### Didn't Know It Was a Joke.

A well dressed man made a bold attempt to commit suicide at Briggs' gun store, in Cincinnati. He asked to be shown a 38-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver. The swamper complied. It instantly occurred to the mind of Mr. Briggs as to the method of loading it. He appeared to be ignorant of the manner of using firearms. The modus operandi was explained to him.

The stranger insisted that a cartridge be placed in the revolver, but a certain look in the man's face excited Mr. Briggs' suspicion, and pretending to charge a chamber he handed over the empty revolver. In a flash the stranger placed the muzzle to his breast and pulled the trigger. Bitter disappointment swept over his face when there was only a harmless click.

"You can't harm yourself, friend," remarked Mr. Briggs, "the revolver is empty. Give me the pistol." The intended instrument of death was returned, since the stranger said: "I intended to commit suicide, and my mind was fully made up when I entered your store. I had no revolver of my own, and I thought I could get a chance to shoot myself by pretending to make a purchase. I have had trouble more than I thought I could bear, but the last straw was laid on last night. If you had loaded that revolver I would have been a dead man now. The stranger burst into tears.

### Elisee Reclus' Prize.

It is now more than ever probable that the Academy's biennial prize of 20,000 francs, which the Duc de Broglie declined will be awarded to M.—, as he prefers to be called. Critique—Elisee Reclus. The special committee has decided already in his favor. The only objection to the choice of this hard working savant, who is just on the point of bringing out the seventeenth volume of his immense work, "La Geographie Universel," is to be found, of course, in his political opinions, which are frankly communistic and anarchical.

He is, moreover, not only a theoretical but a practical advocate of "freedom in everything," for some years ago he gave his two daughters in marriage to their suitors with no other ceremony than that of taking the hands of the couples and giving them his paternal blessing. M. Reclus, however, has abstained from all active share in politics for the past twenty years, so that it is not thought likely that Academy will be influenced by his previous history, and its members probably will vote the 1890 to the learned man who is aptly described by his intimates as "a lay monk."

### Trying Days for the Fat Man.

These are the days when the man who tips the scales at 250 and wears the largest sized collar has a delightful time on the cars.

He boards the train with a genial smile—for all fat men are jolly and are born for the express purpose of laughing their way through life—and he leaves it with his paper, but only gives the proprietor a chance to assert itself in large globules and lay down his book and chase itself across the unoccupied seat.

He must have the window up, so he makes a grab for the side spring and the blind. But the window stays right where it is. He is now better than ever.

Results in unusual explosives. He mutilates the railroad corporation.

He tries seriously in his seat, but his coffee sack to lose like a porous plaster. He tries to make a dignified scamp for the ice water tank, but he bumps into and after seat and is forced to make a dozen apologies, each serving to make him madder.

And thus he pursues his tortuous journey with volumes of disgust, while he swelters and sulks and continues to try to keep cool.—Albany Argus.

### Large Herds of Wild Animals.

Though wild game has been decimated in number within the past few years by unscrupulous hunters, it is not all gone yet. Still it is even rare to see even an antelope close to the city, though now and then a small band of bighorns deer do come down from the hills to drink at the city springs, or a stray elk may be seen between Iron and Sheep mountains. On this account the sight witnessed by Charlie Rock, who came to from North Park, was an exceedingly interesting one.

When just this side of Pinkhampton, near the Mountain Home ranch, about forty-five miles from Laramie, he saw nine bull elk, ten deer and a herd of antelope, so numerous that he could not count them, grazing altogether in a little park close by the roadside. He did not disturb them and they paid no attention to his presence, so he took a good look. It reminded him of a visit to the zoological gardens in some eastern city to see such a number and variety of animals congregated together in so small a space.—Laramie (Wy.) Republican.

### Good Pluck for a Farce.

The following singular will case comes from Hamburg. Some years ago there dwelt in Schleswig, Germany, a government official named Nielsen. Some little time before he died Nielsen bequeathed to his man servant 20,000 crowns and to his cook a like sum, on the condition that if either of them married the 20,000 crowns should revert to the other. As soon as the old gentleman died, however, the happy possessory of this fortune went to the altar and were married. The couple then took up their residence in Hamburg, where they have resided for the last six years.

Recently there arrived from Copenhagen a relative of Herr Nielsen, who, by their marriage considered the spirit of his relative's last will and testament had been departed from, and demanded the restitution of the 40,000 crowns. The latter is now before a court of law.—Lemon News.

### Queer Claws to Season.

An Italian organ grinder at Eighth and Main streets had a rather novel experience. When he started to grind his machine a swarm of bees suddenly poured forth from the barrel and fairly made the Italian dance to keep out of their way.

The swarm then took up its quarters in the electric light globe just overhead, and when the electric light man came along to clean that globe there was another swarm similar to the first. He succeeded in dislodging the insects of industry, however, and the last seen of them they were sailing their flight northward.—Kansas City Journal.

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