

### YOUNG RANNEY'S EXPEDIENT.

How the Ex-Congressman Got Ahead of His Brother.  
Ex-Congressman A. A. Ranney, of Massachusetts, has a dry humor, which often loses its effect by reason of its owner's preternatural solemnity of mien. People have frequently been known to guffaw heartily in the streets over some remembered remark of the witty lawyer, which, on account of the way it was uttered, did not at the time strike them as at all funny. When the ex-congressman was a boy he was noted for his obstinacy and originality. He did not strive to be original. He was built that way. His father couldn't get along any better with him than other people. The old gentleman was often bothered by the boy's strange ways.

Young Ranney did not assimilate with his schoolfellows, nor did he even take much stock in his brothers. Fate and his mother, however, made him and one of his brothers occupy the same bed. The brother is now a distinguished physician of this city, but then he was one of the worst kickers mortal boy ever had for a bedfellow. He kicked in his sleep like a bucking pony, and many a mark did he leave on the future congressman. In vain did A. A. rebel against his fate. The maternal edict had gone forth, and there was no escape. One bitter winter's night, about midnight, the paternal Ranney was awakened by a tremendous hammering above stairs, sounding as if it came from his son's room. The circumstance was alarming, and, putting his bare feet in a pair of slippers, Father Ranney hastened up stairs in his night shirt. The light of the cold winter moon, which shone through the windows, treated him to the spectacle of his black sheep on his knees on the floor beside the bed, hammering a piece of board into the side of the couch.

"Halloo, there!" roared the irate parent. "What are you doing?"  
Young Ambrose raised his eyes, but did not desert from his work until he had completed it to his satisfaction. Crossing over to that side of the bed the father saw with surprise and anger that the boy had nailed the sheets under the board, thus fastening them securely to the side of the bed.

"I want to keep those bedclothes over me," said the boy, coolly. "He's always kicking them off," indicating his sleeping brother. The situation was too much for the old gentleman, who, without another word, left to think the matter over.—New York Sun.

### A Sagacious Tramp.



Woman (to tramp)—If I give you a nice dinner will you help me put up some patent self-rolling window curtains?  
Tramp—No, ma'am. I'll saw wood, carry in coal or dig post holes, but I wouldn't help a woman on window curtains if she gave me a Delmonico spread.—New York Sun.

A Vest Field.  
"When I was in Congress," said Hon. Mr. Muffy, of Haddon Ridge, "a certain professor used to come miles to hear me speak."  
"Ah! What was his name?" inquired Professor Surtout, to whom the eminent statesman had spoken.  
"Professor Tootles, of Baltimore," said Mr. Muffy.  
"I thought so," said Professor Surtout. "He has since become celebrated as the author of 'Ten Thousand Mistakes in English Grammar.'"—Chicago News.

Not So Pleasant After All.  
"Did you have a good time on your vacation?"  
"Pretty fair. I visited some friends at their charming country home. They have a great smooth lawn, dotted with trees, with plenty of seats and hammocks."  
"That must have been glorious."  
"Well, it wasn't."  
"Why?"  
"My friend owns a lawn mower."—Lincoln Journal.

"Disturb Not the King."  
Millionaire (entering sanctum)—Ha! ha! old boy, how do you do today?  
Editor-in-Chief (in a whisper)—S-sh! Don't speak so loud.  
Millionaire—Why not?  
Editor-in-Chief—The baseball reporter is writing his report in the next room, and he has just given me orders that he is not to be disturbed either by callers or by noises.—Boston Courier.

Nothing to Show but Scars.  
Fred (to cousin)—What luck, Charley? Congratulations in order!  
Charley (famously)—Fred, she told me that she loves another.  
Fred (sympathetically)—That's tough, Charley, after all your devotion.  
Charley—Tough? Why, Fred, in the past three months her father's dog has bitten me no less than seven times.—New York Sun.

The Bric-a-Brac Craze.  
Friend—Is your daughter Jennie as fond of bric-a-brac as ever?  
Mother—Fonder.  
F.—Indeed?  
M.—Yes. She has just married a baseball pitcher.—Boston Courier.

An Appropriate Motto.  
Dude—Yeth, Mith Fanny, I've gotta family ewest, but what would you soggeta for a motto?  
Mrs. Fanny—The best motto for you, I think would be: There is room at the top.—Texas Siftings.

A Graphic Simile.  
The Joggins raft is described as looking like "a big cigar drawn through the water by two steam tugs." Any one who has ever seen a big cigar drawn through the water by two steam tugs will know at once what the raft looks like.—Boston Transcript.

An Excuse.  
"I say, Clara, are you going to Mrs. Shumby's in that dress?" "Certainly. Why not?" "Isn't it rather—er—loud?" "Oh, well, that doesn't matter—Mrs. Shumby's as deaf as a post."—July.

Human Nature in a Nutshell.  
That lucky man would be happy if he wasn't always afraid his luck would change.—Judge.

### "SWEET HOME"

"There is no place like home" runs the old song, and we know how true it is. Go where we will—encounter men in whatever circumstances we may—we shall be apt to find that a reference to their homes will immediately secure their attention, and will give you favor in their eyes.

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How important, therefore, that the home be maintained in tact as long as possible—a haven of loving counsel, of peace and joy to the growing children. How sad when death invades, when the fire goes out on the hearthstone and the family is scattered. What the children lose by the death of a parent only those realize who have grown up without that love and advice which a parent alone can bestow.

No doubt, tens of thousands of parents have found premature graves, who might have lived years of usefulness, had they but known what was sapping their strength, and slowly but surely pushing them into the grave.

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### LITERARY NOTES.

"Mr. Tangier's Vacation" is the title of the Rev. E. E. Hale's new novel.  
Of the Bagster Bibles James Pott & Co. have sold over two million in this country.

"King Solomon's Mines" has been numbered with a German series of books of scientific travel.

The most astounding sale of a new book in recent years was 350,000 copies of the "Mystery of a Hansom Cab," by Fergus Hume, which were disposed of in a few months.

Louisville is trying to get Barney Gilligan. Now they call John Ward "Helen's Baby."  
A. J. Reach says the roofing over the field seats on the Philadelphia grounds spoiled a \$3,000 bill.

This is the first year since 1884 that the St. Louis Browns have not been in the lead of the American association by this time of the year.  
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### PLAYS AND ACTORS.

Ristori is thinking of going on the stage again.  
Patti continues her great success in Buenos Ayres.  
The Russian troupe which plays on twenty-four pianos at once is coming to London.

"Evangeline" will be sent on a sixteen weeks' tour of the far west in September.

Joseph Jefferson has engaged Emma Vaters and Edwin Varrey for his next company.  
M. B. Leavitt will produce the burlesque of "Monte Cristo, Jr.," in San Francisco, early in July.

Philadelphia will have twenty-seven theatres when the two now in process of erection are completed.

Undeservedly Laughed At.  
The unthinking are prone to make game of nervousness. Yet this is a very real and serious affliction, the harassing symptoms of which are rendered all the more poignant by ridicule. The stigma is usually responsible for these symptoms—its weakness and disorder find a reflex in the brain, which is the headquarters of the nervous system. As a nerve tonic and tranquillizer, we believe that not one can be pointed out so effective as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. In relieving chronic indigestion, it strikes the keynote of recovery of strength and quietude by the nerves. Headaches, tremors in quiet sleep, abnormal sensitiveness to unexpected noises—all these modify and ultimately disappear as the system gains strength from the great tonic. Dyspepsia, biliousness, rheumatism, constipation and kidney complaints are subdued by the Bitters.

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