HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED.

He came into the office of a West End undertaker yesterday with a look of great care on his honest face. His eyes were heavy and slightly bloodshot, telling of nightly vigils and loss of sleep. His hair was unkempt and shaggy. The softhearted man of coffins looked upon his visitor with a gaze full of pity and thankfulnesspity for the customer's loss and thankfulness for his patronage. He was so young to be burdened with the loss of a dear one by death.

The manufacturer of burial cases nodded a silent assent and condoling a heavy blacksnake wagon whip, and recognition; the young man from the then went back to his work as if nothcountry said: "How d'ye?" Then ing out of his ordinary line of business ensued a painful silence broken at had transpiled. The coolies of the length by the man of grave business. Dutchman aroused the anger of a col-"Can I do any thing for you to-day,

"Wall I reckin' so, stranger !" Another silence. Once more the undertaker began suggesting: "Your had heard Joe's remark, went for the sister?"

Young man stared a moment, then, as light gradually broke upon his perplexed mind, he smiled a smile more suggestive of sorrow than happiness. and replied :

"No-my wife."

"Sudden?" "No expected su thun of the kind for several months."

"When did it happen?"

"Bout 4 o'clock this morning." "Looks patural?" "Rather." (Spoken carefully, and

expressive of some doubt.) "About what ke you want the cost of it to be?"

"Don't care a durnation for expenses; git it up kinder nice. I'll treat her handsum, 'cause she is the first one I ever had."

"Very well, my friend; you'll bave it lined with white satin, I suppose? "Jest as you say, stranger." "Silver-headed screws, too, I sup

"Y-a-a-s, I s'pose so. An', strang er, jest put a bully top to't."

"Oh, of course; and you'll want a glass in it, also, I suppose?"

"Y-a-a-s-Oh certainly-you bet. Git her up sniptious, you know, old fellow. None of your dratted one hoss fixins for me. No, sir ee." "Just so. Silver handles, o

course ?" "Eh? What's that yer say, stranger-silver handles? Oh durn it, now won't thet be pilin' it on too hefty like? I kin stand silver crews, and sich, but ther's no use makin' the hull tarnation trap of eilver. The thing has to be moved, and must have handles, but I ain't quite so stuck up as thet now-not quite, stranger."

"Very well," acquiseced the man of obsequies. "I'll put ordinary handles to it, then?"

"Eggs-actly-them's 'em, mister; now yer talkin'. Or'nary handles 'll do, But, I say, stranger (reflectively,) make the wheels glisten like thunder."

"Wh-wh-wh-eels!" "Yas, wheels. What's ther matter with you, anyhow?"

"But who ever heard of wheels to a

"Coffin!" shrieked the dejectedlooking young man. "Coffin! Now who the dickens said anything about coffins ?" "Why, don't you want a coffin?"

"Ne-o! durn your coffin! I want a cradle-a trap to rock my new baby "And isn't your wife dead?"

"Not by a jugful. Don't yer make cradles for sale?" "No, my friend, I am an under-

taker." "Undartaker of what?"

"I make coffins."

"Oh, Lord, let me ketch the feller that sent me here!"

And the grief-stricken youth crammed his bat over his eyes, ran his hands deep down in the peckets of his trouserloons, and pounced out on the streets searching for vengeance. - Cincianati Enquirer.

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Among the railway travelers eating linner at a botel near the Central denot yesterday was a chap from Fayetand bread as if he had been a week without eating. A second cup of coffee was brought him, and in his hurry he picked it up and took a large swalless. It was considerably botter than poer, and in his excitement the Buckeye opened his mouth and sixot the liquid across the table against a roung man's shirt bosom.

Gosh-whoop-hot-beg pardon -and blanes!" he exclaimed, reaching after water.

"You are a hog, sir !" replied the totag man, "a regular bog!"

"Fam, bo?" And I've get bristles?"

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ored gentleman named Joe Johnson, said that "dat old beer guzzler aint got no license to do me dat way, I tell you' whereupon the Dutchman, who gentleman and gave him a dose of the same medicine that he had given

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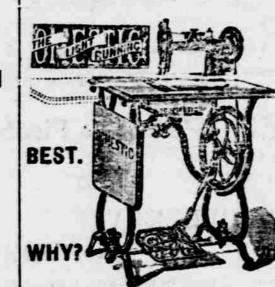
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