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Iowa woman as she found her husband hanging in the stable. Kansas Teacher: 'Where does our grain go to?" "Into the hopper." "What hopper?" "Grasshopper." tri-

umphantly shouted a scholar. The men of to-day are too high strung," says a Chicago paper. Some of them, the Norristown Herald thinks, are not strung high enough.

as " A senses-taker" said the old lady; "wall, there's me an' Jeremiah an' Sarah Ann, an' that's all 'cept Jim, an' he's a fool, an ain't got senses to

" Mamma," suddenly asked a little girl, who had watched the cutting up of a last season's dress of her mother's into a new one for herself, "what becomes of old moons; are they cut up into stars Y" A school teacher of Hays City,

Kansas, froze her toes while walking a distance of forty rods, but she had a young man with her and they were about thirty minutes on the trip. He purchased his sweetheart a pair of ten-button gloves and handed them in at the door himself. The

servant girl took them, and going to the

foot of the stairs bawled up: " Please

miss, 'ere's a young man as has bought you a pair of leggin's." A gentleman met a citizen of Somerville recently, and said to him, "Your home is in Somerville, I believe?" "No," replied the Somerville man, "my home is in Heaven." "Let me give you a little advice," said the gentleman, "You hurry and get a pos-

tal card and write your folks that you are never coming home."

A famous judge came late to court

One day in busy season:
Whereas his clerk, in great surprise,
Inquired of him the reason.
"A child was born," his boner said,
"And I'm the happy sire."
"An infant judge 7" "Oh. no." said he,
"As yet he's but a crier."

"How do you pronounce s-t-i-n-gy?" Professor Stearns asked the young gentleman nearest the foot of the class. And the smart bad boy stood up and said it depended a great deal whether the word applied to a man or bee. The professor sternly said that it applied to a man. The smart boy hesitated a mo-ment, and then said, "there was still the same element of uncertainty. If it was applied to the man by the bee the g was hard, but "- But just here a passing organ-grinder paused under the college windows to play "Pinafore" and nobody could hear the rest of the sen-

## " Set a Thief to Catch a Thief."

"Set a thief to catch a thief." We don't mean anything disrespectful to Congressmen by quoting this, but there is a little story illustrative thereof, floating around about two of the present Democratic majority, both of whom wear loud gold watch chains. They disputed one day as to whose chain was the heaviest (not during the session, and addressing the Speaker, although they do dispute as on trivial things that way sometimes.) Each one bet ten dollars his chain was the heaviest, and they settled it by weighing the chains in the scales at the House post office. A few days afterward the winner of the bet was in a jeweler store, when he saw his brother Congressman's chain in a glass case. He remarked that he had seen that chain before, and was told it had been left there to have two extra links put in. "Smelling a rat," he immediately went to a rival jeweler's and ordered three extra links to be put in his own chain. Some days passed, and one day he was approached by the other Congressman, who declared the House post office scales were imperfect, and believed his chain would be the heaviest "on a fair weight." The former winner pretended to protest that the scales were all right, and let himself be bantered into another bet of \$25, to be decided by a jeweler's scales. Of course he won this bet, too. The story got out, and now the other Congressman wears an ordinary watch-guard. Perhaps "the boys" gave him the grins worse than he could stand it, on the other one.