

minutes he came trudging back.

A laughing crowd had gathered, and the porter said: "Well, did you catch her?"

"No" said the traveler, "but, by jingo I made her puff."

HER MISTAKE

Mrs. W. O. Davis, the Chicago woman who tried to stampede the Republican convention for Col. Roosevelt, said the other day:

"I still hear occasionally that my conduct at the convention was undignified. My answer to that criticism is that there are finer, higher things than dignity. Those who stand on their dignity too much deserve the retort that the broker got.

"A rich Chicago broker was strolling along the street one day when his beautiful young wife stole up behind him, threw her arms around his neck, and kissed him heartily.

"Tut, tut," the man said, hurriedly straightening his hat. Tut, tut! This sort of thing, my dear, is most undignified."

"His wife dropped her eyes and answered demurely:

"Oh, excuse me, John—I didn't know it was you.'"

IN EARNEST

A colored bricklayer in Macon, Ga., was lying down during the noon hour, sleeping in the hot sun. The clock struck 1, the time to pick up his hod again. He rose, stretched, and grumbled: "I wish I wuz daid. 'Tain't nothin' but wuk from mawnin' till night."