PUZZLED THE PORTUGUESE.

In the intensely hot climate prevalent at Delagoa Bay the usual wear of the male population is a thin, soft

shirt and white "duck" trousers.

In the cool of the evening a weary
English "ink-slinger" entered the principal drug store of Lourenco Marques and inquired:--

"Have you got anything for getting ink out of ducks?"

The courteous Portuguese assistant

smiled blandly.

"No," said he; "but we have an excellent preparation for making hens lay."

IN A RURAL PARISH.

The Girl: "'Ere, Mister Wiggins, parson's sent yer this basin o' soup, and hopes as 'ow you'll be at church next Sunday."

Mr. Wiggins: "You can jist run and tell parson as soup's all very well, but 'e don't git me inside his church under a hunce o' shag an' a quartern ·o' gin—see!"

ON HALF-PAY.

Tommy (after a long, lingering survey of his uncle, who lost an arm and a leg while fighting for his country: "Is that why you are on half-pay, uncle?"

MR. MURPHY FROM ITALY.

The prisoner at the bar in a New York police court was of swarthy complexion and was charged with ped-dling without a license. "What is your name?" asked the magistrate. "He says his name is Murphy," repeated the policeman on the bridge 'An Irishman peddling bananas, eh? What part of Ireland do you come from?" "He says he was born in Italy," again repeated the bridge policeman. "Umph! The Murphys are numerous, but I didn't think they had spread to Italy," said the judge as he made the fine 1 dollar and asked the man to spell his name. The prisoner wrote on a piece of paper "Giuseppe Muerfee."

HIS FOOT IN IT.

A Liverpool magnate recently gave a large dinner-party to celebrate the engagement of his daughter, who,

it must be confessed was no longer young.

At dessert a bottle of Chambertin ceremoniously reclining in a basket was brought in. "My dear friends" said the host, "I commend this wine to your notice; it dates from my daughter's birth."

The gentleman to whom the daughter had become engaged raised his glass to his lips. "What excellent wine!" he exclaimed. "What an aroma! It must be very old!" The engagement was terminated that even-

TIME FOR ACTION.

In a Scottish village a small boy raised a hubbub in the parish church one Sunday. His mother bought a sheep's head, and put it on to boil, leaving him to watch it while she went to church close by. The minister had reached his "fifthly," when the boy thrust his head in at the door and whispered, "Mither!" The good woman recognised her son instantly, and began to make signs for him to go away: "Mither!" again came the whisper-this time a little louder than before. The mother shook her finger at the boy, and her head too. But it did not work satisfactorily. The boy was in earnest. Raising his voice he shouted, "Mither, ye needna wink an" blink at me, but ye'd better come awa' hame at once, for the sheep's head's buttin' a' the dumplins out o' the kail pat."

COULDN'T HOLD THEM BOTH:

General Phil Sheridan was at one time asked at what little incident he had laughed the most, "Well," he said, "I do not know; but I always laugh when I think of the Irishman and the mule. I was riding down the line one day when I saw an Irishman mounted on a mule which was kicking its legs rather freely. The mule finally got its hoof caught in the stirrup, when in the excitement, the Irishman remarked, 'Well, begorra, if you're goin' to git on, I'll get off.'"

A HAIR CUT.

"I want a hair cut," said an elderly gentleman, as he dropped into a barber's chair.
"Yes, sir," was the answer. "Which

one?

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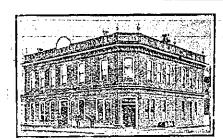
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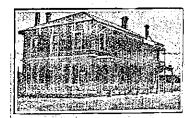
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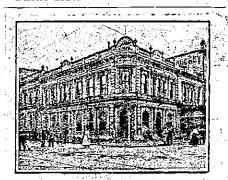
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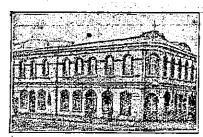


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