

Scene.—The right-hand corner of the left-hand side of a room on this side of the hall on a floor of Nebraska hall.

Dramatis Personae: Wastebasketii spiritii; Baron; Mons. Von Huckleberry; Mr. Stoughton and t'other Fellow,

Time; Any Sunday morning.

Wast. Spt. Does irrigation pay?

Bar.—Irrigation is an unfruitful investment.

W. S.—Do irrigation pay?

Mons. Von H.—Oui! Oui! Monsieur. Sehr grosse.

W. S.—Is it profitable to irrigate?

Mr. S.—In the very arid localities where the meteorological conditions are such that the precipitation and evaporation do not have the proper correlation, and the commercial interests are favorable, it may or may not be conducive of profit. Etc., Etc. Ad infinitum.

When the practice of "bouncing" first struck this institution, a year ago last Field day, after several "tutes" and numerous alumni had been bounced and the boys had got somewhat in practice, they surrounded Dr. Billings with the intention of "putting him up." The doctor's vocabulary, however, was in good repair that day and he very soon convinced the boys that the most of them were needed elsewhere, and before they returned the doctor had gone in pursuit of the agile bacterium. Later in the day one of the Profs, in talking with Dr. Billings, casually remarked to him that the boys were almost mad over the reception that he gave them in the morning.

"Well, —, I've been bounced before, and — if I care for any more of it. I don't care to be fired up to the ceiling and be let drop on a — hard floor," remarked the doctor, very blankly.

"But, doctor," replied Prof. "this is not the German bounce, but the Canadian, and it is considered an honor to the one bounced."

"Oh! —, that alters the case; are the boys around yet!" and the doctor was on the point of rushing off to find them and apologise for his misunderstanding of the situation but was informed that it was too late.

The Lincoln public and Lincoln public schools are indulging in a great "hulla-ba-loo" because one of the teachers took it upon herself to chastise impertinent Young America with a piece of rubber hose. Grievous charges of "assault and battery with malicious intent" have been preferred against the "frail young lady teacher" by the "outraged mother" of the aforesaid impertinent Young America. A learned doctor has propounded learned questions to a learned public upon the latest methods instilling knowledge into the person of impertinent Young America. For the benefit of the learned doctor we would presume to say that the hose used by the "frail young teacher" was not a section of fire hose with a nozzle attached. No, the hose used was probably more nearly the size of a shoe string, and made of soft rubber. In answer to the question of the Learned Doctah, as to why this chastisement was not used extensively at the high school and University, we would say that we have not "frail lady teachers;" no, indeed, and the muscular professors find that a club can be used more advantageously to instil knowledge into Young America after he has reached the high school or University stage of his career. And with reference to whether the rubber hose was a prescribed text-book in the fifth grade of the public school, we would like to say, that if "fond mothers," "learned doctors" and "kronic kickers," would devote a greater portion of their time in grafting upon Young America the first principles of respect, decency and obedience, they would

be conferring upon their posterity a far greater blessing than they do by kicking because some one else performs for them the duty for which they lack the moral stamina.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There is a tendency among certain ones of our politicians to gain distinction by methods that appear not the most honorable. There is a tendency to cringe before and cater to every whim of the old soldiers. Now, while we think that every union soldier, who was in any manner disabled in the late war, should by right obtain a pension, yet there is good reason to suspect that almost all such persons have long ago been rewarded. New claims for pension have been springing up by the score more than a quarter of a century after the war closed and it appears to be a sort of a demagogue's trick for anybody to rant about the grievance of Grand Army men as do some of our prominent statesmen of the present day. If this state of affairs continues, and if we ever have another great war, in what manner will its veterans be regarded? Of course we are only supposing a case, but another war may happen and then its veterans will look for greater rewards than were bestowed upon the men whose valor saved the nation. This tendency of indiscriminately conferring pensions and of setting a price upon war by catering to the whims of old soldiers, should be discouraged. We should remember the spectacle of Rome bowing down before the veterans of Marius and Sulla. We should remember how the army, led by demagogues, finally overthrew the Roman republic which it was supposed to protect. All knowledge of the present time has been discovered by experience, sometimes bitter experience, in the past. Let us then appreciate at their true worth the dangers which surround us and steer clear of the reef upon which the Roman ship of state went to pieces.

Although it may seem a little early to make predictions as to the probable fate of the proposed prohibition amendment to our constitution when it comes before the people one year from next November, yet certain events have transpired within the past few days that may have no small influence on the coming struggle. We are now enclosed upon three sides by states that have decided upon prohibition. A constant stream of lawless ruffians and persons of lewd character are settling our state, and this class cannot but have its effect upon the election. We ask the intelligent voters of this state if they wish to have this kind of people taking up their abode in our midst? Do the citizens of Nebraska wish to see second editions of Covington established in our state just across the line from the large towns of Kansas, Iowa, Dakota? Another circumstance, which, if it be true, (and it seems likely that it is) may not be without effect, is the fact that all the liquor interests of Omaha have been consolidated into one corporation in which the persons most interested are Englishmen. The orators who in the late campaign so much lamented that English gold was being used to secure the election of Cleveland need now have no vague suspicions that British gold will be used to defeat prohibition. These English capitalists will certainly use all their influence to defeat prohibition as it means the destruction of their interests. It seems that the English people have made up their minds that the high tariff will not be repealed for some time to come and so they are going to smuggle in British goods at the back door. By coming over here and establishing manufacturing upon our soil they are dodging the tariff. All good people, then, who believe in shutting out English goods from our markets should arise and vote for prohibition be-