CAPITAL CITY COURIER, SATURDAY MARCH 14, 1891

GETTING OFF CHEAP.

If It Had Been Any Worse It Might Have Been a 82 Song.

the train going down from Charleston to Savannah ran in on a siding to wait for the up train to pass, we saw a large alligator in a pond on the other side of the fence. This pond had been made by a fill in the railroad bed, and was about 200 feet long by 40 broad. On the opposite side, and not twenty feet from the water, was a

and not twenty feet from the water, was a negro cabin, and a negro stood in the open door looking at the train. A dozen men leaped to the ground, pulled their revolv-ers and began firing at the reptile. He was hit by two or three bullets at once, and down he went out of sight. As he disap-peared the negro came running down to us, hat in hand, and pointing to a hole made in the head gear by a glancing bullet he exclaimed:

Largest and Finest Line he exclaimed:

"Now den, whar is dat white man who shot dat bullet?"

No one could say, as we had all been firing, but one of the shooters finally stepped forward and said:

"See here, Moses, it was an accident, and though it was a close shave you have not been hurt."

"But I'ze got a chill, sah! When dat bullet went 'p-i-n-g' frew my ole hat I fought I was dun sent fur and killed dead, an' it's brung de ager back on me." "Well, how much damages do you

claim?" "Fo' bits, sah-fo' bits an' not a cent

less. I doan' want to rob nobody, but dat Weddings, etc., and can serve them in the bullet might her went right frew my head." We raised the half dollar and handed it reasonable prices. Fancy Cakes of all

over, and as Moses dropped it into his kinds made to order. Telephone orders pocket and turned away he continued:

"Doan' feel hard, gem'len, but 1 owes a duty to my fam'ly. Ef dat bullet had killed me de ole woman would her stuck out for two big dollars, eben if it broke de hull crowd!"-Detroit Free Press.

Never Phased Him.

Mr. Billy Smith is a well known charac-ter in the dry goods trade. He is a royal good fellow, spends money freely and never tries to get ahead of any one except a railroad company. He will travel on scalpers' tickets. Not long ago he bought a ticket from Cincinnati to New Orleans which had the name of William Hill on it. The LATE WITH STERN BROS., NEW YORK conductor on the train first collected all conductor on the train hist conceted and the tickets from the passengers in the Pull-man car, and later came through asking the passengers their names. When he reached Mr. Smith's section he said, "What is your name?" "William Hill," promptly replied Smith. The conductor eyed him suspiciously but eased on heading him a large line of

but passed on, handing him a large line of bickets. The next morning Mr. Smith was performing his ablutions. His wife had previously made him a handsome sponge bag, on the outside of which were em-broidered the initials W. H. S., and the bag was lying on the washstand when the conductor came in. He looked at Billy, then at the bag. Then he said quickly: "You told me your name was William Hill, to correspond with your ticket. What do these initials 'W. H. S.' mean?" Quicker than a flash Billy replied, "You blamed fool, those initials stand for William Hill's sponge."-Clothier and Furnisher.

His Raise.

A drama had been having a successful run, when one morning a "super" presented himself to the manager with the following complaint: "Sir," he said, "I have been playing my part now for a hundred consecutive nights with the utmost zeal and care. Can't you manage to give me a rise?" "What part do you play?" asked the manager.

"I am in the fourth act. I have to stake £20 in the gambling scene.'

Hatching a Plot.

Little Sister-Thay, Tommy, you go and

dit tarvin' knife and let's see what kind of

sawdust Uncle Jack is stuffed wiv.-Talis-

Chollie's Mistake.

sult of a practical joke."

"They say Chollie's injuries were the re

'Yes. The fellows told him that a big

burly fellow was deaf and dumb, and

Chollie walked over to him, and with a

Keeping It Dark. "Better have your mustache dyed again,

ning to show, and people can see the real

if there's anything I want it's to keep it dark."—Philadelphia Times.

He Stood Alone. George-I find it very hard, Ethel, to re-

spect your father's opinions: they differ so

George-In regard to loving a lover.

The Reason Why.

She-I cannot express my love for you.

The Line Must Be Drawn.

When evening shirts are not made plain,

She-Because I haven't any.-Judge

But filled with flowers and things

When trousers are unduly creased, When hands are decked with rings,

When full dress gloves are spotted or Betray the slightest sign

When people will persist, in spite

Of everything that's said, In wearing butterily neckties At night like wings outspread;

Monstrosities in fine.

Maybe before it's nine-

It's time to draw the line

That they've been worn before, why, then It's time to draw the line.

When collars with stepladder shapes.

Are seen around the necks of men, it's time to draw the line.

When ulsters and silk hats are worn

With necktles ready made, When diamond scarfpins are upon

The four in hand displayed, When patent leather shoes are seen

When things like this are done, why, then

Tom Musson in The Glothiar and Furnisher.

from the rest of the world.

Ethel-In what respect?

He (eagerly)-Why?

"Of course," answered the victim, "and

said the barber. "The red's begin

man.

color.

Life.

stake £40."-London Tit-Bits.

Two of a Kind.

It was on a Madison avenue car. Three women were standing up, while the six men who had sents were reading their papers or looking into vacancy and pretending not to see the state of affairs. Suddenly the man next to the door looked into the

face of one of the females and half rose and said: "Permit me, nadam."

"By no mean , sir." "But I insist." "But I had rather stand. Indeed, I am

stronger than you are. 1 am the museum girl who lifts 400 pounds with her toes." "Indeed! But I am the side show man who lifts three fat men and a chair."

"And you insist?" "I do."

She dropped into the seat with a bow of acknowledgment, and he grandly waved his hand and felt for a strap.—New York



Newly Made Widow-He is a fashionable undertaker, but even his charges are far below what I can afford, and I want to give my husband the most expensive fu-

neral I can, you know. The Friend — Why don't you get a plumber to bury him then?—Life.

A Good Many Wives.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll is apt in stories, and some of them have become famous He is never at a loss for a good story to illustrate any point. Not long ago a group of gentlemen, in which the colonel was the central figure, were discussing people who have a knack of saying the right thing at the wrong time. The colonel said:

"I can illustrate that by relating a case in point which occurred in a Western state. A well to do merchant, Mr. Thompson, living in a town noted for its malaria and funerals, whenever his wife died would go into an adjoining county and marry again. He had married his fourth wife and taken her to the malarial town to enjoy quinine and domestic felicity, when, as the novelists say, this story begins. A loquacious lady in the healthy county was in the habit of assisting Mr. Thompson to find some eligible young woman willing to marry him and take her chances. Some six months after he married his fourth wife he appeared again in the healthy county. The loquacious lady greeted him and said:

"How is your wife, Mr. Thompson?" "She is dead," he replied sadly. "What, dead again!" cried the loquacious woman in surprise.—New York World

And It Stopped.

She was very deliberate about stopping a Woodward avenue car, and still more so about getting aboard, and when she handed the conductor a nickle she said:

"Your claim is very fair," returned the manager. "From to-morrow you shall car had proceeded about a mile from the city hall she beckoned to the conductor

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A New Story.

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In the LINCOLN WEEKLY HERALD of March 14th, will be begun the publication of a powerful story by J. D. Calhoun, the well known newspaper man and writer. The story deals with that obscure and hitherto overlooked feature of Southern life during the war-the experience of the private soldier and the poor citizen. It dispels with vigorous rudeness the popular glamour with which so-called chivalry has enveloped the southern side of the rebellion in luminous haze and exposes one of its miserable phases with pitiless fidelity to facts. The story is written in Mr. Calhoun's strongest vein and will in the HERALD for three or four months. Special subscriptions, four months for 50 cents, will be taken in^econnection. Those who wish a new and startling insight behind the smoke-covered and blood-begrimed scenes of the war, as pictured by the average writers of both history and fiction, should send in their names and money at once, in time for the first issue of March 14th.

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sweet smile told him he was a fool." "Well?" "The man wasn't deaf and dumb."-London Tit-Bits.

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and said: "Conductah, I wish you to stop the cah on the down side of the street."

"Yes'm." Things rolled along as before until the car had made another mile, when she beck-

oned again and asked: "Conductah, are we very neah Elizabeth street?'

'Elizabeth! Why, ma'am, you got on only one block below Elizabeth, and have been goin' away from it ever since!" "Very well, then-I will get off-get

He stood with his hand on the bell rope, waiting for her to finish, but she took her time about it and rode another block and a half before finishing:

-get off here, I guess. You may alarm the drivah and stop the cah."-Detroit Free Press.

Divided Up.

Sweet Girl (with many admirers)-I've been taken out sleigh riding twenty-three times this winter.

Practical Father (meditatively)-Twentythree times? Two hundred and thirty dol lars if a cent. My dear, do you really think you are worth all that expenditure? Sweet Girl-Oh, it wasn't much for each one, you know. There were twenty-three of them.-New York Weekly.

One Superstition Verified.

"Are you superstitious?" asked a by stander of a slowly rising young trage dian.

"A little," said the actor sadly. "I have learned from experience that to have just thirteen people in the audience inevitably means bad luck."-Somerville Journal.

Duly Qualified.

In a country town in upper Italy there sits at the door of a church a blind man, with a board in front of him on which charitable passers by may read, "Blind, by permission of his reverence.

the Signor Curato."-II Messagero.

A Terrible Threat.

Bricklayer (on the scaffolding, strug gling with a bad cigar)-There, that's the fourth match I've lighted, and if the beastly glimstick won't burn now I shall really have to start working.-Humoristische Blatter.

Cruel.

"That was a sympathetic audience I had," said the lecturer. "Yes. I thought they all seemed sorry for each other," said his bosom friend. New York Evening Sun.

It Would Linger.

Stranger-And why do you call that building Memorial Hall⁵ Graduate-Well, if you had ever eaten there you would never forget it. - Harvard Lampoon.

Important Addendum. A (to bachelor friend)-Do come and see me some day, old chap; mind you, my daughters are all of them engaged' - Be lage

Invariable. A women's rule in whist - when in doubt, mak what is trumps - Elmira Gazetta



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