But It Spoiled the Opening Performance of the Prestidigitator. Robert Hondin, the prestidigitator, who for many years was recognized as the greatest magician of his time, was trick which his followers are still using and his wife, who assisted him in his performances, devised an elaborate and intricate series of questions, each of which when propounded suggested the proper answer to be made. The care with which this system was arranged may be inferred from the fact that Hondin had membrized 368 different ways to ask questions of his wife, and each question furnished her a clew to the

Leaving the stage, Houdin would step down into the audience and request a spectator to hand him any object what-specer. Then he would ask his wife, who remained on the stage, what the name it. He would question her further about it, and she would answer inquiries accurately. For instance, if the magician asked what object do I hold in my hand?" bis wife instantly understood from the form of the question that the answer should be "A silver watch." If he asked, "What object do I have in my hand?" the answer should be "A gold watch."

After months of careful drilling and

rehearsa private Hondin and his wife were ready to introduce the trick to the public. They did so in Detroit. After the audience had been informed as to what the performers proposed to do, Houdily stepped down from the stage to make the test. He picked out a farmer sitting in an aisle seat und said, Will you kindly give me some object for a moment-any object whatsoeverwhatever you may impper to have in

The farmer instantly complied. Houdin glanced at the article dubiously. shook his hand and returned to the plat-

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said. "1 regret to find that the mental and electrical conditions tonight are not satisfactory for our experiments, and we shall have to postpope it."

As soon as the performance was over Houdin hurses to the box office and intercepted the farmer as he was passing

"Say," he remarked, "what was that thing you banded to me tonight?"
"Nothin but a buckers," replied the

granger. "I've carried that one goin on seven year now. Sure one for rheuma-tis. If you're bothered that way, I'd

That hight Hondin's list of 368 questions was expanded into \$69. - Chicago Times Herald.

Easing His Conscience. "Well," said the deach, "I sold old Bill today.

"Who to?" asked his wife. "Jim Allenbaugh: Got 350 fer-'im."
"Fifty dollars! I don't see how your conscience ever let you let anybody pay

that muck for a halky horse that ain't worth more'n \$15." Well, " said the descon thoughtfully, "I don't believe I could have done it only I know that Jim will take him out on one of his Sunday fishin trips,

an old Bill will balk, and Jim will hev a chaocato set for three or four hours meditatin on the sin of Sabbath break in. C-Cincinnati Enouirer.

The telephone, it is said, is not making much progress in Russia. And no wonder. Fancy a man going to a 'phone and shooting, "Hello, is that you, Dvi-Who's speaking?" "Seximochockiertrjuakischekemoit, it want to know if Xlif-erom an skeffiskillmajnwehzvastowsksweibierski is still stopping with Dvisastkivchsmartvoiszski?'--Tit-Bits.



A CHUB SKATE." -New York Sunday World.

Out at the Knees. Ply Flabuigan-Will yer help a redooced genifeman dat's out at de knees, Lady-How came you to be out at

F. F. Frayin for work, lady.—Lon-

Played Out Then. "Did you ever play poker all night?"
"Well, no."

"You are not an enthusiast then?"
"Oh, reastest a good player doesn't need to play with me longer than 80 minutes."—Chicago Record.

Settling His Election Bets. La Rattle his bones He rides pa & rail ou a bet with Jones.

Hold him down Bor the yelling town. ads on his head all hours for Brown.

Not for life crimes, His deliars or dimes— He'll be ducked in the mill poud fifteen times

With mercy a flaw
(Or a weakning jaw)
be must sing "sweet Home" for his mother
in law

I had be saids the strife

With a bet with his wife,
hid he minds the babbes the rest of his life!

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### JERRY SIMPSON'S BOY:

Be Had Fuith and Backed Papa For All

Cougressman Elect Jerry Simpson home in Medicine Lodge for several yardmaster of the Milwaukee and St weeks previous to the election. On the Paul road, was on the witness stand.

washed his face, put or a clean shirt and sat down to one of those superb chicken and granberry dinners which had been very become in his answers. cook all over Medicine Lodge.

boy, helping himself to some sauce.

"Up on the election, too," said the young hopeful.

"And the pony?" "I put him up to say that Barber county would give Sunport a majors-

"And the saddle, what has become

tain man named Simpson carries Har- as he areas showly to have the stand .--"And the shotgun?" suggested the

"Un against \$8 that Long wouldn't eatry Sedgwick county."

Have you sowthing at all left?" ask if Mr. Simpson, after a moment's The clothes I'm wearing and a few

extra shirts." said the boy. "What has become of your bank ac-

"Staked on the political fortunes of my house," said the boy. "I wish I had some more money, for twomen down at the livery stable have \$100 to say that Long is elected."

Jurry Simpson sipped his coffee meditatively, and, rising from the table, took out his checknook and gave the

In a short time the try name back noul enid: "Pop, those livery staids follows are

they would like to have unother \$100 up to provide they would to your and for your of Simpson money." Jerry wrote another cheek, and in terminutes the boy, having placed it, cause

back and said: "I've het 'em to a standstill. They the Country want odds now."

"How much?" said Jerry. "They want me to give 'em 1,606

The boy placed it, and after this no more bets were offered. Simpson's boy wears diamonds new - Chicago Record.

A Wonder.

"What was the most wonderful thing . you saw when you ware alread?" asked the name one of the grocery loafers of the cub-

"Sub," said the colenel a tinge of reminiscent awe creeping into his voice. "the most remarkable thing I saw was zastkivchsmartvoicskie?" "No, it is a painting—a wetah colah printing, Zolleha-shussaffrhocknstiffsgroweff. sub—of a bottle of old Hoursen. It looked puffeckly natural,"-Cincipuati Enquirer.

> Cause For Mourning. "Who is that attractive looking wom-

You mean the one in mourning Why, that's Mrs. Jenkins. You don't mean to say Jenkins is

dead, do you!" "Not at all. You see, she married Jenkins' money, and he's failed," New York Sunday Journal.

First Chicago Man-It's wonderful what modern invention has done for a man's relief.

Second Chicago Man-What were you 'The last honeymoon I went on all the tunnels were lighted by electricity. -New York Herald.

Journalistic Amenities.

From the Plunkville Bugle: "It was not necessary for the editor of our puerile and ridiculous contemporary to an-nounce that 'hard sider is again in our midst.' Any one would know that by reading his editorials. Ha, hal' -Indianapolis Journal. 1

His Way.

Bambury-I hear that Stimpton is dead. Did be leave his wife much? Mispah-Isuppose so. He siways left her as much as he could while he was alive. —Boston Transcript.

Footprints of Time.

Footprints of Time,
But yesterday, it seems to him,
He waited underneath the dim
Light of the narior chandeller
For her to come. And then her dear,
tweet vice called to him from the stair
And and, "Sweetheart, I'll soon be there!"
But yesterday—years after, yesHe niverbled home in varied distress
And wearied to the very only
And wearied to the very only
And the distress wish embarcassment.
If and, "Bring up a pail of coal!"

But yesterday—how fast time flies—
It seems, he looked hito lar eyes,
And, dunds with love, reached for hor hand.
To try to make her understand.
They lingered by the large from door,
As they lind often done before,
But yesterlay—can he farget—
The climbed the steps, faitured and wel
And glad to have the muddy street.
And she stood on the from door sill.
And soreamed, in accesses harp and shrill,
"Thy don't you wige your dirty feet?"
—Chienge Record.

POLITE MR. MALONEY.

Bis Good Irish Wit Was Too Much For the Lawyer.

A story is related of W. S. Forrest, has only one child, a bright boy about the Chicago criminal lawyer, who was it years eld, of whom some amusing retained in a case before Judge Williamstories are told. While Simpson was out making his campaign he left the boy at home to take cars of his mother. The fight between Simpson and Chestonia in the planting of Mr. Porrest repetited the planting, W. J. Hynes the ter I Long; the Republican nomines, defendant. The question in point turn-was warm, and it was watched by ed largely upon the arrangements of the young Simpson with keenest interest, road's tracks, switches and frogs. An Simpson was unable to return to his Trishman named Maloney, assistant very day of the election Long and Simp- He was an important witness for the son, both residents of the same town, defense. His nasive longer was relatraveled homeward together.

Arriving at Medicine Lodge at noon, this country many years, the wastern of Simpson cast his vote, went home, those wire, when he knew a thing, knew

have made Mrs. Simpson famous as a This economy of words in his charactercook all over Medicine Lodge.

After Mr. Simpson had disposed of two thighs, a wing, the breast and a gizzard or two of chicken, he turned his attention to domestic offairs and this attention to domestic offairs and his attention to domestic affairs, and, addressing his heir, said:

"My son, what has become of your the Irishman was product the hotter he because although he did not lose his head, but danaged the planning some "Het it on the election," said the Mr. France way the ground slipping by, helping himself to some sauce.

True under time and, like the good from under time and, like the good from under time and takes for cross examinor by is, began to look for arropening perform the wirners written further injury to his case. He agreement In providing a rapt reals from the wirness, and, waving his hand, he said sar ensulealists

That will do, Mr. Witness, You're very sport of our cour-"O'd last ta ratur in the cumuli-"Oh, the saddle is all right, if a cer- der oath," quickly replied the witness ment, Meeter ber isst af Oi wan't con-

Chicago Time Legald.



It was all a realisements state of the av av tot in tall, lawof and a second bor at army or e with a vellow hat blue a believe been who was pend "Oh, that's all right," said Jorry as that's all right, said Jorry as that's all right, said Jorry as that's a land on the first said that a value of showed that are value of showed that are value of showed near and seemed to be worsed by the calm comes are it is but a man's silvane foregrad bear.

"The sales would be said. the state of the latter Who are he as of year by trees? I will

"Hall Ares" married?" "Yes " This with resignation. "Itah" Any s hudgen:

"Hale! Any silver variants in Lauls-

"Well, or pleky uncivil," observed the menutainear as he leaned back in

his seat. - Louisville Courier-Journal. That Is the Trouble. "Speaking of the Venezuelan dis-

pute," began Meswilligen, "England take- the ground --That a the root of the whole from-' interrup of squilling, "If England hado't tale a greena which did not be-

long to not, these would have been no necessity for interference."-Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph. Good for the Beattle. Jenks (wish has taken to horseback

riding and bouter about ten inches at every stem - Ab, bossiy do, Blind, c. 1 think bered on riding is good for the health, mon t you!

Blicks—Yes, indeed, All who see yet will be seen that, "Laugh and grow ran . son know, - New York Special

Little Johnnie-Say, pop. if you hang wperson up, he salead, ain't he?

Papa-Why, certainly. Why do you Little Johnnie-Ob. I'm only wondering how often that eight dealer of yours is going to die -New York Her-

His Madale. She-Major Pommelwell wears three nedals. I wonder why they were given

He-He got the third because he had the other two, the second because he had the first, and the first because he had none at all. - Washington Times.

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