BY "HYDE."

What! Joe, old boy, can that be you? Come, sit down-take the easy chair-Why, the grasp of your hand thrills me through

Like the touch of my sweetheart's waving

'Sentimental as ever," am I? Well you know. Joe

There was always something about me, That, in spite of all would overthrow All disappointment, and leave my heart

In the drama that poets call life,

You didn't think to bring back a wife. Don't frown, old boy! if I've touched a etrain That awakens in your heart the unpleas-

ant past, Forgive me; for I too, have felt the pain, But I was too stubborn to let it last.

"Tell you all about"- well, it would take too long To tell the story from the day, When first among a busy throng

I saw her face which beamed with beauty's ray. Twas a face that seemed to charm All that came near her;

And her voice-her pretty form-Egad! I know now why some fear her. "Did I know her long?" Well, I should smile!

Even as I saw her when a child, Rosy-cheeked, freckled face, pretty and bright.

But that was several years ago, Joe,

Should be changed now, you know, As she is past twenty, and I'm near thirty. "Going to dance?" No! but that's a fine waltz they're playing-

to know?

been saving-Who is that you are staring at so? "That lady"-the one dressed in blue?

That's the one I've been talking about, And it seems very strange that you Should get caught-but it is so, no doubt. Ah! see that smile that she gave you

As she glanced over her partner's shoul-Well, the devil himself wouldn't save

you! But just see how tight he holds her; Say, didn't you meet her before to-night; I thought there was something you

wouldn't tell-So come, out with it. What! Did I hear aright?

What's that you say? "Your wife!" The

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not actually come down from the half-breed in the ear and killed him DRY GOODS & GROCERIES sky, but was manufactured, and it instantly. was a perfect storm while the snow scientitic men from Germany to test Hawbuck had found his match." some machinery which is to be used in the bottling of water gas at the Climax, spit about a quart, and then springs. Prof. O. Brimler conduct- delivered the following: ed the experiments, and said to the scientific gentlemen assembled:

I propose to show you something never tried outside of a laboratory. and then only as an experiment. I will take this water gas and make it backs in Arisona for highway robsolid and of artic properties, beside bery," remarked the youth who which the ice will seem like fire. dwells near the "Devil's Backbone." is is a discovery that will en-

machinery used in the work of charging the water a thoroughly made in through three 'buffs' with each start the machinery. The bottling room was intensely hot, but Mr. adversary as much as to say, "You hain't got the gall to come in against Brimler was observed to button up that, have ye his coat to the throat before starting up, and in a short time the temperature was seen to be getting arctic. came up with the following: To the complete surprise of those present, snow began to fall in tiny was out on foot, lookin' for a saddle fast, filling the room and escaping through the door in a thick cloud. I was 'way out on the Key's flat, The Professor raised his hand, the machinery stopped and the snow disappeared. Then Mr. Brimler took deer quietly drinking from a spring from the machinery to which it had which gurgled up at the foot of a been attached a canvas bag, now full and of considerable weight. A touch of the outside of the bag chilled the blood. The intense cold, the terrible chill it gave, was simply enough on him to get a hip-locknot to be described. Cutting open the bag, Mr. Brimler displayed a noise made by the colonel as he slid mass of beautiful white, apparently crystal ice, but by its side common of tenpenny nails. When the ex-

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Barns and Houses Unroofed and ing "last words." Stock Killed-Destruction of Crops.

An electrical storm of a very de- Where the jackrabbit snooses at noontide, structive nature, accompanied by hail and rain passed through Dixon Ill., on the 1rth ult. Great damage was done to crops of all kinds. especially the fruit crop, which will The voice of that thirty-mile-son-of-a-gun, be a complete failure. Various Who chased that interval mule deer." buildings and wires were blown down throughout the country. Residences of A. G. Martid and A. A most alarming storm of cy-S. Maxwell, were both struck by clonic characteristics gave Bloom-

cut down as though done with a and electric light wires. The corn en into the earth by the hail. Every The rain did incalcuable good, but window in the north side of build- the damage by the wind is severe. ings in the track of the storm was riddled, barns and houses unroofed and stock killed. Adam Fritz, in whom he felt under obligations for Well, let me hear of the part you've played Pilot township, was struck by introducing a variety of swine, thus lightning and killed. Miss Kate unbosomed himself. "Respected And tell me why, since from home you Shannon, in Essex, was severely have strayed prostrated by lightning.—[Quincy found several pigs of our species.] (Ill.) Herald.

Last Words of Col. Hawbuck.

From the Heppner (Or.) Gazette.

Presidents, generals, horsethieves, and other men of great renown and large salaries, usually leave "last words" to cheer up the grief-stricken public after their death. The small boy generally gets in his work through the magical influence of a few 'last words.' Women always have 'last words.'

It will require a vast amount of patient suffering on the part of my readers to get the "last words" of Col. Hawbuck. The colonel had JOB WORK DONE ON SHORT for several years enjoyed the honor of being the greatest liar in Long (Excuse the slang)-I can see her to-night Creek, and he felt a just and sixteen-ounce-to-the-pound pride in the distinction. He had laid out a GRANTS PASS, - - - OREGON broncho-buster from the Malheure, a press correspondent from Baltimore And the face that was once freekled and and a shepherd from Haystack. No man could be induced to vary from the truth one iota when he saw the mild blue eyes of Col. Hawbuck

fixed upon him. One day last week a lot of us were holding down shoe boxes, nail kegs, But what's the matter with you, I'd like counters, and every thing else we could get on top of, in Joe Keeny's GOOD BEDS! I don't believe you've heard a word I've general merchandise store. We had just worn out "the weather," ,, the last fight," and "Ed Allea's new barkeeper," when in came a long, gaunt, tow-headed youth from Thirty Mile, who took a seat on the grocery counter and began to carve his name on the cheese box. The Col. KERBYVILLE, OREGON turned loose on a grasshopper story, ending by saying that "they went into his trunk and ate the handle off his Wade & Butcher razor.'

The youth, who lives in sight of Rancberia Rock, remarked that he DRY GOODS & GROCERIES 'had seen 'em eat the smokestack off a narrow gauge engine in Texas.' Col, Hawbuck gazed at the towas a Newfoundland dog might bestow upon a coyote whelp with its tusks broken off, and said he "had seen the weather so cold in Montreal that genuine 'old bourbon' froze in the barrels.

The boy, who wasn't old enough to buy whisky nor trade his vote for second-hand jewsharp, said that While the thermometer was 96 in 'last winter in Butte he was walkthe shade, a snow storm was in proling down the street and called out gress at Underwood Springs, which 'hello' to a friend on the opposite lasted five minutes. The snow did side. The words froze up. struck a

The colonel moved uneasily: Barlasted. It was the result of some astonishing experiments performed by Bottleneck Jonas "that look'd 'so

"Webfoot is the goshallfiredest place for fleas I ever see. I've seen 'em jump into farmers' wagons, take the lines and drive into town." 'Well, I've seen 'em arrest gray-

The colonel was now mad, and able physicians to do wonderful fired into the enemy with his buffalo things in the way of relieving pain. story, wherein he killed forty-two Mr. Brimler then attached to the buffalo with fourteen cartridges, by canvass bag, and gave the order to cartridge." He then glanced at his

He was mistaken. The kid who Kerbyville, - - - - Oregon

"One day in the summer of '83 I flakes at first, but soon thick and horse and armed only with my na-

Here he was interrupted by the ice melted as when exposed to fire. citement died down the kid had incontinently skipped. The colonel revived sufficiently to mutter in a LNOICE scarcely audible whisper the follow-

"Oh! bury me out on the hillside. Where the badgers dig holes in the And the coyotes go howlin' arcund.

Yes, bury, bury me under the blazin' Where I never again can hear

A Cyclone.

lightning. Maxwell's being badly ington, Ill., a dreadful fright a few days ago. The funnel shaped cloud Ruin and desolation marked the the hot air followed by hail and cold CHEAP FOR CASH OR PRODUCE. OFFICE, on Main St., between course of the above storm, which wind and the greenish yellow hue Weldo.

passed through the country ten of the sky, struck terror into all miles southwest of Kankakee, Ill. hearts. Many rushed into the streets Commencing at a point a mile west in the rain. The wind was from of Chebanse and extending two or the north and was terific. It lasted three miles northwest, thence al- thirty minutes. The lightning was most retracing its course toward appalling and nearly an inch of the southwest to a point between water fell. Trees were shattered Clifton and Ashkum, one mile and uprooted all over the city, and wide, destroying every kind of veg- hurled across the street car tracks etation in its course. Cereals were and against the telegraph, telephone sickel, and in many instances driv- is badly broken and beaten down.

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