

## THE POPULAR CLERK.

Was Hypnotized Into Opening Bottle of Peach Brandy.

A bank clerk in this city, whose last name begins with G., is very popular with his friends, and receives many tokens of their esteem. One such comes in the shape of a substantial bottle of peach brandy, which token appears at irregular intervals, and hitherto has been always divided among a thirsty crew of brother clerks.

But the last time Mr. G. decided to take the token home and make it a present to his wife for domestic use. He passed the bottle around, it being securely sealed, and allowed the famishing crowd in the bank to feast their eyes on the label. Every man present offered to furnish a corkscrew, but G. remained firm.

"I am going to take this bottle home," he said, "but you know I have always divided with you fellows until now."

Then they simultaneously fell upon a scheme to make him wretched. The wits of the average bank clerk are by no means slow.

"Peach brandy, did you say?" remarked one. "I tasted some once. Ugh! I thought I was poisoned."

"It's the stuff they use to limber up cart wheels," said another.

"They used to call it sudden death in my state," observed a "boy" with gray whiskers.

"The last bottle you had did the business for me, old fellow."

"I wouldn't have the heart to poison a rat with it," chimed in a serious-looking clerk, regarding the bottle with an assumption of horror.

"You really don't mean to take that stuff home to your wife, do you now?" asked the oldest man present.

"Peach b-r-and-y!"

"Why, amateurs won't drink peach brandy."

"I suppose it isn't like the real thing, boys," said G., on whom this concentration of ideas was beginning to have effect. "I know it looks mean to me to—"

"Mean? Oh, no. Not at all. But you see it's only such mild wishy-washy stuff as peach brandy we would dare to drink during business hours. The distress would keep us hustling to get our work done. O-h-h, peach brandy! Throw it out!"

"Let me have a corkscrew," said the unfortunate G., and the air bristled with steel, as if a Greek army had invaded the bank.

There followed a spell of soft gurgling, with many ohs and alis, and subaspirations of "Peach brandy O-h-h," and then every man was working away for dear life. G. had been successfully hypnotized.—Chicago Times-Herald.

## THE GEORGIA GOPHER.

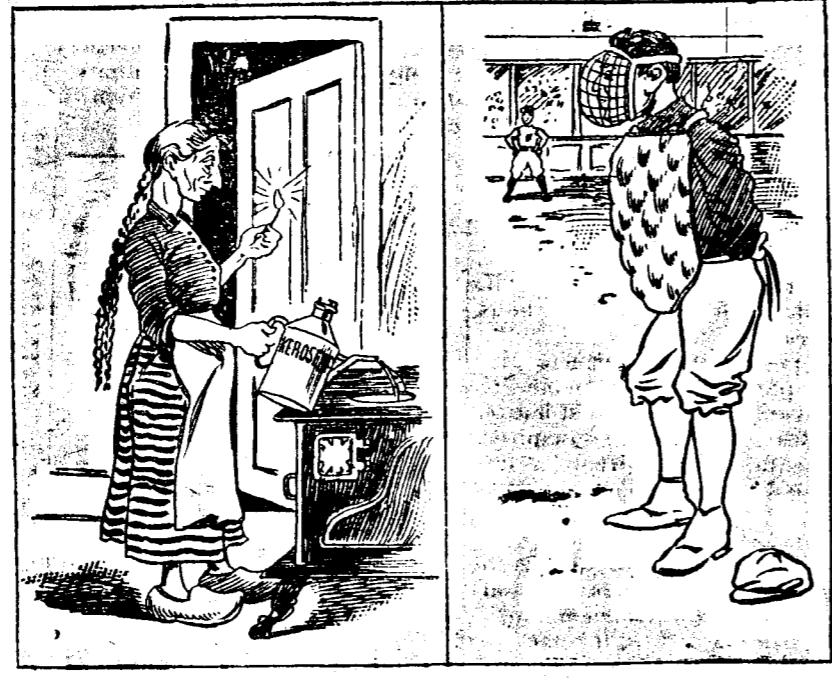
Different Species of Animals Which Bear the Same Name.

From my recent investigation of various species of gopher I have gathered some new and interesting facts. In various states of the union some certain peculiar little animal has been designated and called a gopher, says a writer in the Atlanta Constitution. In Georgia and Florida a small land tortoise bears the name, though Webster defines the Georgia gopher as a snake (coluber coupen), and the Florida gopher is designated as a species of turtle with a shovel nose that burrows in the ground and exists only in high and dry land. How easy it was for Mr. Webster to make the mistake can be better understood when one learns that in Georgia there is a snake (coluber coupen) that dwells in the home of the gopher, and there is gopher grass, too, the favorite food of the gopher of Canada and the states bordering on the great lakes, which is a gray burrowing squirrel that lives in the ground.

In Wisconsin, Missouri and other states a pouched rat of a reddish or chestnut brown color is called a gopher. An animal of the hare species bears the name in some of the Middle Atlantic states. The word gopher is from the French (goufre), meaning waffle or honeycomb. As the various species of gopher burrow holes in the ground, leaving the surface perforated, all animals of that peculiar habit seem to belong to the gopher species. The Georgia and Florida gopher is the only one of the species that exists in a shell and does not bear fur. There is, however, in nearly all the states the peculiar species of tortoise known in Georgia and Florida as the gopher. The Indian word mungofa was applied to this peculiar species of the North American tortoise, and probably the only animal that is truly entitled to the name is the gopher of Georgia and Florida.

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She stood as one who championed human fears.  
Pale, statuelike and stern, she woosed the blow.

—Byron.

## THE PICTURE THE EDITOR SAW



But just as he pressed the button a bug flew into the editor's eye, and the plate being a trifle cloudy, the editor said things.



Neverwork (the tramp): "You might not think it, mum, but once upon a time I was living as comfortably as any man could wish to, till misfortune overtook me."

Lady: "Indeed! What was the misfortune?"  
Tramp: "My father-in-law lost his job."



Emily: "Isn't he handsome?"  
Nettie: "Yes, an to think that last year was leap year, an I let him rub through me fingers!"

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