

TURNING THE TABLES.

The Negro Met the Lawyer on His Own Ground.

A Kentucky lawyer was standing or the steps of the Covington postoffice the other day, when an old colored man came up and touching his hat asked: "Kin you tell me is dis de place

where dey sells postage stamps? 'Yes, sir. This is the place," replied the lawyer, seeing a chance of a little quiet fun, "but what do you want with postage stamps, uncle?"

"To mail a letter, sah, of course," "Well then, you needn't bother about stamps. You don't have to put any on

this week." "I don't?" "No, sir."

"Why-for not?"

"Well, you see, the conglomeration of the hypothenuse has differentiated the parallelogram so much that the consanguinity don't emulate the ordinary effervescence, and so the government has decided to send letters free."

The old man took off his hat dubiously, shook his head and then, with a long breath, remarked:

'Well, boss, all dat may be true, an I don't say it ain't, but just s'posen dat de eckcentricity of the aggregation transubstantuates de ignominiousness of de puppindiceler and sublimites de puspicuity of de consequences-don't you qualificate dat de government would confiscate dat dare letter? I guess I'd jest better put some stamps on anyhow. fer luck!'

And the old man passed solemnly down the street.-Exchange.

He Explained It.

James Wilson of No : Hampshire used to tilt with Jeremiah Smith occasionally. Once, while they were journeying together on horseback, Wilson rode on ahead, and meeting a stranger passed himself off to him as Smith, then a member of congress. When the two attorneys stopped for the night, Wilson related, in the presence of some friends, what a great dignitary he had been mistaken for. "Oh, no," said Smith, "the man knew better. He said: 'You Jerry Smith? Why, he's a respectable man.'

A man of the name of Smith being arraigned in court for a criminal offense, Wilson asked Smith how it was that so many offenders happened to have his "Easily explained," replied name. "They want an honest name to be tried by, and so give the name of quired sympathetically why she seemed Smith, but on inquiry it will generally so distressed a young miss wearing the turn out that their true name is Wilson."-Green Bag.

Hood's Famous Hoax.

There is a very pretty story to the effect that the word "queer" came into our language through a hoax. I forgot who the alleged perpetrators were-Thomas Hood perhaps—but the story goes that a wager was made to the effect that the maker of it could set all standers. The utmost quiet prevailed, London to talking within 24 hours. He although the crowd soon numbered sev-London to talking within 24 hours. He accordingly had painted on fences, houses, sidewalks and all vacant spaces the letters, "Q-U-E-E-R." "Why, what is that?" everybody asked. And mile took the place of the drawn load the blinding one evening last week may have fancied that the clock did not strike 8. It, how-ever, really did strike, and its soundless-of Europe. Mr. Wanamaker was a warm



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from Footo's flagship. But the cigars began to come in from all over the Un-

ion. He had 11,000 cigars on hand in a

very short time. He gave away all he

could, but he was so surrounded with

ularly, but he never smoked as much as

cigar after breakfast and let it go out,

and then light it again, and then again

let it go out and light it, so that the

-From an Interview With Colonel

A Cotham Incident.

one cigar would last until lunchtime.'

in McClure's Magazine.

n, who for the past 11 months Ancarcerated in the penitentiary ourglary committed in Kootenai a fixed habit. Whe **DITION** county. Nero has been an exemplary prisoner, and although his sentence was pipe-not incessantly. 'I don't think for one year his good behavior, under that he was very fond of tobacco then, the rules of the institution, earned him and really there was always a popular one month's commutation. The 11 inisconception of the amount of his months expired the other day, and Ward-

snoking. But he went on as a light en Campbell informed him he was at smoker, a casual smoker, until the day liberty to depart. of the fall of Fort Douelson. Then the Nero said he did not want to go. Life gunboats having been worsted somewithin the prison walls was for him prefwhat, and Admiral Foote having been erable to being turned adrift in a cold wounded, he sent ashore for my father world. to come and see him. Father went The warden told Nero he was sorry for aboard, and the admiral, as is custom- him, but his time was up, and he would

ary, had his cigars passed. My father be "equired to leave the home to which took one and was smoking it when he he had become so attached in so short a went ashore. There he was met by a time. staff officer, who told him that there Then Nero adopted new tactics. He

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Legal Question.

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such a one is Narcisse Nero,

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was a sortie, and the right wing had raised the point that he did not have to been struck and smashed in. Then my accept the month's rebate on his sentence father started for the scene of opera- for good behavior unless he pleased to. tions. He let his cigar go out naturally, He did not desire to accept it, and therebut held it between his fingers. He rode fore could not be put out until the expirahither and yon, giving orders and direc- tion of the full 12 months. This raised an entirely new question,

tions, still with the cigar stump in his and Deputy Warden Cuddy was dis-"The result of his exertions was that Fort Donelson feil after he sent his message of 'unconditional surrender,' and Warden Campbell to allow Nero to re-'I propose to move immediately upon main until the return of the attorney your works.' With the message was general. The governor said if it should sent all over the country the news that be shown such action was wrong he Grant was smoking throughout the bat- would pay for Nero's board out of his tle when he only had carried this stump own pocket .- Boise Statesman.

A HERO'S MONUMENT.

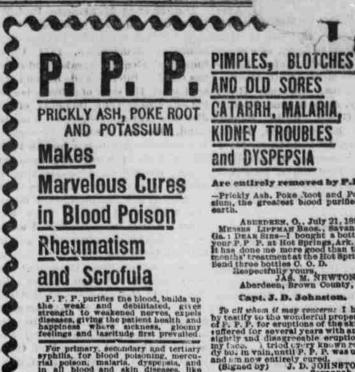
One of the Terrible Incidents of the Civil War Recalled.

G. W. Humphrey of Shelby county, cigars that he got to smoking them reg-Mo., has just ordered a monument to be placed over the grave of Hiram Smith he seemed to smoke. He would light a at Palmyra, Mo. Smith was a victim of the McNeil butchery, which occurred at Palmyra during the war, and which was one of the most brutal affairs known in history. One of General McNeil's men was

Frederick D. Grant About His Father missing, as the story goes, and he believed that he had been foully dealt with. McNeil announced that if the missing man was not turned up by a A scene that attracted a crowd occertain time he would select a number of citizens from the community and put ous parts of the country as receivers for curred in the Bowery very early one morning. A girl not over 20 years old, them to death. People looked upon it as an idle threat, many of whose natural beauties of face could be distinguished through her

but the time came, and McNeil did as he tears, sat on a doorstep of a saloon. She said he would do. Humphrey's father was well dressed. A group stood watchwas one of the men selected and would ing her, and while some of them inhave been murdered with the rest had not his friend, Hiram Smith, volunteered to take his place in the doomed column customary poke bonnet of the Salvation and die in his stead. Humphrey was a married man, and Smith was single, and Army edged her way through the crowd, and catching sight of the wayon this account permitted himself to be ward girl went up to her. The Salvashot so that his friend might be spared tionist, resting upon one knee on the to his family. The children of Mr. Humstone step, threw her right arm over the phrey have long intended to erect a monshoulder of the weeping girl, and takument over the grave of the young hero ing her by the hand drew her close to who died to spare their father, but the her and began talking to her earnestly matter has been put off until now.— in a tone too low to be heard by the by-Quincy (Ills.) Cor. St. Louis Republic.

Muffled the Bell.



For primary secondary and tertiary synhilis, for blood poisoning, mercu-rial poison, malaris, dyspepsia, and in all blood and skin diseases, like blotches, pimples, old chronie ulcers, tetter, scald head, bolls, erysipeias, exama-we may say, without fear of contradiction, that P. P. P. is the best blood purifier in the world, and makes positive, speedy and permanent curves in all cases.

Ladies whose systems are poisohed and whose blood is in an impure con.l-tion, due to menatrual irregularities, are psculiarly beneficed by the won-derful tonio and blood cleanaing prop-erties of P. P. P. - Priokly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium.

Bransornen, Mo., Aug. 14th, 1693, -I can speak is the bighest torms of your medicine from my own persons inowiedge. I was miceted with heart disease, pleurisy and rheumatism for 35 years, was treated by the very best physicians and speat hundreds of dol-tars, tried every known remedy with-out finding relief. Thave only taken one bottle of your P. P. R. and can cheerfully say it has done me more good than anything it have sever taken. I am recommend your medicine to all unformers of the above disease.

Brers of the above diseases. MRS, M. M. YEARY, Springfield, Green County, Mo.



Senator Kyle Has Advanced an Idea That May Possibly Become Law.

The present financial stringency and trouble with savings banks and other institutions of deposit have suggested to Senator Kyle of Dakota a postal savings scheme. He is of the opinion that the designation of certain postoffices in varismall deposits would be advantageous, and a bill is now before the senate committee on postoffices providing for the details of such a plan.

It is proposed to receive small deposits at money order offices, for which interest at the rate of 21 per cent per annum will be paid. The depositors will receive stamps in denominations ranging from 10 cents to \$1. These are to be kept as securities by the depositor and are transferable and redeemable on presentation at any money order office, proofs of course being required as to the identity of the holder. The money thus accumulated by the government is to be loaned to farmers on first mortgage security on lands worth \$5,000 and over at 4 per cent interest.

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after that was called "queer." It is a comforter. She finally arose, embraced explode it by saying that our word started up toward Third avenue, the

Pay Dirt.

The man who had gone west to grow up with the country returned to the scenes of his childhood in less than three years wearing good clothes and in many other ways giving competent testimony of prosperity. "Hello!" exclaimed an old friend,

meeting him. "You must have done well in the west."

"Well, rather," was the confident reply. "I struck pay dirt before I had been there a year.

"Pay dirt? I didn't know you were at the mines."

"I wasn't. I bought a farm for \$50 can home. an acre and sold it in town lots at \$50 the lot. That's the kind of pay dirt to strike."-Detroit Free Press.

Earning His Living.

An old colored man, with his legs twisted about like corkscrews from rheumatism, and also partly paralyzed, sits on the step of the Austin courthouse and solicits alms.

"You must have a pretty hard time of it, uncle," remarked a sympathetic stranger, handing him a nickel.

'Yes, boss, dat's a fact. Dar's six ob us in de family, and I'ze de only one able to get about and earn a libin."-Texas Siftings.

Hard to Understand.

Squildig-1 can't make out why young Sappy isn't more popular with

the girls than he is. McSwilligen-Neither can I. He is the most ladylike gentleman of my ac-quaintance.-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

He Didn't Mind.



Mother-Miss Smithers, your school mistress, tells me she's always being it don't seem woth while tryin to obliged to soold you, Johnnie. I'm sorry prove on it. Er feller that ain't conse to hear that.

Johnnie (considerately)-Oh, never earth at that rate of sy mind, mother. It doesn't matter. I'm goned hard ter satisfy th? not one of those sensitive children, you ain't with list'nin to not ington Star.

the response was that it was "queer;" smile took the place of the drawn look ness was, says The Daily News, due to a advocate of the idea while he was post-

English Homes and American.

On entering an Englishman's house the first thing one notices is how well his house is adapted to him. On entertook the liberty of tying a kneeling cush ing an American's house the first thing one notices is how well he adapts himwithout noise. self to his house. In England the estab-

Immediately after 8 o'clock the cushion lishment is carried on with a prime view to the comfort of the man. In America struck 9 as usual.-Pall Mall Budget, the establishment is carried on with a

Czar Alexander's Diplomacy. prime view to the comfort of the wom-Russia needs peace in order to develop an. Men are more selfish than women;

consequently the English home is, as a her internal affairs. She entered into rule, more comfortable than the Amerirelations with France not in order to make war on Germany, but to form a An Englishman is continually going

counterpoise to the triple alliance and prevent France from embarking on a home; an American is continually going policy of adventure which might have to business. One is forever planning dragged Russia against her will into and scheming to get home, and to stay war. Now that Russia is sure of the pahome, and to enjoy the privileges of home, while the other is more apt to cific intentions of France, she is binding Germany to her by ties of interest. Thus devote his energies to make his business a place to go to and in which to spend she holds in her hands the policy of two himself. These minor details of domes- great nations which for nearly a quarter tic life put their impress upon larger of a century have maintained a hostile matters of business and politics --Price attitude. If it is Alexander III who personally directs the foreign policy of his empire, it must be admitted that he is endowed with admirable diplomatic re-A swallow flew down and plucked a sources, for the game has been played so small piece of wool from the back of a quietly and so surely as to be worthy the

sheep. The sheep was very indignant eulogium of future historians .- Paris and denounced the swallow in scathing Herald.

Open For Experiments. "Why do you make such a fuss?" asked the swallow. "You never say anything when the shepherd takes all "That's a different thing entirely," replied the sheep. "If you knew how to take any wool without hurting me as the shepherd does, I would not object

This fable is merely intended to explain why millions can be stolen with sponsibilities from acting in this matter | clf. - Chicago Record. impunity, while the theft of a pair of as he chockes, and does not object to a boots or a loaf of bread is nished proba! nesdacrmination of the affair. with such severity .- Texas

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A Fable.

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hence everything that seemed strange on her face, and she clung closely to her pions little conspiracy, of which certain master general. There is little doubt music lovers who shall be nameless may but that some plan of making small degood story, and perhaps it is not fair to the Salvationist warmly, and they both perhaps not unreasonably be suspected. posits through the postoffice would be Bach's "Passion," according to St. Mat- useful to persons far removed from savexplode it by saying that our word starts of the Salvation Army lass in-"queer" comes directly from the Ger-man.—Boston Home Journal. Pay Dirt. Pay Dirt. and, as everybody who attends such cere-awkward name of striking at very incon-venient moments, often entirely spoiling on real estate is a matter upon which a

the effect of quiet passages. Se certain young men mounted the bell tower, and ist. As a consequence it would be quite took the liberty of tying a kneeling cush is seesary to discuss this feature of the ion to the bell hammer, which thus fell Kyss bill exhaustively.

It is to be hoped that a good working postal savings scheme will be developed was brought down again, and the clock in this country 'n the near future. While it may not be needed to the degree that it is in some foreign -ountries, it would undoubtedly prove a grat public convenience and an inducement to more general saving among persons of small income .- Baltimore Heraid.

The Stay Abed Club.

Of the many curious and interesting features to be met with in New Orleans life there is none other more interesting than the Stay Abed club, an organization composed of bedridden people. The qualifications for membership are confirmed invalidism and the ability to communicate with other members of the club by letter. The idea and plan of this singularly pathetic organization originated with a lady who for 15 years has been a bedridden sufferer. ceived the scheme of writing down each day her experiences, impressions and thoughts, and this essay or letter she exchanged with an invalid friend, receiving in return a similar epistle. Presently the circle of correspondents A recent issue of The Medical Bulletin grew larger, and last winter there were printed the following remarkable offer: 14 invalids enjoying the curious, beau-Physicians desiring to obtain a subject tiful benefits of the club. Each member on which to observe the process of di-gestion or other workings of the vital organ, or on whom to try the effects of routine to the others, so each member poisons and their antidotes, may proba-bly do so by communicating with the ed-ideas are suggested, the monotony of itor of The Bulletin. Subject is unmar- the sickroom is relieved, and the inried and not prevented by any ties or re- valid's thoughts are beguiled away from .

Imitators and Imposters.

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