

Gumorous.

THE LAST DOLLAR. The following endorsement was found on one dollar bank note received by the Comptroller of the Treasury, Va., a few days ago: "I have just received a dollar note from the Comptroller of the Treasury, Va., a few days ago. It is a very fine specimen of the work of the printer. The ink is of a fine blue color, and the paper is of a fine quality. The design is very beautiful, and the work is very well done. I have no objection to its being used as a dollar note."

"SEVEN UP" FOR A WIFE. OR "GOOD AS WHAT?" In the State of Tennessee there is a certain village, boasting of a tavern, three stores and four groceries, where, from morning till night, and from night till dawn, a person entering the town may find in the tavern, stores and groceries affording, one or more groups of persons playing cards. Gambling there is reduced to a science, the history of the four kings is thoroughly studied, and from the school-boy to the gray-headed veteran, from the miss in her teens to the mother of a large family, they are initiated into the mysteries of high, low, jack, game, right and left towers—the honors and the risks. One of the best players in the village was Major Smith, the tavern keeper, or, as he expressed it, the proprietor of the hotel; a widower, who like

"John, Judge in Israel, Had a daughter passing fair." Fanny, the daughter, was one of the prettiest girls in Tennessee, and therefore one of the prettiest in the world; for we here dress in order to lay down as a rule, that Tennessee women, in point of beauty, are matchless. The sweetheart of Fanny was a young farmer, residing in the neighborhood, whom we shall designate by the name of Job. It happened that one day before harvest, the young man was detained in the village and found him as usual at the hotel, seated between the Major and his daughter. After a desultory conversation between the two gentlemen on the state of the weather, the prospects of the approaching harvest, and such incidental staples of conversation, the Major asked Robert how his wheat crop promised to yield. In reply he was told that the young farmer expected to make at least one hundred bushels. The Major appeared to study, for a moment, then abruptly proposed a game of old sledge, or "seven up," the stakes to be his daughter Fanny against the crop of wheat. This, of course, the young man indignantly refused, because he would not bet on the idea that the hand of her beloved should be made the subject of a bet, or that she should win a wife by gambling for her; and perhaps because he knew the old man was "hard to beat," and there was a strong probability of his losing both wheat and wife.

It was not until the Major, with his usual obstinacy, had sworn that unless he won that he should never leave her, that the young man was forced reluctantly to consent to play. The table was produced, the cards laid, the cards produced and the players took their seats with Miss Fanny between them, to watch the progress of the game. The cards were regularly shuffled and cut, and it was the Major's lot to deal. The first hand was played, and Robert made gift to his opponent's high, low, game. Robert then dealt, and the Major begged; it was given, and the Major again made three to his opponent's one. "Six to two," said Fanny, with a sigh. "The Major, as he dealt the cards, wicked knowingly said: "I'm good for the wheat, Master Bob."

The old man turned up a trump—it was a spade. Fanny glanced at her father's hand, her heart sank; he held the three, eight spot and the king. She then looked at Robert's hand; all he had was the ace, queen, deuce and jack or knave. She whispered to Robert to "take it," said the Major. Robert led his deuce, which the Major took with his three spot, and followed playing the king. Robert put his queen on it. The Major, supposing it was the young man's last trump, leaned over the table, and tapping the last trick with his finger, said: "That's good as wheat."

"Is it?" asked Robert, as he displayed to the astonished Major the ace and jack yet in his hands. "High, low, jack, game and the game," shouted Robert. "Out!" ejaculated Fanny. "Good as wheat," added Robert, as he flung his arms around her neck and kissed her. In due time they were married, and ever after that, when anything occurred of a pleasing nature to the happy couple, they would express their emphatic approbation of it by the phrase, "Good as wheat."

PET SOME MORE PEAS ON MY STICK. Some twenty-five or thirty years ago, an Irishman, William Patterson, left Erie's green island to find a home in America. Having friends in the region of Fairview, Ohio, he made his way thither. Taking dinner, one day, at the house of Dr. P., he was treated to the dish, wholly new to him, of green corn in the ear. Unwilling, however, to be thought greedy himself, or being anxious to display unusual sagacity, after having regally devoured the savory corn, his appetite still unquenched, he passed up the despoiled cob, with the very natural request: "Please put some more Peas on my stick!"

A man in Rushville, Schuyler county, Illinois, offers to bet \$500 that he can eat and digest 1,000 pounds of beef in 48 hours. He should hire himself out for a box-constructor or a sausage maker.

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COUNTY ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dr. G. A. HARDING, Practicing Physician, next door to the "Sentinel" office, ROCKVILLE, Md. MARCH 30-1880

Martenet & Bond's MAP OF Montgomery County, Md. FROM ACTUAL SURVEYS, by Isaac Bond, of Sandy Spring, Montgomery Co., Md. N. J. Martenet, Publisher, No. 8 South St., Baltimore, Md.

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JOHN R. ELVANS & CO. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in HARDWARE, (For Cook and Cabinet Making.) BAR IRON AND STEEL, 309 West Avenue, between 9th and 10th Sts., Washington, D. C.

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AGRICULTURAL Implements and Machinery, SEEDS, &c. For the Spring of 1880. THE undersigned, having just received from the New England States, where he has engaged extensively in the manufacture of agricultural implements and machinery, would call the attention of Farmers and Dealers in agricultural implements and machinery to his facilities for furnishing them with all articles in that line.

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KINNEL HOUSE, C STREET, Washington City, D. C. THE undersigned has taken this new and elegantly furnished house, on C Street, in the vicinity of the National Hotel, and few years from the Depot. The house will abound with the comforts of the season, and every effort made for the comfort of the guests. The bar is supplied with choice liquors.

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