COULDN'T EXPLAIN.

A Sentimental White Man Tries to Pick & Quarrel with an Old Negro.

A traveler who had read much of the negro, and who had, while listening to negro melodies sung by white men, been impressed with the "darkey's" fullness of sentiment, stood watching an old negro wao worked at a country

"How do you do?" said the white man, bowing with a sort of tender and sympathetic politeness.

"How does I do?" replied the old

"Yes." "Wall, I does 'bout de bes' I ken,

sah."

"I mean how is your health?" "Sorter slow at de present. Ain't been all right in mer health fur seberal days. Went de uder day whar er frien' o' mine killed haugs an' I stood made me siek. It ain't gwine do fur er ole man ter ack like er boy, sah; ain't gwine ter do er tall. W'y, w'en I wuz er boy I uster go ter er haugchaw, I did, till I couldn' hardly shet mer mouf w'en I opened it."

"A simple child of nature," mused the traveler, "an instrument upon which the skilled politician may play the tune of his unscrupulous improvisation." Then addressing the old negro love poetry, do you not?"

dat's gool ter eat."

"You don't understand. Poetry is not to eat. You can drink-"

"Sathin' ter drink? Hits me now, ver does. When it comes ter suthin' ter drink, w'y, my top-not stan's up like er rooster's. W'ar's de bottle? Show me de bottle ef yer wants ter see me bite de naik off."

"You still misunderstand me, and in truth, I do not see how I am to ento eat or drink-"

I'm dar, I tell ver."

"I am determined to make you derstand me. Poetry-and when rex- ever wrote."-Chicago Journal. plain it I know that you will acknowledge its influ nee-is a revival of a feeling which you have felt before, a feeling brought up by certain words, whose tenderness, like the falling of teardrops, brings glimpses of your own soul-"

"Look vere, Mister, I'se er peaceable man, I is, an' I'se been here too laung får er pusson ter come roun' talkin' ter me dat way. You talk ter me like I'se been stealin' suthin,' talks ter me like dat jedge done ober vander in de cou'thouse, an' I wants ver ter un'erstan' dat I'se er man dat 'tends ter mer own bizness. I come out yere ter scou' dis flo' an' not be slan'ered, sah."

"Poor, deluded-"Who's er 'luded? Call me er 'luded ergin an' I'll hit yer wid dis wet rag. Go on outen yere, now, ur I'll call de boss. Come huntin' me up w'en I wan't doin' nothin' ter you au' callin' me er 'luded. You's er 'luded yerse'f, sah; you's er blame son o' er 'luded, dat w'ut yer is. No, sah, no; doan stop ter say ernuder word. Dat's right, move on. Huh, imperdest man I eber seed. Come down yere tryin' ter raise er row an' I lay he gets it."-Arkansau Traveler.

BLONDES AND BRUNETTES.

The Gradual Decrease of the Former in Central European Countries.

A highly interesting question is being agitated in Europe. It has been asserted that there has been a gradual decrease of blondes in Germany. Almost 11,000,000 school children were examined in Germany, Austria and Belgium, and the result showed that Switzerland has only 11.10, Austria 19.79 and Germany 31.80 per cent. of pure blondes. Thus the country, which since the days of aucient Rome has been proverbially known as the home of vellow hair, has to-day only 32 pure blondes in 100, while the average of pure brunettes is 14 per cent. The 53 per cent. of the fixed type are said to be undergoing a transformation into pure brunettes. Dr. Bruce, in England has collected a number of statistics which seem to point in the same direction. Among 725 women he examined, he found 360 brunettes and 357 blondes. Of the brunettes he found that 78 per cent, were married, while of the blondes only 68 per cent. were married. Thus -Puck. it would seem the brunette had ten chances of getting married in England to a blonde's nine. In France a similar view has been put forth by M. Adolph de Candolle. M. de Candolle found that when both parents have eyes of the same color, 88 per cent inherit this color. But it is a curious fact that more females than males have black or brown eyes to the proportion of 45 to 43. It seems that with different colored eves in the two parents, 53 per cent. follow the father in being dark-eved. An increase of five per cent of dark eyes in each generation must tell in the course of time. - Science.

-Butterscotch: One cup of molasses, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter. Boil until done, trying as for mo lasses candy.

AT EASE IN ORATORY.

Ex-Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, Tells How

He Acquired the Art. "To be an orator is a thing not half so difficult to master as some people think it is," said Hon. B. K. Bruce. "Of course, I don't mean to say," he continued, "that every body can become a Gladstone, a Cicero or a Demosthenes-these men are phenomenal. To speak in public is something which a great number of people imagine to be one of the hardest things to accomplish, and yet it is very easy. All it requires is a little bit of nerve. Now, just let me tell you my experience

as an example. "It was a good many years after I before I could master up sufficient courage to step to the rostrum and speak before a congregation of people. I often thought the matter over, and I roun' de fire, roastin' haug melts on de also felt that I had an ambitious vein hot rocks an' eatin' em, I did, till da in that direction, but I was afraid. I sometimes was asked to make a speech, but I blushingly told every body that I couldn't do it. That excuse carried me along for a long time. At last, howkillin' an' cat all day laung. Uster ever, I was tackled for good. There was some kind of a fair going on down in Mississippi. The Governor was expected in our town, and several other notables were to be there. My usual excuse wouldn't work this time. About a week before the time arrived I started to write my speech. I had it pool and every function is impaired. Unless the sympathetic traveler added: "You made up and worded in a most beauti- help is found, the "general break-up" soon ful style. Then I began to learn it by follows "O. yas, sah, yas; likes any thing heart. It was a terrible thing. But Exchange Bank, of Tonawanda, N. Y., a great deal. As soon as I had succeeded with that I started to teach myself gestures. I stood for hours and hours before a large looking-glass and began to practice.

"At last the day arrived. Inwardly muttering my speech, I walked around. If anybody began to talk to me and ask me questions I nearly always had to lighten you. Poetry-and I wish now check myself to avoid answering with occasional dollar into Warner's safe cure, that I hadn't mentioned it-is nothing a passage of my oration. When I and keep their kidneys "a' par," they would walked up to the platform I felt retain a longer grip on Wall street. "Sathin' to w'ar, den, ch? Wall, I rather shaky, but, knowing that there like ter dress up ez much ez anvbody, was no getting over it, I manfully Jes mix some red in er suit o' cloze an' pulled myself together. When I looked around I almost forgot the beginning "Just keep quiet now until I ex- of my address. But, feeling that it plain myself. Poetry is the music either meant to die or to speak, I started off. I forget now, exactly "Music! Now I got yer-got yer dis how, but after I had spoken for about time, sho. Music -w'y, bless yer life, two minutes the language came to me chile, I'se er fiddler frum de ole house, as readily and flowingly, it seemed, as I'se made all dese vere folks ronn' vere if I were inspired. I spoke for an shake do hoofs at dances, I tell yer, hour and ten minutes, but not a I'se got er ole fiddle dat'll take de goet | thought of the speech that cost me | an' rheumatiz outen er foot in two min- so much labor did I utter. When I returned home I put it quietly in the fire, and that was the only spec

> -The two-year-old son of Aleck Clark, of Dry Creek, Cal., fell into a well thirty feet the other day. Mrs. Clark jumped in after the child, and standing waist deep in the ice-cold water held the baby in her arms three hours until her husband came home and rescued them.

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FAILING FINANCIERS.

Wall Street Leaders Go Down One by One-What Causes Their Fall. Bank Presidents say that 75 per cent. of the men who go into business, fail.

The percentage is much larger among financial operators. Ninety-nine out of a hundred of the "Napoleons of Finance" of Wall street end their careers in failure. John Tobin, once President of the Hud-

son River Railroad, and worth \$2,000,000, is now a \$5 bucket shop operator. He gambled, lost money to John Morrissey, refused to pay, was reported to oid Commodore Vanderbilt and turned out of his Presidency.

Henry Smith was a noted operator in Wall street, for a time very successful, and accumulated a fortune of over \$5,000,000. He fought Jay Gould in numerous speculations, and once said: "I'll make Jay Gould earn his living with a hand-organ had become some kind of a politician and monkey." When he failed for \$5,000,-000, Gould quietly remarked: "He might now try the hand-organ himself."

John Pondir was once famous as the homeliest, but one of the most successful men of Wall street. He was worth \$1,000,-000, but has at last joined the long procession of "the busted."

These men are said to lose their heads. They first lose, in the grinding processes of speculation, their physical stamina. Mental feebleness naturally follows. With physical weakness also comes lack of nerve. A clear head and norw are essential requisites to Wall street success; with the primary

organs out of gear, neither can be retained. Derangement of the kidneys is a common result of mental overwork. When they fail to carry off the waste matter of the system, uric acid, that deadly poison, accumulates, and sneaks through all the blood channels. The whole system becomes a sort of cess-

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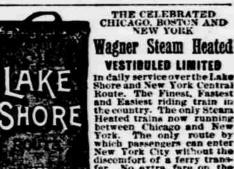
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