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A Visiting Matronan.

The was the impersonation of the coord natured, old-fashioned, kind first indica-motherity landlarity. She was all sol-torty, and as she sat down to the Superinteedent of Police ner story site mothed down her check apronum ort of ticked up her sleeves as if get ing ready to lay the foundation is r a pot-pie. "Two weeks ago," she began, the very distinguished-looking municitut lifty years old called at my house to secure board." "Yea"m." e was the impersonation of the con-

"He represented himself as a visiting statesman, and I gave him the best room and the head of the table." "What s a visiting statesman?" "Well, that's one thing I want to ask you about. I allus s'posed a statesman was a member of Congress, or had womething or other to do at Washing-on. I kindor made up my mind he was visiting the hole they dug for the new post-office, or wanted to see sun-thin about the Custom House, or was a Go-ernment agent for the cholera." "'Um. Well?" "Well, when Saturday came he said fus credentials hadn't arrived, and in-tead of paying his board he borrowed ive dollars of me." "What credentials?"

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"What credentials?" "I dunno. I never saw anything of the sort, and dunno what they are made of or how they look. I didn't want to ;ive my ignorance away to a visiting statesman, and so I didn't ask any guestions." "Well?"

"Weil?" "Weil, the flext Saturday afternoon he came in rather hurrodly and said his oredentials had arrived, and he wanted ten dollars to get them certified." "How certified?"

"I dunno. I'sposed it had some-thing to do with swearing on a Bible, sud it struck me that ten dollars a swear was awfut dear. However, I let him have the money."

"And you haven't seen him since?" "No, sir. Do you think he could have fallen into the river?",

"Ho was a frand, madame. He has played you for two weeks' board and litteen dollars in eash."

"La! but you don't say so!" "That's the c.se."

"areat stars! but he was a visiting statesman! 1 our statesmen descend to such tricks what will this country come to?

"He lied to you; the fellow probably never saw Wash ngton." "My sakes! but did you ever! And them credentials?"

"All bosh, madame." "Great cats! but it makes me shiver all over! And so I'm beat?" "Yes."

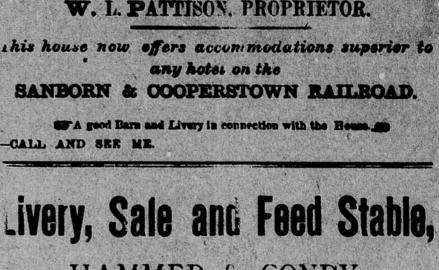
'Yes "Well! Well! Did I ever! And when we gets them credentials certified to he won't come back?"

"Never--never more." "Dear me! but I must hurry home and tell my daughter Ann. He kinder made love to her, and she kinder reciprocated, and in case they made a maten I was to keep house for 'em in Wash-ington, and they were to take dinner with the President every day. Did I ever, ever! What statesmen! What credentials! What wickedness!"-Dctroit Free Pres.



" You ought to be able to overhear all that goes on," remarked the dominic, gazing derisively at the long ears of the patient ass. "I do," replied the patient ass.

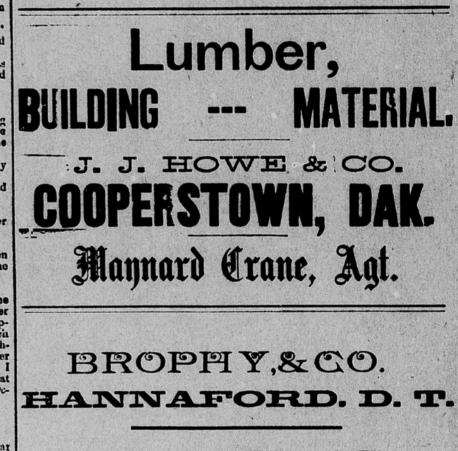
The dominie climped upon the patient back, and when his long legs were adjusted, he smote the patient



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with his umbrella, and said: "Get up." "I will," replied the patient ass,

" since you insist upon it." And then he "get up" his back in a sharp hump and bucked the dominie a snarp sump and bucked the dominie over the long grey ears, clear through the Osage orange hedge into the guinea hen's nest on the otner side. The pa-tient animal reached for a thistle and laughed, a low, mournful laugh. "You bet your cassock," he mur-mured, "I over ear every thing that goes on my back. Little nitcher have

goes on my back. Little pitchers have great ears, but their best holt lies in the projectile tissue of the back bone. And in all the pleasant meadow there came no sound save the soft sighing of came no sound save the solt sighing of the summer wind, toying with the bend ng grasses, and the husbed breathing of a holy man, scraping from his somber garments the de ris of the long, too long, hoarded wealth of the guines hen's hidden nest."-Eurling-ton Hawkeye.

Hurt His Good Name.

"Yer mout offer me er hunnerd dol-lars ter vote fur yer in de conwention an' it wouldn' hab no 'fuence wid me." and it wouldn't not be mande when the said an old negro in reply to a candi-date who had asked for his support. "Oh, I wouldn't offer you money." rejoined the candidate. "I believe in provide the candidate.

conducting a campaign fairly and squarely. Corruption in office-seeking has cast a dark cloud over our institu-tions. I wouldn't think of offering you a hundred dollars. I haven't that

amount of money, anyway." "Yer ain't? Well den, dar ain't no usen talkin' ter me. How much is yer got, nohow?" "I've got five dollar." "Uh, huh, no usen talkin' ter me. ?

sin't gwine ter sell myself ter no white

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man." "Of course not." "Look heah, whut yer gwine ter de wid dat five dollars?" "I'll make good use of it!" "Heah, lemms hab it. Dem folks thinks dat I'se dun sold out. I 'clare ter goodness, white man, it hurts er pus-son's good name ter be seed er talkin' ter yor.--Arkansaw Traveler. ELEVATOR

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