

POETRY.

TROUBLE IN THE CHOIR.

There was something so unusual in the singing of the choir...

Learn Your Business Thoroughly.

A young man in a leather store used to feel very impatient with his employer for keeping him, year after year, for three years, "handling hides."

and was entrusted with several commissions, among them being one to buy corn. He came back in due time with me in the old stage coach...

Wouldn't Be Pleased.

Some time ago there lived in Edinburgh a well-known grumbler named Sandy Black, whose often recurring fits of spleen or indigestion produced some amusing scenes of senseless irritability...

The dinner time came Sandy and his friend sat down to dinner. The fish were eaten in silence, and on raising the cover of the dish before him, in a towering passion he called out: "Boiled chicken! I hate it, madam. Chicken boiled is a chicken spoiled."

An Innocent Goat.

McDermott's goat was very fond of almost anything. McDermott had owned him only a week when he had eaten up everything chewable. He would tackle anything from the baby's rattle down to a box of hair-pins.

An Astonished Dutchman.

A Dutchman in the Pennsylvania oil regions let his lands to an oil company last Spring on condition of receiving one-eighth of the oil procured. The well proved to be a pretty good one, and the farmer began to think the oil men should give him a better chance...

A Woman's Notion of Advertising.

"Is this the Buglehorn office?" demanded a tall, Maquoupin woman the other day of the editor, whom she happened to find in his sanctum.

"So much by way of preliminary; then she rested and stared hard at the editor. "Is it a personal matter, ma'am?—Has this man been doing anything out of the way—anything improper?"

"Will you proceed to tell me all the facts, then, ma'am?" "That is just what I'm a-goin' to do as soon as ever I can think it over."

"Names! Why everybody that knows me knows what my name is; and I ain't afraid to have it called right out in meeting, neither. But what have you got writ down about it?"

"That this man came to Crooked Creek and wished to preach." "That is so, and he did preach. He was sort of delicate like, and he couldn't eat common doins like the rest of us."

"Next you might mention that he wanted my Martha Ann to do most of the cookin'." And the way he praised that gal's cookin' was calculated to give her hopes that he was willing to enjoy it regular ways.

"Now you are talking sense, mister; I know there never was such a fool as I've been about that preacher. I ought to have made him stic to corn bread and meat till he was willing to marry Martha Ann or me, her mother. Then he'd know that fried chicken was of

some account. But he's gone up to Sangamon county a preachin', and I want to print it in the papers how mean he's been here, so as no other women won't be wastin' their fried chicken on him.

"Forty lines at fifteen cents a line will be six dollars, ma'am. Shall I make out a bill?" "Yes, make out a bill jist as big as ever you can, and make him pay for it. Then he'll know what chickens is worth."

Glad He Knew His Father.

A young man who had a claim of fifty dollars to collect took it to a lawyer. The latter, upon inquiring, no sooner heard his client's name was Geo. Jones than he seized him by the hand fervently shook it, exclaiming, "My dear fellow, how fortunate you are! Why I know your father well; in fact, he was my first client."

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