

## DIDN'T WRITE IT.

An old negro who had business in a lawyer's office was asked if he could sign his name.

"How is dat, sah?"

"I ask," the lawyer answered, "if you can write your name?"

"Wall, no, sah. I neber writes my name. I jes dictates it, sah."—*Arkansas Traveler.*

## CRUSTY TRUTH.

MRS. TAINEB—And j-j-just think, doctor, I had arranged an "at home" for to-day.

DR. BOLENS (a bear)—Well, you're here, aren't you?—*Puck.*

BOSS—The cold weather seems to agree with your relations.

CLERK—Er, how is that?

BOSS—You don't have any deaths in your family since the ball season is over.—*Life.*

## BRILLIANT.

"Did you ever see a sword-fish?"

"No; but I've seen a gun shoot."—*Harper's Bazar.*

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