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I do not mean that my friend ever bore this nickname among his school fellows, because nicknames, more's the pity, have a knack of being uncomplimentary; yet if ever a boy deserved such an honorable epithet, it was Harry.

One scene came clearly back to me, in which Harry found himself hard put to it on the horns of such a dilemma.

It was a wet afternoon, and some of us had made our way into the classroom ten minutes or so before the arrival of Mr. Greig, our mathematical teacher.

Reece was clever at this sort of thing, and with a few bold strokes, succeeded in making of the master's rather ludicrous features that there could be no mistake as to who was meant.

Absorbed in admiration of this work of art, none of us had heeded how the minutes went, till another knot of young mathematicians, bursting in, carried off the duster, and were playing catch with it, rolled up into a ball, at the farther end of the room.

"Where's the duster?" exclaimed Reece, in confusion, since he must needs make all haste to wipe out his commencing performance.

Alas! certain other idle hands had carried off the duster, and were playing catch with it, rolled up into a ball, at the farther end of the room.

Mr. Greig's ready stood in the doorway, commanding, with stentorian tones: "Seize this moment! Do you hear me, boys!"

There was nothing for it but to scuffle off to our desks as he strode majestically up the room and took his place right before that blackboard with the portrait staring at us from behind the back of the original.

AN INDIAN HORSE RACE.

Another Earth a Stakeholder for the Spectating Kiowa and Half Breeds.

An elderly Indian of great dignity of presence steps into the ring, and with a graceful movement throws his long red blanket to the ground and drops on his knees before it, to receive the wagers of such as desire to make them.

Near me a little half Mexican Comanche boy began to elaborate until he stood clad only in shirt and breech cloth.

"That's the bay stallion there," said one man to me, as he pointed to a mare. "and he's never been beaten.

It was to be a flying start, and they jockeyed a good deal and could not seem to get off.

The medical profession supplies but few instances of extreme old age, and the average duration of life among its members is decidedly low.

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MOUNTAINERS OF KENTUCKY.

Familiarities of People Who Are Unknown to the Rest of the World.

It was early in the morning of a perfect April day that we went down the road that leads to the banks of the Bullkin—a creek that traverses a part of eastern Kentucky.

In the evening I joined the group sitting about the fire waiting for supper. They were "the boys" come from the farm work with several neighbors who had been helping.

"I lay I'm goin' to leave this creek," said Simpson, who had done best. "Baker's wife all to pieces with a fence rail and run off and let her for dead."

The party all agreed that punishment with the fist was the proper mode for women and silence soon resigned again.—Cor. Washington Star.

Mr. I. E. Isaacs, of No. 419 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, is the possessor of a watch which is a novelty in that line.

The curiosity is called the "Mysterious Watch" and its value consists mainly in its rarity, being, it is said, the only one in the United States, which fact, like the rarity of an old volume or picture that cannot be duplicated, makes value. It was brought from Paris and cost \$50, and the cost is certainly not in the case.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

"Whereabouts is the A-the-nium?" required a long, lank specimen of a hayseed old gentleman who was standing on the corner of Court street and Cornhill, munching a banana.

In 1782 Robert Aitken, printer and bookseller in Philadelphia, published the first American edition of the Bible in English, the publication being in quarto form.

Irish names out of Ireland are not all found in America. Spain has had O'Ryan, and the late minister of war, O'Donnell, O'Donoghue, and as yet, O'Rourke, O'Reilly, and as vice-president of the Spanish senate, O'Donnell, O'Connell and Nugent. St. Patrick's day is celebrated each year by the Franco-Irish.

THE GRAND PRIZE OF PARIS.

It is now more than a hundred years since the fashion of horse racing was introduced into France from England. History has preserved the name of a French horse named 'Abbe', belonging to the Prince of Guemene, who in 1776 had the honor of beating several opponents that had been brought over from England.

In 1836 was created the Jockey club stakes, or French Derby. Old sportsmen yet remember with delight the joyous life they led during the week of the Derby. The Paris Grand Prix, of a more recent date, was founded in 1837 for three-year-old horses.

There has probably never been any greater degradation of genius, nor many nights better able to make gods and men weep, than the old enjoyment of the court jester.

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Jerusalem seems now to be a rapidly growing city. This is due to the great number of Jews who are flocking thither yearly. They now number 30,000 more than the Moslem and Christian population combined.