

A BASKET OF CHIPS

—NO MATTER NOW!—A party of belted gentlemen, about a certain hour, began to think of home, and their wives' displeasure, and urge a departure. "Never mind," said one of the guests, "fifteen minutes now will make no difference; my wife is as mad as she can be."

—A couple of travellers stopping at the Hotel Francaise, in the city of Cordova, the capital of the Argentine Confederation, were surprised and amused by noticing on the bill of fare, "Eggs on horseback." Determined to know what it meant, they called for the equestrian dish, when it was steak with two eggs on top.

—A young country girl who lately went to a situation in Cheltenham, on seeing a water-cart pass along the street, exclaimed to her mistress, "Oh! Is, mom! I look here; there's a man gone by with a cart of water, and it's running out all the way; and if he's got to go much farther he'll waste it all before he gets there!"

—AN Irish waiter once complimented a salmon in the following manner:—"Faith, it's not two hours since that salmon was walking round his real estate wid his hands in his pockets, never drawing what a pretty fish it was he'd have to jinx you gentlewoman at dinner."

—LITTLE Thomas Littlebot is five years old. He was in a musing mood the other day, and his mother asked him what he was thinking about? "Oh," said he, "I was thinking of old times."

—WHEN Sheridan was asked at an amateur play which performer he liked best, he replied, "The prompter: for I saw less and heard more of him than of any one else!"

—A gentleman coming into the room of the late Dr. Barton told him that Mr. Vowels was dead. "What?" said he, "Vowel dead? Let me be thankful it was neither a nor e."

—LIQUIDATION.—A gentlemen praising the generosity of his friend, observed, "He spends his money like water." "Then of course he liquidates his debts," rejoined a wag.

—WE were considerably amused by an account that we lately saw of a remarkable duel. There were six men upon the ground, and six misses.

—A story writer says he will climb the stony ladder of ambition, and drive his enemies back into a sheet of darkness.—Rather flighty that.

—AN irritable man is somewhat like a hedgehog rolled up the wrong way, and poked by his prickles.

—A paper from one of the interior counties says:—"There is not a single person in the county jail! Are there any married persons there?

—An eminent testator would only consent to sit for his portrait on condition that he should be taken in water colors.

—A civic youth, intending to offer marriage to a young lady, wrote to ask her to unite with himself in the formation of an Art Union.

—A cold-blooded marriage is thus noticed by one of our contemporaries: "Married, last week, John Cob to Miss Kate Webb."

—A MATTER OF COURSE.—Cheating and jockeying at horse-race are matters of course.

—A Frenchman wishing to compliment a girl as a "little lamb," called her a "small nuttin'."

"Jim, how does the thermometer stand to-day?" — "There stands on the mantelpiece, right sign the plastering."

"How do you get that lovely perfume?" asks one young lady of another. "It's sent to me," replied the other.

"Is that sage cheese of a reflective turn?" asks Dr. Spooner of the provision dealer. "No, sir, not a mite," was the reply.

A pleasant and cheerful mind sometimes grows upon an old and worn out body, like mint upon a dead tree.

What is there which every man can dilute, but to one can see where it has been diluted? Water,

It is said "the hare is one of the most timid animals, yet it always dares game!"—Why should not it, when it is made game of?

Why should porpoises grow better than other vegetables?—Because they have eyes to see what they are doing.

The ocean, which is for ever sounding, sometimes gets sounded.

—Why is John Smith like a badly-cooked buckwheat cake?—Because he isn't Brown.

—WHY are presidents like vagabonds?—Because they are associated with vices.

—FAST youths are now called young gentlemen of accelerated gait.

—LIGHT wine is but the ghost of wine—it has no body to it.

—Some men admire women as she is good many more as she is bad.

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