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AN AWFUL LIAR.—He didn't look like a liar. He had, in fact, a George Washington sort of a face, and his enunciation was loudly honest and decidedly nasal. He sat roasting his alternate sides in front of a red-hot saloon stove, amid a party of bummers who were trying to out-lie each other.

"Talkin' about lightnin'," said he, "I reckon none o' you lassaroni was ever struck, was you? No! Well, I was. You see I was out, shootin' prairie chickens in Kellnoy, last August, and there come up the awfulest thunder storm I ever see in the whole course of my life. It rained cats and dogs, and the thunder rolled and the forked lightnin' darted all over the sky like fiery tongues. I got behind a haystack that sort o' leaned over to the south, and the first thing I knowed the lightnin' struck that and set it afire. Then I moved to a walnut tree that stood near, and a double-j'inted bolt ripped that into splinters. I moved to another tree and the lightnin' struck it. Then I began to think it meant me, and so I jest walked out, humped myself up, and took three or four of the d—dest claps I ever heerd. It shuk me up right peart; but beyond rippin' the coat offen my back and splittin' one of my boots from top to toe, it didn't do me no particular damage. But you don't find old Jim around huntin' a row of that kind agin."

The discomfitted bummers looked curiously into each other's faces a moment, and then, one by one, silently rose and sneaked out, leaving Truthful James master of the field.

We copy the following from the Washington *National Republican* of the twelfth instant:

The House of Representatives ordered, on Wednesday, a committee of seven Republicans and two Democrats to proceed to Louisiana and make thorough inquest into her serious disorders. The committee will go southward in about ten days, and be in session at New Orleans at the period of the assemblage of the Louisiana Legislature, when the White League proposes to employ its bayonets in seating such of its candidates as are honestly declared not elected by the Returning Board. The alacrity with which Congress has met the issue presented in the executive message, as to Louisiana, denotes that that body is fully awake to the peril which threatens loyal citizens and public order. The President yesterday expressed himself with notable earnestness as to the armed Leagues, and said that if they attempted further violence they would get hurt, and, furthermore, that he would send a commander thither that would make them comfortable. It is generally surmised that Sheridan or Terry is the man. The impression prevails that the Congressional committee to Louisiana will, while ascertaining the cause of the continuous disorders there, discover therein the reason for the general turbulence South, and recommend a new policy, which may embrace that entire section, and repair the signal errors patent in the 1868 scheme of reconstruction.

Ezra Cornell, best known to the public as founder of Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, the leading one of the "new departure" schools of this country, died at Ithica on the 10th inst. Mr. Cornell was born in Westchester county N. Y., in 1807, and was nearly 68 years old at the time of his decease. His parents were poor, and during his youth he had few opportunities for self-improvement in the way of schools or books. He died the possessor of a vast fortune, mostly accumulathed in the business of telegraphy, he early becoming a large owner of stock in the great companies in the country. His real estate speculations always proved remunerative and helped his fortune. Uneducated himself, he experienced throughout his life the disadvantages of his condition and resolved that something should be done for others in this direction. Soon after Congress made its grants of land to the different States for the establishment of agricultural colleges, Mr. Cornell offered to supplement the fund with half a million of dollars if the New York institution should bear his name and be located at the town of Ithaca. Another provision was, free tuition should be granted one student from each assembly district in the state. He afterwards made the additional gift of over 200 acres of land, with buildings, as a farm to be attached to the College of Agriculture, and of the Jewett collection in geology and paleontology—a collection which cost him $10,000; and he has given, since that time, other gifts to the amount of $30,000. Besides this, he has expended about $200,000 in purchasing the land scrip and locating the lands for the university.

A curious incident recently occurred on a Western railroad train. As the cars were moving away from the Terre Haute depot, a pretty young woman came from the ladies car, and rushing into the smoking car, frantically appealed to everybody to stop the train. Catching sight of the conductor, she exclaimed piteously,—

"Mr. Conductor, do please stop the train! I've left my baby!"

The train was stopped, and baby recovered, amid the hearty cheers of the people on the platform and the passengers, and while the young mother laughed and cried, and hugged her little one, she tried to explain how the baby was such a new one that she hadn't got used to it yet.

London is ahead. It has more Jews than Palestine, more Scotchmen than Edinburg, more Irish than Dublin, more Catholics than Rome, and more thieves than Chicago.