

NOVEL USE OF A JERSEY.

A Firm which Assumed its Purpose After An Old-Fashioned Manner.

I was sitting at my desk writing, one day, says a writer in the Philadelphia Times, when I was startled by a voice close by.

"No, I think not," answered, glancing at the baskets of berries which hung on her arms.

"Better get some more these berries; they're mighty nice. I'll take 'em' anything for 'em. Gimme some ole medicine of you got any. Some of us is purty nigh always sick."

I considered to think of the consequences that might result from my venture in a second-hand drug establishment, but began to contemplate my stock of old clothes as she secured determined to "trade."

When I had begun to despair of ever riding myself of my "old man of the sea," when I saw a long vista of years stretching out before me in which I must be trading and giving in trade, happily we moved to the new street.

I enjoyed a respite of two months in my new home unmolested by the trading Josephine.

As last, one day in early fall, she reappeared upon the scene with renewed vigor, bringing a basket of nuts and one chicken.

I at first told her that I didn't want to dispose of it, but, suddenly, with the inspiration of a providential interference, I conceived a plan of delivery.

"Here, Josephine, you may take it, and next week bring me two chickens for it."

She departed, to leave me in peace, for five years have passed since, and to this day I have not seen her or "dem chickens" either.

A BANK IN A FIX.

Forcing \$10,000 On a Young Man Who Knew Not Where it Came From.

One morning, while the air was raw and gusty and the dust of Johannesburg after being furiously into the eyes of those that ventured out of doors, says a Kimberley (South Africa) letter to the New York Sun, a young man was met by a messenger of the Standard bank with the welcome tidings that \$10,000 had been wired to his credit from London.

But a day of reckoning came. The bank discovered that it had made a mistake in the telegraphic message, instead of being for "Gaud," which was meant for Ben Gallewski, should have read "Gaud," a different person altogether.

"What are you going to do if we let you in?" asked President Ridgway. "Work at my trade," said the glazier through Interpreter Silverstein.

The glazier's mild eyes assumed a puzzled expression, and he turned appealingly to his bright-eyed wife. She became voluble right away. "Oh," she said, "he will get work. I will help him to find it. And if he doesn't get it I will. I am a seamstress. Never fear, we will find work."

Some amusing scenes were witnessed at Charing Cross station Tuesday morning before the departure of Mr. Gladstone for Paris, says the London Globe. Mr. Gladstone had a little difficulty in escaping the attentions of his admirers, but a ready smile and life-long experience have taught him how to glide with graceful ease through the congratulatory hand-shakers.

claimed: "Mr. Gladstone, I believe—Mr. Gladstone?" Mr. Gladstone, being brought to halt, bowed. "I am an American, sir," said the stranger. "Let me have the honor of shaking your hand."

Mr. Gladstone, cried another gentleman whose face beamed with adoring admiration. "I am glad to see you. I am a canvasser from—"

The mammoth bar of gold received by the Chase National bank from the Montana National bank of Helena, that was described in the Sun yesterday, was formally put on exhibition in the corridor of the bank yesterday and attracted a good many visitors.

The assay office people came over to see it and to find out if they could handle it in their crucibles. The largest one they ever handled was worth about \$22,500, and was consequently only about half as large as this one, which is worth more than \$100,000.

The assay office for a few days, but has notified the Helena people they can draw against it.

A Marked Exception. From the Burlington Press. Elmhurst—Popinjay, I believe they say that in union there is strength?

Popinjay—Exactly; have you any objection to make to this well-known saying?

Elmhurst—Well, I dunno. How about mixed drinks?

A Bent Twig. From the Pilengende Blaetter. "Well, Herr Sculze, what are you going to do with your boy?"

"I think I shall have to let him join the police, for I can never find him when I want him."

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