

**Good Things.**

A painful trance-action—getting out of bed in one's sleep, and walking out of a third story window.

Never take your Christianity from Christians, but ask yourself, "How would the Lord have me act?" and follow him.

When Simpkins died, he died poor, although he left three hundred thousand dollars. None of it belonged to him, you see.

An old convict's advice to his son: "Never steal a horse, my boy, unless he is faster than any other horse in the neighborhood."

A Boston paper notes that a dry goods firm in that city "was engulfed in the financial sea." It was swept away by the raging billie.

Why is a glazier in danger of becoming intemperate? Because he must always have his glass before he can begin his day's work.

A curt-tailed dog means, of course a dog with his tail cut short. But all dogs are curtailed without regard to the length of their tails.

A friend stepped in to pity a neighbor whose wife had run away. "What are you pitying me for?" snarled the neighbor: "she hasn't come back!"

An affectionate father in Michigan, who believes in moral suasion, keeps a ratchet hanging in his boy's room, over which is inscribed: "Honor thy parents."

Said a top to a young lady, "Why is it, do you suppose, that when I have a cold it always settles in my head?" "Perhaps it is because nature abhors a vacuum," was the reply.

A young man asked his bachelor uncle: "What advice would you give to a young man who was contemplating matrimony?" "I should advise him to keep on contemplating it."

"It seems to me," said a banker at Saratoga to a belle, "that you ladies are always desperately fond of officers." "Is it at all strange," retorted the belle, "that a lady should like an officer, sir?"

Says a scientific authority—"The wise crop of France this year would fill a ditch three and a half feet wide three and a half feet deep, and 4,000 miles long." Now, don't you wish you were a ditch?

A widow near Boston, who has buried three husbands, wants to marry again, and as a recommendation, shows a broom that she has used fourteen years, which has no dents on the handle.

A Connecticut gentleman, on being introduced to a newly married man, who had found his wife in the nutmeg State, congratulated him warmly, saying: "These Connecticut girls make excellent wives. I've had four of 'em."

A darkey who was stopping to wash his hands in a creek, didn't notice the peculiar notions of a goat just behind him, so when he scrambled out of the water and was asked how it happened, he answered: "I dunno 'actly; but 'peared as ef de shore kinder h'ated and frowned me."

Every day is a little life; and our whole life is but a day repeated.—And hence it is that Jacob numbers his life by days, and Moses desired to be taught this point of holy arithmetic, "to number not his years, but his days, and these so as to apply his heart unto wisdom."—Those, therefore, that dare lose a day, are dangerously prodigal; and that dare misspind it, desperate.

**The Rainbow and the Sun.**

A very beautiful rainbow was lighting up the clouds; every one who saw admired it, and so much praise made it vain. "I am much handsomer than the sun," it exclaimed; "for, bright as he is, he has only one color, and I have so many." The sun heard this, and without entering into a dispute with the conceited rainbow, he quietly smiled. Then, hiding his beams in the clouds, he concealed himself for an instant, and the rainbow also disappeared. Persons who are vain and ungrateful forget whose hand it is that has made them prosperous. Is it not just that He in His turn should dry up the source of their prosperity?

**A Kentucky Love Letter.**

[From the Courier-Journal.]

The following is a *verbatim et literal* copy of an important document which forms a portion of the records of a suit now pending in one of the courts of this city. The letter begins: feb the 9, 1874, my dear Miss—

I sent my seal to apply to you a few lines to let you no I am well and I hope these few line will find you the same and I all so seat myself for the further happiness according to my determination and desider hope that you will apply according to your determination and desier. Your love to me has bin moser free, your conversation sweet, how can I bear to journey where with you I cannot meet? my love is still the same and do hope I will get answer. In this noit I choose you frum among the rest because I think you are the bess. As shore as the vine grose round the stump, you are my darling sluger lump. Mi deer love you mus excuse my shourt letter untell you send me answer. So must close. I remain yours truly obedient.

P.S.—When I am at home pleas write soon as you git this letter and you will oblige me.

Ann Eliza, Ann Kliza,  
Once I loved but now despise her,  
And as I no longer prize her,  
I will go and advise her,  
For, although I'm not a miser,  
I won't pay for what she buys her.

CRUMBS FROM JOSH BIL-LINGS.

I don't care how rich a man iz, if he expects to enjoy things in this life he haz got to liv just as tho he was poor.

The only way to hold our own iz to keep advancing—no one can set still and do it.

A dog iz no flatter, if he iz your friend or yure enemy, yu kno it rite off.

It duz seem that all mankind luv lies more than they do truth. How meny people do yu suppose thare iz in the world who wouldn't rather listen to flattery they knu was false, than to reproof they knu was just?

Wize men luff at most things in this life—it iz only the phools who gap and swallo.

Fortune iz a wheel allwvus on the move; and thoz at the top to-day are at the bottom to-morrow.

There iz no aman on earth who iz free from envy. If thare ever should be one, he ought to pray for immediate translahun, before he gits the disease.

Yu kant allwv tell how much a man iz really tekleid by hearing him luff. Thare ought to be a masheen invented to meazure the joy in him, just az thare iz to find out how much water thare iz in milk.

Honesty iz the basis ov all that iz good, or even remarkable in enny man. The reason why everbuddy luv a child, and pets a puppy, iz because they are so natral.

Whenever yu see a phellow who iz forever and amen in a red hot hurry, yu can make up yure mind that he haunt got much to do, and but little capacity to do it.

Man iz a natral glutton, beins something ov a phool. He eats everything that krees, krauds, flies, swims, wiggles, and in wonder what on earth ails him.

I never knu a person yet who was allwvs bragging ov their relations, that had ennything ov their own to brag about.

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