His Dog Was a Cur, but He Backed It

Against the Badger. Years ago, when Bill Nye was running Years ago, when Bill Mye was running an afternoon nowspaper in Laramia, Wy. I went over from Cheyenns one day to pay him a visit. He was hard at work in his office, which was up stairs over a livery stable, a fact that caused him to five in mortal dread of hay fever.

As soon as I want in he said, "Sit down there and write smoothing to him to the said."

there and write something to help marges the paper out, and we will get off quicker and have some fan with the boys."

"What shall I write about?"

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"Oh, 'bout a column."
So I wrote about a column, headed it
"About a Column." and commented on
columns. In a little while we were out
and Nye led the way to a place where a man
kept all sorts of sporting arrangements.
While we were there a man came in with
a live eagle he proposed to pit against the
proprietor's best hird. The old sport took
him up at once and the Roman nosed bird
of freedom was thrown in with a healthy of freedom was thrown in with a healthy looking chicken that would have fought a buzzsaw. The rooster made a dab at the eagle, and that "fierce gray bird with a bending beak" and an unwarranted repubending beak and an inwarranted reputation for gameness ignominiously, ingloriously and incontinently fled and hid
under a chair, where he looked out in a
piteous sort of way and as good as said:
"Take him off. I want to go home."

Among the other things this man of
sport had was a badger that he was prepared to hack for large sums on the state-

pared to back for large sums on the statement that no dog could take the heast out of a barrel that lay lengthwise on the floor with one head knocked out. I had won-dered why it was that Nye had been coax-ing an "ornary" looking cur to follow us, and now the problem was about to be solved. Nye made a bet that he had a dog that would take the badger out of the barrel. The money was "put up" and Nye caught that dog by the "nape of the neek and seat of his breeches," so to speak, and threw him into the barrel, tail foremost. The badger nabbed the dog by one ham and the dog went right away from there like a bine streak, taking the badger with him. The last that was ever seen of that dog, or badger either, both were going toward the North Platte river, the dog making the best time he ever had made and the badger hanging straight out be-hind, a close second. Nye won.—Will Lightfoot Visscher in Chicago Times-Her-

"Do you be veve in all this talk about kissing being dangerous?" he asked.
"Well," she replied thoughtfully, "I suppose there must be some foundation for

"I find it difficult to reach any other conclusion, but," she added hastily, "I al-ways have had the reputation of being a very fearless girl."

Naturally he felt that it was no more

than right that he should put this state ment to the test. - Chicago Post.

A Man of Principles.

"Tell me, old boy, why don't you pay your debts. Fixed as you are now it ought

your debts. Fixed as you are now it ought to be easy for you to give some satisfaction to your creditors."

"Well, you see, I am a man of principles. If I should pay now, they would extend now credit to me at once, and so, sooner or later, they would ruin me utterly."—Moscow Schut.

At the Right Shop.

"I kem in to get a little light from you on the financial question," said the visitor with the disorganized beard.

"You surely have come to the right shop," said the criter of The Exrode Gazette. "If there is anything on earth I am light on, it is fluances."—Typographical

In New York.

Chief of Police-Got on the track of

those thieves yet?

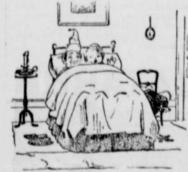
Detective—Can't find a clew.

Chief of Folice—Then you'd better go consult with the newspaper reporters and see what they've got. - Philadelphia North

Nothing to Fear. Lady-Litt's boy, isn't that your moth-

er calling you?
Little Boy—Yes'm.
"Why don't you answer her, then?"
"Pop's away."—Yellow Kid Magazine.

Worry Was Unnecessary.



Wife of His Bosom-James, I hear burglars at your eash box.

James—All ri', m'dear, nothing there paid your dressmaker's bill yesterday.—Ally Sloper's.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

She-Who was it that said, "There's no such word as fail?" He-Oh, I don't know; some smart Aleck who never tried to open a car window, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

Those Cruel Girls.

Minnie—It is just possible that I may marry him, but I am afraid it was my money that attracted him.

Helen—There! I knew there must be something!—Boston Transcript.

"Papa, how do the people in the weather bureau find out what kind of weather "I didn't know that they did, my son,

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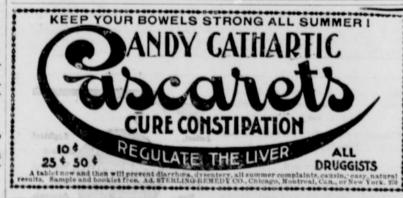
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