

A FIT OF THE "BLUES."

The blues, the blues, the terrible blues! From the east, from the west comes the heartrending news. That fate has been doing what time can't undo. And we'll all be engulfed in a deluge of blue!

Blue dresses, blue bonnets, blue garters, blue shoes; Blue coats, and blue neckties, blue boots, if you choose; Blue times, blue elections, blue Democ-

He "Mottoned and Hollerred." A farmer came tearing into the City Hall in Chicago, and demanded to see the chief of police. When ushered into that individual's presence, the man, who seemed to have been rolled in the mud, exclaimed:

"Gently, now," replied the chief, "has any railroad been abusing you?" "I should think so. Look at my condition, and then come out to the crossing and gaze on the remains of my new one-horse wagon."

"Well, sir, I was coming into town about an hour ago, driving one of the best one-horse wagons in the state."

"Was there a horse attached?" "Yes, sir, there was, and there were two barrels of cider in the wagon. Just as I was coming to the crossing I saw a locomotive sliding down for me, head up and mouth open. My durned old horse stood there and danced and pawed and snorted, and I couldn't get him to budge a foot."

"Stop! No, sir, she didn't. I saw that there would be a terrible catastrophe unless something was done, and I stood up in the wagon and mottoned and hollerred and motioned for the engine to back water. But she didn't. She ploughed right along as if I was nobody, and when she struck the wagon things turned dark. They found me over the fence, tangled up with hoops and staves and spokes, and there wasn't a piece left of that wagon bigger than a king-bolt. The horse ran away, and hasn't been found yet."

"Well, the fellows around there laughed and grinned and took on as if it was the biggest joke they ever heard of, and when I demanded damages they laughed louder than ever. There I was a complete wreck, and there they were yelling like demons. Doesn't this case come under some law or other?"

The chief looked over several pages of the city directory, and advised the farmer to go to the railroad officials and state his case.

"I'd rather get out a search warrant or something and put the law right on 'em," replied the man, "for I can prove by three different men that I hollerred and motioned and hollerred 'enough to stop sixteen trains."

His mud-covered back was last seen dodging down Jefferson Avenue.

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Very small check and very fine hair stripes will be chosen for summer silks.

The new self-colored gros grains have the soft cashmere finish, with demi lustre, and medium reps neither very heavy, like poplin, nor too small, as in tulle.

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that it was better for him to kick it into forty pieces than for some poor man to find it. He kicked. He kicked for all he was worth, and uttering a wail of agony he leaped the fence and leaped against it and swore like a pirate. The interior of that "lost" loaf of bread was a handsome cobblestone, put there for just such an emergency.

Germany has had times too. Canada is probably better off than most countries.

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