## The Donng Holks.

WHO'S AFRAID IN THE DARK? "Not I !" said the owl, And he gave a great scowl, And he wiped his eye, And fluffed bis jowl.

"Tu whoo!"

Suid the dog, "I bark Said the cat. "Mi-low! I'll scratch any who Daro say that I do -Feel afraid, "mi-low !" 'Afraid," said the mouse, "Of the dark in a house't Hero mo scatter

hey the toad in his hole." And the bug in the ground, They both shook their beads And passed the word round. And the bird in the tree, The fish and the lice. They declared all three, That you never did see

Whatever's the matter.

Oup of "them" afraid In the dark! .... But the little boy who had gone to bed .. Just raised the bedelothes and covered his head

### AN AGED MAN.

"I see by the evenin' paper that the oldest man in Piegy, State of Montany,-territory, whichever 'tim-hes jest died," said Phoebe Lincoln, taking off her-spectacles and addressing her husband. "Well I'm glad for him that he's gone," remarked Uncle Linkim, promptly. "Bein' the oldest man in a place is the last thing I should ever crave to hev happen to me. Outlived his usefulness o' course years before the poor crittur' hed, an' more'n likely was on his relatious' hands, an' they wishin' him dead and gone, . It's a mercy he's

"Why, I don't calc'late he had lost his fac'lties," said Annt Phoebe, with the suggestion of a twinkle in her faded eyes. "I don't ray that he was deef or-" "Don't say!" interrupted Uncle Laikim, | shop. half testily. "What's the need of it's

Do you reckon it's likely a man of sense can arrive at my time of life, an' see all I've seen 'thout knowin' what comes to a man that's lived to be a landmark like that?

"I tell you that he was probably deef an' blind mostly, an, hed lost his grip on everythin." Women folks don't use their reasonin' powers-oven what's been give em. I s'pose you'd like to have me live right along, no matter how aucomfortable 'twas fer me, jest as long as I could be kep' from lettin' go of my breath !

"You mean all right enough, an I reckon I shell live as long as the Lord wills," eaid Uncle Laikim, looking severely across the table at his placid .spouse "but, fer myself I should get down on my knees this minute if I thought there was any likelihood o' my living to the age of that

poor man in Montany." There was a little pause, and then he asked suspiciously; after another glanco at Aunt Phoebe, who to judge by the smile that was stealing over her face, was apparently gratified by his statements: "How old was the poor crittur you was

readin' about anyway?" "He was jest turned thurty five, the paper saye," responded Aunt Phoebe, mildly. Piegy appears to be a new town an' the inhabitants is mostly under twen-

"I guess it's about time I took a turn a that newspaper since you've had your lit tlg joke," said Uncle Linkim with a dry chuckle after a moment's reflection; and Aunt Phoebe handed him the evening sheet and reached for her knitting.

A" THRILLING STORY BY J. B GOUGH.

A minister of the gospel told me one the most thrilling incidents I ever heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him on his doorstep, clapping his hands, exclaiming: "Papa's come home !"

He seized the boy by the shoulder swung him around, staggered and fell in

give you his name, if necessary. I spent right in short order. Piles of testimony to the night in the house. I went out, bared prove it. Sold by A. T. Brown. my brow that the night air might fall apon it and gool it. I walked down the hill. There was his child -dead ! There was his wife in strong convulsions, and he

A man but thirty years of age asleep with a dead child in the house, having a blue mark upon the temple where the corner of the marble steps had come in contact with the head as he swung him around, and a wife upon-the-brink-of the

"Mr. Gough," said my friend, "I cursed the drink. He had told me I must remain till he swoke, and I did. When he swoke he-passed his hand over his face, and exclaimed: "What is the matter? Where am 1? Where is my boy?"

"You capnot see him." "Stand out of the way! I will see my

"To prevent confusion I took him to the child's bed, and as I turned down the sheet and showed him the corpse he uttered a wild shried: "O my child !" That minister said further to me : "One year after he was brought from a lunatic asylum to lie side by side with his wife in one grave, and I attended the

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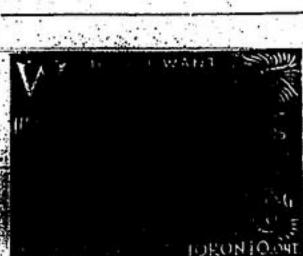
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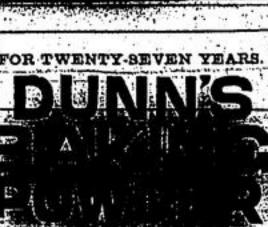
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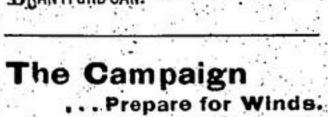


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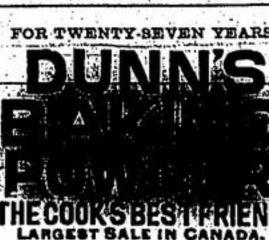
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