

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Partington says Ike has bought a horse so spirituous that it always goes off on a decauter.

After a Texas jury had stood out for ninety-six hours, the judge got a verdict out of them in two minutes by sending them word that a circus had come to town.

As many women learn to know their husbands they wish they had learned to "No" them when they were only sweethearts.

The Chinaman had a good grip on the idea when he spoke of the cucumber as "no belly good."

A man boasting in the company of young ladies that he had a luxuriant head of hair, a lady present observed that it was owing to the mellowness of the soil.

An Irishman in describing America, said: "I am told that you moit roll England thru it an, it wouldn't make a dint in the ground; there's fresh water oceans inside that you moit droued old Ireland in; an' as for Scotland, ye moit stick it in a corner and ye'd never be able to find it out except by the smell of whisky."

A young lady just home from boarding-school, on being told by the servant that they had no gooseberries exclaimed: "Why, what has happened to the goose?"

The latest Yankee discovery is a spring in Michigan, so strongly magnetic that a man who drank from it and went into a blacksmith's shop, found the anvil on which he sat stuck fast to him and had to have it amputated.

Mr. Tennyson still devotes himself to domestic subjects; for example: Put the arm chair in the attic—It has earned a needed rest; For the pair it oft supported Now are married and gone West.

Too Much a Business.

Squire Hopkins and his wife, of Stokes, gave a dinner party the other day, and many young ladies were present; the young preacher, too, who had just been sent, was there, and before the young ladies went down, Mrs. Hopkins said to them: "Girls, our young preacher is in the parlor."

"O, is he?" said a chorus of voices; "I certainly want to see him, they say he is so handsome."

"They're making a deuce of a racket in the parlor," observed the Squire soon after, as he and his wife sat in the adjoining room.

"I think they're playing some game," she said, "I wish you'd peep in and see."

"Blast me, if the Parson ain't runnin' round the room with two bouncing gals abolt of his coat tail—I've often heard that when playful with the gals they're the sportiest things on earth—beats my colt to death."

"I think myself, Mr. Spriggs should be sadder; you know, dear, he has to be at the burying of poor Mr. Smith's little child late this evening."

"Fiddlesticks! Sue! it looks too much a business for me, reminds me of the lawyer that cries over the prisoner and makes the jury cry, and next steps out for a drink with the other fellow that's trying to hang him—but hurrying up dinner and call 'em in."

Josh Billings' Advice to the "Quire" Singer.

The first thing to make a good quire singer is to giggle a little. Put up your hair in curl papers every Friday nite, soze to have it in good shape Sunday morning. If your daddy is rich you can buy some store hair; if he is very rich, buy some more and build it high upon your head; then get a high priced bunnet that runs up very high at the high part of it, and git the milliner to plant some high grown arteshals onto the highest part of it. It will help you sing high, as soprano is the highest part.

When the tune is giv out don't pay attention to it, and then giggle. Giggle a good eel.

Whisper to the girl next you that Em Jones, which sets on the second seat from the front on the left-hand side, has her bunnet with the same color exact she had last year, and then put up your look to your face and giggle.

Object to every tune unless there is a solo into it for the soprano. Coff and hem a good eel before you begin to sing.

When you sing a solow, shake the

arteshals off your bunnet, and when you come to a high note brace yourself back a little, twist your head to one side and open your mouth the widest on that side, set the eye just a trifle on the same side, and then put in for dear life.

When the preacher gits under hed-way with his preachin', write note on the blank leaf of your note book. That's what the leaf was made for. Git somebody to pass the note to somebody else, and you watch them while they read it, and then giggle.

If anybody talks or laffs in the congregashun and the preacher takes notice of it that's a good chance for you to giggle a great eel. The preacher darsen't say anything to you bekaus you are in the quire. If you had a bow before you went into the quire give him the mitten—you ought to have somebody better now.

Don't forget to giggle.

An Essay on Man.

Man was made in dry weather. He was made of dust. Quite a number have never recovered from their creation; they are still dry.

It's a man's nature to be discontented. Adam had a monopoly, but he could not be happy without some one to crow over.

For a while he knocked around over the Garden of Eden, and then went to the house; but he had to cook his own supper, there was no stove-wood chopped and things went on in a bad shape generally.

The next morning it was the same way. He had to make his own bed and sweep out. His socks were dirty and his arm would run through a hole in his sleeve. So he was dissatisfied.

The next night, when he went to sleep the Creator punished him by making one of his ribs into a woman, a great misfortune to the race.

It has been six thousand years since that rib was lost, and yet man continues feeling for it.

This is a very feeling subject. Pursuit in this case is said to be sweeter than possession.

After Eve got acquainted with her mate, she vowed that all the men in the world were not worth Adam.

Goliath was a man. A top is a male who is ashamed of his sex, and attempts to conceal the fact that he is a man.

Concealment in such cases is attended with but little trouble. It is only necessary to part the hair in the middle.

The family man resembles an oyster on the half shell. The shell is known at home—the soft side of a board.

Some men carry this resemblance in their faces. A great many men have countenances like oysters.

Job is said to have been a very patient man. He had boils all over him.

Many a man now boils over himself when the preacher reaches "thirteenthly" on a hot summer day, and never thinks of the grandeur of Job's example.

The American 'X'.

The editor of the London Whitehall Review at a dinner, recently, propounded the following question: 'What is the origin of the sign for the American dollar?' The American consul did not know.

It was suggested by one of the guests upon the authority of "Notes and Queries" that the sign was a sort of monogram of the United States, from U. S. But this would not do.

The American dollar, says the editor, is taken from the Spanish dollar, and the sign is to be found, of course in the associations of the Spanish dollar. We littered the table with books in the course of our researches, but I proved my point in the end.

On the reverse of the Spanish dollar is a representation of the Pillars of Hercules, and round each pillar is a scroll, with the inscription, 'Plus ultra.' This device, in the course of time, has degenerated into the sign which stands at present for American as well as Spanish dollars.

The scroll round the pillars, I take it, represents the two serpents sent by Juno to destroy Hercules in his cradle.

The negroes who went from the Southern States to Kansas last fall are reported as suffering from want and cold. If their true condition is explained to those remaining South it may put an end to their foolish exodus infatuation. A northern climate is not healthy for negroes. They can do better where they are—Dexter, (Mo.) Enterprise-Messenger.



Manure.

Keep the stalls of horses and cattle well littered with some absorbent—Leaves are most convenient. What the country needs is plenty of home made manure, which will enable the farmer to make heavier crops from less land. Farming does not pay when it takes all a man's labor to make his bread. Four barrels of corn to the acre will not pay; ten barrels will. Six bushels of wheat for one is a loss; twenty for one makes money.

Keep refuse tanbark, sawdust, wood earth, or refuse of wood piles, in hen houses three inches deep all winter. Put in a fresh supply every week; mix with plaster in the Spring, and sow on weak places in wheat field, or reserve to plant in hills with corn or tobacco.

One way to utilize straw as a fertilizer is to stack or pile in a yard for the purpose, where stock can run to it. In a year or two there will be immense piles, of half rotten straw and manure that makes an excellent top-dressing the first year, and the second year it may be plowed under with great advantage to almost any kind of crop.

Animals that are weak and thin in flesh should receive special care and attention at this season. Such a creature is liable to become diseased, and one diseased animal may infect the well ones with the same disease.

The Mexican War Penitents.

Some weeks ago our associated press telegrams announced the fact that the committee on pensions, of the House of Representatives, had agreed unanimously to report back to the House a bill recommending the payment of a pension to all surviving Mexican soldiers. The report was accordingly made, and the bill has had two readings and was to have come before the committee of the whole House on yesterday (Monday). The bill restores to the pension rolls, with all arrears of pay due, the penitents of the Mexican war who were stricken from the rolls for alleged disloyalty, and pensions all survivors at the rate of eight dollars per month from the date of its passage.

It is stated that there are but 6,000 survivors of the Mexican war who are entitled to pensions under the bill of 75,000. The official records show that the army fought 10 general battles and 88 engagements in the course of two years without the loss of a single stand of colors, and that they entered the City of Mexico, with 6,500 men, and dictated a peace within a walled city, the capital of a foreign nation, of 150,000 inhabitants. The population of Mexico at that time was 8,000,000. The United States acquired by our arms 1,000,000 square miles of territory, in which are embraced California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and part of the State of Nebraska. The bureau of statistics reports that from the territory thus acquired \$1,100,000,000 in gold and silver have been taken in the past thirty-two years. The soldiers ask only eight dollars a month. No such results as they secured have ever been achieved by so small an army for the country that it served. They more than doubled the territory of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—CONFIRMATIONS.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: James Russell Lowell, of Massachusetts, as minister to Great Britain; Jno. W. Foster, of Indiana, as minister to Russia; Lucius Fairchild, of Wisconsin, as minister to Spain; Philip H. Morgan, of Louisiana, as minister to Mexico; Philip S. Wales, of Pennsylvania, as chief of the bureau of medicine and surgeon general of the navy, with the relative rank of Commodore. Also the nominations of the following postmasters: R. G. Staples, at Portsmouth, Va.; David J. Johnston, at Madison, Ga.; Wm. Bellings, at Victoria, Texas.

CONKING'S LATEST.—Over a year ago the saddle colored (but very gentlemanly) Senator from Mississippi, B. K. Bruce, took to himself a wife—an educated lady of color, but the color is not much deeper than that of some Kentucky brunettes we know and admire. In the fullness of time a child was born—a man child—and he was christened Roscoe Conkling Bruce, after the great Narraganset hero. The hero appreciated the compliment, and some evenings since, in the presence of a choice assemblage of Republican stalwarts of various hues, he presented his little namesake with a service of silver. It is stated that the little darling was handed about and kissed all round. If this does not insure Conkling the colored vote, what could?—Elizabethtown News.

The total number of Irish absconees, as given by the government returns, a few years ago are 2,973, owning 5,129,816 acres, about one-fourth of Ireland, of the annual value of \$12,000,000; of these only 180 ever visit their Irish estates, and these spend but a few months on them every year. The famine and trouble in Silesia, also, where hundreds of thousands of people are starving to death, are largely due to the same cause—absenteeism. The Rothschilds, the Lichnowskys and a number of Prussian nobles are owners of immense estates in Silesia, which they never visit or improve. The result of this system—a constant draining of the country of money—is chronic poverty, which the German government has done all in its power to relieve, but in vain.

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