Humorous Department.

LOOKING AHEAD.

The mayor of Louisville, upon meeting an old Negro, drew him aside, and another. in a voice by no means gentle, thus addressed him:

"Randsom, I am going to have you

"How come dat?"

"Why, for having obtained money under false pretences. "I ain't done nothin' like dat, sah

I 'clar to goodness I ain't." "Didn't you come to me yesterday

and get \$1 ?" "Yes, sah."

"Well, but you trifling scoundrel, I saw your son on the street just now.'

"Hah ?"

"You know what I said ?" "Yas, sah; yas but I didn't tell you de boy was dead, did I?"

"Didn't tell me he was dead! You infernal old idiot; did you suppose I and in the house, \$1,200.

"No, sah." "Then what did you mean by saying that you didn't tell me he was pass through," was the reply.

helf fur er laung time, an', dat I'd emperor. hatter bury him sooner or later, w'y I 'lowed better raise de money durin' de busy season, when de folks wan't hard pressed. I'se mighty kine hearted dis way, sah, monstrous kine hearted, but er man don't git no credit in dis yere world o' sin fur bein' kine hearted. An' ergin, I'se er man dat doan blebe in puttin' off er thing that he knows has got to be done. Knows dat I'll hatter bury dat chile putty soon, an' yere you come an' wanter punish me fer takin' up de ercasion in

"You old rascal, that boy is in excellent health."

"Who, dat chile? You don't know dat chile like I does, sah. Dat boy suffers wid der gestion, but it's jest as I says, er hones' an' kine hearted man doan git no credit in dis yere sin cussed world."

AMERICAN HUMOR.

The disposition of Americans to exwhat is known as American humor. was chosen over Andrew Jackson. A story associated with "picket-firing," during the Civil war, brings out this feature of national character: One day there was a truce between

the two hostile picket lines.
"Ho, Yank!" called out a lank Mississippian, who had just been posted.

"Can you fellows shoot?" "Wal, Johnny, I guess we can, some

Can you?" "Shoot!" shouted back the Confederate. "Why, down in Mississippi we knock a bumble bee off a thistle bow

at 300 yards!" "O that's nothing to the way we "O that's nothing to the way we art county was asked how he got on shoot up in Vermont! I belonged to with the meeting. "First-rate," said a company up ther' of 100 men, and he; "I made 70 convicts the first every week we used to go out to prac-night." single file, and set a cider barrel rollin' down hill. Each man took a shot at the bung-hole as it turued up.

"The barrel was then examined, and if there was a shot found that didn't gars in his vest pocket." "But the proof." "He showed me the half-fired it was expelled. I belonged to the company 10 years and there ain't burned cigars."

Sat talking of bygone days, mopping our faces, and wondering what was happening 16,000 miles away. I remember he had just said: "Hold on, savagely, and he bounded away, and there ain't burned cigars." the company 10 years, and there ain't been nobody expelled yet."

The exaggeration is often so pronounced as to eclipse the humor. A Californian, hearing a Brazillian tell try, so large and luminous that ladies parallel, the lowest temperature reof the wonderful fireflies of his counwore them on their person enclosed in gauze, replied:

"That's nothin'. Why, in Californy the fireflies are so large that they use them to cook by. They set the kettles on their hinder legs, which are bent for the purpose like pot hooks, and their bodies give out heat to boil potatoes."

TOO FOND OF THE MEDICINE.-"I the other day, as Splatterby was hunting around for the sugar.

"Yes," replied Splatterby, "a little something is good to have about the

house in case of sickness." "I don't think whisky is good," said Mrs. Splatterby.

"And why isn't it, I would like to know?" asked Splatterby, with some degree of feeling. "Many of the most eminent physicians recommend it."
"Well," said Mrs. Splatterby, with a

composed cast of countenance, "if it is a good medicine, it don't agree with your system. I notice that you are never well while there is a drop of the stuff in the house."

COULDN'T FIND IT .- The wife of a wellknown citizen recently purchased a wheel and has been taking lessons at the rink. Her husband the other night went up to see her under course of instruction. She is a plump (I may say exceedingly plump) and pleasing person. Hubby noticed that the instructor found it necessary to occasionally place his arm about his spouse's waist, and, approaching the man he said: "Young man, don't you think it a little too fresh to put your arm around a lady's waist? Why don't you take hold of the saddle?" The instructor looked helplessly at the rotund rider and exclaimed: "Great Scott, I can't find the saddle!"

THE STORY .- A little girl came home from her grandmother's one day, with a very full account of an elegant

a 'tory for you."

Wayside Gatherings.

This country uses up 30,000 aores of timber a day in one way and

ple spent \$20,000,000 last year for chewing gum. Only 24 white elephants have

It is said that the American peo-

been captured since the beginning of the Christian era. Blame not others for your disap-

pointments till you have sought for the blame in yourself. "Will you name the bones of the head?" "I've got 'em all in my head,

professor; but I can't give them." In Hamburg a dog is taxed according to his size; a little tax for a little dog, and a big tax for a big dog. Pages in congress must be over the age of 12 years and under 16. In the senate they receive \$1,440 a year

thought you were going to bury him | *Why do you punch that hole in my ticket?" asked a little man of a railway official. "So that you can

Queen Victoria now rules 367. 000,000 people, a greater number than "Now, jes hol' on, sah; jes wait a has ever before acknowledged the sov-minit. Dat boy ain't been in good ereignty of either a king, queen or

The man who is willing to do wrong in secret will after awhile be willing to do wrong in public. The fear of God is a better protection than the fear of man.

A conscientious registrar of births and deaths at St. Ives, England, infant aged one minute. He was bound to be accurate.

During his entire career Stradivarius made from 600 to 700 violins. Few of these were sold higher than \$25 during his life. Now some of them command \$10,000 each.

Asbestos towels are among the given her some provocation !" curiosities of the day. When soiled draw them out fresh and clean.

The house of representatives has twice elected presidents of the United States; first in 1800, when Thomas what, if yer want to know, 'er man Jefferson was chosen over Aaron Burr : | don't-" aggerate is especially prominent in and in 1824, when John Quincy Adams

The government always withlast 100 years, the sum of \$750,000.

As the result of an election waelected. His opponent will silver his head if Bryan carries off the prize. A Negro preacher who was carrying on a protracted meeting in Stew-

ce. The cap'n would draw us up in ngle file, and set a cider barrel rollin' affection?" "Proof!" exclaimed the burn-hole as it turued up.

"The barrel was then examined, and been burning so that it has lit the ci-

States is the stretch of country on the northern border from the Minnesota the 9 hours' difference in time." lakes to the western line of Dakota. At Pembina, which lies near the 49th corded in the great storm of the win- the yard rang the cry of "Fire!" ter of 1873 was 56 degrees below zero. This is believed to be the lowest tem-

successfully do two things at once." from our back country. It appeared "I've heard it said." "Do you believe to be entering the gully in which stood it?" "I've never had any occasion to the rival huts I have previously mendoubt it." "Have you ever had any lioned. And as soon as Cassie saw chance, was untouched, lying on the experience in municipal affairs?" "A this, she left the store and rushed to floor quite dead—suffocated. On the see you have got that black bottle of cases in which a man has drawn standing. I followed her, crying: filled again!" remarks Mrs. Splatterby, two salaries at once, and kept it up for the other day, as Splatterby was hunt-some time." "Oh, well, anything is possible to a financier in politics."

An Englsh paper reports the discovery of a real Mrs. Partington. She walked into the office of the judge of probate, and inquired, "Are you be shanty, and most like dead drunk by shanty, and most like dead drunk by judge of probate," was the reply. Well, that's it, I expect," quoth the kid ain't weaned. I must go! lady. "You see, my husband died detested, and left me several little and let one of the men go. You can infidels; and I want to be appointed do no possible good!" their executioner!"

Don't eat too fast; the digestive organs are something like a stove, of them? I can get there quicker nor which if chocked up and out of order burns slowly, and if you keep filling any of 'em." in fuel grows more and more chocked. The wiser course is to let it burn down her, had let down the panels, and now and put in fuel only when needed. It is a foolish notion that food always keeps up the strength. Only what we digest helps us; all beyond that is scarcely six more. But she we digest helps us; all beyond that is scarcely six more. But she could a tax upon the system and exhausts only travel as fast as her horse could the strength instead of increasing it.

One of the most unique cemeteries in the United States is that of Sheepshead Bay, Long Island, the with men and beaters. Even at the burial ground for noted horses. It distance we were from it we could was established two years ago, and by feel the hot glow upon our faces. the end of the first year three noted racers had found a resting-place in its faster and faster on the devoted huts. quiet precincts. The racer burial Presently volumes of smoke began to ground is beautifully decorated with roll over our heads; and we could flowers and shrubbery, and suitable distinctly hear the roar of the flames headstones mark the last resting pla-and the falling of trees far ahead of ces of kings and queens of the turf.

It is announced that England's rived at the point I was aiming for, famous Westminister Hall, the home and had commenced clearing a track, of the two great deliberative and leg- in order to direct the course of the fire lunch party that grandmamma was giving. Surprised that she had known nothing about it before, mamma made structure, with its beautiful river front, inquiries, only to find that no such was originally built upon a bog, and chance of saving the wool-sheds and party had taken place. Questioned the dampness has seriously affected in regard to her imaginative effort, Mabel answered plausibly:

Was originally ount upon a bog, and chance of saving the wool-sneds and the home station. Every moment the heat was growing more intense, and by the time our work was completed "Why, mamma, sometimes you and the limestone used in the con-make up 'tories to amoose me, and I struction is rapidly disintegrating, and and the limestone used in the conthought I'd see if I couldn't make up all efforts to stop this ravage has end-

The Story Teller.

A LOVING SINNER CASSIE QUIN'S ATONEMENT.

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

"I say she's a liar-she kin say what she bloomin' well please. My man a' course kin take the sack ready and what I do say is that we ain't a-goin' to be put upon by the likes of 'er-no, not if she was Missis Victoria upon her golden throne; we wouldn't. An' so I'll tell 'er to 'er face."

Her name was Cassie Quin. And in very much, I may also say that she ourselves safe. wife of a boundary rider on the horse, with a woman and child sway trouble out back.

tween the two women there was contaken the trobule to make certain serious charges against our boundary cious freight. Needless to say, it was rider, and now his wife Cassie had The Opposition and her child. come in herself to disprove them. She was about as rough a diamond as

view of arriving at a conclusion, I said, quietly:

"Come, come, now; that's all very well, you know, but you must have

"I dunno what yer mean by 'provit is only necessary to throw them into ercation," she answered; "but if she a red-hot fire, and after a few minutes says my 'usband don't do no work, well, she's a liar, a darned liar; and so I'll tell 'er to 'er face when I go 'ome-there, now! Why, I'll tell yer

"There, there; that'll do," I said, hastily; "I don't want to know anything further. Go home, there's a holds the fractions of a penny in its good woman, and, for goodness sake, periodical distribution of dividends on don't let me hear any more about it. account of the national debt. From If you want any extra rations for this source it has accumulated in the Christmas day, you can tell the storekeeper I sent you.'

She was evidently not satisfied, for ger, a man in Ripley, Ohio, is going to shave his head, gild it and walk a mile without his hat if McKinley is

home; and after she left, I narrated what had passed as an amusing inci-The coldest region in the United goose and plum-duff when they are down the track, the mother and child

We dashed out; and there, sure enough, was the smoke of a huge bush perature reached in the United States. fire, licking along the top of the thick-"They say that a man cannot ly timbered ranges that separated us little." "Then you must have known the bough shade, where her horse was

"Who are at the huts, girl?" "Only that woman and 'er kid," she answered, seizing her saddle.

"Then where are the men?" I asked. For I knew, as it was Christmas day, there would be no work doing.

"Down at the Dingoe Creek grog this; and that woman's lame, and 'er

"I can, I can. Don't stop me there ain't no time to weste, I tell yer! What's the use of sendin' one

She was in the saddle by this time: and I, seeing it was impossible to stop shouted after her:

She had 14 miles to go, and the fire gallop; while the fire was moving like an express train. Ten minutes later I was on the way

us. Within half an hour we had ar-

had become almost unbearable.

Cassie had been gone nearly threequarters of an hour now. That she WATCH FOR THE would gallop her horse to death to get

there in time, we knew; but was the feat she had undertaken possible? It was the uncertainty that made the

suspense so awful. With the roaring fierceness of a million furnaces, the fire came closer, and already sparks were floating toward us. Then we heard a noise of horses galloping through the thick scrub timber; and presently, mad with terror, a mob came into view, tearing and racing for their lives. With them, in hopeless confusion, willin'; I ain't a denyin' that; but were sheep, kangaroos, wallabies wild-dogs, and emus; while overhead, hawks, crows cockatoos, magpies, ea-gles, and all manner of birds, flew screeching before the hot blast.

Our track by this time was broad and clear, and, if only the wind would case this assertion may not convey drop or change, we might consider

was a strapping young woman of Seeing that nothing else could be about 22 years of age, strong as a done, we mounted our terrified ani Seeing that nothing else could be mountain heifer, brown as a berry, mals and rode down into the creek and boasting a fluency and pictur-bed. Then there went up a shout; esqueness of expression that almost and at the same instant, through the took one's breath away. She was the high grass, a maddened and terrified Queensland Station I was managing at ing to and fro upon its back, thun that time, and there had been serious dered towards us. That it wasn' Cassie, we could tell, for this rider The adjoining station, it must be and child were tied on. Seeing the understood, had a hut on the other other horses in the creek, the poor side of the boundary fence, and be- beast leaped over the edge, and fell upon the soft sand at our feet. We stant feud. The opposition wife had rushed forward, secured it, and, as taken the trobule to make certain sefast as we could, unbounded the pre-

Cassie must have traveled as fast as her horse could gallop to the Blackcould be found between Capes York fellow's Well in the Ten-mile Padrecently certified to the death of an and Howe, and when she stood before dock; and then turned due east along me she completely filled the doorway. the foot of the Ranges towards the Having had 10 minutes of vigorous gully where she lived. From the well protestation and defiance, and with a to the huts she must have had the heat of the fire full in her face, for at the highest calculation the flames could not have been five miles in front of her. Then turning the hillside, she saw the huts below her.

In three minutes she was beside them, calling and shricking to her enemy to come forth and be saved. The terrified woman, according to her own account, had shut herself into the bark "humpy," for she knew it was worse than useless to trust to her lameness in the dried up scrub. As the flames appeared on the hilltop, she saw through the window Cassie descending the track on the hillside; then she lost sight of her until she heard her name called and rushed

"Save me, save me, Cassie Quin!" she cried-"save me and my little Em'ly. Take 'er, and I'll pray for ye and bless your name forever!

Cassie had by this time dismounted. 'Come on, then—git on 'ere," she shouted. "But wait, where's some green hide? I'll have to tie yer on, or yer'll let the kid drop-I know yer When Cassie had interrupted me, I will. That's right now. Stick to 'er was busy writing to the old folk at tight, and make for our 'ead station. Go on ! Git !"

"But you, you!" screamed the dent characteristic of Bush life. Then frightened woman as the horse plunged the storekeeper came in, sat on my and snorted at the on-rushing flames— "there's no room for you. You'll be

though, we're feeding them with the next moment had disappeared only just out of bed-we've forgotten rolling wildly in the saddle as they went. Then Cassie turned to the To which I replied: "God bless gully and saw the approaching flames. them; and precious cold some of 'em Her sacrifice was complete. Death are too, I'll be bound"-when from was inevitable. She gave one glance round, found that her escape was cut off, and then rushed into her own but and shut the door.

That night, as soon as it were possible, we organized a search party and went out to hunt for her. We had not far to look. We found her in her back of the door, evidently scratched with a nail, were these words: "I sed she wer a liar; I'm sorie."

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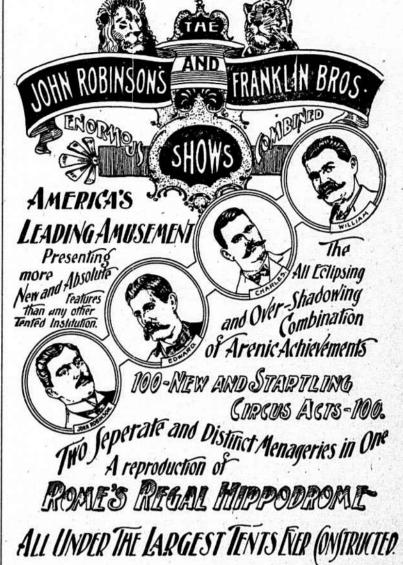
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 Leave Tirzah
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 Leave Rock Hill
 10 30 am

 Leave Leslies
 10 42 am

 Leave Catawba Junction
 10 51 am

 Leave Lancaster
 11 17 pm

 Leave Kershaw
 11 57 pm

 Arrive at Camden
 12 45 pm

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Leave Lancaster
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Leave Leslies
Leave Rock Hill...
Leave Newport
Leave Tirzah
Leave Yorkville...
Leave Sharon
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	Leave Clover	10 18 a m	11 33 a.m
7	Leave Gastonia	10 56 a m	1 50 pm
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