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GOVERNOR SEWARD'S LOST BET.

He Fails to Establish His Identity and

Loses Twenty Dollars. The other afternoon, when the shadows were growing longer in the streets and the day was taking on a somber hue, a little group of politicians sat in the city hall regaling each other with ye stories of ye olden time. Among those reeled off was the following regarding an experience of William H. Seward, who was then governor of the Empire State. It seems that while traveling around through the rural districts and making sure that his political fences had no very bad breaks in them, he came one evening to the humble abode of a farmer.

It was too far from the town where he was stopping to go back that night, and so he asked permission to stop there. This was cheerfully granted, and after partaking of an old fashioned country supper the old farmer invited his unknown guest to take a ride across the country with him, he having an errand to do in a neighboring village. With all the suavity for which Mr. Seward was justly famed, he accepted the invitation, and as they drove along in the gathering twilight he entertained the old farmer with all manner of campaign experiences and stories.

The old farmer's native shrewdness caused him to wonder why the stranger should show him so much attention, and at last he blurted out:

"Say, be you a book agent?" "Not that I know of," was the governor's smiling rejoinder. "Perhaps you're a lightning rod man,

"No, sir; you are wrong again." "Then you're a sewing machine man."

"Well, then, by gosh, you must be a

Mr. Seward at once acknowledged the soft impeachment, and then informed. the inquisitive old fellow that he was the governor of the state of New York. This quieted the old fellow for awhile, but at last he could hold in no longer, and he quietly informed Mr. Seward that he thought he was a liar. Mr. Seward, however, insisted on the truth of his story, and the dispute finally resulted in a wager of twenty dollars. The money was placed in an old lantern that was

carried in the wagon to be used in case of emergency, and it was agreed that the first person they met was to decide as to the ownership of the money. Should he fail to recognize Mr. Seward as governor the former was to win, and vice versa.

The test soon came. Driving by the shop of a wayside blacksmith, the proprietor himself stood in the doorway. The farmer stopped his wagon and Mr. Seward said:

"My friend, my veracity has been questioned by the gentleman with me, and I should be pleased to have him convinced as to who I am. Will you be kind enough to tell him?"

The man of brawn and muscle peered at Mr. Seward long and earnestly. Then turning to the farmer he said, in awestruck tones: "He's all right, Bill! I know him!

He's Thurlow Weed, by gosh!" The farmer took the twenty dollars and Mr. Seward was poorer by that amount than when he started out.-Chicago Mail.

A Trick of Cross Examination.

In an action for payment of a tailor's bill, a witness swore that a certain dress coat was badly made, one of the sleeves being longer than the other. "You will," said Erskine slowly, having risen to cross examine, "swear-that one of the sleeves was-longer-than the other?" Witness-I do swear it.

Erskine (quickly, and with a flash of indignation)—Then, sir, I am to understand that you positively deny that one of the sleeves was shorter than the other?

Startled into a self contradiction by the suddenness and impetuosity of this thrust, the witness said, "I do deny it." multuous laughter died away)-Thank age just succeeding the last glacial you, sir; I don't want to trouble you epoch. If the support is removed the with another question .- San Francisco | child falls forward and again becomes a Argonaut.

Soldiers Prefer Grain Food.

Cornmeal was the grand necessary of life to those legionaries who, led by Cæsar, subdued the world, and who counted themselves starved and were apt to mutiny if reduced to the "famine fare" of animal food. Even British troops have been known to suffer from an exclusive meat diet, as indeed we found to our cost in the Zulu campaign of 1878, while the preference of the Roman soldiery for the vegetable food has its justification in the experience of the Russian army, and still more of the German one in 1870, which carried that memorable campaign to its triumphant close on the Erbswurst (pea sausage fav-

Large Family.

Patsy Dooley was a very poor arithmetician, and was puzzled by a great many questions of numbers which did not enter other people's heads.

One day a new acquaintance remarked

in his presence: "I have eight brothers."

"Ye have eight brothers?" said Patsy. "Then I suppose ivery wan o' thim has right brothers too?" "Certainly."

"Arrah, thin," said Patsy, "how many mothers had the sixty-foor o' ye?"-Youth's Companion.

Paper Fire Engines.

A novel fire engine is being tried by the Berlin fire department. The carriage is constructed entirely of papier mache, all the different parts-body, poles, etc.-being fashioned in the best possible way. The weight is much less than the ordinary carriage, while the durability is equally great.-New York Journal.

Force of Habit.

First Little Girl-Your papa is awful

-Good News.

An Animated Storage Reservoir.

The Australian lamprey has its principal habitat in the Murray river, and consequently in the dry seasons it is apt to be imbedded beneath the hardened clay, where no water is. As the stream recedes, the animal fills its pouch and disappears into the soft mud below, there to remain until the drought has passed away, subsisting on the moisture which it has learned to store in a specialized receptacle at the side of the head. As a matter of fact, the fish has mastered the difficult question of water storage on its own account before the race of homo sapiens has been able to solve the same problem in the island conti-

It is an interesting question whether this Australian lamprey is not a lingering example of the fish of Miocene ages, and as such may be considered as an ancestral type of European lampreys. A sea lamprey that I examined alive, caught in the salmon nets of the tidal estuary, had a dintinct tendency to swell at either side of the head, as if the pouch might be forthcoming in time of actual necessity. If the Australian type is not the absolute ancestor of the British genera, it is at least reasonable to suppose that it is an older form, and that the divergent genera and species have descended along different lines in the great life struggle. That the pouch of the antipodean lamprey is intended for the storage of water is a fact that can hardly be doubted by any one who has seen the species amid its peculiar surroundings.—Cornhill Magazine.

Stage Struck.

Two men met on a train going west. G. They had known each other in the sixties and resumed acquaintance with a

"An how's that bright boy of yours?" asked the city man of his old time friend. "Peart, peart as ever, pard. I were goin to make a minister of him, but he got stage struck and took to that line as nat'ral as a duck does to water, an I had to gin in. And he's the best shot in Montany."

"Took to the stage eh? And has he been successful?"

Why, their ain't a con be named in the same day with MA. He kin drop a grizzly in his tracks without ever comin down from his perch."

"What is his role?" "Roll? I don't savey, pard."

"I mean what line is he in?" "Oh, the Mounting an Valley line that runs to Goochville through Catamount Grove and Grizzly Hollow. 'Taint fun all the time either, pard, when bandits is layin low for yer money or yer life."

boards. I see. A low comedian." "Nothin low about Bill, ole friend. He just sits up on the top of the Montany stage an drives his four-in-hand as easy as rollin off a log. Ez I said, the Six-Room Cottage House and Lot stage wuz right in his line, an he's a thunderin good driver."-Detroit Free

The Baby and the Savage.

In the bone caves of the south of France have been found figures of reindeer, mammoths and men cut on horn or ivory, and evidently executed by artists contemporary with the Elephas primigenius. The men are represented Will be sold for less than cost. Splendid with short, bent legs, and seem to stand or walk in a stooping manner, with the body bowed slightly forward from the

Now pass your hand down the back of any infant under ten months old and RAILWAY TIME CARD feel the spine at the loin or lumbar region, where in the adult modern man Arrives the back is hollow or concave. You will Durham. Depot, foot Corcoran St. Durham. observe that in the babe it is convex like that of a quadruped (a ten-monthold baby is practically a quadruped); and though the child can, perhaps, get on its legs with the support of a chair, it does not straighten its thighs and stand upright, but is bent forward in the same posture of the cave dweller, whose Erskine (raising his voice as the tu- portrait has come down to us from the pseudo quadruped.—Blackwood's Maga-

Not So Green as He Looked.

A man entered a busy city office a few weeks ago and asked permission to use the telephone. He walked to the corner pointed out by one of the clerks, looked curiously at the instrument and after a furtive glance toward the other occupants of the room took down the receiver and gently whispered into it,

A broad smile passed around the room, and one of the younger clerks called out in patronizing tones, "Oh, no, uncle; hang up the tube, ring the bell on the right, then put the tube to your ear and talk to that little hole before you."

The man obediently hung up the receiver and turned toward the speaker. "hank you!" he said dryly, "I am the general inspector of this telephone line." -Youth's Companion.

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The Common Snake.

The common snake is found through out Europe (save in Ireland, the Orkneys, Hebrides, Shetland islands and Iceland), extending northward in Scandinavia to 65 degs. It abounds in Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica, and occurs, though rarely, in Algiers, but not thence eastward in Africa. It is found in Per-Second Little Girl (apologetically)- sia and western Siberia, and Asia as far He used to be an elevated railroad guard. Lake Baikal, and in the Alps at an altitude of 6,000 feet .- Quarterly Review.

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