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"Doubtless you will say, Miss Petherbridge, that you never have given me any encouragement. You will think I am presumptuous in venturing to address you thus. But it must occur to you that a young man has no other way of ascertaining in what light he is regarded by the object upon whom he has fixed his hopes of earthly happiness than to-to try it on, you know. Therefore, Miss Petherbridge, to come to the point at once (for in atters of this kind it has always been my m-or, as I was about to say, in matters 'tind it is always best to be direct and of this t me ask you, without any preexplicit), we ue, or introduction, whether

you could-"Mr. Van Pund, I am sorry to\_\_\_\_" make up your mind to consent to link your in to that of a young man whom you never una have regarded in any other light the any other light than that of riend, but of whose entire devotion you ma," be assured, and who long has entertained for you feelings

They held on tight.

He Lost a Sale.

An icebox on which a sign "For Sail"

stood in front of a Brooklyn grocery store

the other day, and when a woman stopped

to examine it, a man, with his hands and

overalls showing grime came out and said:

"Madam, dot vhas der beegest bargain in

dis whole county. I paid \$18 for dot icebox,

und now I sells him for-for-vhell, I make

"Been in use a long time," she observed as

"Madame, I gif you fife tousand dollar if I

"What's the principle on which it works!"

"Der best principle in all dis worldt, mad-

ame. It whas by der copright, horizontal,

rotary principle, und nobody can beat it.

My son he runs dis grocery for me while I

runs my boiler und engine shop. Dot makes

"A boiler isn'tan ice box," she remarked,

"Shust so, madam, but der principles vhas

der same. Dis vas a ten-flue ice box, mit a return draught. She vhas seex-inch stroke,

patent cut-off, tested oop to 180 pounds, und

vhas feexed oop mit a low-water indicator

und all der latest inventions. If dat ice box

explodes on you I gif you one million dollar,

check-draught of der latest style, und-"

"Fadder, doan' you make a sale?"

"I don't want it!" she said with a decided

At that moment a young man came out

"I say to her dot it whas by her copright, horizontal, rotary principle, mit return flues,

"Fadder, you go avhay and leaf me to sell

him. You vhas too scientific. So mooch

talk makes people afraid. I shust tell 'em

dot it whas for sale by a family who whas

going to Europe for der summer, or to wind

oop an estate, und before to-morrow he vhas

sold. You whas all right on engines und

boilers, but you whas way off on ice boxes.

All der principle about him vhas to sell him

A Promoter of Temperance.

Saloon-Keeper-Oh, yes; lots of times.

Magistrate-How do you manage it?

Magistrate-In your saloon?

Coney Island beer glass.—Racket

away from the doctors.-Chatter.

aclutation was invariably this:

"Wretched, wretched, thank ye."

"Hello! Uncle Jerry!"

pretty well, praise God?'

"Of course you are."

is ne'll reply as I said."

"Hello! Uncle Jerry!"

"How you feeling?"

Jerry, as he passed on,

"Yass, yass!"

"How you feeling?"

"Yass, yass,"

the street.

toxicated by beer in my place.

Magistrate-bid you ever see a man intoxi-

Saloon-Keeper-No, sir; men never get in-

Saloon-Keeper-I draw my beer into the

No Hope.

Caller (to sick man)-How are you feeling

Sick Man-Oh, a little better, but there's

no hope-I'll never get strong enough to get

On the Street-Car.

Innocent Countryman (tolady just enter-

I. C.—Bless you, I didn't expect any.—Har-

How Uncle Jerry Went Back on the Crowd.

Every boy of us in in the village knew

Uncle Jerry Crawford. He was a dried-up

old man, and never seemed to get any older,

although always complaining. The form of

I've heard that at least one thousand times,

and never knew a deviation but once. A

drummer who used to come up occasionally

"Isn't that old Crawford," asked the drum-

when he comes up and you ask him how he

cos d raise was \$16. We handed that out

far enough, however, and it had been cov-

ered when Uncle Jerry came along. We

were on the grin as the drummer called out:

"Pretty well, praise God!" replied Uncle

It was about two minutes before we could

get breath, and then the drnmmer had gone

with the stakes. An hour later I asked

Uncle Jerry what he meant by such conduct,

mer as he shaded bis eyes with his hand.

plies that he's wretched, thank ye."

snap in her voice, and hurried away as if she

"Explode! Mercy on me, but I don't want

him oop for firewood."

doan' buy him only last year."

me know all about ice boxes."

und any shild can run him."

feared an explosion.

for \$10 cash."

cated by beer?

to-day?"

ing)-Have a seat?

per's Bazar.

Lady-No, thanks.

"Vhas you tell her?"

seex-inch stroke, patent-

and asked:

some new fangled arrangement.

as she looked into it again.

she looked inside.

"You will oblige me, Mr. Van Park,

"Feelings that he may not have suffered to escape him hitherto. In short, Miss Fetherbridge-for the question is simply one of the beart, and need be occasion for the fewest words only-may I ask you whether, after mature deliberation and-

"What are you trying to ask, Mr. Van Punk ?" "I am trying to ask you, Miss Petherbridge

der price so sheap dot it pays you to shplit if you will marry me." "Then there is no need of any more words, I am sorry that I cannot give you a favor

able answer, but-" "Do I understand you to refuse?"

"I certainly do refuse." "You reject me?"

"If you must have it in the plainest possi" ble words, Mr. Van Punk, I reject you, though I am sorry to say anything that gives

The young man took a note book from his pocket and made a mark in it with his pen-"You will not deny," he said, "that I have

asked you whether you would marry me?"

"And you have said you would not?" "That is what I have said."

"That's right. Check" And he made another mark in the note

"You are the ninth young woman who has given me the same answer since last Thursanything around to blow me up! It must be day," he said briskly. "I'll get over the pain, Miss Petherbridge. I'm trying to "Madame, I gif you my word he vhas as make a record. That's all. Good morning. safe ash a trunk oop in der garret. He con--Chicago Tribune? sumes his own smoke, whas provided mit a

One Soul Saved.



First Feminine Reformer-"Do you think you have finally saved Mr. Tipple? Second Feminine Reformer-"Yes, indeed I have prayed with him, and sang with him, and read to him until he has become converted that he is going to get a divorce from

his wife and marry me."-Life. Marriage a Failure. Cobwigger-Did you ask Brown if he liked his new house?

Merritt-It wasn't necessary. I heard his wife say she liked it.-Epoch.

Had Her Revenge. A woman carrying a faded carpet-bag stop-

ped a policeman in hicago, and said: "Which way must I go to the World's Fair?" "Headquarters of the directors are around on Dearborn street." "I don't care a snap for the headquarters.

I want to know whar the Fair is-whar they air showin' things." "There isn't any such place, madam. The

Fair won't be open for three years yet." "What, ain't there no show at tall?"

"Not yet." "Didn't I see in the papersthat congress had sent the Fair to this town?"

"You may have read that this place had been selected as the site of a fair to be held

three years from now," "An thar won't be none till then?" "Not that anybody knows of."

"An congress has fooled me into comin' all the way from Missoury to see that Fair. Look here, this thing is a fraud. an' I believe you had something to do with it. Do you

from St. Louis got on to it, and one day "Yes, I hear you." when a dozen of us sat on the steps of the "Well' what have you got to say for yourdrug store Uncle Jerry was seen coming up "Nothing."

"Then you acknowledge that you are a fraud, do you?"

"I suppose I am." "He's the man who always replies that he's "An' you air not sorry for it, nuther, I "Oh, no. He's the man who always re-

"No, I am not particularly cast down." "I may be mistaken, but I don't think so."

"Wall, will you do me a favor, jest to sorter make things squar?" "I will try to."

"Well, I hate to give in. I'll bet \$20 that "All right. Then hold this carpet-bag till I step right over yander an' eat a snack." There was seven of us there, and all we

"Why don't you take it with you?" "Feered somebody mout steal it while I'm

eatin'. Will you hold it?" "Yes, I'll take charge of it for you." When the woman had been gone half an

hour the policeman began to feel uneasy. An hour passed, and still the woman did not return. Late that evening the carpet-bag was opened. It contained four dead cats, together with the following note:

"These cats lay in an alley next to my house, on the West Side, for four days. I have time and again notified the authorities, but as no notice was taken of my appeal, I have taken this method of disposing of them. "Took me all day to learn it, and the feller | You may return them to me when we meet at the World's Fair."-Arkansaw Traveler.

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