Buying In His Note. Colonel Bill was a pioneer legislator, merchant and banker of the vest pock-

It was seldom that Colonel Bill got caught by a debtor, so unerring was his judgment of men, but his transaction with old man Blankerton was an exception to the rule. Blankerton got into Colonel Bill's ledger to the amount of \$60 and finally balanced the account with a note.

When the paper was a long time a settlement, to the eminent disgust of | teams by telephone. the colonel, he declared, with a strong Anglo-Saxon emphasis, that he would sell Blankerton's note for 50 cents on the dollar. The statement was not long reaching the ears of the maker of the note. He met the colonel in the village street one day and accosted

"Bill, heard you'd offered to sell my note for 50 cents on the dollar."

"Yes; I will." "Will you sell it to me at that rate?" "Yes, sir; I'll sell it to you at that

"All right, Bill; make out a new note."

Colonel Bill's symptoms of apoplexy became noticeable from that moment. -Chicago Record-Herald.

The Oldest Joke.

It will be difficult to discover an older practical joke than that of the coppersmith and the maker of brazen images for the temple of Osiris, which is embodied in Egyptian inscriptions dating from the reign of Menes, founder of Memphis, who ruled over 7,000 years ago. According to ancient records, there dwelt between these two craftsmen a quiet man whose desire was for peace and who was sadly disturbed by the noisy occupations carried on by his busy neighbors. He therefore asked each of them to say for what sum they would change their dwellings. This they did. Each calculated the amount required, and he, being satisfied, paid it over to them.

"Now," he asked of the coppersmith, "where is your new dwelling?" "I have taken that of the maker of images," was the reply. "And you," queried the quiet man of the latter, "whither goest thou?" "To the house of the coppersmith!"

This is one of many tales told in all ages which are woven into myth and legend and differ only in local color.

He Needed the Clerk.

When Tim Campbell was in the Fiftieth congress he stole a clerk from Congressman Scott. Scott was a new member and was made chairman of a committee which gave him a clerkship. He knew nothing about the clerk. Campbell did. Through some means or another he had the clerkship transferred to his own committee. Six months later Scott learned of the trick. Meeting Campbell, he said:

"That was a nice piece of petty lar-"Tut, tut, Mr. Scott," said Campbell;

"my committee needed a clerk worse than yours." Then, with twinkling eyes, he continued, "You are a millionaire and can afford to hire half a dozen clerks, while I must go to the government for clerical assistance." The ready reply amused Scott. The two men' were always the best of friends thereafter.

Anxious Traveling.

A traveler in Russia noticed that the train he entered was all decorated with flags and banners, and at every station it passed stood a company of soldiers and a band playing the national anthem. The traveler asked a brakeman the reason of all this ceremony. The brakeman, lowering his voice, replied:

"I don't mind telling you, sir-but in the strictest confidence, be it understood-that a carriage in this train has been engaged for his majesty. But his majesty, as a matter of fact, won't set off till this evening. Thus the plot hatched against him may take effect on this train, you see, and our gracious sovereign will be saved.'

The brakeman touched his cap and passed on, and the traveler, suddenly grown pale and nervous, stared from the window anxiously.

The First Patent on Matches. Before 1833, when wooden matches with phosphorus were made in Vienna, people were dependent upon flint and steel to secure a light. The first patent for a phosphorus match in the United States was taken out in 1836 by A. D. Philipps of Springfield, Mass. For many years people refused to use them, but by 1845 the ill smelling and clumsy old tinder boxes were generally discarded and are preserved, like snuffboxes, as curiosities.

Out of His Line. Western Relative.-Well, Wendell, what was the score today? Little Boston Boy-Really, I do not know. Is it not your opinion, Uncle William, that the theism of Clement and Athanasius furnishes a much more tenable basis for a rational theory of creation than is afforded by that of Augustine?-Chicago Tribune.

Competent.

Irate Passenger-1 believe you're driving over every stone in the road! Driver-Waal, sir, it takes a purty good driver to hit 'em al'.-Boston Herald.

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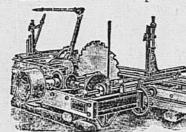
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