

THE HERALD.

How She Fooled Him.

John Sanscrip's wife went to bed Saturday night with her mind made up to fool the old man the next day or the day after.

"John—oh, John—there's some one ringing the door-bell." "Let 'em ring," was the sleepy response.

"But, John maybe it's the man on the next square who owes you that \$100 came to pay you." "No 'tain't neither," said John with a yawn.

"But you don't know, and it may be that very man." "I guess not for he's buried; died last week. Besides, old woman, your ears deceive you. I took the bell-knob off last week to fool April-foolers."

Heavens, what a mess she made of it to begin with! But when the old man rooted out of bed, yawning and picked up his pants she rammed the sheet into her mouth to plug up her laughter.

"Oh, Jiminy won't he tumble when he puts his feet into them pants and finds the legs sewed up," said she to herself.

Judge her rage when the provoking brute innocently carried the blockaded breeches to the wardrobe and inquired: "Nancy, where's them chocolate colored pants I had on last week?"

"Put on the ones you have in your hand John; what's the matter with them?" "I burst a button off yesterday, and they need mending."

At breakfast she poured out a nice cup of coffee for him and sweetened it with two spoonfuls of salt.

Trying to be better.

One of the most encouraging thoughts warranted by the Scriptures, is that God is never nearer to one than when he stands dissatisfied with himself.

The world is full of people who have broken one resolution, never imagine that He will not assist you to keep another, many with greater wisdom and a more determined purpose.

He seeks to encourage man to renewed spiritual effort and inspire him ever with hope to try again. Why, with hope? Because no man ever attempts anything without hope.

The Sabbath gives us a new start in our life's journey. It contracts the gravitation of sin and sense and mamon, and sends us forth again with new enthusiasm, thanking God that we are training for something nobler than this earth can give.

Who among Christ's followers can say that religion always brings sunshine? Shadows are necessary, in fact, are ordained by an all-wise Providence for our good—to try our faith in Him.

God sends trials that we may ask Him for comfort and support. He is willing to grant us everything that is for our good, and shall we not trust him—even when shadows intermingle with joys, in this our earthly pilgrimage toward that better country to which all are hastening?

York county beavers are sagacious animals. A man from Newkirk, hunting beaver, recently came upon a lagoon which showed marks of having been lately dammed up by those industrious creatures.

A circus performer, who had daily permitted himself to be boosted out of a cannon by a light discharge, was shot through a netting and against a post by an overload of powder, in Friendship, N. Y. He was badly hurt and has given up such exploits.

An inventor proposes a vessel that will not be affected by waves at sea. A hollow body is to be submerged several yards below the surface of the water, and above the surface, supported by strong posts, is to be the part of the vessel for passengers.

A Curious Prophecy.

Just before the defeat of Mr. Greeley for Presidency, several gentlemen were congregated on a piazza at Newport. Among them was Chief Justice Chase.

The hermit's prophecies for 1866, 1870 were fulfilled. It seems as though the rest might be. The Pope is in bad health. The chances of a general war growing out of the Eastern question is excellent.

A Fours-mile race with a fish. Fitz Dougherty is the boss on fish. Last Monday night while fishing at Oakland, something he didn't know what, took hold of his hook.

The North Pole. Is there an open Polar sea? Is the North pole surrounded by an impenetrable barrier of ice? These questions are being earnestly discussed by the geographers and explorers.

The editor of a county paper wrote one evening: "To-day is the anniversary of the death of Louis Phillips." When the printer's proof came up the name read, "Sam Phillips." The editor wrote on the margin, "Who the deuce is Sam Phillips?"

A Texas stockman recently sold to parties in southwestern Kansas, 40,000 head of cattle and 2,000 horses for \$140,000 silver.

Vermont justice is peculiar in some respects. The government has pardoned one Hobbs of St. Johnsbury, who had been some months in jail because he couldn't pay a fine for drunkenness; and it is said that under the present laws there is no way by which a man can escape imprisonment for life except through the pardon of the Executive.

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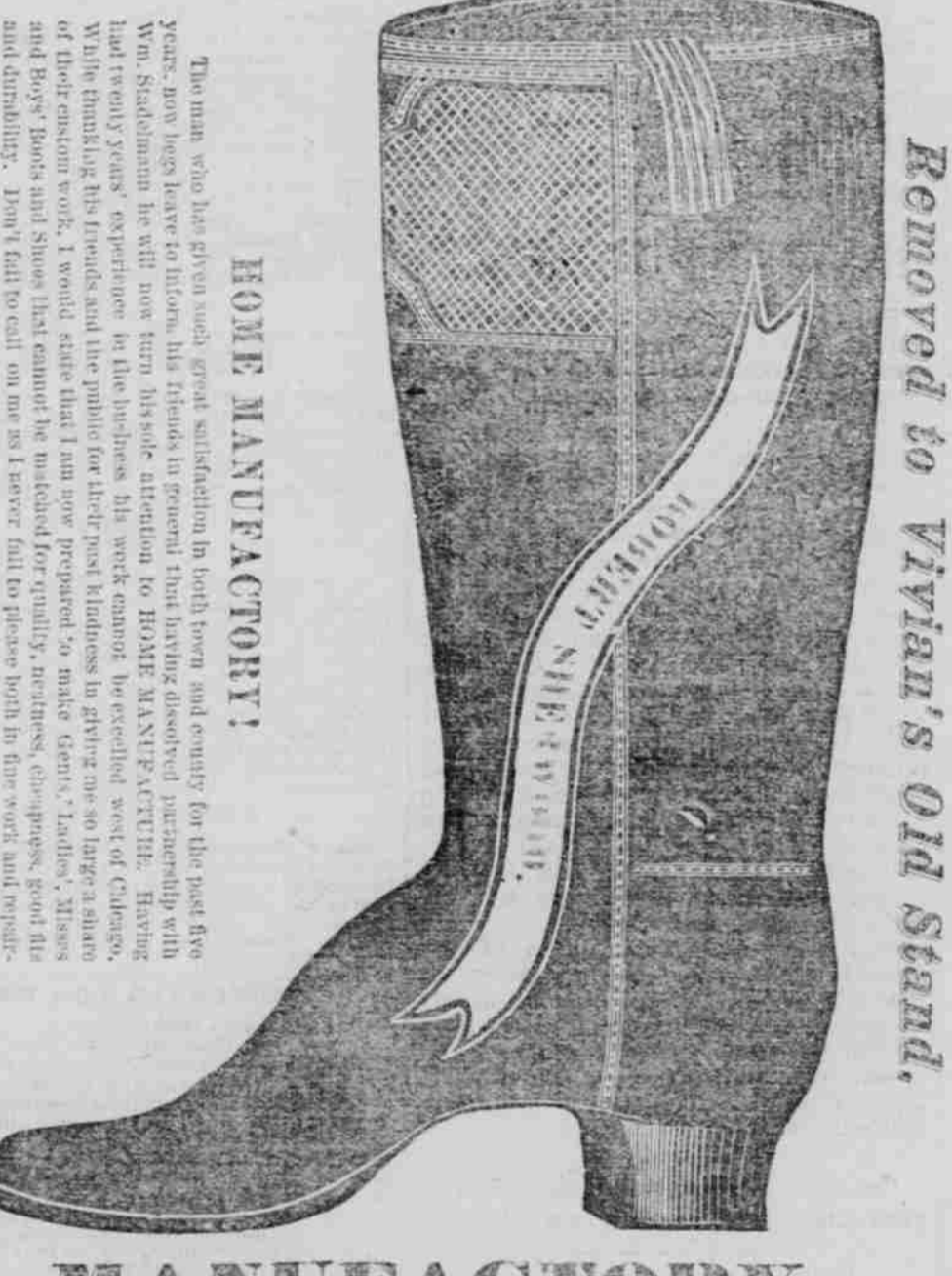
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