A HARD WIND.

And the Man Who Told It Never Cracked a

The man with the whisk broom goatee

crossed his legs and remarked: "I never seed such wind as we had in he state of Kansas last summer."

Blow your barn away?" asked the landlord sympathetically. Not much. Barn blowed into the

next county last April." 'House, mebbe?'

"Lost the house long in June. Kited over east about three miles and lit in Cherry creek. Didn't mind that so much," he continued, "Got 'em back and anchored 'em again all right, but along about July 1 we got to havin real breezy weather.

The landlord said nothing, and the group around the hotel stove prudently followed his example.

"The 9th day of last July," continued the stranger after a reflective pause, "there come up the doggondest wind I ever see in the state of Kansas. When it began to blow, my bantam rooster was just flappin his wings to crow." 'Did it blow the crow out of him?" in-

quired the stableman jocosely, "Gentlemen," said the man with the whisk broom goatee impressively, not heeding the interruption, "before that

bird had done crowin every livin feather on his body was blowed clean off." "Leave the pinfeathers?" asked the landlord skeptically.

"Yes, sir. Left the pinfeathers, and in three minutes along came a streak of Kansas lightnin and singed that roost-

There was an awkward pause in the group around the stove. The stableman looked around the stovepipe elbow to get a view of the stranger.

At length the landlord broke the painful silence. 'Hank Laffin's brown mare has gone

lame," he said .- Detroit Free Press. Hurt Her.

"I just heard of Fanny's engagement and I came over to congratulate her,' said Miss Hiland to Mrs. Dukane.

"Suppose you step up stairs," replied the matron. "Fanny is in her room and will be glad to see you." Miss Hiland entered her friend's room

and found her sobbing bitterly. "Why, Fanny, what are you crying for?" asked the caller.

"Boohoo!" sobbed the newly betrothed. "What's the matter?" "I-I-I'm engaged. Boohoo!" "Yes, I know. Is that why you are

crying? I came in to congratulate you.' The sobs continued. "What's the trouble? Do you think Frank has quit loving you already?"

"N-n-no, but"-"But what? Was there any difficulty in getting your parents' consent?"

"It's just the other way. They said they were glad and seemed so pleased it looked as though they were glad to get me off their hands. Boohoo! They might at least have pretended to object. Boohoo! I've a great mind to break the engagement. So there!"

And the tears commenced to flow again.-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Satisfied Her.

He was tenor in the choir, had his hair curled and parted in the middle mustache all during the opening of the service, when suddenly it dawned upon him he might be sociable, and whispering to a lady next to him he said, "Really, I do believe my voice improves with my looks." She was about to reply when the pastor announced the text, York Mercury. "And the ass opened his mouth and spake." Then she smiled and was content.—Adams (Mass.) Freeman.

Working Together.

He was the local doctor, and every one wondered why the parson appointed him churchwarden, especially those who aspired to the dignity themselves. One of these, however, soon solved the

mystery, and to his rival's discomfiture. "I know why the parson's 'pointed of him," he said decisively. "Parson gets a fee for every funeral, and the doctor's guaranteed him a certain number every year."—Spare Moments.

Modern Realism.

Modern Author-Which is the phonograph I took to Mrs. Forundred's recep-

His Wife-This is the one. Modern Author-Very well. Teil my secretary to copy it off and send it to The Hightone Magazine. I promised them a new society novel this week .- New York Weekly.

No Wings.

In the midst of a battle a general saw a man running from a very close situa-

"What are you running for?" demanded the disgusted general in a stern voice. "Golly, general," said the fleeing man, "I'm running because I can't fly."-St. Louis Republic.

A Probability.



Bingo-What's become of that blotting paper that was on my desk? Mrs. Bingo-Why, can't you find it,

Bingo (savagely)-No, I can't. Mrs. Bingo (sweetly)—Then it must be on there yet.—Brooklyn Life. Getting at It Dipiomatically.

Mrs. Smoothe-Reginald, dear, I saw lovely little bit of ribbon down town today, and I want it so much. Don't you think I might buy it? Mr. Smooth -A ribbon? Of course,

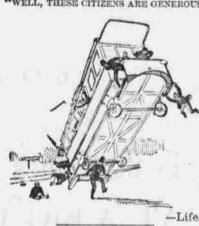
What a question! one. May I buy that too? Mr. Smoothe-Certainly,

Mrs. Smoothe—And just one thing more, my dear. They've got a frame for "A photographic parts of the state of -Chicago Record.

A Literal Interpretation.



"WELL, THESE CITIZENS ARE GENEROUS!"



Cold Sympathy. Dobbs started out the other morning

with the toothache, and of course he met everybody he knew. "Hurts, doesn't it?" asked No. 1 as he

tried to look sympathetic. "Well, I should smile." "Try cold steel."

"Thanks, awfully, I'm saving my teeth." "See here," said No. 2, "if you'll fill it full of pounded ice mixed with salt and alum, it will stop the pain."

"Thanks," said Dobbs, "but I prefer the pain. Ouch!" "Go to the dentist and have the nerve killed," suggested No. 8.

"It's being killed now," howled Dobbs. 'Next." "Take creosote," suggested No. 4.

"And smell like a burning chimney?" narled Dobbs. "Excuse me." "Grin and bear it," said No. 5, trying be funny, and he nearly got his head

broken for his pains. 'If it's jumping toothache," began No. 6-but it evidently was by the way he jumped for the door, and then Dobbs filled that tooth with whisky and stopped its aching void.—Detroit Free Press.

Old Men Barred Out.

"Some people have very queer notions about renting furnished rooms," said the proprietor of a very large establishment of the kind to the writer.

Upon being asked why, he explained that he knew of a woman who would never rent one of her rooms to an old man and had her servant girls instructed to ask each applicant his age.

"I happened to be on the steps one day when a rather elderly man applied and was persistently fondling a downy for a room," said he. "'How old are you? inquired the girl.

"'Sixty-five,' replied the rather astonished applicant.

"'That settles it. You can't have a room here. The mistress doesn't want any funeral from her house." "-New

From a "Local" Point of View. City Editor-Yes, there is a vacancy on my staff. Do you think you could condense a column of ideas into two

ches of space? Applicant (facetiously) - I think I would succeed better in spreading two inches of ideas over a column of space. City Editor-You won't do for this department. Apply at the editorial room.

—New York Weekly.

Pluck.

Foreman of Pressroom-Ink's all out, sir, and I ain't printed but 200 copies. Editor-Have you cleaned all the soot out of the lamp chimneys and used that? Foreman-Yes, sir.

Editor-Well, then boil down last week's returned copies and squeeze the ink out of them. This paper is bound to get on.-Brooklyn Life.

A Sudden Coolness.

Miss Highflier-Oh, Mr. Sappy, how nice it was of you to name your new hunter after me! What is she like?

Young Sappy—Well, she's a regular stunner, Miss Highflier. Not much to look at, don't cher know, but very fast. And he cannot make out why she is so cool to him now .- Vogue.

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"A photographic rass is much beta hat at the same place. You won't obter." he said, "as it can be readily ject to my buying that, will you, lovey? traced. Such passes," he added, "are used by all members of the board of Indy managers."

The countess objected to having her picture taken for a photographic pass on the ground that she was a titled personage, and it would not be

in conformity with etiquette.
"Well," replied the official, by way of persuasion, "my mother is a member of the board of lady managers, and when she comes to Chicago next week she will have her picture taken just like the other members." "But you see," said the lady, "I

am a countess." "Yes, I know," retorted the official, 'and my mother is a queen." The countess stamped her foot and

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Thoughtless or Unkind. "Here," said the very young man, "is a chameleon.

"Oh, Mr. Callow," she exclained, "this is very kind of you! I shall take good care of it." "I hope you will keep it to remind you

of me. "I shall take the greatest pleasure in doing so." And after a pause she added, "What a pity it doesn't stay green all the time!"—Washington Star.

The Doubtful One.

An old negro being on trial, his lawyer challenged a number of the jury who his client said, had a prejudice against him. "Are there any more jurymen who have a prejudice against you?" inquired the lawyer. "No, sah, de jury am all right, but I want to challenge de judge."—Green Bag.

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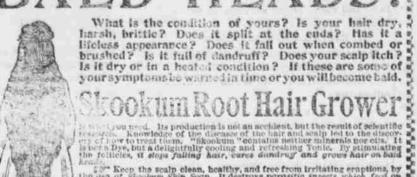
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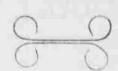
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