

hearing the colored man's broken story. "Have you got any money?" "No, sah, jedge! No, sah!" was the reply of 'Rastus. "But I'se got er mule, an' er few chickens, an er hog or two."

"Those will do very nicely, 'Rastus," responded the lawyer. "Now, then, tell me just exactly what you are accused of stealing."

"Oh, nothin' much, jedge," was the startling answer of 'Rastus. "Jes' er mule, an' er few chickens, an er hog or two."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

For Moral Effect

Apropos of a point which he was trying to impress upon an audience, Judge Dike excused himself for "talking shop" and told this tale:

A negro, well known for his many appearances before the criminal justice in a southern city, was arraigned on a certain day on a charge of carrying a razor on his person. Asked whether the charge was true, he replied:

"Yessir, judge, ah admits that I had a razor in mah pocket, but 'twas only a safety razor."

"A safety razor," queried the judge, displaying some surprise, "how could a safety razor, serve you in a quarrel?"

"'Twasn't of no material suvvis 'tall, judge," he replied; "ah carried it jes' for the moral effect."—Baltimore Sun.

Tragedies Told in Headlines

"Fire in the Rev. Mr. Yoakum's Dwelling Loses All His Clothing, But Saves Barrel of Sermons."

"Unexpectedly Meets Sweetheart While Taking Bite Out of Plug of Tobacco; Match Believed to Be Broken Off."

"Roguish Little Boy Hides Wad of Chewing Gum in His Big Sister's

Hair; She Misses Her Train for Boston."

"Knew How to Start the Motor Car, But Had Forgotten How to Stop It; Hospital Physicians Say All Will Recover."

"Tries to Shoot Tallow Candle Through Barn Door; Ruins Clothing of Bystander."—Chicago Tribune.

Of Course Not

Against an old Georgia negro, charged with stealing a pig, the evidence was absolutely conclusive, and the judge, who knew the old darky well, said reproachfully:

"Now, uncle, why did you steal that pig?"

"Bekase mah pooh family wuz starvin,' yo' honoh," whimpered the old man.

"Family starving," cried the judge. "But they told me you keep five dogs. How is that, uncle?"

"Why, yo' honoh," said uncle, reprovingly, "you wouldn't 'spect mah family to eat dem dogs!"—Harper's Weekly.

The Sheep and the Goats

"De good book tells us," said the negro preacher, "dat in de las' days de sheep is to be put ter one side an' de goats ter de udder. Dey ain't goin' to be no 'stinction 'tween white an' black on dat day," he continued with growing enthusiasm. "But we all knows who has de wool."—Ex.

Some Cow Is Right

For Sale: Young Jersey cow; gives 14 quarts of milk and 1,500 lbs. alfalfa; reasonable price. 8024 Alex St.—Los Angeles Express.

Assuring Success

"You say your show was the success of the season," exclaimed the

Critic. "Why I saw it and it had no plot, no action and was a painful joke."

"I know that," replied the Manager, "But we had a \$10,000 press agent."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Little Learning

"Why is it that so few people seem anxious to talk to Mr. Carpington? He seems very well informed."

"That's just the difficulty," answered Miss Dimpleton. "He's one of those dreadful men who knows enough to correct your mistakes when you quote the classics, and who don't know enough not to do it."—Washington Star.

Cutting the Melon

"When a corporation divides up a surplus among the holders of its stock they call it 'cutting a melon.' What kind of a melon?"

"Watermelon, of course."—Co-operative Journal.

Liberal Contribution

Visiting Philanthropist—"Good morning, madame; I am collecting for the Drunkard's Home."

Mrs. Patrick—"Sure, I'm glad of it, sor—if you come around tonight you can have my husband."—Successful Farming.

Luke McLuke Says

Every man is fooled a good deal oftener than there is any excuse for. All you have to do is put different colored feathers on the bait and he'll come back for another bite.

If a man had a pool table at home he would have to go down town for a few hours every night to find some one to play with him.

A man will give his wife the devil a dozen times a day and then be sur-

prised because she wants to chum around with the old cloven-footed cuss.

We are all strong in the belief that we shall meet each other in heaven, but we turn up our noses and can't see our neighbors when we pass them on the street.

When a good male bluffer marries a good female bluffer the neighbors have an awful time trying to find out if the match is as happy as it seems.

I have often noticed that the man who is always preaching it hasn't any time to practice it.

You'll notice that old men who are poor and young women who are wealthy never marry.

After a man has passed the age of forty you can't convince him that the good die young.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Pointed Paragraphs

Knocking, as a profession, is badly overcrowded.

The fit pleasures of youth become misfits in after years.

Few men are prominent enough to claim that they were misquoted.

Duty is the thing everybody else ought to do.

The less a man amounts to the larger he shows up in a group photograph.

"Eternal punishment" may be the price of being too poor to buy a divorce.

Minds of great men run in the same channel when the noonday whistle blows.

When you find a woman who admits she is ugly, believe anything she says!

The third wife of a shoemaker in Kansas, who has been divorced twice, has just inherited \$50,000. He will now be good and stick to his last.—Chicago News.

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