What is this? This, dear, is that suffering animal,

the editor. But what is the editor? He is the man, darling, that runs

the paper. My! I thought the paper ran itself. That is the popular impression.

But not correct? Not entirely so. I thought the talented contributors wrote the stories?

They do. And that the funny man built the

jokes? He does. And that the dyspeptic genius

wrote the poems? Certainly. And the poor compositor—thought he put things into type?

Yes. And that the printer, he worked off the edition?

You are right. Then what in the name of goodness

does the editor do? He talks. With whom?

With people who come in to help him pass away the time. Oh! then the editor has plenty of time to waste?

Tota. Who is the long-haired lunatic with the roll of paper?

He is the gifted poet. What does he want? He wants to know what became of

the "Ode of the Withered Violet," in 47 stanzas which he sent last spring. What did become of it?

It was filed away in the stove. Does the editor say that? Oh, no.

What does he say? He says that he sent it back. My! But isn't that a twister? Yes, dear.

What does the poet say? He says that he is so sorry, because the Century offered him \$65 for it. And what is that?

A lie. And who is that gentleman with Southern Music House, He is the "Constant Reader."

And he wantscation was not answered.

And why was it not?

Because it was seven columns long and only in the interest of one per-

Who was that? Himself. And that fashionable gentleman

sucking his caus He is the delight of the editorial room. What is his business?

He has none. Why then does he come? Because it is too late for luncheon and too early to walk on the avenue. But I do not understand. Neither does the editor.

How long will be stay? A couple of hours. And that last man, the undertaker? S-h-h! dear. That is not an un-

Who is it, then? The funny man.

Oh! What does he want? He wants to read the editor his last joke. Where did he get it?

From a work on the "Tombs of the Early Egyptian Kings." My! Then this is the way the editor spends his time?

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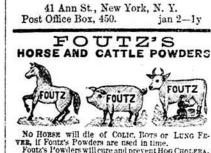
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