THE HUMORISTS.

A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN IN WHICH THE CHIPS REPRESENTED IS RELISHED BY THE WISEST MEN.

"I was kicked by a horse when I was little, and knocked senseless," said Chap- a Pittsburger, who occasionally draps

asked the cynical Maude.

heard that you flirted in the mountains land and tens of thousands of cattle in with some other girls."

won't know me when they come back to

She (hesitatingly)-This is very sudden, Mr. -er-er-Smith, is it not? We only met last night, and-

He-but reflect, I've only a week to stay here, and there are forty other girls at the hotel and about two men.

Poet-What do you think of these verses? I just wrote them off on the inspiration of the moment.

Cynic-If you can get some editor to accept them on the inspiration of the moment you will be doing very well, in-

Co., have made a solid silver epergne for hundreds of hands were played in that a New York lady. It is valued at \$1,596.

travagance. I never had an apr'n in my about every third hand the betting ran life that cost over 35 cents.

A Satisfactory Explanation - Mr. the way-and when the multiplying Greenough-It seems to me that was a lights on the prairie showed that the pretty light ton of coal you sent to my train was nearing Chicago the game house to-day, Mr. Coke.

Coal Dealer-Why, that load was of lost every chip they had, had borrowed the best quality, sir; full of gas and tar again and again with the same result, you know, and those things don't weigh much.

Mr. Greenough-O, excuse me; I had belonging to the other three men forgotten about that!

Justice-Explain how your neighbors chickens came to be found in your coop Brer Coon-Yo' honor, dem hins went

dat yer coop of der own accod, and the

Telegraph Operator-You'll have to pay this in advance.

do' blew shut.

Simpson-Why; I thought you always sent telegraph messages "on tick."

Mistah Johnsing-Say, you wuffless white trash, did you frow dat brick at

Snodgrass-No, sir; I merely propell-

ed it in the direction of your cranium. Mr. Johnsing (modified)-O, dat's all right, sah.

"It was a tight squeeze for me," said Bjenks, as he finished the story of his adventure, and an old maid listener whis- the trouble is."

pered softly to herself-"If I had only been there."

Foreigner-dey tell me you has nearly dree hundred tousand words in in your langwich. How effer can you use so many?

American (attorney at law)-Huh! we use all of them my friend every time we draw up an indictment.

Mrs. De Grampeey-Where did you get your divorce, Mrs. Downey-in Chicago?

Mrs. Downey-No; in South Dakota. Mrs. De Grampeey-Is that so? I must try South Dakota next time. One gets wedded so easily in Chicago to such matters.

something that you would admire and ot criticise as you always do.

'on't do, my dear, and that opens up e possibilities for you.

> ** "ou are determined to s. Do you believe she money?

A BIC CAME OF POKER.

STEERS INSTEAD OF MONEY.

"The game began at Texarkana," said into poker, to a Dispatch reporter, "the "How soon do you expect to recover?" oddest and one of the biggest poker games ever yet played. It was early in the fall of last year when four renchmen, who "Henry," sobbed his finance, "I own between them thousands of acres of Texas, met at the terminus of the Iron "That's all right," he answered, "they Mountain road. They were bound for Chicago, where they intended to sell their cattle, and, as the wealthiest cattlemen of the Southwest often do, they preferred to make the journey in the caboose of a stock train-the atmosphere was more congenial and the chance to indulge in the national game was temptting. The game was not peculiar in itself; it was carried on in the free andeasy but business like way that obtains in the West, but the value of the chips was stated in unusual terms, a white chip standing for one steer, a red chip standing for five steers and blue chip for ten steers. A tolerably large herd of cattle was upon the dry goods box which served for a table at every deal and one jackpot contained no less than 300 head of cattle. From Texarkana to St. Louis the Uncle Silas (reading)-Stifferny and player's luck was about even, although time. But when they struck the Alton and entered the home stretch for Aunt Betsy-That's downright ex- | Chicago the contests grew fiercer, and at high. Luck turned in one of the players' favor-the man who had least rocks, by

THE "LITTLE MOTHER."

in the game, or in close upon \$250,-

ended. The other three men had

and when the winner counted up he

found he had won 40,000 head of cattle

SHE WASN'T GOING TO TAKE ANY CHAN-CES ON THE BABY.

She was a tinny little girl, with dirty, sun tanned hair, a blue calico dress and bare feet, save the St. Louis Republic. She ca ried in her arms a baby half as large as herself, and the baby was so heavy that it sagged down in the middle, giving the infant the appearance of being held by the feet and the nape of the neck. There was some excitement around the corner of the next block on Wash street and the children were hurrying forward like mad from all directions. The little girl tried to run, but the baby was too heavy, and her breath gave out. Said I, in a sprit of badinage:

"Drop the baby, sis, and go see what

She stopped and started at me.

"I say, put the baby down on the sidewalk and run."

"Yer must take me fer a tool, mister." "Why?"

"Cos this is our baby."

"Well, suppose it is? I'll stay here and watch it for you."

"No you won't, mister. You might carry it off."

"What if I did! Ain't you tired carrying it around and making your back

"Naw, I ain't. Say, mister, this is the only little baby we've got, and if yer only knowed how she can crow and laugh yer wouldn't want me to do such thing. This baby han't got no ma 'cept me, and pa and me cor dn't do 'thout her. She sets up in high chair at the table and crows and kicks while me and pa eats, and at Mrs. Snubbing-I wish I could do night I rock her to sleep like ma used to do. When ms died the baby didn't know no better, but just laughed and hollered, Ir. Soubbing-I admire everything and I cried so I couldn't keep her still. Put her down upon the sidewalk! Foolkiller'll git you, mister, ef you stay around here long."

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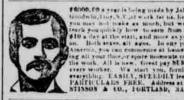
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