A GRINDING MONOPOLY.

Corn and Cotton Were Down, but Stamps Were the Same Price.

He had a wilderness of red beard, and his sharp eyes showed great determination as he looked in at the postoffice window and asked:

"What's two cent postage stamps with?"

"They are worth 2 cents," replied the postmaster.

"Oh, you can beat that shorely. Can't you gimme one stamp an' a post ol kyard for 2 cents?"

"You say stamps hain't gone down a bit?"

"Not a bit." "An' cotton an' corn an' everything plum down to nuthin'." 'We can't help that."

"W'y, I paid 2 cents fer stamps when cotton wuz 9 cents an' wheat \$1." "That's all true."

"An' you ain't goin' to cut down a bit on 'em?'

"Not a bit." "This is jest simply a plum outrage. I'll go clean to Possum Trot an' quit paternizin' your blamed office. I know I kin git stamps right from them. They'll gimme a good, fresh, whole stock stamp an' a chaw of good 'backer fer 2 cents. I don't perpose to be robbed in broad open daylight if I know myself. You've had a grindin' monoperly here jest about as long as the people is goin' to stand it anyhow. You hey jest ground 'em an' ground 'em with extortionate prices until the fust thing you know some 'commodatin' feller will start up another postoffice in this town an' bu'st you higher'n a kite. See of they don't!"-Atlanta Constitution

lind Solved the Problem.



"Women are still pushing their way into all industries.

"That's so. I have just been discharged to make way for a woman." "You have? Well, well! What are

you going to do now?" "I am trying to marry the woman."

Had His Pears.

"You have not taken the medicine I left?" asks the physician, with some anger. "I declare such actions as that simply make me lose my patience."

"Well, doctor," meekly smiled the suffering one, "I was afraid that if I continued to take your medicine you would lose another of your patients."

Realizing that the case was hopeless, the physician left the house, saying that even an operation would be of no avail. Baltimore American.

A Fatal Prescription.

The town poet, writing of the departure of a late esteemed citizen, says in a rural exchange:

He didn't want no doctor; But, pitying his groams, We held a consultation And called in Dr. Jones.

He wrote a long prescription, With all a doctor's pride.
"Farewell, my wife and children,"
The patient said and died!

-Atlanta Constitution.

His Impression.

"Hiram," queried Mrs. Meddergrass, "did you ever see one o' them castles?" "I 'low I hev, mother," replied the old man. "I seed one o' the tarnal things last time I wuz tew th' city." "What air they built out uv, Hiram?"

asked Mrs. M. "Gold bricks, mother," was the significant reply.-Chicago News.

Moderation.

"Lynchin's is bad enough," said Broncho Bob, "but these burnin's at the stake is terrible."

"I'm glad to hear that there is no possibility of such atrocities in Crimson

"No, sir; no possibility whatever. Not with fuel at the present price."-Washington Star.

As It Sometimes Happens.

"Speak the truth and shame the dev-

"That's all right in theory, but if I spoke the truth on some occasions I would shame myself."

All Over.

"Did you get as much pleasure out of your country club as you expected?" "No; just as I was beginning to have a good time my wife joined."-Life.

He Stopped The Paper. I'ee stopped my paper, yes I hev: I didn't like to do it,

But the editor he got too smart And I allow he'll rue it.

I am a man as pays his debts, And I won't be insolted, So when an editor gets smart, I want to be consulted.

I took his paper 'leven years, And beiped him all I could, sir, An' when it comes to dunnin' me I didn't think he would, sir.

But that he did an' you kin bet It made me hot as thunder, Says I, I'll stop that sheet, I will, If the cussed thing goes under!

I hunted up the messly whelp An' for his cannin, esper, I paid them 'leven years an' quit! Yes, sir, I've stopped his paper. -Mason (fa.) Democrat.

Offered Lucrative Position.

Elmer I. Applegate has been tendered the position of inspector of the forest reserves of the Pacific coast at a salary of \$190.00 per month and all expenses, says the Express. Mr. Applegate is especially fitted for the position, and the offer comes to him without solicitation or through the influence of friends. He is personally known to those in authority at Washington, and through their knowledge of his qualifications and merits, the position has been offered him. It is quite likely, however, that he will not occept the position because of the continued illness of his wife. His refusal will be regretted by his friends here and by the Wash ington authorities who know that in him the duties of forest reserve inspector would be conscientiously prosecuted without fear or favor.

A. M. Kelsay, formerly clerk of Wasco county, but now one of the big sheepmen of the Mitchell country passed through Bend yesterday, in company with E. E. Allen, on the way to California, says the Bend Bulletin. The firm of Kelsay & Reeder have four bands of sheep-15,000 in all-on the road to the California market, and Mr. Kelsay expects to overtake them in the vicinity of Silver Lake and escort them to our neighbor state. The trip will occupy five months.

Asking For Information.

"All I want is a little pin money," said young Mrs. Dashington.

"I know it, my dear," answered her husband, "but don't you use anything but diamond pins?" - San Francisco Examiner.

Not a Suicide.



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