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EXCITEMENT.

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PATRICK ON THE LEFT HAND.

Pat. who was left-handed was being sworn in as a witness in the Court of Denver. “Hold up your right hand,” said the judge.

Up went Pat's left hand.

“Hold up your right hand,” commanded the judge, sternly.

“Sure and I am, yer honour,” declared Pat. “Me right hand's on me left-hand side.”

NOT IN IT WITH GRANDMA.

The grandfather of a boy of six or seven years is a man of a great deal of prominence in the world of letters and affairs. A lady calling at the home of this distinguished gentleman was being entertained for a few minutes by the little grandson, and the caller said: “You ought to be very proud of your grandfather. You know that he is a great man.”

“Huh!” said the boy. “If you think that my grandfather is a great man, you just ought to know my grandmother!”

SLIGHTLY MIXED.

Two American negro soldiers were discussing musical instruments.

“Yar,” said one, “Ise gwine ter git me a eucalyptis.”

“A what?” queried the other.

“A eucalyptis—dat's a musical instrument, fool.”

“Go, on, nigger! You can't kid me—dat's one of de books ob de Bible.”

JUST MOIST.

Donald.—“D'ye ken Mac fell in the river on his way home, last night?”

Willie.—“Ye dinna mean tae say he was drowned?”

Donald.—“Not drowned, but sadly diluted.”

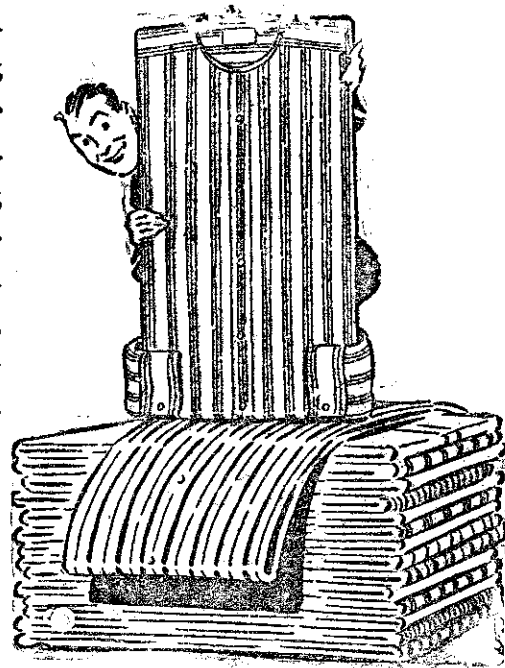
“It was a moment of intense excitement,” Solly Dirtyberg declared. “There was I—in the biggest showroom at the Big Store—ven, without vord of varin' the whole of the electric light goes out; the whole place is as black as Sheol!”

“Und vot did you get?” asked Shik-kerstein, eagerly.

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