurbig as my clinched fist into it, and this had soaked up a glassful of my whisky when I filled the bottle. -Of course Solomon was the which will prove conclusively that are painted. wisest man. A fellow with 700 low wages does not always mean Of course, it is not to be minds something is boun to spread, expected that an advance in wages it is usually the mouth.

should precede other reforms, but when the teachers have taken the ini

This article has not been written

She Everlastingly Had Him.

lap and regarded the young man in-

"In earnest, Irene!" he exclaimed, pale with emotion and chronic dyswill trust your future in my hands, pathway through the world and to and every danger that threatens to

"If I listen to your suit, Mr. Han. kinson," interrupted the young lady casting her eyes with some timidity regret it some day. You would find housekeeping and without-" "Practical duties of housekeeping,"

broke in the enthusiastic youth; "you Oh, I saw you." will have no practical duties of that

Hankinson. I am atraid you would find me thoughtless and extravagant in a great many things." "Extravagant! Irene, it will be the ov of my life to provide you with

"And you would be willing to spend all your evenings at home?" "My angel, I never would want to spend them any where else."

"You would never break my heart by joining a club or becoming a drinking man? "Hear me, Irene! I promise never

to do either."

"Let me see," said the young lady, meditatively; "I think that is all-O! you will agree to have the word obey left out of my part of the marriage service, will you, Mr. Hankin-

"Obey! Ha, hs? Why, my own, certainly, I am even willing to promise to obey you."

"Then, Marcellus," said the lovely girl, as she lifted a full-grown phonograph off her lap, locked it carefully in a drawer of the secretary that stood against the wall, turned up the gas, and beamed in a sweet, yet business-like manner upon the terrorstricken voung man, "I am vours."

How to Cook Husband s.

Miss Corson said in the Baltimore Cooking School that a Baltimore lady had written a receipt for "cooking husbands so as to make them tender and good." It is as follows A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement. Some women go about it as if their husbands were bladders, and blow them up. Others keep them constantly in hot water; others let; them freeze by their carelessness and indifference Some keep them in a pickle all their lives. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be good and tender,

really delicious when properly treat-In buying your husband do not be en tint as if you wanted salmon. sure and select him vourself, as tastes may not fall behind his progressive unless you will patiently learn how omrades.

It has been telt for some time by the finest porcelain is best, but if you

ed the edges, since, like crabs and Set him as near this as seems to agree The teachers are not insensible to with him. If he sputters and frizzes the fact that some advantages have been secured to them. The legal this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. Do not stick any sharp instrument into him him gently; watch the while, lest he Again, can any school board in the lie too flat and close to the kettle, and ounty, as a matter of economy, afford become useless. You cannot fail to to pay low wages? Will it be denied know when he is done. If thus treated will find him digestible,agree ing nicely with you and the children

> him in too cold a place. All Carry Flasks.

and he will keep as long as you want

It is the fashion of the funny man age American traveler is looked upon utation who held provisional certifi. as a sort bar-room, always ready to "take something" from his own flask. An Englishman with whom I talked on the train going to Cincinnati couple of years ago, stopped in the middle of the conversation and

> "Pardon me, but I forgot to ge me whisky before I started. Would I told bim I didn't carry one, when

he said with an air of astonishment: "Why I thought all of you Americans carried flasks of liquor when you traveled. I read it in the newspapers and took it to be true.

"Strange, most dayvlish starnge." -Some girls are not so bad as they "Let' go get some ice cream."

"Well, you've got to behave the "All right," and the storm is over

The following which we find in the Utica Lutheran for May is pretty

rvice in these parts: James O'Reilley was his name, He vas sixteen years of age, poverty-tricken, and from Dublin. He wore black Derby hat, a Prince Albert hat did not fit, striped pantoloons,

n better days-a good while ago. He was a stranger and we took him in. He was our guest for four days whilst we were seeking employ-ment for him. He looked honest, had an open countenance almost to the ars, was skilled at the piano, and played the lyre like a born Cretan. He took to children and had a particular affinity for portable property in small packages. He was anxious to get work, and he got it. He got it, in, too, in great shape, and departed without the formality of a farewell. He now wears other clothing, an Elgin watch with E. J. Schmauck, Kittanning, Pa., engraved on inside

James had a taking way about and a particular predilection for Lutheran preachers.
We have ten dollars to bestow up n the man who produces James in ur back yard for ten minutes; or twenty-five dollars, for the recovery of the watch and the conviction of

Not Big Enough

One of the Decoration Day orators who went out from Kittanning to speak at a certain town, tells a good mensions got our orator into his cariage to drive him about the town group of boys were standing at one corners and one of them exlaimed as he saw the carriage and ccupants, "that's him; there he is,

"Who're ver talkin' about?" said ne of them to the first boy. "Why, that feller in the buggy;

o the orator's ears clear and distinct: "That feller! Why he isn't big enough ter cry fer milk!"-Press. When I told him he had been fooled into believing a very stupid lie he

A Puzzler.

man) - Oh, mamma! Where was he Mother-Made in Haven, my

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For the CITIZEN.]

That sparkle in the morning sun, Like diamonds now that night has fled The feathered songster sings his best, While yet the dew is on his breast, His voice is heard in forest tree.

Thac's wandered through the silent night Awakes it from its sombre dream. The lambs that skip upon the lawn,

MORNING.

And dry the tears that night has shed.

To greet the day that's just begun

Or gambol in the meadow sweet, Are pleased to see the smiling dawn, And show their glee in movement flee The hills are clothed in summer green And lift their heads with forest crowned

The low of cattle's faintly heard. In yielding folds of garments bright; Plays hide and seek with charmin

Blooming flowers, fresh and fair,

Nor heed the ever fleeting time

'Tis God's own hand that wields the brush, And paints the scenes that charms ou

Or joys that lived in Eden's bowers

THE MAN IN BLACK.

which the one I am about to relate is myself, I thanked her for her sugges-Seated in my office on a pleasant December morning, which bore all was chronicaling the momentuous fact that the Star Grocery-which ran a two column ad. in our paperhad donned a new roof, when I was accosted by an old German lady who resided near the cemetery and supplied us with vegetables. I had gratuitously "puffed" everything her arm produced; had lauded her butter, and published to the world that she grew the largest beet ever raised in third. Western Pennsylvania and defiantly duce its equal. I also rendered her the conventional "heartfelt thanks" through the columns of the Sandoump for the present of a Thanksgiving turkey, which-blame the luck—she subsequently made me de-duct from her subscription- As she approached me, I observed that the complaisance and grandiloquence, so characteristic of your German huckster women, were gone. Positive that I was not in her debt-now don't smile, please don't, for your country editors have to scratch and scrape to

ceive him, he employed his evenings

de graveyard-in de mi-mi-mitnacht. When the laugh, which his pun on Oh, ach; you know vat I mean: ven the saw had created ceased, he conshet mit de front a hole in to let de licht out He takes dem dead beoples Man in Black?"

be back after the inebriator presently He didn't come however, but five minutes after I found him sitting on a horse block around the corner poking something in a bottle with a stick and after every poke, turn out a thimble-

wives has a chance to get instruc- economy.

tiatory steps surely the compensation

few facts that appear to have been and stood alone under the spreading

overlooked. J. L. SNYDER.

"Are you in earnest, Mr. Hankin-The lovely girl who asked this question of Mr. Hankinson sat behind the centre table with her hands in her

Oh, nothing; nothing at all. It's othing to me whom you swing with, and my heart won't break if you do pepsia, "the whole happiness of my sit an hour at a time in a hammock e is wrapped up in your answer to with Mame Renson.' the question I have asked. If you 'Pooh! I didn't sit ten minutes h her, and wasn't you eating ice my life shall be devoted to the task eam with Bert Lawson at the same of making you happy. It will be my sole aim to shield you from the rude "Should't wonder if I was. Did blasts of adversity, to smooth your you expect me to sit and suck my thumbs while you and that Benson nterpose my right arm between you girl enjoyed yourselves? You're badleft if you did. I don't happent o

built that way " "Well, what are you kicking up ich a row about then? "I kicking up a row? As though I and confusion to the floor, "you may eare if you sat a month in a hammock with Mame Benson." me ignorant of the practical duties of "And it's nothing to me if you did buy soda water twice for Sally Marsh.

"And I saw you flirting with Fred kind. As my wife you shall not be a drudge. You shall be the queen of "Well, wasn't you swinging around with Hattie Deane on one my home. You consent, do you not, arm Lol Drake on the other, so sweet "Wait a moment, my dear Mr. on them both sugar wouldn't melt in

"What if I was?" "What if I flirted with Fred?" "I wasn't kicking about your flirting with Fred." whatever may gratify your slightest "And I wasn't saving anything whim, You can never make a reabout you and Heab and Lol-only l quest of me that I would not rethink that when a fellow takes a girl joice to anticipate and grant beforeto a pienic be might at least speak to her once after they get there."
"Speak to her? Stuff! Didn't I

> that? Do you want me to get down on my hands and knees and crawl around after you all day?"
> "Now, smarty! The Lord knows I don't care if you don't even look at me. If you was any kind of a gentleman you'd know how to treat a lady when she condescends to favor

> > you with her company."

e afterward?"

"You did."

stick right to you all morning? And

didn't I eat dinner with you and all

your mouth? Tell me that?"

"Phew! what a long tail our cat's "See here, Harry St. John, this thing had better end right here, and you'd better take your ring if you want it. If we can't get along now

without a fight every day how will it

"Yes, you did." "You did yourself." "You begun it by pitching into me cause I waded into the brook with hose girls from the ribbon counter."

"Well, how did it look? How

"Well, who begun this fass?"

would you like to see me paddling around barefooted with a lot of boys?" "I don't know as I'd care." I guess vou wouldn't." "Well, I-I-pshaw, Maude, let's kiss and make up. You're an old dar-

ling, anyhow.' "Oh, you can't soft-sawder me!" "Now, now, my old ker-sweetness." "Oh, behave yourself."

I shan't." "You'd better or I'll-Harry. "You ain't so awful cross, are you?"
"You'd better not kiss me again."

est of the day." Twenty-five Dollars Reward.

voolen stocking, winning smile, ad a number ten shee which had

of case, and possibly still has left enough silver to make a merry jingle

the thief. Fer further particular, address Rey. T, B. Roth, Utica, N. Y.

story on himself. Arriving at the place, a citizen of large physical diand show him the sights. Our orator is not a big man by any means. A

"Gosh," was the reply, and it came

Little girl (looking at a one-legged

and get finished?

Little girl-Why don't he go back

-When big idea; get iato little