Surprising the Old Woman.

It was not very late when we went home a few nights ago, and as we were in good humor with all the world, we thought we would surprise the "old 'oman" in a pleasant manner, so that 'omsn' in a pleasant manner, so that ahe wouldn't be angry with us about late hours, etc. So stepping up to the window—tiptoeing to be high enough— that opened on the room where she was "sawing gourds" like forty, we turned our voice to its most captivating pitch and in operatic style we sang:

"Wake, Saille wake, my gay galoot, Rise up, fair lady, while I foot my lute." Rise up, fair lady, while I foot my lute."

The window flew up, "band-box, two pairs of shoes and a foot tub slapped us in the face, while the lady in white said, on a high key-note, "Come into the house, you little gump; to-morrow you'll be grunting around with your liver and wanting to make your will again. A pretty time of night for you to be cavorting around, and bleating like a dying calf, when you should have been at home rocking the cradle."—Coffee County Ga., Gazette.

Sheathing a Pillow. Certain women have long clamored for some new method of putting on a pillow-case, but these people have either lost their teeth, or the new ones they They have tried several new methods, such as blowing the pillow-case up and getting the pillow in before the wind got out, and they have tried to get the got out, and they have tried to get the pillow in by rolling up the pillow-case until the bottom is reached, and then placing the pillow on end and gently shrolling the pillow-case, but all these schemes have their drawbacks. The old style of chewing one end of the pillow and holding it the way a retriever dog holds a duck, till the pillow-case is on, and then spanking the pillow a couple of times on each side, is the best and gives a woman's jaw about the only rest they get during the day. If any invention drives this old custom away from us, and we no more see the matrons of the land with their hair full of rops of the land with their hair full of feathers and their mouths full of strip-ed bed-ticking, we shall feel that one of our institutions has been ruthlessly torn from us, and that the fabric of our national supremacy has received a sad blow, and that our liberties are in

Making Him Happy.

A dumpy, disconsolate-looking small boy was leaning against the wall at the sorner of Woodward avenue and Congress street, when along came a tall, naw-boned stranger with about four drinks in him, and said:

"Bu-bubby, do you feel bad?"

"Hain't you got nom-money for Chrisslemas?"

"Jus' like me! I'm traveling on my set fifteen cents 'smorning, and it'll be all gone 'forenoon. Going to h-hang up your stocking?" "Neither 'm I. I haven't got any

body to love me an' put toys in my stocking. Say, do you want a lizzle toy nule in your stocking?"

"So do I, but I won't get one. Tuff to be peor—tuffest kin' o' tuff. Say, bub?" "What."

"What."

"There ain't no hog about me. I'm
the bizzest hearted man in the world.
I'll make you happy if I have to sleep
in the middle of the road. Here, take
that, and this, and this—yes, take it
along and be happy."

And he handed out a pint bottle half
full of gin, a plug of tobacco and a
dime song-book, and as the bewildered
bey stood holding them in his hands the
donor continued:

"Thaz all—thaz all but a eucher-deck and a pistol, and I'll keep them to make r boy remember Chrisslemas along, sonny-run home and be

Chased.

Pred. C. Valentine in Our Continent, writing of his stay in Guatemala, notes the partiality of the Central American the partiality of the Central American astives for gesture speech, and related to the misunderstood a servant who experience to deliver a message by making signs instead of talking it. He may be was leaving the door of the grand Hotel." when he heard a vigorous clapping of the hands behind him. Upon turning, I saw an Indian runaing after me, with much anxiety expressed in his countenance, and while he ran he threw his arm forward as if

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I accelerated my steps and he his mo-tions. I turned a corner an 1 ran. He still pursued me, repeating the warning re at each bound.

We increased our speed and the dis-tance between us had grown to nearly a block when, suddenly, it occurred to me that such rapid transit was hardly compatible with the conduct of a digni-

fied physician.

I stopped to fasten my glove. Poor

Lo reached me, and in a voice suppressed by emotion or shortness of breath,

drawled out, in the manner peculiar to

his race,—

"Says Don Eucaristo, how are you and how did you arise? and he hopes that you are well, and that you srose well, and that you srose well, and that you pardon for molesting you, and that he hopes that you will forgive the trouble he is giving you, but that his lady is very ill, and asks you please to come to his house very quickly."

This incident led me to pay more attention than I should otherwise have done to what, at first, appeared to be meaningless gesticulation; and though I have been unable in many cases to trace the connection of these signs with their meaning, I have found them useful in my contact with a people who amplify the Spanish proverb, "It is better to sit than to stand, better to lie than to sit," by "It is easier to gesticulate than talk."

Why does the Man Smile? Because He Went into a Closet this Morning and Found a last Year's Hat, which He Put in in front of a Looking-glass. He didn't Know himself hardly and Wondered how He Had Been Fool enough to wear such a Hat. Thus you see a Man is a Fool every Year, but He does not Find to out until the Year after.—Brooklyn Union.

One Soul Made Happy.

"Yes, I always make a practice of sending some poor family a New Year's turkey." he was saying to the grocer, "and shall want an extra one this week. Yes, I must make at least one soul

"Ah! Heaven bless you," called out a man who had been asking the price of onions—"you are the man who sent me that turkey last year!"
"Is that so? Were you living on-

street?"

"I was; and I was laid up with a lame toot, and my wife was nearly dead with the chilis."

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"Well, I am glad to meet you. I told the coachman to give the bird to some deserving person, and I'm glad you were made happy."

"And I shall never forget you, sir. I

put that turkey up at a raffle, raked in three dollars on him, and outside of a pint of whiskey for my wife I laid in enough tobacco to last me six weeks! May you never know what it is to be

An Absent-Minded Young Man.

A popular young printer in Augusta, who until recently has resided beneath his father's roof-tree, married a few weeks since and leased apartments in another part of the city. The other evening, after completing his day's work, he left the office, went up street and purchased his Boston paper, and then climbed the hill to his father's house. Entering its familiar precincts he marched to the wash-room, made his toilet, and then presented himself at the table. The family, who had been watching his operations, eyed him with amazement, and at last his mother softly inquired: "My son, have you procured a divorce thus early in your wedded career?" A pale crimson flush suffused the young man's face, which rapidly deepened into cardinal. Then he gasped, "I forgot all about being married." Leaving the table amid a roar of laughter, the young man hurhouse. Entering its familiar precincts roar of laughter, the young man hurried out and walked hastily home, where his young wife was impatiently awaiting his coming.—Augusta (Me.)

Fond of Snakes.

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There is one thing about Prof Bell, Florida agent of the Smithsonian institute, which his neighbors do not like, and that is the pleasure which he takes in the companionship of venomous snakes. A countryman called on the professor the other day, and as he entered the room a huge rattlesnake dropped off a sofa pillow which had been placed upon a chair for his acdropped off a sofa pillow which had been placed upon a chair for his accommodation, glided into a corner, coiled, and, waving his head back and forth, shook his rattles viciously at the intruder. "Great jeeswax!" exclaimed the countryman. "Come in!" said the professor, cordially, handing his caller the chair just vacated by the snake; "don't mind him, he's not used to strangers, that's all." The snake obeyed an order to "hush that fuss." but still kept vigilant watch over the but still kept vigilant watch over the visitor, who, under the circumstances, did not care to make a long stay. Doubtless the reptile's fangs had been drawn, but that did not transform him into an agreeable object for contemple into an agreeable object for contempla-

A Bridal Couple's Experience in a Bath Room.

A newly married pair, who arrived on their honeymoon trip at a celebrated on their honeymoon trip at a celebrated Scotch watering-place when accommodation was at a premium, had a mattress spread for them by a compassionate innkeeper in one of his bath-rooms. In the middle of the night the house was alarmed by loud shrieks proceeding from the nuptial chamber. What was the matter? Well, this. The young bride, wishing to ring for a servant, had was the matter? Well, this. The young bride, wishing to ring for a servant, had caught hold of what she supposed to be the bell-rope, and pulled it smartly. Unhappily for her and her spouse, it was the cord of the shower bath over their heads, and forthwith down plumped such a deluge of cold water as would throw a damper upon the most devoted of honeymooning couples. Her husband, in dismay, caught frantically at another cord on his side of the extemporized couch, but the only response was an equally liberal deluge of water, this time nearly boiling hot. The unhappy pair then screamed in unison.—When the servants came, they found the floor of the room flooded with water, and the wife was perched like a monkey on her husband's back, uttering the most lamentable cries, while her good most lamentable cries, while her good man was fumbling about in the dark, trying his best to find the door.—London Telegraph,

Good Sense and Honesty.

A writer for the Cornhill Magazine says: When the Englishman first looks at the waters of the Hudson dancing in the sun, the long smokeless streets, with their busy crowds, certainly not of English people, his immediate impulse is to fall back on his earliest traveling companion, his scanty store of French, and to ask his way in that tongue. So strong is the impression of foreign lo-cality which the climate and the aspect cality which the climate and the aspect of the city give him, that it is some time before he becomes accustomed to expect to hear English from those tall, spare, keen-eyed men who talk so little, in so low a tone. When we meet Americans in Europe their accent attracts attention; when we are among them, with climate and manners and dress and expression so different from our own, our surprise is to find them at home in our pression so different from our own, our surprise is to find them at home in our language. The spacious half of the hotel is not reserved for the guests and the servants. It is filled by a busy crowd. Not that they are always moving about or talking. The men who sit in the armchairs against the wall or clustered round the pillars that support the dome, are not idle, vacant eyed loungers. They closely observe each passer-by, now and again glide through the crowd to claim an old acquaintance or to give attendance to a promised rendezvous. Loud talking is much more frequent among ance to a promised rendezvous. Loud talking is much more frequent among the women. In ordinary business the American is never noisy. He says little. It may be to the point or sot, according to his good sense or honesty of purpose, but it is generally brief and always delivered in a quiet low key. As both good sense and honesty are leading characteristics of the American people, the exception here made to the general terseness of their ordinary communications ness of their ordinary communications

Arguing a Case Down Fine. claims to have studied "'flosify outen a book." He propounds unanswerable questions to the lawyers whose rooms he cieans, and he discusses "pints o' law" with the justices of the peace of his precinct. Recently he went into the justice court and said: "Jedge, kin I git a 'dictment writ agin dat wuffless nigger, Pera?"

"What's he been doing?" "He's a procrastimator. He's bin procrastimatin', sah."

"Procrastinating?"

"Yes, sah, dat's what he's bin a doin'
fur a fac'."

"But there's no law against that." "No law agin procrastimation? Den what's de law fur? Ain't procrastima-tion de thief ob time?"

"Certainly, I believe it has been so "Well, den, ain't Pete a thief?"

"Yes, you might so construe it, but you can not convict a man for stealin'

"No, but when we hab got de proof on him fur stealin' time, we hab got de circumstantial ebidence agin him fur stealin' money, fur don't 'flossify say dat time am money? Got yer dar, jedge."—Galveston News.

Pulled His Tail.

The Portland (Oregon) Sunday Mer-cury tells the following story of a cougar conflict, and the daring deed of a courageous woman in her husband's The immense forests in the neighborhood of Yaquina Bay are filled with cougars bears, and other ferocious wild animals, that, when driven by hunger, sometimes seek the settlements for food.

A few days ago a farmer named Scur-A few days ago a farmer named Scurry, residing a short distance from Elk City, was attacked by a large cougar while he was at work on his farm near the house. The beast made a desperate fight, knocking the man down before he could defend himself, or use a pistol

in his possession. Scurry was growing faint in the death-ly struggle that ensued, when his wife, who saw the attack from the door of her cabin, ran to his assistance, and without stopping to consider her dan-ger, seized the brute's tail and by main force dragged the animal from his anticipated dinner. Scurry leaped to his feet, and before the cougar could renew the assault struck him with the sharp end of the mattock he had been using,

Mrs. Scurry kept up well, but when there was no further need of exertion on her part she tottered and "fell all of a heap," as her husband said. He escaped with painful scratches and an ugly bite in the shoulder. They have dressed their assailant's skin, which now makes a handsome rug for the pioneer's best room.

CONGRESSIONAL.

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adopted, and their salaries were fixed at \$3,500 each.

DEC. 23.—The senate passed a bill to hold a term of the United States district court at Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Vest presented petitions for the repeal of the tax on tobacco. Mr. Walker gave notice that on Jan. 12 he would call up the bill to quiet title to certain lands in the upper peninsula of Michigan. The civil-service bill came up, the question being on Mr. Pugh's amendment that the present force of the departments be subjected to competitive examinations, which was advocated by Messrs. Morgan and Garland. Mr. Brown favored a fair division of patronage among the taxpayers before civil-service rule is adopted. Mr. Pugh's amendment was rejected by 18 to 23. An adjournment was effected about midnight, the bill going over.

Dgc. 20.—The house passed a bill to permit retired army officers to hold civil offices in the territories, after rejecting an amendment to cover their retired pay into the treasury. The postoffice appropriation bill was passed. Mr. Lynch offered a resolution to extend the provisions of the pension appropriation bill to enlisted colored men. Fifteen leaves of absence were granted. men. granted.

granted.

DEC. 21.—In the house, Mr. Kelley reported a resolution for a rebate on tobacco in stock in the event of a reduction of the tax, and Mr. Kasson presented a substitute affirming that the only reduction made will be that provided for in the house bill now pending. The speaker presented a report by the collector of customs at Sitka, justifying the bombardment of an Indian village by the revenue schooner Corwin. The army appropriation bill, which sets aside \$24,681,700, was considered in committee of the whole. Mr. Hewitt argued in favor of giving land-grant railroads for transportation only half what is paid by private parties, and Messrs. Hiscock, Robinson and Butterworth antagonized his position.—Twenty-five leaves of absence were granted.

ed.

DEC. 22.—The house adopted a resolution to adjourn to Wednesday, January 3, after which date the hours of meeting will be 11 a. m. The army appropriation bill was taken up in committee of the whole. Mr. Thomas, of Illinois, instancing the case of Lieutenant Fred Grant, secured an amendment providing that aids-de-camp shall receive no additional rank or pay for staff of the Mr. Brown offered an amendment designed to prevent the appointment of political pets to army paymaster ships, but a vete disclosed the lack of a quorum. Twenty-eight members were given leave of absence.

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Orc. 23.—Without transacting any business the house at 12:50, adjourned until Wednesday. During the roll-call on adjeturement, Mr. White, of Kentucky, repeatedly interrupted with points of order, and the speaker pro tempore (Page) finally refused to recognize him, causing much merriment.

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