

Humorous Department.

LOOKING AHEAD. The mayor of Louisville, upon meeting an old Negro, drew him aside, and in a voice by no means gentle, thus addressed him: "Ransom, I am going to have you arrested."

Wayside Gatherings.

This country uses up 30,000 acres of timber a day in one way and another. It is said that the American people spent \$20,000,000 last year for chewing gum.

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 willin'; I ain't a denyin' that; but what I do say is that we ain't a-goin' to 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."

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.

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CENTRAL TIME STANDARD.

Table with columns for GOING NORTH, GOING SOUTH, and GOING WEST, listing train numbers and times for various stations like Blacksburg, Yorkville, and Lenoir.

Trains Nos. 9 and 10 are first class, and run daily except Sunday. Trains Nos. 60 and 61 carry passengers and also run daily except Sunday. There is good connection at Chester with the G. C. & N. and the C. & A., also L. & C. R., at Lenoir with the C. C., and at Hickory and Newton with W. N. C.

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AMERICAN HUMOR.

The disposition of Americans to exaggerate is especially prominent in what is known as American humor. 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.

TOO FOND OF THE MEDICINE.

"I see you have got that black bottle filled again!" remarks Mrs. Splatterby, 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."

COULDN'T FIND IT.

The wife of a well-known 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?"

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