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LOCKING THE STABLE DOOR.

BY LILLIE E. BARR. "Maggie," said John, one winter night, "You did not lock the stable door, did you? So better go look at it once, Maggie, or the pony will stray, I fear."

ASHER'S WIFE.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

If you are so terribly nervous that every stupid thing you see frightens you, avoid the looking glass.

IS LIFE it difficult to say who do you the most mischief, enemies with the best, or friends with the worst?—Hester Lytton.

There is a certain way of distinguishing a man from a head waiter at a swell party, notwithstanding both may be dressed the same. The waiter generally has a towel on his left arm, and the man generally has a young lady there, if he is agreeable.—Punch.

"FATHER, when a hen sets on an egg three weeks and it don't hatch, is the egg spoiled?" "As an article of diet, my son, the egg is thereforth a failure, but as a species of testimonial it is strikingly anomalous and expressive."—Rome Sentinel.

AFTER the circus is over, after the wild beast show's done, first son of toil (celestially): "That was a bully show. Did you see the lion-tamer, my boy?" Second son of toil: "Didn't I tell you I took a fancy to the lion-tamer? Why, he just knocked that old lioness about as if she had been his wife!"

There is another illustration of the power of the press—the Arabian proverb that moves the world, etc. Last winter nearly every paper in the land printed the big hats worn by the ladies, and now a fashion item says: "The feminine hat is larger than ever this summer."—Norristown Herald.

ACCOMMODATIONS for six—Moses Schamberg has been annoyed by burglars prowling about his residence on the upper end of Austin avenue. Yesterday he went into a gun shop to buy a pistol. "What kind of a weapon do you want?" "I would like one," said Moses, "with accommodations for six bullets."—"Folks," said a passenger from Albany, on the New York Central Railroad, as he stepped into his sleeping berth, "call me at Lyons, sure." "All right, sah." Late next morning he called him. "Only twenty minutes from Buffalo, sah." "Why didn't you call me at Lyons?" "Lyons? For goodness, sah's it! I don't say Lyons for sah, boss, an' I yone tought ober the whole circus, an' I hope to die of I could ketch onto any animum higher dan Buffalo. I'll remember de cage next time, boss."

The kangaroo isn't much of a recommend for the factory which made him, or maybe he knu in himself wene the rigid diaphragm was in the safe, and rakin' up much of a fuss about it, and he was his own boss. He looks in the face like a shaller goose, and wen you see him walkin' on his narvity, you don't blame anocher for givin' him that expression. His legs must be made on diff'rent noles, cause the hind legs are a forcible persistance, but the front ones has got too much shortin' in. Sum kangaroo has thare cloze made in thare overalls, but it is a boy kangaroo, and rather pable more know. Kangarooes wares matches like cats, but a jackass kin give 'em a yard start on the ar question an' 'best' 'em like sickety. He'd be a good deal better off if he had a sawd off close an' mend up with it so I could reach the bottom of the preserve.—Rome Sentinel.

NOTES FROM THE JUDGE.

COTTON may be king, but gun-ston isn't a better one, apparently.

An esteemed contemporary asks: "When will the Brooklyn Bridge be finished?" This is too much. Ask us when the Washington Monument will be put in place.

It is said that the majority of nautic organists in this country come from Italy. Judging from their appearance, one would naturally suppose that they all came from Greece.

A XMAS tree said: "A Kentucky dog has been trained to build a fire an open grate." The dog's owner is evidently an old bachelor. If he was a married man he would not permit the brute to perform such duties as the work. He would train his wife to do it.

"CITIZEN."

She can work a fancy screen Just the nicest ever seen In a style that all her 'cuckooed' set admire. But my friend, 'twixt you and me, It would chide a woman in her old maid's pants.

TEXAS SIGHTS.

There is a mitigation of every misfortune. As Austin writes to poetry, but he cannot take it to the newspaper offices and ask the editors to publish it.

Most of the Austin boarding houses are built up on the tops of the hills instead of down in the ravines. Labradors' object is to prevent the survivors from becoming too ravineous.

We noticed in several Texas exchanges the item that the State is full of tramps. As the legislators are all now en route for their homes, it is improper to say the least of it, to publish such news. As Austin shares his school teacher wanted to make a people comprehend the parable of the good shepherd, so he said: "Now, dear children, suppose you were all little sheep, and I had charge of you and led you about, what would I be?" "A big sheep," was the unanimous response in chorus.

WHENEVER an account of any shooting scrape appears in any Texas paper, it is almost always certain to wrap up with the statement that the survivor belongs to one of the most respectable families in that part of the State. The public has read this so frequently that the respectability of the family of a party to a shooting scrape has almost become proverbial. This was illustrated admirably in a conversation we overheard a few days ago. An Austin merchant asked a friend if he knew of a proper person to take charge of a set of books. "Yes there is young Bill Flavin. He is a good hand at books, and he belongs to one of the most respectable families." "It can't be more than a family. I never heard of any of them shooting anybody."

Curious Coincidences.

A bill collector, who had after many vain attempts succeeded in securing an audience with the occupant of an office on Larned street, West, was met with the salutation: "Well, how do you do?" "I am very well, thank you," was the courteous response. "Why, I was just reaching for my hat to go and pay this very bill. I'll call at the store in less than fifteen minutes." Minutes ran to hours, but he did not appear. Hours came days, and days came weeks, but the bill was not paid. "I was just reaching for my hat to go and pay this very bill. I'll call at the store in less than fifteen minutes." Minutes ran to hours, but he did not appear. Hours came days, and days came weeks, but the bill was not paid.

"You bet I can, my angel," replied George, speaking in tones of passionate earnestness. "They are going to have corned beef for supper in the next house."