

Jokes are like nuts—the drier they are the better they crack.

Entertain me though which you would blush to speak.

In some of the new styles there is no change. Poor relatives are out the same as last year.

Miss Britton of Lewiamburg, Pa., skated thirty-two miles on the ice in three hours and thirty-five minutes the other day.

The human heart is made for love, as the household hearth for fire; and for truth, as the household lamp for light.

It may serve as a comfort to us all in our calamities and afflictions that he who loses nothing and gets wisdom, is a gainer by the loss.

I wonder what causes my eyes to be so weak? said a fop to a gentleman.—'They are in a weak place,' replied the latter.

I'm going where I won't have to cook beans! was the farewell sentence of an Ohio woman who left this vale of tears a few days since.

A husband in Wyoming territory rode twenty-eight miles to get his wife a bustle and yet Susan B. Anthony yowls around about man's tyranny.

When a Florida Indian is likely to die his friends place him where an alligator can take him in, and thus save burial expenses.

An Indianapolis father shot six times at a supposed burglar, and was astonished to hear the fellow ask, "Wazzer-mazzer, jasser! wazzer doing?"

Professor Florentine has discovered, in a library at Rome, a manuscript work on the "Reformation," of about 500 pages, by the philosopher Campanella.

"Can you run?" asked a boy of a St. Louis officer who had arrested him. "Like a cap," was the reply. "Then chase me," said the boy, and off he went.

A California preacher is preaching on the best way to raise boys. We have always found a number 14 boot about as effective as anything for raising them.

Never be ashamed to confess your ignorance, for the wisest man on earth is ignorant of many things, inasmuch that what he knows is merely nothing in comparison with what he does not know.

Dan Rice is again and overwhelmingly a bankrupt. He has over 200 creditors, scattered over the United States, and his indebtedness amounts to \$200,000. Assets, one suit of clothes, \$75.

Lady Teague—"You must recollect that I am telling you what happened one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four years ago!" Sally—"Lor' Miss! How the time do slip away!"

"I hope you find your tea good, gentlemen," said a bachelor housekeeper to his guests. "Yes," replied one of the guests, "the tea is good, but—ah—the water is douped smoky."

Mrs. Proter will publish the autobiography left by Mr. Proter (Barry Cornwall) in the course of the year. As Mrs. Proter knew many of the distinguished men of the present century, the book it likely to be of interest.

The Observer gives the following scene on the cars not many miles from Eliza: Enter a lady, who addresses a well known railroad official: "Mr.—, do you think that Mr. Beecher is guilty?" "Guilty of what, madam?" Exit lady, suffused with blushes.

The German Emperor has presented to the public library at Geneva, in Switzerland, a splendidly bound copy of the works of Frederick the Great in thirty three volumes. The edition is that published by the Prussian Government, which is not on sale to the public.

So many applications for divorce have been made to the Idaho Legislature, that Mr. Paddock has introduced a bill divorcing all the married people in the Territory, and placing in statu quo ante matrimonium. This, he says, will save time, and those who wish can be remarried.

A perplexed Schneider, who had made a garment for a youth, and found himself unable to dispose of the surplus fulness which appeared when trying it on the young candidate, declared vociferously—"Do coat ish good. It ish no fault uv de coat. De boy ish too tin."

A Western incident is thus delicately touched by the Milwaukee News: "Ned Voss used to travel around Colorado with a performing bear, but a great change came one day last week, and now the bear travels around alone, thinking over old times, and occasionally leaping up against a tree as a pang shoots through his bowels. Ned is inside that bear."

A wee bit of a girl, while at the breakfast table, a few mornings since, made loud and repeated calls for buttered toast. After disposing of a liberal quantity of that nourishing article, she was told that too much toast would make her sick.—Looking wistfully at the dish for a moment she thought she saw a way out of her difficulty, and exclaimed—"Well, gi' me auzzer piece, an' send for de doctor."

Only a woman's hair! Who has not, at some period in his life, picked such a golden thread from his best coat collar, and felt his heart beating quicker for it? Who has not gazed upon a tress laid away in some nook, and not felt the influence of tender memories! Oh, happy days gone, but not forgotten! Only a woman's hair! And yet we do not relish it in biscuit.

The "poor man's blanket" should not be forgotten in this hard winter. Two thicknesses of paper are better than a pair of blankets, and much lighter for those who dislike heavy bed clothes. A spread made of double layers of paper tacked together, between a covering of calico or calico, is really a desirable household article. Make it of soft paper, and place it between the blanket and the counterpane.

A little girl braids the hair of one who sat in front of her, instead of studying, when the teacher remarks: "Home is the place for arranging hair, not here. What would you think to see me braiding my hair in school?" Presently Susan's hand is raised, and the teacher, supposing she wishes to ask some question about the lesson, nods, when she hears the following: "Mars says your hair is false, and you wouldn't dare to do it here!"

In Holly Springs, Miss., as is the custom in most country places, horse racing takes place over a level place of the public road. Lately, in a contest that had called together hundreds of spectators on Sunday, half the distance had been run when a tree at the roadside was blown over by the wind. A branch struck one of the riders, killing him instantly. This gave a village preacher an opportunity which he did not throw away in his next sermon.

Let the winds and waves of adversity blow and dash around you, if they will, but keep on the path of rectitude, and you will be as firm as a rock. Plant yourself upon principle, and bid defiance to misfortune. If gossip with her poisoned tongue meddles with your good name, heed her not. Carry yourself erect; let your course be straightforward, and by the serenity of your countenance, and purity of your life, give life to all who would underrate and belittle you.

OAK TIMBER.—Large tracts of land in the south of France, not hitherto cultivated, are being planted with the oak of the tree beneath which truffles are generally found, and it is expected that each acre of this land, latel sold as low as £5, will yield a crop of truffles worth £20 per year. The experiment has already been tried in the course of the last twenty years: 150,000 acres which were absolutely unproductive have been planted, and are yielding a rich return. The cost of planting, which is borne by the communes, does not exceed twenty francs per acre on hilly ground, and though rather greater in the lowlands, the crops are proportionately heavier. Acorns only are planted on the hilly ground, but saplings of five or six years' growth, placed in rows about 40 feet apart, are found to answer in the lowlands. The ground between each row of trees is planted with vines, which after five or six years repay the cost of the plantation and its culture.

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The following named gentlemen have been appointed Vice Presidents of the Agricultural Society for the several judicial districts.

First District—Major H. A. Gilliam, Hon. Mills L. Eare.

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Fifth District—A. A. McKelhan, L. L. Polk.

Sixth District—E. W. Poo, P. E. Smith.

The following lines are not the production of Theodore Tilton, and have not been read on the Beecher trial. They were written by an impatient New Orleans girl to her lover, and were published in the times of that city:

Give me kisses—do not stay courting in that careful way; All the ointin your lips can print Never will exhaust the int; Kiss me, then. Every moment—and again!

Give me kisses—my, tis true. I am just as rich as you; And for every kiss I owe I can pay you back, you know; Kiss me, then. Every moment—and again!

Why doth the violet spring Unseen by human eye? Why do the radiant suns bring Sweet thoughts that quickly fly? Why do our fond hearts cling To things that die?

We toil through pain and wrong; We fight and die; We love; we lose; and then, ere long, Stone-dead we lie. O life! is all thy song, "Endure and die!"

Every person should know how to treat a flesh wound. Every one is liable to be placed in circumstances away from any surgical and veterinary where he may save his own life, or a friend or a beast, simply by the exercise of a little common sense.

In the first place, close the lips of the wound with the hands and hold them firmly together to check the flow of blood until several stitches can be taken and bandage applied. Then bathe the wound for a long time in cool water. "Should it be painful," a correspondent says "take a painful of burning coals and sprinkle upon them common brown sugar, and hold the wound in the smoke. In a minute or two the pain will be allayed, and the recovery proceeded rapidly.

In my case a rusty nail had made a bad wound in my foot. The pain and nervous irritation were sore. This was all removed by holding it in the smoke fifteen minutes, and I was able to resume my reading with comfort. We have often recommended it to others with like result. Last week one of my men had a finger-nail torn out by a pair of iron tongs. It became very painful, as was to be expected. Held in sugar smoke twenty minutes, pain ceased and promised speedy recovery.

"I should like to see a world peopled with men alone, just to learn what kind of creatures they would become; but I never expect to. There would be but one man in it at a time. He would have eaten all the rest."

"I should like to see a world peopled with women alone; but I never shall—I would not dare to go near it."

"I should like to see the most perfect of human beings—but not till after I am dead and in another state of existence; for it is a sad thing to have no character among one's fellows."

"I wish that I had ingenuity enough to steal without being caught at it, because reputation and respect in the world are pleasant things to secure."

"I am told that human breath poisons the air, and the trees have to keep it pure by sucking the poison out. It seems to me that a great many people are put into the world for nothing but to make hard work for the trees. I do not understand it."

"There is another catastrophe that I am in dread of. I am afraid that we shall have some day to read one another's thoughts. That will be the end of society and of marriage. We shall have to live alone after that."

"I knew a man once who did not like to have his name in the newspapers. I have not seen him since I was a boy. I think he is dead."

"When I was young I had thoughts of marrying, and I began to look for a wife whom all women would speak well of, but I never found her. I have wasted my time."

"There was a place set apart in heaven for good wives who could judge a wicked thing as harshly when a man did it as when a woman did it. But it has never been occupied, I believe."

"I foolishly applied myself once to the study of the laws. It is fortunate that I gave it up, for I should have been sorry to lose all sense of justice."

"Since my eyes began to grow dim, and I do not read any more, I find I'm daily growing in wisdom."

"I dreamed last night that I had three friends. How crazy we are in our sleep."

Who was he?—Miss Painter, the quakeress told at the Methodist Church in this city of a man in the western part of this State who was an infidel and a widower with one little daughter and he would never allow her to go outside of a church or look in a Bible. The little girl went on a visit to his brother's, and the brother carried her to church and Sunday School, and when she went home she carried a little Bible with her and held it up before her father, with "see, here father, what I've got," and the man snatched it from her hand and threw it in the fire and told her she would either have to give up her religion or leave home. And the next morning the little girl came down with a bundle under her arm, and asking her what it meant, she told him she was going to "leave her home," but wanted first to pray for him, and then she knelt and offered a prayer for the wicked man. On getting up the father's eyes swam in tears, and he bade her throw aside the bundle, that he wanted her to stay at home and pray for him, and she did stay and pray, and her father is now a minister of the gospel. Who is he?—Sentinel.

Brevity being the soul of wit, the Murray Hill clergyman who transformed an old saw into the following may be set down solemnly as the coffin thereof: You may kindly guide the prancing steed to the crystal brook which bubbles down the hillside in the summer sun, but you cannot coax him to stoop and make his throat into the silvery stream if he be not willing to accept your proffered kindness.

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