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### WON HIS BET.

Recently at one of our large hotels, while a party was holding an argument on the subject of spiritualism, one young fellow expressed his belief that there was something in it, as he himself was a sort of a "medium."

"How a medium?" inquired one of

the speakers.
"Why," replied the wag, "I can do a good many mysterious things for instance, I can make a bell ring without touching it."

The other offered to wager that he and the content of the rest instance.

couldn't. The wag insisted, and and said that he would, lay him £5 he could make at least a dozen of the bells in the passage ring, within two minutes, without leaving his seat. "Done!" exclaimed the sceptic, and the money was staked. The young fellow turned round on his seat, opened a closet door, and turned off the gas from the upper part of the building. In less than one minute half the bells in the passage began to ring violently, the persons above having suddenly lost their lights. And so, of course, the money was fairly won.

### VINE-GROWERS TAX THEM-SELVES.

At a meeting of the Pokolbin and District Vine-growers' Association, held at Cessnock (N.S.W.) last week, it was resolved that all members of the association tax themselves at the rate of 6d per acre of vines per annum for three years for the purpose of assisting the Liquor Trades' Defence Union, to oppose prohibitive legislation, and that subscriptions be collected at once. It was further decided to urge the necessity of the growers in the Hunter district and to the north of the district of falling to the north of the district of falling in with the assessment rate, and joining the association.

## HE COULDN'T STAND IT.

A muscular Irishman strolled into the examination room where candidates for the police force are put to a physical test.

"Strip," ordered the police ser-

geant. "What's that?" demanded the un-

initiated.

"Get your clothes off, and be quick about it," said the doctor.

The Irishman disrobed, and per-

mitted the doctor to measure his chest and legs, and to pound his "Hop over the bar," ordered the

doctor.

The man did his best, landing on

his back.

"Now, double up your knees and touch the floor with your hands."

He sprawled face downward on the

floor. He was indignant, but silent. "Jump under the cold shower," or-

dered the doctor.
"Shure, that's funny," muttered

the applicant.

"Now run round the room ten times to test your heart and wind," directed the doctor.

The candidate rebelled—"Oi'll not; I'l sthay single."
"Single?" asked the doctor, sur-

prised.
"Sure," said the Irishman, "what's

all this fussing got to do with a mar-riage license?"

He had strayed into the wrong office.

A Newcastle collier, who had a very bad leg, was plainly told by his medical attendant that his love of drink was the cause of his disease, and that he must either give up his ale or lose his leg. He had no more hesitation about it than had Tennyson's Northern Farmer in a similar predicament. "If this 'ere leg winna tend e dron o' good ele l'ul hesitation about it that had the similar predicament." stand a drop o' good ale, I'll hae nowt to do wi' it!"

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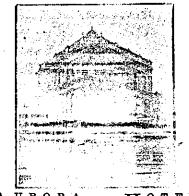
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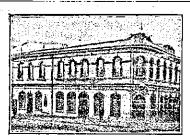
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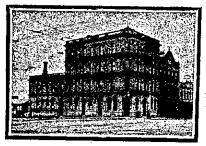
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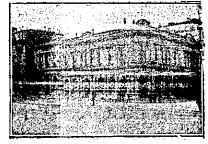
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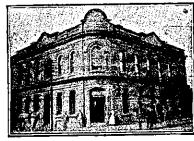


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