

the preacher would withdraw the accusation he would not harm him. They then went to the preacher, who promised them that he would withdraw the accusation next Sunday.

Therefore, in the pulpit on the following Sunday, the minister said that a remark of his in his last sermon had been the cause of offense, and he would therefore amend it. "What I should have said was this: 'I see before me eleven chicken thieves, not including Erastus Johnson.'"

UNCLE JOSH AT THE HOTEL.

IRELAND GRAVES.

When Uncle John went to Chicago he was directed to the Palmer House, where he wanted to spend the night.

When asked by the clerk to register he replied that he had already registered and voted before he left home, and he had forgotten his pedigree anyhow. He ordered a room, and when the bell boy came to take his grip he remarked that he did not see any bells on him.

When he entered the elevator he didn't have time to complain that that room was too small to suit him before he was on the tenth floor and told to follow the

The better a man is, the greater his ardor in the preservation of learning; for he knows that of all plagues, ignorance is the most pernicious.—Melancthon.

A careful culture and practice of the memory should early be practiced; If you add little to little, and do it often, the little will soon grow.—Plutarch.

First, soundly infix in thy mind what thou desirest to remember. What wonder is it if agitation of business jog that

bell boy. On entering the room he saw on the door this sign, "Don't blow out the gas," and right under that another, reading, "Gas burned after 12 o'clock must be paid extra for," and not seeing the reasonableness of the statements he picked up his baggage and left the hotel disgusted.

A SLIGHT ERROR IN JUDGMENT.

S. H. BRIGGS.

We had a very amusing character who acted as our guide on a fishing and hunting trip last summer.

One day, seeing some fish in the shadow of an old tree which had fallen into the river, he told us he would show us a thing or two about shooting fish. He crept out on the tree carefully, and taking deliberate aim, pulled the triggers of both barrels—and disappeared from view.

In his hurry he had forgotten to load his gun, and as he had leaned forward to resist the recoil of the gun, of course he toppled over when it failed to recoil.

The strangest part of it was that he never could understand the joke; but I do not blame him, as it was in December and rather cold.

out of thy head which was there rather tacked than fastened? It is best knocking in the nail over night, and clinching it the next morning.—Fuller.

It is worth more to be possessed of but few of the lessons of wisdom, but to apply these diligently, than to know many, but not to have them at hand.—Seneca.

Unless reason also preside over observation, we shall pick up dust and chaff instead of grain.—Comenius.