

The Family Circle.

Tommy—Pa, I don't want you to ever run for office.

Father—Why not, my son? Office is a laudible ambition in every person.

Tommy—Because, how would I feel when the boys out on the street would throw it up to me that the newspapers said that you were a thief, and a liar, and gambler and maybe worse? I'd knock 'em out the first round.

Father—My son you must not allow your imagination to transform you into a pugilist. Don't you remember the Methodist preacher said last Sunday night "the newspapers are such liars no one can believe them?"

Tommy—Yes, and I remember reading in the newspapers that Beecher said the preachers down in New York who wrote that letter about Cleveland were a set of "damnable liars" and that they had been talking with harlots, and—

Mother—Ephraim, just listen at that boy. Who would have thought it? I do believe he is going to be a politician. The id-d-a-o of one of his years talking about such things, I'm shocked. I fear we will have to send him to the reform school.

Tommy—But 'spose the newspapers would say you were a bad man like Cleveland, "couldn't govern yourself below the waist," as the Methodist preacher said last Sunday night, and that you was too sweet on a widdler, and

Mother—Ephraim; you dare to ever let me hear of such a thing of you and I'll pull every hair out of your head, you wretch. You're a pretty thing, ain't you? I'll leave you this munit.—James town Alert.

They were seated at the table when this sort of conversation ensued:

"Mr. Jones," meaning the minister; "what part of the chicken do you like best?"

"Really, Mr. Smith, I don't care about any chicken."

"Well, here is some extra fine roast beef; try some of this."

"Excuse me, Mr. Smith, I will forego the beef."

"I have some very tender lamb here—how will that suit?"

"I never eat lamb."

"Well, now I know you can't refuse this boiled ham."

"Pardon me, but ham I never touch."

During all this time Smith's father, an old gray haired sinner, had been seated near him watching operations, and, standing it as long as he could, squeaked out in a piping voice:

"John, maybe the fool will suck an egg."

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